



New Reserve Officer Gets His Badge: Interim Police Chief Rickey Hull swears in new Reserve Officer Kevin Ferreira at the KPPCSD meeting July 13. Ferreira met KPD Officer Ted Foley when Foley trained police officers in East Palo Alto, and the two reconnected working for private security contractor G4S. Ferreira was familiar with Kensington—his aunt lived here while Foley was growing up in Oakland. Reserve officers fulfill all the duties of full-time officers on a volunteer basis. Ferreira says he has enjoyed interactions with community members and values Kensington residents' warm appreciation of their force. He hopes to someday work full-time for the KPD; he continues work for G4S under the Department of Homeland Security. Photo by David Bergen.



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Chris Deppe Appointed KPPCSD Board Director

By Linnea Due

On the chilly evening of August 14, about seventy people gathered to hear four residents describe why they should be chosen to fill the remainder of KPPCSD board director Vanessa Cordova's term. Cordova resigned June 17, and the following day, a notice was posted requesting applications to fill a term ending December 2018. Simon Brafman, Chris Deppe, Dave Spath, and Kim Zvik threw in their hats to become a director on the five-person board that manages the police, park grounds, solid waste services, and the Community Center.

Brafman and Deppe were alumni of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee, Brafman on the bifurcation subcommittee, Deppe on consolidation. Rachelle Sheris-Watt, now board president, appointed both men to the ad hoc committee (each director chose two individuals).

Spath was chair of the ad hoc committee, the committee's liaison to the *Outlook*, and also served on the bifurcation subcommittee. Zvik had run for director in earlier elections and is active in school and sustainability projects and has served on the KMAC board. Brafman and Spath also ran for director seats, though Brafman withdrew his candidacy in the 2016 election "to ensure," he said in an opening statement "that a new board majority would be elected." Spath finished third in a race for two seats now occupied by Sylvia Hacaj and Eileen Nottoli. Brafman and Spath also serve



Simon Brafman shares his thoughts during the KPPCSD August 14 meeting to choose a replacement director for Vanessa Cordova's seat. From left, Simon Brafman, Kim Zvik, David Spath, and Chris Deppe. Photo by David Bergen.

on the finance committee of the KPPCSD, and Brafman is on the board of KCC.

The applicants answered the same question in turn, one on board challenges. Spath talked about the imperative to decide how to finance Community Center upgrades that must be completed by 2018 to qualify for a large grant. And, he said, the board needed to determine the district's role in the reconstruction or remodeling of the Public Safety Building.

Zvik asked if the board was capable of properly managing the police, adding that she felt that "we're on the right path." Deppe discussed traffic problems; starting in 2000, he has focused on Kensington's speeding hotspots. Brafman was concerned that costs—present and future—are borne unevenly by newer arrivals to Kensington because of Prop 13's disproportionate tax rates.

There was often agreement among the four: high legal costs must be reined in;

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A Movie Night that Just Keeps Swimming!

By Anne Forrest


The story of Dory finding her family will warm your heart, and the adorable sea otters are so cute they will



curl your toes. Set along the beautiful Northern Californian coastline, Pixar's sequel to *Finding Nemo* takes on a life of its own. What a great movie to celebrate all the beautiful nature we have in the Bay Area, and laugh along with old friends Dory, Nemo, Marlin, and Crush along with new friends, Bailey, Destiny, Hank... and of course, the sea otters.

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) is proud to present Pixar's *Finding Dory* at this year's Family Movie Night on Saturday, September 23. Marvin Gardens Realty and Mechanics Bank sponsor this annual event that attracts several hundred happy viewers. The movie will start at 7pm (dusk), but we're encouraging families to come at 6 with a picnic dinner—or make the day even easier by purchasing food at the show, where you can join neighbors and friends for a feast. KCC will be selling hot dog and sausage dinners, popcorn, movie candy, bottled water, and coffee or hot chocolate.



Bring everything you'll need to be comfortable in the evening air, especially jackets, blankets, and beach chairs. A raffle will be held before the movie—expect fun and delicious prizes. Raffle tickets are sold at the KCC office in the park from September 17 through the night of the event. Five tickets go for \$5 or 12 tickets for \$10. For more information, call Rowena at the KCC office at 525-0292.





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Letters to the Editor

Politics at Its Worst

In a decision that defied common sense and left many in the community shocked and disappointed, the KPPCSD board at its August 14 meeting appointed Chris Deppe to fill the director’s seat vacated by Vanessa Cordova.

In doing so, three of the directors ignored the outpouring of support for David Spath, a candidate who was far more qualified than any other by experience, temperament, and demonstrated commitment to Kensington. They also ignored (or didn’t care about) the 35-plus letters of support, the 1093 votes Mr. Spath received in the last election (coming in third), and the public comments from four members of the Ad Hoc Committee that was chaired by Mr. Spath and on which Mr. Deppe served. Those citizens, who had closely observed both men during the Ad Hoc Committee’s year-long efforts, uniformly commented on Mr. Spath’s demonstrated leadership and collaborative work style. Each of these four members then offered specific examples of Mr. Deppe’s inability and/or unwillingness to work cooperatively with others during his time on the committee.

