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KIC Town Hall meeting to feature Lonnie Hancock and John Gioia



Assemblywoman Lonnie Hancock and Supervisor John Gioia

The Kensington Improvement Club's Annual Town Hall Meeting will be held on October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Community Center. Speakers are Assemblywoman Lonnie Hancock, Supervisor John Gioia, Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor, Kensington Chief Librarian Liz Ruhland, KCC Director Esther Hill, KIC Chairman John McKenna, KIC Board Director Linda Lipscomb, and *Outlook* editor John Feld.

Kensington specific topics on the agenda are the Gateway Project and undergrounding power and other wires. After the meeting there will be time for questions and answers.

A short annual meeting of the membership of KIC will precede the speakers' portion of the program. Copies of KIC's book, *Kensington, Past and Present*, will be available for purchase.

These meetings are always well attended, so come early and enjoy coffee and light refreshments.

The Community Center
59 Arlington Ave.

Kensington Police Department now at full strength



Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor swears in Officer John Ty at the Community Center

The Kensington Police Department lost no time getting their force up to strength. Officer Keith Barrows completed his field training some weeks ago and is a fully operational police officer. Officer Eric Stegman completed his field training at the end of September. Now the department has a new recruit, Officer John Ty.

With Officer Ty in training and a sergeant on administrative leave, there are now three sergeants and four officers and Interim Chief Taylor on active duty in Kensington. The police department is now fully staffed.

John Ty was born in the Philippines, grew up in Hong Kong, and moved to Walnut Creek in 1984, where he attended Northgate High School. He received a BSc. in psychology from St. Mary's College and recently graduated from the Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Training Center in Pittsburg. Ty says he enjoys weight training and spending time with family and friends. He is looking forward to working with the community in Kensington. He is an advocate of community-

oriented policing, which develops a strong bond between the police and the community. After being sworn in by Interim Chief Taylor, his mother pinned on his first police badge.

Sgt. Hull commended

The KPPCSD presented Sergeant Rickey Hull with a commendation for his exemplary performance as the Acting Chief of Police. Later Hull said he was very honored to receive the award, and felt that it was really an award to all the officers who were serving with him at that time: Sergeants Escobar

and Khan and Officers Martinez and Celada. He also wished to thank Directors McLaughlin and Haxo for their wonderful support. He apologized for being unable to make these comments publicly, as he had to quickly go and assist with a missing person, who was located safe and sound.

Continued search for new chief

In other police news, the ad hoc committee set up to help recruit a new police chief hopes to have chosen an executive search firm before the end of the year. The ad hoc committee discussed finding suitable candidates themselves, but because of the lack of staff, expertise, and time, they decided to enlist the help of a recruiting company. The expected cost of the search will be \$20,000 to \$25,000.

The committee has mapped out a definitive calendar, which has a new chief taking office no later than July 1, 2007.

The committee consists of KPPCSD Board Directors Paul Haxo and Pat McLaughlin, Interim Chief Brown Taylor, and citizens John Stein, Lynn Walker, and John Ream.



KPPCSD President Paul Haxo presents Sergeant Rickey Hull with award

KCC annual parade and open house

Come, join the parade!

The Kensington Police will act as grand marshals of the annual KCC Parade and Open House. They will be represented by Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor. The parade will be on Sunday, October 15. Participants will gather next to Ace Hardware at 12:30 p.m. The parade will wind up Arlington Avenue to Kensington Park, with musical accompaniment from the El Cerrito High School Marching Band. The Boy Scouts and the Friends of Kensington Library will be among the many different organizations marching. Everyone is invited to join in the parade, and children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes.

At the park, the El Cerrito Jazz Band will play, and there will be a pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Marvin Gardens. You can stop by their Arlington office and pick up a pumpkin at any time. There is also a children's poster coloring contest sponsored by Mechanics Bank. Posters are available at the KCC offices, Hilltop School, or from the bank. Finished posters should be dropped off at the bank by Thursday, October 12. The winning entrants in three age categories will win \$50 savings bonds.

Delicious barbecue lunches will be available at the park. Food tickets can be purchased in advance, at a discount, at the Mechanics Bank. Prior to the start of the parade, the nearby Farmers' Market will feature fun stalls and a pumpkin race.

