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Last Year's March Madness. This year's bash is on Saturday, March 7th at the Community Center.

March Madness – Not Always Basketball

Need to get away for a fun night on the town? Look no further than our own Kensington Community Center for the perfect “Parents’ Night Out!” On Saturday, March 7th, the Kensington Community Council will be having a *March Madness* Dance to welcome in spring. The community center will again be transformed with fairy lights and purple fabric into a rocking dance hall. Dance instructor, Lynn Gardiner will be there to get everyone on their feet with a dance lesson, and DJ Devin Pennix will play all the right music to get people moving. Childcare will be provided for families with children between the ages of 3 and 11, making this the perfect “Parents’ Night Out!”

Last year this winning combination brought smiles to over 75 community members as

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COP/GM Harman Out Sergeant Barrow Returns After Suspension

The townspeople gathered together with torches and pitchforks to burn down the lab where the monster lived – or so it appeared to more than one local resident at the KPPCSD meetings on February 12th and 16th.

An unruly mob called for the heads of the COP/GM, Greg Harman, and Sgt. Keith Barrow, without having heard all the pertinent facts of the case in question, nor candid testimony from the two individuals being excoriated.

There were calls for many heads on the chopping block at the 2/12 meeting – that of Sgt. Barrow for having had his gun, badge, handcuffs, and two ammunition clips stolen from him by a prostitute, in Reno, Nevada, in May of last year; that of Chief of Police/General Manager, Greg Harman for not having completed the Barrow investigation sooner; and those of Board President Len Welsh, VP Pat Gillette, and Director Chuck Toombs, for allegedly lax oversight of the Barrow incident, for the pending ap-

proval of a new contract for Kensington police officers – considered by many in the community to be unaffordable – and for not apprising the two new directors, Vanessa Cordova and Rachelle Sherris-Watt of the Barrow investigation. UCB professor, Kinch Hoekstra threatened to begin a recall of Directors Welsh, Gillette, and Toombs, depending on their actions on the contracts of Harman and the police officers.

Preceding the 2/12 general meeting, the Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the extension of the COP/GM’s

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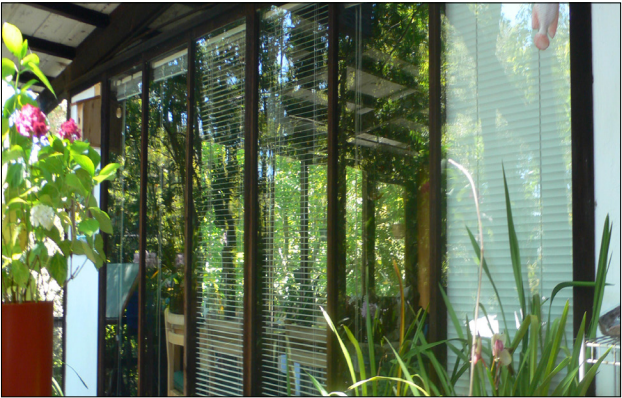


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Harman Out

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contract, and the Chief’s performance relating to the Barrow incident. Boo’s and catcalls greeted the directors as they exited the closed session and made their way to the podium to begin the general meeting.

In the Board’s report from closed session, VP, Pat Gillette (regarding the Barrow incident) said, “When it comes to dealing with officers, there are many restraints on what can, and cannot be said. We’re trying to operate within those constraints.

“Our job is to manage the GM/COP. The Chief manages the officers. We can’t make those decisions. All we can do is decide



KPD’s Sgt. Keith Barrow (right) is shown receiving an award for his participation in a recent 3-year West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (WestNET) investigation, in which over 1,000 lbs of methamphetamine with a street value of over \$40 million were seized, along with 48 weapons and \$1.8 million; 67 suspects were arrested. In an almost 15-year career with KPD, Barrow, 3 times voted Kensington Officer of the Year, received many department commendations and three awards for his participation in WestNET. There are over 30 letters from residents in his file, attesting to the quality of his work.

whether we think the Chief handled the matter properly, and if not, what we want to do about it.