Before this special meeting many citizens suspected that the selection of Mr. Deppe was a “done deal” by the board majority. And the illogical and unexplained choice of Mr. Deppe confirms those suspicions. Ironically, these are the same directors who ran as “reform” candidates. This is not reform, this is politics at its worst.

Pat Gillette

Deppe Brings Creative Problem-Solving to Board

Dear Editor:

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) is in a time of transition. Over the last several years, residents identified serious shortcomings in the district’s leadership, governance and operations and strongly expressed a desire for improvement. The board has begun to address them, and I voted to appoint Chris Deppe to join that endeavor.

As a software developer who led teams at Apple, with entrepreneurial ventures book-ending his career, Chris Deppe brings an entirely new set of skills and experiences to the board. He employs design thinking, a methodology for creative problem-solving that entails curiosity and being mindful of process, reframing problems to come up with better solutions and a bias toward action. This approach will strengthen and enhance the board’s performance.

While all applicants supported the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Structure’s recommendation to explore a different model for providing police services, I looked for one who would approach that task in the most direct, energetic and timely manner.

In the end, we don’t measure inputs—results are what matter. Residents aren’t keeping track of how many board meetings we hold, how many finance committee meetings we attend, or how many hours we have dedicated to district business.

The measure of success is the impact of our decisions on residents’ daily quality of life. Can they get their identity theft police report in two weeks instead of two months? Is our website up to date and user-friendly? Are traffic control measures slowing cars on the Arlington enough so they can back out of their driveway safely? Can we provide a more convenient way for them to dispose of hazardous waste?

I want to give Kensingtonians the quality services they expect and deserve, including top-notch law enforcement, trusted community policing, a safe community center and a well-maintained park—at a cost we can afford.

Chris Deppe shares this vision and will contribute to fostering a culture of continuous improvement as the KPPCSD strives to meet the highest standards in governance, management, operations and services.

Sylvia Hacaj

PSB Building Progress Report

Dear Editor:

The KFPD thanks attendees for such sincere and thoughtful input at the June 24 Public Safety Building meeting. After the fifty-year-old building’s poor rating for seismic,

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The Kensington Community Council is dedicated to the improvement, development, and education of the community, and to the promotion of social welfare in Kensington. It enriches the community by providing educational and recreational programs for all ages and by publishing the Outlook, a monthly newsletter that covers local events and issues.

KCC also provides a forum for all Kensington community groups to meet and coordinate their respective efforts toward the common good of the community.

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Community Education

KASEP Kensington Afterschool Enrichment Program

Welcome back families! Fall KASEP is here and we are very excited about the FALL KASEP line up of afterschool classes. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 5th at 7:30 pm for online KASEP class registration. Actual classes start the week of September 18th...

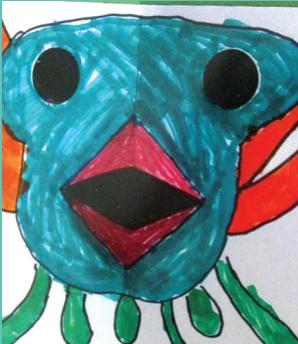
KASEP FALL Brochures went home in student’s backpacks Thursday, August 31st. Extra brochures are in the Kensington library. A complete listing of fall classes and class schedule are available for viewing online on the KCC website. KCC office is closed August 21 - September 4th for deep cleaning and shifting operations from summer camp to KASEP.

KCC Website: www.kensingtoncommunitycouncil.org

FALL KASEP welcomes SkyHawks to our family of teachers. SkyHawks provides programs where students discover athletic skills and incorporate respect, leadership and integrity values while playing sports. Victor Morton, coach, will bring new sports to our fields such as volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, golf, and track and field, to name a few. SkyHawks is teaching Thursdays and Fridays - come check it out!



Teacher Vicky is expanding her world to include a “get dirty- hands-on” gardening class for kinders, Friday morning and an “Adventures in the Garden” class



Thursday afternoon for older students. Vicky is excited about inspiring young people to appreciate pollinator plants and insects that help gardens thrive and plant a winter crop just in time to harvest before the end of the session. Students will experiment, observe, plant and harvest!

Teacher Elaine returns teaching Crafty Creations - projects that expand vocabulary, catapult creativity and produce life-long treasures! Look for the new Mandarin language classes for kinder on Wednesday - and lucky us, Elaine is teaching!



Neighborhood School and KASEP

All day kindergarten did not keep students away from KASEP classes! KCC is offering fifteen (15) kinder classes this fall! KASEP teachers pick up kinder students directly from their school classroom and walk them to the KASEP class. At the end of class, parents pick up at the KASEP classroom or those attending Neighborhood School, are walked up by KCC staff to NS.

Older students, grades 1-6, walk down to KASEP independently, directly from school. This has worked past years - the students get the routine quickly! For young students (grades 1-3) and new students, KCC staff will be at the flagpole outside the cafeteria for the first 2 weeks of the session to direct students to their KASEP class. Students enrolled in NS, will be escorted to and from their KASEP class (3:50-5:00pm class).

