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Lots of friendly people and good food on Purdue Avenue at this year's National Night Out. (This gathering was hosted by Irene Wells. NNO Coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson, front and center.)

National Night Out

22 Events in Kensington This Year!

It's quite a testament to Kensington that a town of only one square mile fielded 22 (of 23 scheduled) parties to observe last month's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th.

The Outlook editor had a chance to ride along with NNO Coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson, and let us tell you, Doug is very very good at what he does! It's not everyone who can walk

into a party and chat up anyone and everyone, get everyone's attention, and deliver important information about Neighborhood Watch, Vacation Watch, Identity Theft, and other programs provided by the Kensington Police Dept., make time to grab a bite to eat, make everyone feel welcomed

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Update:

Writ of Mandate Defense: \$73K+

Sept. Cash Mob:

The Fuse Fitness – See Pg. 6

Can You Help?

This year the Kensington Community Council (KCC) was excited to introduce the 21st century to our corner of Kensington as we computerized our registration process for the Summer Day Camp and for the after-school educational programs' (KASEP) class registration. Just think, parents – no more waiting for that lottery number! Now you can sign up for classes from the comfort of your home. We listened to our community and worked hard over the last year to make this a reality.

KCC provides many important services to our community, such as operating KASEP, with over 45 classes for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. We operate the KCC Summer Day Camp as a safe, fun, and educational summer experience – at an affordable price. We've also brought back the two movie nights as part of our summer family

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Movie Nite: Sept. 7



The Incredibles!

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Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Ofcr. Martinez

On May 16th I arrived home to see my front door wide open. I had been burglarized. The worst part was my front door was not able to be closed after having being kicked in. Officer Rodney Martinez responded to my 911 call. I was very lucky. He made my door able to be closed and was very considerate. If it weren’t for Officer Martinez, a very unpleasant event would have been far worse.

Thank you Officer Martinez.

Tom Wuliger

Defend Writ or Compensate Police?

Mabry Benson’s letter in the July/August issue of the *Outlook* expresses an admirable concern for KPPCSD finances, and singles out for comment the 9% employee contribution to retirement. But her words are at odds with her actions.

Elsewhere in the same issue, the *Outlook* reports that the District has spent over \$65,000 through May defending the writ of mandate litigation in which Ms. Benson is one of the petitioners. By the time June legal expenses are added in, the cost of defending this litigation so far will likely be about the same as the money budgeted for the entire 9% employee contribution – about \$83,000 in 2013-14.

Ms. Benson and her co-petitioners could make a significant contribution to the District’s finances by dropping this ill-advised litigation. As the fiscally prudent person I presume Ms. Benson is, I don’t understand how she can advocate squeezing police compensation to save the taxpayers’ money, while at the same time causing the District to waste over \$65,000 and counting of taxpayer money on a pointless lawsuit.

Vida Dorroh

New Leash on Life?

Dear Editor,

As a recent dog owner and dog walker, I have found that there are relatively few unfenced, off-leash dog parks in our immediate area. Caesar Chavez Park, Point Isabel and the Albany Bulb are the closest off-leash areas serving our immediate area. The Albany Bulb is the only off-leash park with beach access, although Point Isabel has water access for the dogs in the channel with water at high tide and Tilden offers Lake Anza with poison oak.

East Bay Regional Parks District is starting a new phase of development, which could possibly mean a strict enforcement of the first 200 feet of developed trails on-leash only dog policy. Unfortunately, a strict application of this policy would include the beach, which is also within 200 feet of the parking area.

Please do not take away off-leash beach access at the Albany Bulb; there are many parks, trails, bay beaches that provide access to the public not wishing to interact with some else’s dog/dogs. I am a frequent user of the Albany Bulb and have met many wonderful, conscientious and scrupulous dog owners, not only cleaning up after their own dogs, but removing gar-

bage and cleaning up after other people’s dogs as well. Currently, the Albany Bulb does not restrict access to anyone wishing to use the park; kite boarders, picnickers, people out for a walk, swimmers, and yes, off-leash dog walkers. But if it becomes designated for on-leash only access for dogs, this will deny one of the very few places in the Bay Area where it is permissible for anyone to come and enjoy their dog off-leash at the beach.