“After the report given the Board back in May, the Board was not allowed to hear anything else about the investigation until it was completed; we don’t hear about the discipline until its been imposed.” (As the Board of Directors serves as the appellate body in cases where an officer contests the discipline imposed by the COP, it’s required that it specifically *not* be informed during the investigation.)

“Tonight is the first time we’ve heard what discipline was imposed. This is the first time we can now decide whether we think the Chief handled the matter properly.”

During Public Comment, residents expressed concerns about the delay in the resolution of the investigation of Sgt. Barrow by Chief Harman, with at least one speaker stating that the Board should have asked what was happening with the investigation (though, as stated above, this is contrary to protocol).

Other residents raised concern about risks of Sgt. Barrow’s integrity as a testifying witness being impeached in cases he worked while under investigation. One woman expressed her fear about an officer “having shown such poor judgment” being around her daughter. She also felt, as many others apparently do, that there is a conflict of interest in having the GM and the COP be the same person. She suggested that it might be time for Kensington to consider joining another police force.

One speaker expressed her concern about having an officer under investigation at the time having been the negotiator for the police officers’ new contract. Another raised a concern that the COP has lost the community’s confidence. He felt the han-

dling of the Reno incident “only serves to emphasize that,” and that “the budget as proposed doesn’t make sense.”

Former KPPCSD candidate for the Board, Steven Bates commented that, “We need a person in the job (who’s) working for the residents, not for the police officers.” (According to Harman, he did not participate in the contract negotiations, other than to pass documents between the Board and the officers’ representative.) “Going to El Cerrito is not the answer,” Bates said.

Another speaker expressed concern that information about the investigation was not available to voters during the recent KPPCSD election, and questioned why Sgt. Barrow was not suspended with pay during the investigation. She continued, “Officer Barrow must be removed from the force; he cannot police effectively, I can’t have him around my children, near the school, or near my home. It’s appalling that he was allowed to continue to work. He broke the law.”

(This speaker was not alone in her concerns, though such concerns appear to be based on an unproven assumption that Sgt. Barrow broke the law. There is no proof of that; he has neither been charged with – nor convicted of – a crime. According to reports, he was the victim of a crime – the theft of police department property in his possession.)

On 2/12, there were multiple calls for contracts with the KPOA and the COP/GM to remain unapproved until further details of the Barrow incident become clear; and for Sgt. Barrow to be terminated.

At the 2/12 meeting, no action was taken on the Chief’s performance relating to the Barrow incident, nor on an extension of the Chief’s contract. Another closed session was convened on 2/16, at which additional public comment was heard.

At that meeting, resident Ryan Anderson presented four questions for the Board’s consideration (excerpted):

1. Risk – Have there been shortcomings or failures by the GM/COP in risk management for the community? The U.S. Dept. of Justice provides clear guidance on plac-

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KASEP

Kensington After-School Enrichment Program

KASEP Spring Online Registration is Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30pm. KASEP class brochures went home with students attending Hilltop School in late February. There are extra copies at the library and at the KCC Office. Session starts Monday, March 23rd.

Heads Up! Exciting new class offered Wednesdays – Building with LEGOS! Tens of thousands of LEGOs to help you build real-world projects like motorized cars, mazes, boats, and more. *Let your imagination run wild!*

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Summer Camp –
Olympic Week
Fun!

SUMMER CAMP 2015

Welcome to KCC Summer Day Camp!

Summer Camp with KCC is where kids come to be active and outdoors. Campers learn new skills, embrace creativity, and socialize in a relaxed setting. In camp we offer group tennis lessons, arts & crafts with Ms. Vicky (KASEP teacher), and specialty classes in the afternoon, such as gymnastics, carpentry, or cooking (different each week). All camp games are played in a safe and supportive environment. Every Wednesday – field trip day – we head out to explore Bay Area sites.

Camp life is for children entering 1st-6th grades in FALL 2015. Camp life is a full day of activities, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Cost is \$250 per camper, per week. Morning Care (8-9am) and Afternoon Care (5-6pm) are available for an additional fee. Registration Starts Tuesday, March 3rd, and is Ongoing.

Register Online: www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.Org.