Farewell 2017 Summer Camp

Thank you families for being part of KCC’s Summer Camp Program. KCC Summer Camp is a great place to come, to play, have fun, and hang with old friends while making new ones. KCC Summer Camp counselors did a great job making memories and running a smooth camp. A special shout-out to the camp’s leadership team, Ethan Houser and Galen Hans. Make your calendars for February 2018 to lock in next summer’s weeks at KCC Camp!



KCC Family Movie Night



Saturday, September 23rd - Movie Night outside on the lawn. Come join us for this family affair: picnic, blanket and pajamas - the makings of a wonderful evening. This year’s Pixar movie is “FINDING DORY”, a favorite for all ages. Movie starts at dusk.



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- Body Sculpting** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:45-9:45am; Community Center Questions? Call Kevin at 486-2728
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- Tai Chi Chuan** 9:30-10:30am Fridays, Community Center, \$10 Gentle Tai Chi exercises strengthen the body while also helping to calm the mind. When you have a calm mind, your body relaxes, which then reduces stress. Less stress is good!

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: kccec@yahoo.com, or call 525-0292. M-F, 11am-4pm.
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Busting Stereotypes: Nancy Rubin Uses Art to Open Eyes

Forty-year Kensington resident Nancy Rubin bought her aunt and uncle's house when she was 31—a move she describes as “one of the best things I ever did.” The co-captain of her CERT block team, Rubin loves chatting with her neighbors: “Now that it's sunny, it's so nice to be able to go out and talk to people. I feel very lucky to be able to live in Kensington.”

During her professional career, Rubin taught a social issues course at Berkeley High and Drake High in San Anselmo. “The kids called it ‘Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll,’” she quips. “We covered stress reduction, birth control, AIDS prevention, all kinds of things. The state required that certain things be taught, but at both schools, we covered much more.”

About five years ago, Rubin became passionate about photography—and she specializes in what she calls street photography. “I like to do photography that has some purpose and meaning,” she explains. Her first exhibit was called “Faces of Fatherhood”: “I became enchanted seeing so many fathers out and about alone with their kids. I would go up to them and ask if I could take their picture and get a quote from them about fatherhood. I think one of the reasons that I’m comfortable with approaching people on the street is having taught for 32 years.” Each of Rubin’s exhibited photos includes a text about the subject and a quote. After traveling to six public libraries, “Faces of Fatherhood” is now a permanent installation at Kaiser Richmond.

Rubin's current exhibit is called "Reframing Aging." Shot at Ashby Village, a nonprofit that offers a variety of services and social connections for those fifty and older, it is exhibited on-site until September 15. On September 16, it moves to the North branch of the Berkeley library, where it can be viewed until October 28. Together with author Cynthia Overbeck Bix, Rubin interviewed people served by Ashby Village (21 Kensington residents are members). "The show consists of the current photo of the person and then a photo from their past in addition to the text. We tried to get a cross-section in terms of race, gender, ages. There are artists and sculptors, former vice chancellors, someone who served in the Peace Corps. The show breaks so many stereotypes."

Rubin had positive role models of aging from long-lived relatives: “For instance, my grandfather was still traveling when he was 100. But when I looked for a logo online, 99 percent of the silhouettes show someone hunched over, using a cane.” She says the interview process revealed how engaged her subjects are with the world. “They’re still contributing. One 92-year-old was a child prodigy, and she’s still teaching a course at Cal on music theory. I wanted to show how older people are so vibrant.”

At age 71, Rubin provides her own example—developing a new career that breaks stereotypes and inspires viewers to care about others. Meanwhile, she serves her neighbors by keeping them safe and networked in case of emergencies. “Kensington,” she concludes, “is a good place to live.”—Linnea Due

Passings

Patricia McLaughlin passed away peacefully on June 19 at the age of 89, following her husband Ralph, to whom she was married for 46 years, and her daughter Kathy. She leaves behind two devoted sons, Patrick McLaughlin of Laguna Hills and Andrew McLaughlin of El Cerrito, along with their families, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Pat graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in physics. She had a long career as director of computer operations for law firm Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, where she was known to perform magic with computers. She loved bridge, going on cruises, and quilting.

She was a very active member of the community. She was an elected officer of the Kensington Community Services District (now KPPCSD) for twelve years (1998 through 2010), acting as president for one term. According to Lynn Wolter, Pat worked hard on the analyses that supported Measure G. She and Bill Wright presented this information to the community at several town hall meetings. Pat also served on KPPCSD's Finance Committee until last year. Says Wolter, "Pat's insights about forecasts and her knowledge of the district's financial history were of great value." Pat was also active with the League of Women Voters, serving as treasurer, and was a devoted member of Arlington Community Church.

Says Chuck Toombs, “Pat reflected a generous, thoughtful attitude about civic governance and engagement from a time when people respectfully disagreed on points, voted their consciences, and then moved on respecting the will of the board, whether they agreed or not. She represented the best in what residents were capable of giving to Kensington, and served her community in a way deeply rooted in her own religious and philosophical upbringing.”

Memorial services were held July 15. Donations may be made in her name to the Special Olympics, American Cancer Society, and the American Lung Association.