Julia Lojo

Writ of Mandate

Dear Editor,

Maybry Benson, supported by Marvin Gardens Realtor, Celia Concus, both plaintiffs in the district suit, complained in the *Outlook* that KPPCSD directors supported by the police in the last election should recuse themselves from voting on contracts because it would avoid impropriety. Let’s be clear. Officers have a right to support candidates and contribute to campaigns. Unions do it. My neighbor is on the force. That’s democracy. Where was the outrage, in that same election, when defeated Director Kosel sent a mailer to Kensington residents using the garbage company’s mailing list and their stamp machine during litigation with said company?

Plaintiff Schwartzburd announced at a meeting he didn’t want the Chief to use the company car to drive to/from home. The Chief is on duty 24/7, and shouldn’t have to stop at the office first, then change cars before arriving at a scene. I do agree with Schwartzburd when he complains that the Board President should read all the petitioners names...not just his, when describing closed session items. I don’t blame him, as I would not want to be solely responsible. Dairlyn Chelette, Mabry Benson, Catherine De Neergaard, Celia Concus, Llewellyn Stanton, and Eyleen Nadolny join him.

We are now spending more than \$65,000 in tax dollars on a situation that can’t be rectified because the Chief’s salary is now a matter of contract and he is due for another evaluation/raise. We are at a dead-end.

I find that these bully-like behaviors are reckless, disingenuous, hypocritical, and smack of ‘Tea Party’ tactics; they disrupt effective government and demean our public employees. I see it at the national level and feel helpless, but I’ll be damned if I’ll take it at the local level without protesting.

Gayle Shortridge-Tapscott

New AT&T Plan at KMAC

Dear Editor:

Yesterday’s KMAC meeting (July 30) made me proud, again, to be part of this intelligent, perceptive, articulate community – except for one thing: the lack of civility to the woman who spoke for the cell phone towers. I apologize to her from all of us. This is one of AT&T’s strategies: divide and conquer – the ones who want service vs. the ones who do not. It does not have to be one or the other.

There were 3 AT&T folks up front (although Matt Yergovich is a lawyer for Extenet, the land brokers who make their money from each pole they get through). There were 4 more AT&T people scattered in the audience plus the “independent contractor” who is paid by AT&T.

Is AT&T paying all this overtime just to provide service to its handful of Kensington customers? They are willing to fight tooth and nail for the future big bucks of the data and download market. If it were

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KASEP

Kensington After-School Enrichment Program FALL Session

Come join the fun. With our amazing range of exciting programs and classes you and your child can participate in community activities of all kinds. There are options that can enrich everyone at all ages.

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1. **REGISTRATION** starts Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6pm; Registration for Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 is on the same day/time. Enrollment is on a space available basis, and payment can be made with credit card. Payment with check or cash is accepted in the KCC office – which will be open for walk-in registration at 6pm, Sept. 3rd.
2. **KASEP Classes** start Monday, Sept. 16th and end Friday, Dec. 20th.

NO LOTTERY

If you enroll in carpentry, engineering, pottery, or Critters for Kinder in the fall, you CANNOT sign up for that class in the winter session. THIS POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL KASEP CLASSES – music, language, sports, cooking, singing, keyboard, or art classes. You may enroll in any of these classes, in each session, on a space available basis.

REGISTER: New customers must create an account in order to register online. Search for classes by category (sports, art, music, languages, etc). After you have selected the class, click “Information” to view course description and information about the instructor. Put the class in your cart and pay – it’s that easy!

KCC Classes: Gymnastics, Karate, Circus, and Bandworks registration is online too, and you can register for these classes at the same time as KASEP classes. Step-by-step registration instructions are available in the KASEP fall brochure, available online at www.AboutKensington.com. Problems registering? Call the KCC Office at 525-0292.