If your company or organization would like details about entering the parade, please contact the KCC offices at 525-0292. Volunteers are invited to help with setup and cleanup.

Library friends book sale

The Friends of Kensington Library are holding a book sale at the library on the day of the parade from noon to 4 p.m. The sale will feature a silent auction where rare books will be sold. So wipe off the barbecue sauce and check out some interesting reads.

A letter from KCC President Ted Blanckenburg



Dear Friends,

The Kensington Community Council has had a very successful past 12 months. The recent Summer Day Camp was filled to capacity. KASEP, the after-school program, continues to provide our children safe, fun, and educational activities. It's as busy as ever and is once again offering four scholarships. Their courses include karate, gymnastics, carpentry, cooking, dance, music, and much, much more.

As we look forward to another great year, KCC is raising money to provide a bathroom in our wonderful park. We have started a challenge grant to the Kensington community of \$15,000, and we ask the community to please step up and contribute toward this much-needed facility. KCC also publishes this newspaper.

The KCC board is looking for new members. If you can spare a couple of evening hours a month, plus helping at our Spring Fair and the Fall Parade, please come and join us. Our meetings are fun, always open to the public, and are usually held on the first Monday of the month in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

To help with these important community projects, we need your help. We appreciate and welcome contributions of any amount to help improve the quality of life in Kensington. Please send your donation to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington CA 94707. You can use the envelope enclosed in this paper to send your contribution today.

So get your kids into their Halloween costumes and come join us in the KCC Parade and Open House on October 15.

Best wishes,

Ted Blanckenburg

President, Kensington Community Council

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STATEMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR THE KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD



Cindy Kimball

A professional airline pilot and a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, I hold a BS with a major in Management and an MS in Engineering Systems Management. I've lived in Kensington since 2001.

At a town hall meeting a year ago, KCC Administrator Esther Hill inspired me to get involved with my community. After attending meetings of several Kensington community groups, I joined a team of citizens tasked with preparing a brochure to help building permit applicants and their impacted neighbors navigate Kensington's new zoning ordinance.

Recognizing a need for disaster preparedness in my neighborhood, I reached out to my neighbors. I was appointed block captain, and I worked to organize the households on my street for disaster preparedness and crime prevention. I've visited with police officers and fire fighters and have now attended over 12 KPPCSD meetings. At the KPPCSD meetings, I found the place where I believe I can best serve my community.

As a member of the KPPCSD board, I will listen respectfully to citizen concerns, and I will encourage citizens to share their valuable skills and expertise. I am committed to improving our community's ability to oversee the management of police services. I will work for a police department where morale is high and crime prevention is a top priority. I will work to continue improving our community park. I will work to provide Kensington with additional cost-effective opportunities to recycle. Your vote for Kimball will help ensure that we make the most of our taxes and our talents.



Pat McLaughlin

I am honored to have served on the KPPCSD board for eight years and feel privileged to run again. I joined the board to ensure that police services in Kensington remained local, and I still strongly support that position. Services like support for the Senior Center, especially the production of the Senior Service Fair, where many providers come to present their services, are important to Kensington. Services such as identity theft seminars, child seat inspections, vacation drive-by, the emergency contacts file, all are a result of a local and community-oriented police force. We know our officers by name, and they know us! And in the recent months of an understaffed force, our officers have responded above and beyond, because they care about this community.

The district can also be proud of the recreation opportunities and the park, which we have been able to provide. Kensington is a community that knows how, and in the past we have successfully raised funds locally for things like the new Tot-Lot. Now, with the acquisition of a \$220,000 grant from the state, we have been able to make enormous progress towards the completion of the park plan. Next we need to support a fund-raising effort to provide park bathroom facilities.

What needs improvement is communications between the board and the public. We have relied mainly on reporting in the *Outlook*. We now must make considerable use of our newly developed Web site and other venues that may suggest themselves.



Bruce Morrow

In my 17 years as a resident of Kensington, I have been honored to be a Director of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board for the last 8 years, 3 of those as its President. Prior to that, I was a member of the Kensington Park Advisory Committee, KCC, and co-chair of the Kensington Park Implementation Committee.