KPPCSD director Len Welsh hands Charlice Danielsen a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her tireless work on the Park Grounds committee. Danielsen supervised a hearty group of volunteers, whom she thanked by name at the July 13 meeting, for years, replacing invasive plants with native shrubs and reducing fire danger at the park and around the Community Center. The very modest Danielsen started Native Here Nursery in Tilden Park and is an expert on native plants of Northern California and other areas. Photo by David Bergen



This creatively decorated cake was a surprise thank-you gift from the KPCCSD board to Chief Rickey Hull for his work switching Kensington's dispatch service from Richmond to Albany. The switch meant interviewing multiple agencies, comparing apples to oranges (no agency offered similar software, duration, and terms), and finally choosing Albany's PD as our dispatch partners. Note the phone connecting the police car, fire engine, and ambulance. The audience at the July 13 KPCCSD meeting, forks in hand, took full advantage of Hull's good fortune. Photo by David Bergen.

New Director

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the district must reach firm financial footing; no one can consider contracting out the police before digesting community input and data on cost and services; the bifurcation of the GM and COP is a major step forward; the board must do more to engage residents by any means, including electronic (Zvik brought up parents who work eleven hours per day in the City—how can they participate?)

The public weighed in next. Two candidates emerged as front-runners: Spath and Deppe. Speakers noted Spath’s extensive community and policy experience; others talked of Deppe’s calm can-do-it attitude. Spath worked for the state for decades overseeing safe drinking water, while Deppe most recently finessed the cooperation of four separate Apple divisions to resolve problems.

When it came time to vote, Len Welsh cited Spath’s track record of dealing with divergent opinions. Because of Spath’s involvement on all levels of Kensington affairs, he could hit the ground running—“There could be no better choice,” Welsh said. Sherris-Watt said that the board is looking forward. “While historical knowledge is vital, it will not get us towards our goals.” She said that she is focused on how to achieve goals such as defining clear policies and procedures for police officers, staff, board, and community members and how to develop innovative ways to reach Kensington residents.

Nottoli talked about significant challenges ahead, including the capital costs of both buildings and improving police services. “Recent police scandals are very costly and will continue to be; three out of ten officers are on medical or administrative leave, and this results in morale problems.” She cast her vote for Deppe, calling him analytical, insightful, and consistent.

Hacaj said that the appointment had taken on extra meaning for some, playing into narratives about divisiveness. “The board can only do so much to solve these problems,” she said, noting that residents add to such narratives. She said that we needed someone with a bias towards action who would honor our community’s desire for change. At the roll call, she voted for Deppe, as did Sherris-Watt, who called the richness of the candidate pool “stunning.”

After the vote, more than half the audience gathered in groups outside. Susan Garfin said, “The current board is not being open. Talk [of transparency] is cheap.” Several people expressed the view that the vote had been decided beforehand, including past director Pat Gillette, who pointed out that Spath garnered nearly 1,100 votes from residents in the last election as opposed to Deppe, who has never run for office.

As people left the Community Center, Sherris-Watt said that she changed her vote after listening to the candidates speak. “We have a shortcoming in adaptability and technological knowledge,” she said. “We need someone open-minded and comfortable with technology.”

Deppe said that he was excited and humbled and hoped that he can live up to the trust placed in him. He will likely be sworn in at the next regular meeting on September 14.

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structural engineers recommended a major structural upgrade or a replacement building. Factored in was that the fire and police facilities are functionally obsolete.

The project cost for the structural upgrade is estimated at \$750,000 and at least another \$500,000 for maintenance costs including new roof and mechanical systems and project-related engineering, architectural, construction manager fees, permits and contingencies not counting relocation costs. Total costs for this option have not been determined.

Given the functional deficiencies, high maintenance costs, and relocation and temporary quarters costs, we feel a structural upgrade is not a wise direction. At the meeting, it was clear that we had not made our case, so we are developing a survey of deficiencies for the public to review.

Replacing the building on the existing site is not our first choice but the lack of another site gives us no alternative. We had looked at a site in the park facing Arlington Avenue, which is much easier to design and construct, but we ran into strong resistance from some citizens.

The existing building is 5,800 SF and the proposed program is over 11,000 SF. After several concept designs, the architects managed to fit the building on the site with added parking on the street. The budget we set was \$10 million. The latest estimate is \$12 million due to the construction market and site difficulties. We are now reducing the project to fit the budget and to address comments that the building was massive and expensive.

Nearby neighbors will be disrupted by construction, including tearing down the existing building. Traffic interruption from hauling away debris and delivery of concrete and building materials will cause the east lane to be closed at times. The neighbors’ reaction has been clear—they do not want a replacement building on the existing site.

We plan to retain a geotechnical engineer to conduct trench testing for trace faults. Past geotechnical reports did not identify trace faults east of the Arlington. It may take a month or more before we have an answer. We are also retaining a financial consultant to determine our funding capability and alternatives.