Bye-Bye, Friendly Fun at KCC Summer Camp!

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BODY SCULPTING FOR ADULTS – *New Instructor!*
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New! PASTEL ART CLASS FOR ADULTS
Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
6-week class starting Wed. Sept. 18th to Oct. 23rd
\$120.00 for 6 sessions
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Jeanne Rehrig, trained artist, who taught our KASEP pastel class is teaching this class for adults. Explore the versatility of using oil pastels as an exciting art-making medium. You can layer and scrape with tools or mix to create atmospheric effects. This is one of the few media that offers instant gratification. Beginners and more advanced students welcome.

REGISTRATION

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: kccrec@yahoo.com. 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for info. Court Fees: 45-min. singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonres: \$5.

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ACRYLIC ARTISTS – *Back From Summer Break!*
Wednesdays, 9:45am-12:30pm
Kensington Community Center


Bring your paints, lunch and creativity! Join this group of artists and paint in community. The room has lots of natural light and space. The first part of the morning is painting, followed by lunch and optional critique.

New! QI GONG FOR ADULTS
Fridays, 9:30-10:30am – 8 Classes
Starts: Friday September 13th – November 1st, 2013
Kensington Community Center
Cost: \$120 for 8 classes. First one is free – come check me out!
Drop-ins Welcome: \$18 per class

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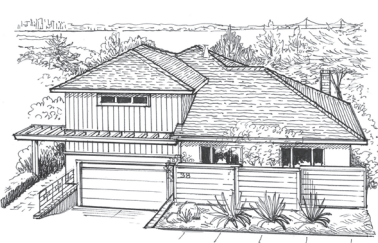
Market Update

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Market Snapshot - June 1- Present

• 8 Available Listings • Average List Price: \$538 per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 26

• 8 Pending • Average List Price: \$394 per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 19

• 11 Sold • Average List Price: \$429 per sq. ft. • Average Sales Price: \$450 per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 21

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Neighborhood Notes

Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers' Free Open House • 9/11

The Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers, a non-profit, volunteer-based fly fishing club founded in 1982, meets monthly in Kensington. Their mission is to enhance the fly fishing experience through education, outings, fellowship, skills development, & conservation. Kensington residents are invited to a free Open House at the Community Center on Wed., Sept. 11th, from 6:30-8:30pm. Cast with a fly rod, help tie a *Wooly Bugger*, *match the hatch*, discover NorCal fishing hotspots, wrap a custom rod, see a movie, and meet new friends. Hot dogs and soft drinks available for a nominal charge. 59 Arlington Ave. (Reserve a short pre-event, introductory casting lesson at www.grizzlypeakflyfishers.org.)

Reality: What to Expect in an Emergency • 9/19

The Kensington Police Dept. and the El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Dept. will address this issue in a presentation hosted by the Kensington Public Safety Council (KPSC), on September 19th at 7pm, at the Kensington Community Center. The two departments will explain their roles during a disaster or emergency. You will come away from this meeting with a better understanding of the role *you* play in the preparedness for an emergency, and its aftermath.

3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals • 9/28

The Arlington Community Church invites everyone to join local pet caretakers for its 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sat. Sept. 28, from 11am-3pm at the Kensington Community Center. Pastor Tony begins the day at noon with a spiritual blessing for pets and owners. See over 30 cats, dogs, and a horse all watch him in silence as he offers blessings for the creatures that give so much to us. Local animal rescue organizations will have homeless cats, dogs, birds and rabbits on display for adoption or fostering. Includes presentations by Guide Dogs for the Blind, the El Cerrito K-9 Police Dog, the Wildlife Foundation, and an animal trainer, who will show us how to have an obedient dog. Contra Costa Animal Control will provide low-cost inoculations, micro-chipping, and amnesty pet registrations; their veterinarian will be available to talk with caregivers about the best health care for their pets. Info at 579-4634 or nina.harmon@gmail.com, or 526-9146, or acc.staff@sbeglobal.net. Come pet Ann Ramsey's "rescue-kissing" horse, "Stetson," and Gretchen Gillfillan's tortoises (*but only if you can catch them!*).