KCC Summer Camp Activities & Schedule

- Week 1:** June 8 - June 12
Specialty: Carpentry
Field Trip: The Jungle
- Week 2:** June 15 – June 19
Specialty: Gymnastics. Field Trip: Adventure Playground/Berkeley
- Week 3:** June 22 – June 26
Specialty: Iron Chef Pizza Competition. Field Trip: Oakland Zoo
- Week 4:** June 29 – July 3 (*Spirit Week*). Specialty: Sports Madness: Statistics in Action! Field Trip: Lake Anza
- Week 5:** July 6 – July 10
Specialty: Circus Arts
Field Trip: Bladium/ Rock Climbing & Soccer

- Week 6:** July 13 - July 17 (*Olympic Week*). Specialty: Gymnastics. Field Trip: Lindsay Museum-Animals of Mt. Diablo
- Week 7:** July 20 – July 24
Specialty: Monster Mash Clay Zombies. Field Trip: USS Hornet Battle Ship/Alameda
- Week 8:** July 27 – July 31
Specialty: Paper Weaving Arts/Bread Making. Field Trip: Lake Temescal
- Week 9:** August 3 – August 7
Specialty: Woodland Gnomes & Fairy Houses. Field Trip: Bladium/Rock Climbing & Soccer
- Week 10:** August 10 - August 14
Specialty: Monster Madness Paper Creations. Field Trip: El Cerrito Pool Party and Grand Finale!

Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances

JAZZERCISE

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8:15-9:15am; Kensington Community Center / bring water and a mat

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REGISTRATION

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Community Ctr Rental Info: Please call Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) at 526-4141.

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



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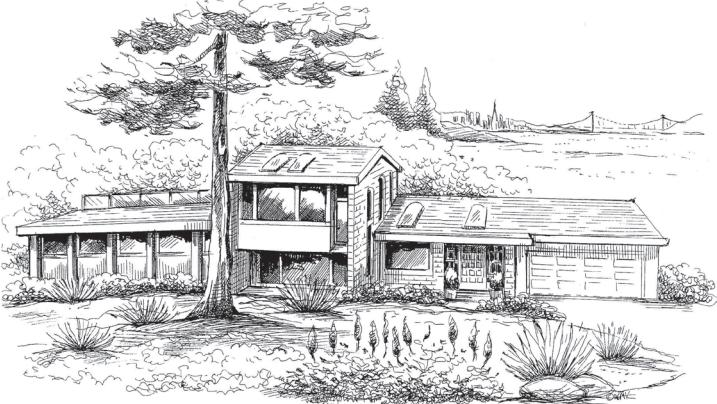
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Stratford Path Beautification: Sat., March 21st

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February's Earthquake Preparedness Seminar

Approximately twenty people attended the Kensington Public Safety Council (KPSC) seminar by disaster preparedness trainer, Pam Grossman at the Community Center last month. Representing less than 1% of residents, it's good to know the other 99% of us appear to be sufficiently prepared for The Big One. Excellent chocolate cake squares and some scrumptious-looking brownies were served. *Compliments to the chef!*



Quick, Easy, Emergency Preparedness with CERT

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is about neighbors working together to prepare for disasters. As a Kensington resident you live in one of 6 Kensington CERT Areas. Residents in each area are working together to prepare for emergencies. To find out which area you live in and who your CERT leader is go to: www.el-cerrito.org/index.aspx?NID=579. Leaders in CERT Area 6 have developed a list of quick and easy tasks you can do each month so that in 12 months' time you, too will be prepared for an emergency. This month's preparedness task involves important documents; this is what disaster professionals recommend: Copy and store the following documents in a safe-deposit box or a zip-lock bag in your freezer: 1. Property Insurance (home, auto, boat, etc.); 2. Health Insurance (medical and dental providers, life, extended care, etc.); 3. Financial (bank, investment, retirement, etc.); 4. Estate (trust, wills, powers of attorney, etc.); 5. Photos or videos of valuables to provide documentation for insurance claims... Prepare a written list (on paper) of contact info for each person in your household: adults (name, place of work, work phone and cell) and children (name, cell, school name, and phone). Look for more emergency preparedness information in the next issue of the *Outlook*. Your neighbors in Kensington are preparing – are you?