Don Dommer,
President, Kensington Fire Protection District

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By Linnea Due

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Reckless Driving, Stolen Cars

On July 27, at about 7pm, a stolen silver 1998 Honda Civic driven by an Hispanic male stopped in the 1300 block of Summit Rd. in Berkeley. A female passenger exited the vehicle, entered an occupied home, and emerged with the key to a white 2015 Porsche Cayenne SUV.

Both parties drove into Kensington and onto westbound Oberlin Avenue at Arlington Avenue. They were met by Kensington Police Officer Keith Barrow, who had just received a Low Jack locate signal for the Honda. Before the signal could be confirmed, the female driver of the Porsche backed up, went around the Honda, and accelerated straight into Barrow’s police vehicle, hitting it on the passenger side and pushing it over the curb with moderate damage to both vehicles.

The driver of the Porsche headed south on the Arlington into Berkeley at a high rate of speed with officers in pursuit. The driver reversed course, driving north along the Arlington into Kensington in the southbound lane, almost hitting several vehicles head-on, including another KPD car driven by Officer Juan Ramos. Due to the driver’s erratic driving and disregard for public safety, as well as no further details on the suspect’s status then known to the officers, the pursuit was ended.

KPD Officer Doug Wilson points out that the fact that nothing was known about the suspects is one reason the pursuit was cancelled. If officers knew that a suspect was wanted for murder or a kidnapped baby was in the car, for example, they might still go

after the vehicle despite the danger. Each case is weighed individually, leading officers to determine whether a pursuit should be continued or broken off.

As to rumor that the chase continued down Coventry Road, Detective Rodney Martinez, who is investigating the case, said that Barrow called off the police chase when the Cayenne made the U-turn on the Arlington and started back up the southbound lane. As the Cayenne driver reentered Kensington, she made a left turn onto Coventry and sped downhill.

The driver continued driving recklessly throughout Berkeley and Albany, causing several hit-and-run collisions. The Porsche was located later that night by Albany PD on Jacuzzi Street on the Richmond/Albany border. KPD impounded the car to collect evidence. The Alameda County Sheriff’s Department later recovered the Honda. The suspects are wanted for burglary of an occupied residence, vehicle theft, several hit-and-run collisions, and assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer.

As of August 17, the suspects are still at large. Martinez said that DNA and prints were taken from the Cayenne—although the request was expedited, said Martinez, “We have to wait in line like everybody else.” There was camera footage, but even with enhanced images, faces could not be made out.

Direct questions to Detective Martinez at 510-526-4141.—*from a July 30 KPD press release with additional reporting by Linnea Due*

June/July Police Logs

June 5 RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, Norwood Ave. Property taken from staged home for sale;
IDENTITY THEFT, Arlington Ave. Wallet left in taxi. Later the resident was a victim of identity theft and unauthorized use of access cards.
June 6 DISTURBANCE, Willamette Ave. Dog escaped from a resident but was recovered, no crime;
TRAFFIC/MISC, Los Altos Dr. Ongoing parking issue;
MISCELLANEOUS, Berkeley Park Blvd. Passing checks requested in the area of Colusa Circle for various violations. Request sent to patrol officers.
June 8 DOGS, Columbia Ave. Dog off-leash, unable to locate;
TRAFFIC/MISC., Marchant Gardens. Non-injury collision with parked car;
THEFT, Lam Ct. Items taken from unlocked vehicle.
June 9 DISTURBANCE, Amherst Ave. Resident reported having problems with neighbor concerning loud construction work, no crime.
June 10 DISTURBANCE, Amherst Ave. Resident reported having problems with neighbor, no crime;
DISTURBANCE, Coventry Rd. Resident reported hearing loud music, I arrived and the music had just ended for the night, no crime;
DISTURBANCE, Trinity Ave. Resident reported loud construction. Contacted owner and they finished for the night, no crime.
June 12 THEFT, Franciscan Way. Radio stolen from unlocked vehicle;
PETTY THEFT, Highland Blvd. Dash-cam taken from unlocked vehicle;
TRESPASSING, Lawson Dr. Two subjects chased away from the vacant property by the P/R. No damage to property and unable to locate subjects.
June 13 MISSING PERSON, Edgcroft Rd. Resident reported family member missing, report taken.
June 14 TRAFFIC, Highland Blvd. Speeding vehicle. Area check and was unable to locate.
June 15 ID THEFT, Arlington Ave. Unknown suspect(s) obtained victim’s personal/financial info w/out permission;
MISC./TRAFFIC, Arlington Avenue. Business owner not happy with const. crews blocking parking stalls.
June 16 THEFT, Garden Dr. Items taken from unlocked vehicle;
SUSPICIOUS PERSON, Rincon Rd. Unable to locate;
MISC., Wellesley Ave., Ongoing problem between neighbors;
THEFT, Coventry Rd. Several items were stolen from the home of a resident. Case is under investigation.
June 17 DISTURBANCE, Parkside Ct. Ongoing problems with co-habitants. No crime;
STOLEN VEHICLE, Sunset Ave. Honda CRV stolen during the night;
THEFT, Kenyon Ave. Property stolen from an unlocked vehicle during the night.
June 19 DISTURBANCE, Parkside Ct. Ongoing problems with co-habitants. No crime;
MISCELLANEOUS, Colusa Ave. Security on scene let a subject out of the locked cemetery;
June 20 STOLEN VEHICLE, Ardmore Rd. Locked white Ford F-350 taken and last seen southbound on Arlington Avenue. No suspect info;
EXTRA PATROL, Kingston Rd. Resident saw a large black sedan slowly driving back and forth in the area;
THEFT, Ardmore Rd. Property stolen from unlocked car;
DISTURBANCE, Arlington Ave. Resident had a Hazmat concern. CCC Building permits were notified;
THEFT, Kensington Ct. Property stolen from in front of residence.
June 23 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Norwood Ave. Unknown if mail was stolen as mailbox was found open;
THEFT, Yale Ave. Theft from unlocked vehicle;
ID THEFT FOLLOW-UP, Arlington Ave. Additional criminal activity added to report;
PHONE SCAM, Rugby Ave. Attempted scam using resident’s grandson’s name;
THEFT, Anson Way, Trailer license plate stolen.
June 25 HIT & RUN, Arlington Ave. Suspect hit a vehicle, and attempted to run, but had a broken leg. Suspect had a loaded concealed firearm and 100 rounds of ammunition. Suspect was arrested and transported to the hospital via AMR #61;