Reverend Tony Clark and a small segment of his flock.

Kathryn Roszak's 'Dance On Center' Program

Enrolling now: ages 3-teen, various levels. They're now housed in Studio B at Berkeley Central (in the arts district, near Berkeley Rep.). New website at: www.DLKdance.com; or call 233-5550.


Above, NNO Coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson (in shadow, foreground) and Chief Harman reconnoiter on National Night Out. Above right, (top to bottom) more pics from last month's NNO: Mark and Mary Wegner's party on Elbridge Court (Photo: Mark Wegner); Sam Fishman's blowout on Los Altos at Beloit; and Leonard Schwartzburd's bash on Coventry.

Below, Lorraine Osmundson and Nieves Feide celebrated their 39th birthdays last month at a picnic in Tilden Park.



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Free Movie Night: Saturday, Sept. 7th

To celebrate the passing of another fabulous summer here in the land of low-fat milk and organic honey, the Kensington Community Council presents the *Kensington Fresh Air Family Movie Night and Fundraiser*, on Saturday, September 7th, at 7:30pm, on the big lawn next to Bldg. E. Pixar’s hilarious computer-animated family action-comedy superhero film released by Walt Disney Pictures – *The Incredibles*, will be shown.

Bring blankets, jackets, lawn chairs, and a picnic, or purchase a hot dog dinner. Popcorn and bottled water will also be avail-

able for sale.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for great prizes, and winners will be announced just before the movie begins; \$5 for 5; \$12 for 10 – *such a deal!*

The movie is free to everyone who wishes to come, but in the spirit of a fundraiser, it’s hoped that people will be generous with their donations. Proceeds will benefit KCC community projects.

Thanks again for generous help from Pixar Studios and the two local sponsors, Kensington’s Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens Real Estate.

Mark your calendar for an evening of movie fun, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Bldg. E!

KMAC Decision on Revised Cell Proposal

Following KMAC’s decision not to recommend the installation of 9 cell phone nodes in Kensington, proposed by AT&T earlier this year, the Dept. of Conservation and Development received a revised proposal from AT&T, which reduced the number of proposed sites in the Kensington area to six, replacing the sites at 8 Highland, 98 Rincon Rd., and 123 Purdue Ave. with one “macro” site at the top of Moser Lane. In an attempt to improve the aesthetics and reduce any potential view blockage, 5 of the remaining 6 Kensington sites were also modified. This new proposal was presented to the public at the July 30th KMAC meeting.

According Ken Mintz, AT&T Area Manager/External Affairs for Contra Costa County, “AT&T is trying to improve coverage of those with 3G service and increase access to 4G service. (Reports show that) almost 40% of the nation has shut off their landlines and expect their wireless devices to provide service inside their homes.

accept that (our equipment would also go away) as a condition of approval.

“Health impacts are well within FCC standards, and they are outside the purview of the County.”

Some residents expressed concerns about fan noise, impacts on property values, and health impacts on humans and wildlife. John Stein wondered how many people would, if need be, settle for less service with fewer towers. (Many present indicated that they would.) KPPCSD Director, Linda Lipscomb, wondered if less-populated areas, such as the cemetery, had been considered for locations of the cell phone nodes. John Kramer said, “No-one is opposed to increased service. There’s always a better way – find it. If we have to wait, we’ll wait.” Jose Luhann said he had no problem with the applications. “I can’t get cell coverage – I have to go out on my deck to make my calls. I don’t have a landline and sometimes my wife has difficulty reaching me.”

“There are areas in Kensington in which cell coverage needs to be upgraded, according to our surveys. Over time, more and more people are using their cell phones not just for calls, but also for data use on smart phones.

“The proposal is the least intrusive means available – its also used in Beverly Hills and Palo Alto. We’ve explored macro sites and co-location. We’ve re-evaluated our alternatives. We’ve paid particular attention to visual impacts.