Friends of the Kensington Library

Visit Kensington Public Library and you're apt to see students busy completing homework, young parents reading picture books to their toddlers, and retirees researching investments. With a population of educated, avid readers, the Kensington Library has the highest per capita circulation rate in the Contra Costa County library system. Since being built in 1965, the library has been a center for community life, and from the beginning, FKL has served the library and the community by raising funds for books, materials, and programs. Last year, it provided over \$20,000 to the library for books and periodicals. FKL pays for subscriptions to the *NY Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *West County Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. FKL also subscribes to the Value Line Investment Service, an investment research tool. Along with books and periodicals, FKL pays for 6-8 programs each year for children in Kensington, bringing puppet shows, Legos building workshops, and musical groups to educate and entertain. Well-attended lectures by art historian, Michael Stehr were funded by FKL and have been brought back this spring, through April. A new portable, wireless AV system purchased by FKL will improve sound quality for these programs. The annual spring book sale, FKL's biggest fundraising event of the year, is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, May 9-10th. Community members can help by volunteering to price books, by setting up and working at the sale, by donating books, and by shopping for books, CDs, DVDs, and vintage periodicals at the sale. Please contact the Kensington Library at 524-3043 if you'd like to help!

Kensington Senior Photo Coming May 3rd at 3pm

Past Hilltop students who are now high school seniors: Mark your calendars for the Kensington Senior's Photo. Keep the tradition alive and pass the word!

EC High Advanced Theater Students to Ashland

This is the first time in 20 years that a class of students at El Cerrito High can say it has taken theatre all throughout high school. Ms. Carmen Bush, ECHS theatre instructor, wants to reward this group of talented, hardworking students by taking them to the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival the weekend of March 6th. The trip and learning retreat will allow the students to see three diverse plays at the festival, attend a prologue, and experience a customized tour and discussion with the festival's dramaturge. The students are still a few thou short of their goal, and have created a *gofundme* campaign, for direct support for scholarships for the trip at <http://www.gofundme.com/lap5qo>. "An honest tale speeds best, being plainly told."

Mark Your Calendar for Next KPOA Meeting

The Kensington Property Owners Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the Community Center. While the agenda is not yet finalized, and speakers yet to be finalized, KPOA is hoping to get confirmation shortly on a presentation about how the Community Service District form of government works (*though not everyone in town agrees that it does – ba-da-bing!*).

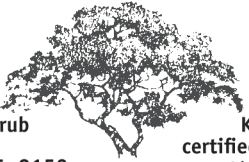
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Barrow Incident

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ing an officer on leave at the start of an investigation – including the benefits of risk reduction.

2. Trust – Have the actions of the GM/COP substantially degraded the trust between our community and the police dept.?

3. Judgment – Did the GM/COP demonstrate good judgment in his exercise of police- and leadership/managerial duties, avoiding actual conflicts of interest and minimizing perceived conflicts of interest? In cases where the general public is forbidden from having full visibility into personnel or disciplinary matters, one might ask, “Did the GM/COP exercise good judgment and act in line with community values?”

4. Professionalism – Using nationally recognized policing best practices and other objective measures of professionalism, has the GM/COP demonstrated levels of professionalism at – or exceeding – these measures for policing? Has the GM performed at or above expectations for Core Competencies outlined in our own Policies and Procedures Manual?

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services: Standards and guidelines for internal affairs – states: “It is preferable to conclude investigations within 180 days.” A selection of other jurisdictions have targets to complete internal investigations ranging from 30 days for the State of New Jersey to 180 days for the FBI and Drug Enforcement Agency.

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Reflecting the opinion of the minority in attendance at the 2/12 meeting, resident, Barbara Steinberg said that she had “been here a long time and felt safe here because of the police department. It’s a mistake to rush to judgment. We all have character flaws.” Mark Bell said, “I’ve been a staunch supporter of the Board, Chief Harman, and the police department. I’m not going to back away from that. I have faith in our process, and I’m still with you.”