ANIMAL, Yale Ave. Barking dog in yard. Owner brought the dog in the house.
July 4 PETTY THEFT, KPD. Case report taken.
PETTY THEFT, Anson Way. Case report taken.
DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Edgcroft at Coventry. Dispute with mother, parties advised.
July 5 PETTY THEFT, Los Altos Dr. Vehicle broken into overnight though trunk.
July 6 BURGLARY, Wellesley Ave. 2 vehicles broken into over weekend via keyless entry. Emergency kits taken from both vehicles.
July 7 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Highland, Albany. Loud report, possible gunshot, car leaving area quickly toward Arlington. Unable to locate any signs of foul play.
July 9 IDENTITY THEFT, Beloit Ave. Mother victim of elder financial abuse. Parties advised.
July 10 VANDALISM, Arlington Ave. Red stray paint with caution tape on building at library. Occurred over weekend.
July 11 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Kingston Rd. White male in 40s, walking a black dog (Doberman or rotweiler) yelled at reporting party and his dog. Unable to locate.
RECKLESS DRIVING, Colusa Ave. Vehicle doing donuts last seen northbound on Colusa towards Fairmont. Unable to locate.
July 12 IDENTITY THEFT, Anson Way. Case report taken.
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE and VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Ocean View. White male, 50s, ponytail, possible DUI, struck reporting party’s vehicle. Vehicle registered in area. Case report taken.
HIT AND RUN, Santa Fe, property damage to front fence, possibly related to previous reports. Unable to locate.
July 14 RECKLESS DRIVING, Arlington Ave. Unable to locate.
July 17 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Yale Ave. RP complaining about barking dog. Requests that the owner bring dog in for the night. Matter resolved.
July 18 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Arlington Ave. Dog barking in backyard for past 15 minutes, but has now stopped.
BURGLARY, Colusa Ave. Occurred overnight through window, unsure if anything taken. BURGLARY, Kenilworth Dr. RP arrived home to find vehicle window smashed.
DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Ardmore Rd. Car alarm going off. RP’s wife arguing with person she believes may be trying to steal a vehicle. Checks out OK.
July 24 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Coventry and Arlington. Sounds of screaming on Arlington. Male, no weapons seen, man advised of complaint, situation resolved.
July 25 IDENTITY THEFT, Stratford Rd. Identity theft going on since February. Someone opened Kohl’s credit card under RP’s name and charged about \$2,000 in February and March.
July 27 HIT AND RUN, Highland Blvd. Hauling truck hit parked vehicle, witnesses on scene.
RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE, Arlington, Thousand Oaks. Kensington patrol car struck by female driver, front end and front wheel damaged.
July 28 RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE, Jacuzzi St., Richmond. Vehicle recovered from Public Storage.
VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Sunset Dr. Injury. Report taken.
July 30 HIT AND RUN, Stanford Ave. Vehicle sideswiped last night while parked.
PETTY THEFT, Colusa Circle, case report taken.
July 31 VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Rincon Rd. Car veered off road and crashed. RP is concerned vehicle could be hit again.
VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Rincon Rd. Vehicle hit stop sign. Gray passenger car. No further information.
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY / VANDALISM, Oberlin Ave. Window to vehicle smashed, report taken.
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY / VANDALISM, Rincon Rd. Window to vehicle smashed, report taken.
VANDALISM, Los Altos Dr. Rear door to vacant/staged house kicked in. No evidence of entry being made.