“We’ve reduced the number of nodes from 9 to 6, by re-evaluating the placement of the macro site on Moeser Lane. We’ve identified 4 nodes where we can reduce the bulk on the pole by moving the cabinet from the pole to the ground.”

One astute resident pointed out that the cell coverage map presented by AT&T, showing potential increased cell coverage in Kensington that would attend the installation of the proposed cell nodes did not actually represent the total cell coverage of Kensington, but only that provided by AT&T – omitting representation of current coverage by other carriers.

Of the 6 proposed nodes, 2 were recommended by KMAC (121 Windsor and 18 Highgate) and 4 were “not recommended” (248 Grizzly Peak, 4 Stratford, 8 Sunset, and 110 Ardmore). The matter now goes before the County Planning Commission, along with KMAC’s recommendations.

In response to the reservations about the project by residents, AT&T representatives assured attendees that the intent of the additional service nodes was not exclusively for downloading movies, but for basic voice and data service. “We’re talking about the ability to use your phone.”

“As far as (future) undergrounding (of utilities), we would accept a mandate that if these poles go away, we’d be willing to

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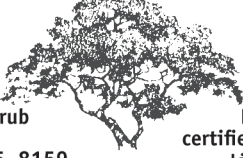
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September Cash Mob
The Fuse Fitness

Jason Simms, owner of July's featured business, Kensington Chevron, wanted to thank all the Kensington residents who made the effort to come into his station and talk to him, and mentioned they were there to support *Cash Mob*.

As mentioned in the last issue of the *Outlook*, a cash mob is a group of people that assembles at a local business – on an afternoon, over a week, or over a month – to provide a cash infusion for the business, and to have a chance for the residents and the business owner to get to know each other and develop a mutually beneficial relationship.

It's no secret that these are challenging times for business owners everywhere, and as small a community as Kensington is, its businesses are no exception in this regard. Cash Mob is a way for us all to nurture these tender and beautiful flowerings of Kensington's entrepreneurial spirit!

This month's featured business is *The Fuse Fitness*. Located on Colusa Circle and opened two years ago by partners, Kristin Rios and Pascha Brown, the Fuse Fitness was created to offer an alternative way of working out, combining a variety of fitness techniques to meet clients' fitness goals, motivation, and schedules.

This month, you're invited to register for The Fuse Fitness' ongoing special: a week

of unlimited classes for just \$25. Call Kristin or Pascha at 558-8638 or log on to www.thefusefitnessstudio.com to begin your 1-week healthy, fit kickstart! Or drop in any Thursday in September from 11am-1:30pm and meet them in person!

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fun, and we continue to provide adult education programs and sponsor community walks.

Finally, like many in our community, we're anxious to realize the renovation of the Community Center. All these efforts are publicized in the monthly *Outlook* – our window on what's happening locally, that's delivered free to every home in Kensington. But we need your help!

All of our income is raised through generous contributions from community members like you. In order to continue with all these important activities, and to financially support our district board to renovate the Community Center, we are again asking for your support. Your contribution, of any amount, will greatly assist KCC's efforts to improve the quality of life in Kensington. Please use the envelope included in this paper to send us your donation today. (If the envelope is missing, please send your donation to Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA, 94707.) Thanks for your continued support!

Anne Forrest, KCC President

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From June 2013

6-2-2013 Vandalism: 00 block of Highland Blvd. 4 juvenile suspects contacted and released to the parents.

6-3-2013 Vehicle hit and run: 700 block of Coventry Rd.

6-4-2013 Arson: 00 block of Highland Blvd.

6-4-2013 Residential burglary: 300 block of Grizzly Peak Blvd.

6-12-2013 Reported elder abuse: 200 block of Stanford Ave.

6-16-2013 Vandalism: 00 block of Highland Blvd.

6-17-2013 Vehicle hit and run: 200 block of Stanford Ave.