John Stein said, “I strongly encourage the Board to get to the bottom of the breach of (Sgt. Barrow’s) privacy rights. The investigation needs to be objective and thorough. We should exercise restraint before prematurely coming to conclusions. We are all innocent until proven guilty. Unfortunately a few residents have behaved like a lynch mob.”

(Information about the May 2014 incident – legally, a part of the personnel file of Sgt. Barrow, and therefore confidential – appears to have been held for months and then made public on the cusp of the potential renewal of the contract with the COP/GM, and that of the police officers – for which Barrow was the negotiator. A member, or members, of the KPD are suspected of this breach.)

Reflecting the general hysteria around the unproved claims that Sgt. Barrow may have paid a prostitute for sex (a charge he denies), Sara Schroeder said, “I’m a mother to three children and I never want to see my police force involved in prostitution, sex trafficking, or whatever has been reported in the news. I’ve lost complete trust in our police force.”

On 2/16, one resident said, “I think (the

police force and the Chief) should be held to a higher standard than the ‘Joe’ off the street – and even myself. They have to be more ethical humans than I am because of the position of trust in which they function.”

Alternately, another resident offered: “There is no need to overreact. There are community members who ask that instead, (the Board) deliberate and act with compassion and caring and forgiveness, not with revenge and anger. There are community members who ask that you act with understanding and fairness; and that is particularly so when you are discussing human frailties.

“There are those that think our COP/GM deserves a fair employee evaluation, not one determined by the lynch mob. There are those who believe officers deserve a fair contract with a raise, and soon. There are those that do not believe that prostitution should even be a crime. The officer in question has already paid for his (alleged) frailty 100-fold. There are those of us who are proud to have the Kensington police protect our families.

“And there are those of us who think that five of our officers taking a road trip to Reno (– some) with their wives on their personal time off is a sign of how well they work together and what a tight team they are. That’s exactly who I want serving and protecting my family.

“The New York Times (said) a few days ago, which has absolutely nothing – and everything – to do with Kensington: ‘(It is) barbaric (how) we respond to scandal these days. When somebody violates a public trust, we try to purge and ostracize him. A sort of Roman coliseum culture takes over, leaving no place for mercy.

‘The Internet...erupts with contempt and mockery. The civic fabric would be stronger if, instead of trying to sever relationships with those who have done wrong, we tried to repair them; if we tried forgiveness instead of exiling.’”

Turning to another of the issues at hand at the 2/12 meeting, Kensington Property Owners Association representative, Rob Furman said, “The original purpose of this meeting was to vote on the MOU. The Property Owners Assoc. cannot support the MOU as it stands. We would support an agreement that is within our financial means for the coming 4 years.” A statement released by the Property Owners Assoc. stated, “The budget projections presented by the COP/GM included significant errors, inadequate examination of assumptions...and updates and corrections that only made the MOU seem affordable on paper; meaning that the MOU’s cost could easily exceed revenue by year four. We believe the January Finance Committee inadequately addressed budget assumptions and their policy implications.”*

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Letters to the Editor

Morality Mind-Set

Dear Editor:

How is a morality mind-set which condemns an off-duty police officer for legally engaging the services of a prostitute any different from a Catholic archbishop who dictates that the teachers and administrators of his parish schools conform to a morality code which prohibits them in their private lives from supporting birth control, same-sex marriages, etc. Outside of our work, we are all free individuals.

Bill Tilden

Contract Out for Police?

Dear Editor:

Many who voted for Measure G in 2010 were convinced that an additional Kensington police officer was needed to maintain the Department’s high standards. And another officer was hired – 2 years later.

I don’t recall that there was a noticeable reduction in service or increase in crime during the interim.

The General Manager in his November report said that if, to save money, a police “position were left vacant for too long, overtime costs would increase, as would time off requests and sick leave causing staffing shortages resulting in increased response times, and officer safety.” However, adding a 10th full-time officer in December 2012 did not reduced overtime. (I don’t know if there were reductions in time off and sick leave.) The budget projection remained the same, with cost for overtime at ~4½% that for salaries. With 9 officers, actual overtime averaged ~6%; with 10 officers, it has been 5.9%, and that’s on top of a salary base increase and ~30% over budget.