Professionally, I have worked in the insurance industry for 25 years, with an extensive background in business planning and management.

The last several months have been tumultuous, presenting the board with many challenges. Despite these challenges, we've made great strides in addressing them and have developed an aggressive plan of action, focused on recruitment, improved oversight, a thorough audit review, and increased community participation. There is still work to be done but we have made excellent progress.

I am committed to working with the board and the community in laying the foundation required to restore the department to its full strength, guided by strong leadership and subject to fiscal oversight, ensuring its independence and ability to continue its role in providing the protection and community outreach that the citizens of Kensington expect and deserve.

Additionally, I continue to be a strong advocate for the future development of the park, and I support initiatives that will bring improved refuse and recycling services to the community.

I am proud of our accomplishments and appreciative of your past support. We are at a critical juncture, where experience is crucial. I ask for your continued confidence and vote this November.

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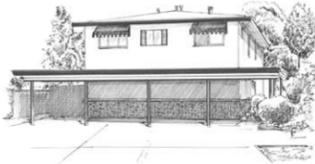


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Danny Scher

My background and experience in government affairs, business, dealing with police departments, parks and landfills, make me extremely qualified to help lead Kensington during our next critical phase of selecting a new police chief, enhancing our park, and maintaining our relationship with our garbage operator. As an 18-year Kensington resident and father of two Hilltop School alumni, my involvement in the community shows my commitment to quality of life, freedom of expression, and open and accessible government.

- Lobbied the KPPCSD board to place an advisory vote on the ballot to purchase land for our only park.
- Lobbied to increase our KPPCSD board from three to five members for flexibility, broader voice, and to avoid Brown Act conflicts.
- Successfully challenged Contra Costa County's prohibition of using one's own home for fund-raisers.
- Maintained a successful relationship with Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor, since 1984. As Mountain View Police Chief, he and I worked together to establish policies to develop and operate Shoreline Amphitheatre, built in a park on a former city landfill.
- Executive, Bill Graham Presents, 1975-1999.
- Stanford University, BA 1973, MBA 1975.

I guarantee that public meetings will be conducted in a respectful, open, and constructive manner, to build a strong, cooperative working relationship with all community services handled by the KPPCSD.

Endorsements include Senator Don Perata; David Fike, past president KPPCSD; Glen Price, WCCUSD School Board; Jim Thomsen, past co-president Hilltop School Dad's Club; and Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Aidells, Louise Hildebrand Klein, and Kathryn and Kevin McCarthy. Thank you.



Bill Wright

As you are reading this paper, you are benefiting from the work of Kensington volunteers, in this case the KCC, which publishes the *Outlook*. In fact, in the 12 years that my family has lived here, and in the decades long before we arrived, all of the major initiatives and programs in Kensington and at Hilltop School have been managed by volunteers. People in our town are, to a much higher degree than elsewhere, engaged in community activities—local, regional, and global.

However, as I meet more and more of our residents, it is clear to me that there is a heightened sense of disconnect between the community-minded spirit that is our essential character and the various civic conflicts that have been emerging in the past year.

The KPPCSD board can be the leader in generating community-oriented workable solutions. I propose the formation of a number of citizen-committees that would take advantage of our town's reservoir of academic, civic, and professional experience and would provide input to the KPPCSD board in the areas of police oversight, park management, fiscal review, recycling and waste management, AC Transit service, and undergrounding cables. Furthermore, we should implement an online infrastructure that informs, facilitates dialog, and allows participation by residents who cannot always attend meetings.

Collaborating and finding common ground is not easy stuff. Only by reaching out and engaging the community can we make Kensington the model of an effective unincorporated district.

Please vote in the upcoming election. Our community needs your voice.

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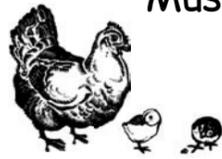
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Endorsements

- County Supervisor John Gioia, serving our District One
- Glen Price, WCCUSD School Board Trustee
- Gail Feldman, President of Kensington Property Owners Association
- David Fike, past President of the KPPCSD
- Chris Sorensen, past President of the Kensington Education Foundation
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KPPCSD Candidates Forum

The Kensington Improvement Club and the KPOA is holding a Candidates Forum for the five people running for the three vacancies on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services Board. The meeting will be at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., on Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.