6-26-2013 Attempted residential burglary: 00 block of Norwood Ave. The suspects attempted to gain entry by smashing a window. They did not enter the residence, but were seen by a neighbor who reported the incident to police. Officer Ramos and Sgt. Barrow contacted one of the suspects in Oakland who was in possession of stolen property from a Berkeley resident. Two other suspects have been identified. This case is still under investigation.

Some previous reports available at:
www.KensingtonCalifornia.org/police-department/police-monthly-reports

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Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Kensington Farmers’ Market. Live produce and live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Free. Colusa Circle. 847-0801

Sept. 2, 9, 16 The Children’s Handbell Choir Trial Rehearsals. 8 yrs & up. 6:30-7:30pm at the Arlington Community Church. 843-7745 to reserve.

Sept. 3 The kABC, The Kensington After-School Book Club Contact the library for the title to read. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free.

Sept. 3 Online KASEP Class Registration, 6pm. www.AboutKensington.com

Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 30 Bedtime Stories, Songs & Lullabies for family cuddling. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 Yoga at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. All ages. 4:45-6pm. Drop-ins welcome, small fee. Call Suzanne at 525-1881.

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 Potluck Community Dinner and Spirit and the Arts program at Arlington Community Church. 5:30-9pm. Info: 526-9146.

Sept. 5 Women’s Fellowship. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 6:30-9pm. Potluck dinner. 526-9146

Sept. 5, 12, & 19 Baby & Toddler Story Time. Stories, songs & action rhymes for kids and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.

Sept. 7 Preschool Craft and Brunch. Celebrate Grandparents’ Day. Kensington Library, 11:30am. Free. 524-3043.

Sept. 7 KCC Movie Night, 7:30pm.

Sept. 7 Cleanup: Gore Lot on the Arlington, 10am-2pm. Bring rakes, clippers, brooms, loppers, etc.

Sept. 8 Berkeley Garden Club at the Solano Stroll, 10am-6pm; 1746 Solano Ave., Berk. berkeleygardenclub.org

Sept. 8 Knit hats & mittens for those in need at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 11:30am. 526-9146

Sept. 8 Personal Theology: The Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway, on “What is possible in meeting one with another in religious community?” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

Sept. 9 Bruce K. Hopkins on: use of Gouache paint. EC Comm. Ctr., 7007 Moeser Lane. 7:30pm. Free. 277-6996

Sept. 9 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Sept. 9, 11, 13 Jazzercise. Ongoing at the Comm. Center, M/W/F 8:15-9:15am.

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Class: Unitarian Universalist History 101, w/Helene Knox, 7-9pm. \$20 per 2-hr session. Reg: RayFaradayNelson@AOL.com, or 526-7378. Drop-ins OK. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302.

Sept. 10 & 12 Body Sculpting. Ongoing at the Community Ctr., T/Th 9-10am.

Sept. 11 The Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers Open House at the Community Ctr., 6:30-8:30pm. “Match the hatch,” cast with a fly rod, help tie a “Wooly Bugger,” & more. www.grizzlypeakfly-fishers.org.

Kensington Kalendar



At last month’s National Night Out, one lucky little girl had a chance to experience what it might be like to ride shotgun on a fire truck

exchange, meeting, and lecture. 12:30-3pm. Public welcome. www.berkeleygardenclub.org.

Sept. 18 Pastel Class Begins: 6wks. Rec. Bldg. 7-8:30pm. Pre-reg at 525-0292.

Sept. 18 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets. 12:30pm at the picnic table next to the tennis courts in Kensington Park. Guests welcome. 524-607 to confirm. BYO lunch.

Sept. 12 El Cerrito Garden Club meets, 9:30am-noon at the EC Community Ctr., 7007 Moeser Lane. Gary Lawrence of the Mt. Diablo Beekeeping Assoc. demonstrates with a hive and more. Guests \$3/door. 233-9365.

Sept. 13 Friday Qi Gong Class. Community Ctr., 9:30-10:30am; 8 weeks.