Perhaps the General Manager should meet with the Chief of Police to see why overtime repeatedly exceeds projection and what can be done. In 2013, Sergeant Barrow, now at the center of the “Reno gun/prostitute” incident, logged over twice as much overtime as any other officer, accounting for more than 35% of total overtime cost (and increasing his pay by more than 20%).

Managing overtime, which is on course to cost nearly \$60,000 again this year, is one thing that will help in mitigating the District’s recurrent financial problems.

(Incidentally, in 2009 a special police consultant concluded that under a contract with El Cerrito, Kensington could maintain the same service level with only 6 patrol officers, all in Kensington uniforms and working out of the existing station.)

A. Stevens Delk

Police Officers Betrayed

To the Editor:

The police officers serving Kensington have been deeply betrayed, as follows:

- By Officer Keith Barrow, whose criminal and negligent behavior has tainted them all with guilt by association.
- By Chief of Police Greg Harman, whose impotent disciplinary action against Barrow has enraged the community and made a serious and pathetic incident into an ugly and sensational news story.
- By General Manager Harman, who has failed to produce a defensible, sustainable budget for the District which employs the officers.
- By Directors Chuck Toombs, Pat Gillette, and Len Welsh, whose exclusion of Directors Vanessa Cordova and Rachelle Sherris-Watt from knowledge of the Barrow matter has stripped them of the moral authority to govern, and left them in no position to vote on a police contract, already long overdue.

Kensington’s police force now faces considerable uncertainty as to their future. Since the first step forward from betrayal is to hold the guilty parties responsible, I have listed them above in ascending order of culpability. We must start with Directors Toombs, Gillette, and Welsh, and take it from there.

Sylvia Elsbury

Let’s Take a Deep Breath

We are long time residents of Kensington and cherish our community. However, we, along with many other people, are not happy about recent events concerning Sgt. Barrows and the investigation of his actions. The investigation took too long. That in itself has created an aura of suspicion. However, there are California laws concerning contracts of privacy of police officers that many residents may not aware of and those regulations govern the Board’s response.

We would like the community to take a deep breath. This will allow the board to make good, deliberate decisions regarding the future. There are many ways to remedy this without too much overreaction.

Please, let’s appreciate the fact that our Board is trying to come to a deliberate solution to these personnel problems.

Thank you,
Tom and Diane Gould

Address Police Problems

Dear Editor,

I attended the February 12 KPPCSD meeting and was disturbed by the contentious nature of the proceedings. I served twenty-eight years with the Oakland Police Department – thirteen of those years as a Deputy Chief of Police. Ten of those last years the Internal Affairs Section reported to me. Probably my greatest success was to create a trust between the Police Department and its citizens. I was also a member of the KPPCSD Board many years ago.

Police misconduct is unacceptable and every cop (or retired cop) gets tainted by it. The recent misconduct case embarrassed Kensington and the Police Department, but we can recover. The problems can be corrected, but we need to take a deep breath and address the problems calmly and rationally. Certainly, with all the talented people in Kensington, we can do that. I will offer myself to help bring that about.

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Kensington Kalendar

March 1 Dr. Richard MacDonald, physician, Senior Medical Advisor to Final Exit Network, Past President of World Federation of Right to Die Societies. “Control at the End of Life – a Human Right.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, www.uucb.org, 525-0302.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Kensington Farmers Market. Live produce & live music Sundays, 10-2. Free. Colusa Circle.

March 2 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. Meets on the first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 3 KCC Summer Camp Registration Online, 9am.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
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**KCC - March 2nd
Kensington Community Council**
1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

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

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

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

**KFPD - March 11th
Fire Protection District**
2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

**KPPCSD - March 12th
Police Protection and
Community Services District**
2nd Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

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

**KMAC (Tent.) - March 31st
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March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Family Storytime Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 7 March Madness – KCC Dance the Night Away for Parents. Childcare provided, 7:30pm

March 7 Musical Art Quintet – Nuevo Chamber Music, 8pm. Tix at the door: \$20 adults/\$15 seniors & students. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

March 8 Bill Garrett, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy and Religion, has taught at J.F.K. University, San Francisco State, the Fromm institute, CIIS and Osher Lifelong Learning. “Evolution has a Direction and is Developmental.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

March 9 El Cerrito Art Association presents Edmund Zimmerman on Artistic Treasures of Umbria. Garden Room, EC Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 7pm. Free. Info: 277-6996 or bdaniell1943@gmail.com

March 9 Local artist and art historian Michael Stehr presents the 2nd in a new 3-part series on France: *Notre-Dame de Paris*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 10 KASEP Spring Class Registration Online, 7:30pm.