Kensington Calendar

Locations:

Arlington Community Church (ACC),
52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146
Kensington Community Center, 59
Arlington Ave., 525-0292
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.,
524-3043
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berke-
ley (UUCB), 1 Lawson Rd., Kensing-
ton, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Ongoing:

Low Impact Jazzercise, 8:15-9:15am,
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Com-
munity Center. September is a free
month! No monthly fee, no process-
ing fee. Come join Kevin.
Body Sculpting, 8:45-9:45am, Tuesday
and Thursday, Community Center.
Acrylic Artists, 9:45-12:30pm, Wednes-
day, Community Center. Self-
directed artists come together in a
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Tai Chi Chuan, 9:30-10:30am Fridays,
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September

September 3 John Maes, UUCB
member since 1998, former consci-
entious objector during the US war
in Southeast Asia, lifelong spiritual
seeker. “Evidence Based Spirituality.”
9:30am, free. UUCB.
September 5 KASEP fall online reg-
istration starts at 7:30pm. Log on to
www.kensingtoncommunitycouncil.
org
**September 5, 12 & 26 Family Story-
time** Lots of picture books, songs,
rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals
& pajamas welcome. Kensington
Library, 6:30pm. Free.
**September 6 Kensington unit of the
League of Women Voters** The
ladies who lunch will be dining *al
fresco*. That means we will brown-
bag it in Kensington Park at noon.
**September 7, 14, 21 & 28 Baby & Tod-
dler Storytime** Stories, songs, pup-
pets, egg-shakers and loads of fun!
Kensington Library. Two identical
sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.
September 10 Rev. Christian Schmidt,
UUCB’s senior co-minister, mysti-

cal humanist, father. “The Problem
of Hell: Universalism, Evil, and Our
World.” 9:30am, free. UUCB.

**September 11 Kensington Library
Knitting Club “The Castoffs”** All
levels welcome. Please bring your own
needles and yarn. We will provide
support, encouragement and help.
Learn new stitches, share your talents,
and meet new friends. 6:30pm. Free.

**September 11 & 25 Kensington
Library’s Digital Docent** will
answer your eReader and digital
library questions every other Monday
by appointment at 1pm. This one-
on-one 60-minute appointment is
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**September 14 Three Award-winning
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dens. Please join us for this discussion
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sale. Starts at 9:30am in the El Cerrito
Community Center, 7007 Moeser
Lane. Members free, visitors \$3. 510-
237-4654.

**September 16 TechTrek Science and
Math Camp** Nine girls entering
eighth grade will share their camp
experiences at the AAUW meet-
ing. Christ Lutheran Church, 780
Ashbury St., El Cerrito, 10am, free,
all welcome. westcontracosta-ca.
aauw.net

September 17 Dr. Steven Herrmann,
Jungian psychotherapist; poet, author,
teacher and scholar; candidate in ana-
lytical training at C.G. Jung Institute,
SF. “The Future of Transpersonal
Psychology.” 9:30am, free. UUCB.

**September 17 Art Exhibit and Recep-
tion** celebrating the work of longtime
Kensington resident Rip Matteson.
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as well as the release of a new book,
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Art. Matteson was a member of the
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September 23 KCC Movie Night
outside KCC Recreation Building on
the lawn. Come join us for this family
affair. Combine picnic, blanket and
pajamas for the makings to a wonder-
ful evening. Food for sale at event.
This year’s Pixar movie is *Finding
Dory*, a favorite for all ages. Movie
starts at dusk. See story on page 1 for
more information.

September 24 Dr. Beverley Allen, Prof.
Emerita at Syracuse University, visit-
ing professor at Stanford. “Courtly
Love and the Great Heresy: Medi-
eval Ciphers and the Turning of The
Church.” 9:30am, free. UUCB.

**September 25 Kensington Library
Book Club** Discussion of *Cry, the
Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.
Book Club normally meets on the 4th
Monday of the month. 6:30pm. Free.

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October 1 Contra Costa Civic Theater
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KCC-Sept.11, Kensington
Community Council 1st Mon-
days, 6:30pm. 525-0292

**FKL-Sept 5, Friends of the
Kensington Library**, 6:30pm
(at the Library) 1st Tuesdays

**KPSC-Sept 11, Kensington
Public Safety Council** Earth-
quake/Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

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

KFPD-Sept 6 Fire Protec-
tion District 2nd Wednes-
days, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD-Sept 14 and 28.
Police Protection and Commu-
nity Services District 2nd & 4th
Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

KIC-Sept 25, Kensington
Improvement Club 4th Mon-
days, 7:30pm. 524-7514.

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Letters

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Where Was the Transparency?

Dear Editor:
Transparency? I have been hearing or reading a lot of comments about lack of transparency with the present KPPCSD board. Where was all that treasured transparency when the board in the spring, summer, and fall of 2014 kept under wraps any mention of the Reno affair? Ordinary folks in Kensington only learned about it when that came out in the West County Times in February 2015. Why did this transparency not at least extend to the new board members elected in November 2014? I find it curious that nothing came out before the November 2014 election.

Mabry Benson

Rickey Hull Wins Colleague’s Vote of Confidence

Dear Editor,
See below Albany Chief of Police Mike McQuiston’s appreciation of Interim Chief of Police Rickey Hull’s diligence and skills in the effort to transition our 911 dispatch to Albany. —Eileen Nottoli, KPPCSD board vice president
Dear Rachelle and Eileen,
As we close out the week in which Albany Police began providing services to the Kensington community, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for your support of the process, and to recognize the work of Chief Hull in making the transition a success for both agencies.