Sept. 15 Personal Theology: Author, Walter Truett Anderson on “Becoming Part of Everything.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

Sept. 16 KASEP Classes Start.

Sept. 16 Residential Additions: Avoiding the Pitfalls. Local architect, Deborah Lane on what homeowners need to know when remodeling. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Sept. 17 Berkeley Garden Club meets at the Albany Comm. Ctr., 1249 Marin Ave. Kathy Kramer, on “Bring Back the Natives Gardens Tour.” Plant

Sept. 18 Study Group on Personal Myth and the Sacred, w/Richard Stromer. 3rd Weds, 7-9pm, thru 5/21/14. \$50 suggested. Info: 682-6302; Register: 528-3417. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd.

Sept. 19 What to Expect in an Emergency/Disaster. 7pm, at the Kensington Community Center. *(See NN, p.4.)*

Sept. 19 Men’s Dinner at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 6:30-9pm. Info: 526-9146.

Sept. 21 Path Cleanup: Upper & lower Ardmore paths, 10am-2pm. Bring rakes, clippers, brooms, loppers, etc. Green waste bags & cookies provided.

Sept. 21 & 22 Samuel Barber’s Vanessa, sung in English with English super-titles. Sat., 8pm; Sun., 3pm. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison. www.westedgeopera.org.

Sept. 22 Personal Theology: Sam Keen, philosopher and author, 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

Sept. 23 Book Club. Discussion of *A Bend in the River* by V. S. Naipaul. Kensington Library, 7 pm. Free.

Sept. 24 Chabot to Go. Hands-on exploring: galaxies, constellations, the solar system, and more. Chabot Space Science Ctr., 6-8pm. Free. 524-3043.

Sept. 25 Karaoke with Officer Doug Wilson at The Arlington, 6-10pm. Free

Sept. 26 Del Sol String Quartet performs. 8pm., Berkeley City Club. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. W/chair accessible. berkeleychamberperform.org

Sept. 27 Bridge at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Potluck at 6pm. Info: 526-9146.

Sept. 28 Blessing of the Animals and Pet Adoption Event at Kensington Community Center, 11am-3pm.

Sept. 28 Poetry Club – Just for Fun. 6:30pm. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 1:00 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Sept. 29 Personal Theology: Author Marcelline Krafchick, Ph.D. Lit., on “How Belief Stories Matter.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

Sept. 30 Memoir Writing Panel. Author, Mani Feniger, on memoir writing. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free.

October 1 After-School French Classes begin at Hilltop. www.efba.us.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
(Schedule subject to change – call to confirm.)

FKL - Sept. 3rd Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC - Sept. 9th Kensington Public Safety Council Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO - Sept. 9th Amateur Radio Operators 2nd Mondays of odd months 7:30pm. 524-9815

KCC - Sept. 9th - Bldg. E Kensington Community Council 7:30pm. 525-0292

KFPD - Sept. 11th Fire Protection District 2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - Sept. 12th Police Protection and Community Services District 2nd Thursdays, 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - Sept. 23rd Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tentative) - Sept. 24th Municipal Advisory Council Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s office to confirm: 231-8691)

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and appreciated, and then do it all over again at the next house on his route.

Other KPD officers repeated that pattern as the force covered the town, while Kensington fire fighters made similar appearances with lights flashing on their fire trucks to the delight of children young and old.

A story from the party on Ardmore Road: The host was telling about two separate, unexpected “visitors” to his property who had said that they were there to, in the first case, “pick up the couch advertised on Craigs List,” and in the second case, “drop off the money for the white board advertised on Craigs List.” As he had encountered each party in his back yard on separate occasions, and heard what sounded like dubious stories from each of them, the homeowner told them to leave or he was going to call the police.

The homeowner recounted these stories at NNO last month and found to his surprise a neighbor at the party was able to confirm that both his visitors had been there on legitimate errands, responding to a CL ad placed by – and arrangements made with – the neighbor, though each had written down the wrong address.

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