KFPD Board of Directors position vacancy

The Kensington Fire Protection District is looking for Kensington residents to fill a vacancy on the KFPD elected Board of Directors. The position is voluntary. The term runs from December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2010. Duties include attending and participating in monthly public meetings and annual goal-setting meetings, completing committee assignments, and serving as a board officer. If you are interested, submit a resume and brief statement by October 4 to the Kensington Public Safety Building, 217 Arlington Ave. Interviews will take place at the board's October 11 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. For questions, please call Brenda Navellier at 527-8395.

911 answer response times

Some citizens have expressed concern over the length of time it takes to pick up 911 calls. The calls are answered in Richmond, by the Communication Center, which serves Kensington, Richmond, San Pablo, and El Cerrito. This center, which recently got a new manager, handles hundreds of calls a day, and has steadily dropped below the state's recommended 10-second limit for answering emergency calls. Chief Taylor recently arranged for the center to record calls originating from Kensington.

Below are the statistics for Kensington calls from July 23 through August 23.

Total calls	42
Picked up in less than 10 seconds	29
Picked up in 10 to 20 seconds	6
Picked up in more than 20 seconds	7
Average time for each call...	13.38 seconds

September 11 candlelight vigil



On September 11, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley held an inter-faith candlelight prayer vigil, with prayers from Unitarians, Buddhists, Jews, Methodists, and Muslims. An exhibition of black-and-white photographs taken of workers at Ground Zero by X Bonnie Woods showed the diversity of people from all sectors of society who offered their services in what Woods termed "twenty acres of chaos and devastation."

Crime prevention meetings

Each month a Police Community Meeting is held, attended by block captains, Neighborhood Watch members, and a police officer, usually the chief. They discuss crime prevention, disaster preparedness, and public safety issues. The meetings last an hour, and there is generally a dissemination of useful information. If you think your area is not represented or if you would like to get involved, feel free to attend. The next meeting is Thursday, October 26 at 10 a.m., in the Community Center.



Local students help African kids

Seventh-graders Alex and Megan Isaacs and Lauren Van Rheene started the ABE Club at Miramonte High School in 2004 to aid children in Kenya. They spent their summer vacations teaching in a Kenyan primary school. Since then the club has organized other students to help. By 2005, 10 students taught in Kenya in July and August. They collected school supplies and books and \$2500 for other school needs. They also raised \$16,000 to sponsor children to attend high school. The Kenyan government pays for primary education only, and it costs \$380 a year for a child to attend high school with room and board for one year. This summer, the Miramonte students won a \$5000 grant to help Kenyan villagers and brought back hundreds of baskets, made by local Kenyan women, to sell. All the money for each basket is sent directly to the weaver. This month some of the students are visiting local farmers' markets selling the baskets, which cost between \$8 and \$50. The ABE Club has raised \$75,000 for the village of Kasigau. To sponsor a year of high school for a student, please contact Megan Isaacs at (925) 254-1769.

Know your streets?

The El Cerrito Historical Society is writing a book on El Cerrito and Kensington street names. If you know how your street got its name, please call El Cerrito Historical Society President Tom Panas at 526-7507.

Marvin Gardens goes Green



Marvin Gardens is the first real estate office in Contra Costa and Alameda County to be awarded a Green Business Certification from the county. The office now has new recycling bins under each desk, uses recycled paper exclusively, and has installed windows with double-paned glass and low-wattage lighting. "Our biggest challenge was the amount of paper that we used. So, by switching to recycled paper for our copiers, using group email instead of memos, and reducing our junk mail and subscriptions, we made a significant dent in our consumption of resources," said broker Marion Henon.

Green Certification started in 2002. Over 430 businesses have been certified in Alameda and Contra Costa County. Other Kensington businesses that have been certified are Elbow-Grease Cleaning Services, Organic Choice Carpet Cleaning, Protected Investors of America, and RabbitEars Pet Supplies.

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2:50 p.m.-3:50 p.m.
At the Community Center.