Although it was February when we began discussing the specifics of what a dispatch and records services agreement might look like, the technical work to make it a possibility didn’t begin in earnest until our agreement was approved by our respective governing bodies; this wasn’t done until mid-May. With a target implementation date of July 1, this resulted in an extraordinarily short timeframe in which to pull it off. I would dare say we’ve broken some kind of record for a successful transition of this sort.
My staff has heaped praise on Rickey for his accessibility and his willingness to tackle highly technical issues. In addition to his personable demeanor, I’ve found him to be a pleasure to work with in large part due to his decisiveness as we confronted each new challenge. I know for certain that this project would never have been completed in time if not for Rickey’s commitment to his department and community. Although there’s still some work to be done to ensure our technical systems and processes are secure, reliable, and robust into the future, I look forward to working with Rickey on this. Thank you for your continued support of our work.

Mike McQuiston

Bamboozled

Dear Editor,
Your interview in the July-August issue with former KPPCSD director Vanessa Cordova sparked lively discussion on our local social media. Count me among those who were very disappointed by the interview, as the subject was allowed to expound her version of her history as a director without challenge or follow-up questions. Perhaps that was due, in part, to the subject being “interviewed” long distance from Italy, from where Ms. Cordova was also purporting to conduct business as a director for most of the past year.
The interview amounted to a self-serving whitewash of what was undeniably a controversial tenure on the KPPCSD board. Cordova leveled allegations of harassment, intimidation and discrimination at police officers, and the former interim GM/COP, that necessitated lengthy and expensive investigations that resulted in findings that her allegations were mostly unsubstantiated. Cordova’s response to the *Outlook’s* softball question about out-of-control legal fees should be evaluated in light of the fact that she caused the district to incur a substantial amount of those fees herself with her unfounded allegations.
Ms. Cordova has plenty of detractors and supporters. There are also quite a few people, of whom I am one, she has bamboozled with respect to her policy positions, intentions and actions since running for office. I’m sorry it appears that the *Outlook* editor has become one of us.

Paul Dorroh

Let’s Not Go Backwards

Dear Editor,
In general, I have been happier with the fairly balanced and well-researched work of our *Outlook* editor. So I was dismayed by the extensive “air-time” in the July-August issue (see online for the full version) given to our recently resigned KPPCSD director Vanessa Cordova. A number of the questions seemed to propagate a version of “reality” that many reasonable people find suspect or view entirely differently. It felt like a “gift” to a former director who in my view ended up being extremely polarizing and was the center of significant legal costs and discord. Giving this individual a giant “puff piece” with all of her responses (by email, no less) copied verbatim in the *Outlook*, with no fact-checking, inclusion of anyone’s rebuttal or alternate viewpoints, gave an undue authenticity and tacit endorsement.
While I am eager to have us collectively move on, I found the format of this inappropriate and troubling. Going backwards harms the community and tarnishes the reputation of two marvelous community resources. Let’s learn from these experiences and not repeat them.

Garen Corbett

Good Business, Good Heart

Dear Editor:
I would like to let the community know of a wonderful relatively new small business in Kensington and to suggest the community support that business. I am writing about the mechanic (Sayid) at the former Chevron, now Exxon, station. I have had major work done on my car by him, and he is not only very competent, but also very honest and gracious and helpful.
I asked him whether the KPD still has their vehicles serviced there, as they did when Jason was the mechanic at the service station and he said no. It seems this is an opportunity for our community to support an excellent local business. I was really surprised that our own KPD apparently does not use our local business.

By the way, Sayid is from Egypt. This would be an opportunity for Kensington to welcome an immigrant. Thank you for your consideration.
Jan Behrsin

Simple Fix Can Save Lives—and Neighborhoods

Dear Editor,
When the earthquake comes, what is the greatest threat to our safety? FIRE! Earthquakes break gas pipes, and fire ensues. Several of us on the south block of Windsor Avenue reached out to neighbors to encourage installation of automatic shut-off valves on every home’s gas meter. The valve is installed on the gas line near the meter, and it shuts off the gas supply only in the event of substantial movement. The device is now required when a home is sold, but once people see the benefit, they understand the wisdom of not putting off a fix that can save your home and that of your neighbors.
Any plumber can do this simple installation, and it does not cost a leg (or even an arm). This is the single most important safety measure that each property owner can take. It’s crucial in the event of a big quake: Unlike bodily injury and damage to buildings, fire doesn’t stay in one place. It spreads, fast.
Talk to your neighbors, find out who needs help getting a contractor. Pool the jobs to reduce cost. We have only one house left on our block that has yet to get this device installed, but of course one unprotected gas meter leaves us all vulnerable. As Frankenstein’s monster said, “Fire bad.”

Elaine Emery

Same song, second verse

Dear Editor:
Reflecting on the rhetoric that preceded (and will likely follow) the appointment of Christopher Deppe to the KPPCSD board, I don’t know what I find saddest: witnessing yet another character assault from supporters of two-time candidate David Spath, or the realization that Mr. Spath remains indifferent to the vitriol that continues to emanate from his campaign endorsement list.
Vanessa Cordova