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March 15 Bill Garrett (see Mar. 8), on “Human Evolution is both Ongoing and Accelerating.” Free. 10-11am, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington, www.uucb.org, or 525-0302.

March 17 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program. Lecture: “The Beautiful Edible Garden” by Stefanie Bittner and Leslie Bennett of Star Apple Edible Gardens. 12:30-1pm: Plant Exchange, 1-2pm: General Meeting, 2-3pm: Lecture. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. www.berkeleygardenclub.org.

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March 19 & 26 Baby & Toddler Storytime Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

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March 21 Path Beautification. 10am-Noon, on Stratford Path. Bring gloves, rakes, clippers, etc. if you’ve got ’em. Cookies, water, and T-shirts provided. Info: 524-3966.

March 22 Bill Garrett (see Mar. 8), on “Epigenetics and the Rethinking of Inheritance.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

March 23 Kensington Library Book Club. Discussion of *The Stranger* by Albert Camus. Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 28 Bay Area Storytelling Festival Preview of the “San Francisco Bay Area’s Annual Celebration of the Well Told Story.” Ages 4 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 11am. Free. 524-3043.

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March 29 Rev. Cathleen Cox, Community Minister, spiritual director, teacher, certified dream worker, on “More than Ever: Why Unitarian Universalism Matters Now.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302.



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What Happens in Reno...

...*KPPCSD, from Page 5*

These figures and assumptions are incongruent with those put forth by the GM's office (see *"It's the Budget," Kensington Outlook, Feb 2015.*) The KPPCSD Finance Committee, comprised of private citizens and two Directors, recommended passage of the MOU with 12 of 14 in favor, and 2 abstentions.

At the 2/16 Special Meeting of the KP-PCSD, due to reported loss of confidence of the Board over his handling of the Barrow incident, COP/GM, Greg Harman's contract was not renewed; he'll continue as COP/GM through May 31, 2015.

Some residents questioned whether a difference in opinion over the timing of the administration of discipline to an officer who was neither convicted of, nor charged

with, a crime – a decision by the Chief that was within the year provided for in the policy governing such decisions – and keeping an officer on the streets during the investigation of a crime in which that officer was the victim, rather than suspending him with pay (at \$186K/yr total compensation), was worth potentially ending the career of a long-standing public servant within striking distance of his retirement.

Retrospectively, in addition to having recruited a diverse and extremely well regarded police force, Harman attracted to – and saved for – Kensington, hundreds of thousands of dollars during his 8-yr term. (See *"Greg Harman – The Interview," Outlook, April 2014;* see more history of his term here: *"Top Cop's Name Cleared," Outlook, November 2012* – both available at www.KensingtonOutlook.com).

By the 2/12 meeting, Sgt. Barrow had already been disciplined with a suspension, for Conduct Unbecoming an Officer; he remains on the Kensington police force at this time, having returned to work on Feb. 23rd. Calls for his resignation continue.

The police officers contract, approved by the Police Officers Association and the KPPCSD Finance Committee, remains under consideration by the Board of Directors. The option of contracting out to El Cerrito is once again on the table.

The Board must also decide if the COP and GM positions will remain as one position, or be split into two – and fill it/them.

**It should be noted that in early January, the Property Owners Association was challenged by some Kensington residents for its reticence to provide information about its membership and Board of Directors, including requests for copies of the KPOA's Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, minutes of the group's recent meetings, and the number of its dues-paying members. It appeared that the group had only four directors, while eleven are legally required. This deficiency was rectified in late January, and an informational meeting between Outlook staff and KPOA is scheduled, though it is not clear at this time, the breadth of the group for which the KPOA speaks.*

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