ADULT CLASSES

Tennis

Instructor: Alex Brown, USPTA tennis pro, offers classes to a minimum of four students. To register, call Brown at 524-5495.
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Instructor Claire Lavry has been practicing and teaching yoga since 1988. She focuses on breathing, alignment, and adjustment to help students enjoy the journey. To speak with Claire, call 681-3077. To register, call 525-0292.

Mon., 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
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At the Community Center.

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Four Weds: 8-9 p.m.
Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8.
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For more information, please contact Delphine

Hano, at 526-8467, or www.emotionalseerenti.com. Call or visit the KCC office to register.

Fees: First Class is free.
Thurs., Oct. 26, 7-8 p.m.
Second class, Tues., Nov. 7, 7-8 p.m., \$35 for Kensington residents. Nonresidents please add 10% (\$38.50).
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Sunday, Oct. 29,
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Upcoming library events for tweens and teens

Local tweens (ages 9-12) and teens can participate in and help plan a new series of programs at the Kensington Library this fall, starting with a Popularity Contest and Pizza Party at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 20, in celebration of Teen Read Week. The week before the contest, students will have the chance to look at displays of possible future activities at the library and vote for the ones they would most like to do. The winning activities will be announced at the pizza party, and those in attendance can share their own ideas for programs. Suzanne Vito, library assistant, will be coordinating programming for young adults at the Kensington Library, and she has a variety of exciting ideas in the works: a book club, crafts, visits by local authors and artists, and a Teen Advisory Group to help the library better serve this age group.

FUND DRIVE

This month the Flush Fund, collecting money for bathrooms in the park, received the following kind donations:

Barbara Fierer	\$15
Danielle De Fontaine	\$50
Mary Hammond	\$100
Melvin Stanley Amundsen	\$100

If you would care to contribute to the fund, please send donations to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707. At present all contributions are being matched by the KCC \$15,000 matching fund.

Corrections:

- The police officer who works on Neighborhood Watch programs is Officer Rodney Martinez.
- KPPCSD Board members serve a four-year term.
- Perdue Ave. should have been Purdue Ave.

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Sunday, October 1

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Farmers' Market. Animal day. Pet psychic support rescue groups and face painting. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In the Ace Hardware parking lot, 528-4346.



Jazz with Shelia Jordan and Mark Murphy. Benefit for Jazz Camp West.

Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beverages, and wine, 1 p.m. 287-8880, 500 Coventry Road, www.jazzcampwest.com

Thursday, October 5

What is your story? Led by Rev. Cathleen Cox Burneo. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Friday, October 6

Brazilian Jazz/Choro music, 8 p.m. \$15/\$10, seniors. Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street, Berkeley www.hillsideclub.org/concerts.htm

Saturday, October 7

Introduction to Buddhist Teachings and Meditation. Richard Shankman. 9 a.m.-12 noon. Donation \$20. To register, call 547-0757. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Rd.

Sunday, October 8,

The Joy of Rats. 2-4 p.m., Basic health care, food, habitat, and play with Debra Mendolsohn, RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., 525-6155.

Personal Theology: A Generous Life. Rev. Bill Hamilton-Holway. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Monday, October 9

Beverly Tracewell, Director of Programming for the Foundation for **Osteoporosis** Research and Education, discusses risk, detection, prevention, and treatment. 7 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

KCC Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue, 525-0292.

Wednesday, October 11

West Contra Costa County School Board Candidates Forum, 7-9 p.m. Kennedy High School Cafeteria, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond.



The Kensington Fire Protection District meeting. 7:30 p.m. Community Center. 59 Arlington Avenue. 527-8395.

Thursday, October 12

Talk: **Chelsea Garden Development in London**, followed by a **plant sale**. El Cerrito Garden Club monthly meeting. 9:30 a.m. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Guests \$3. Refreshments. 526-6827.

Sparks for Growth. Revs. Chris Craethnenn, Bill and Barbara Hamilton-Holway, and lay leaders. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Friday, October 13

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Boot Camp, one-day training. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 715 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito. 215-4450.

Saturday, October 14

Non-anesthetic teeth cleaning for dogs and cats, \$35. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 525-6155 for an appointment.

Defending Dissent, El Cerrito Democratic Club annual dinner. Guest speaker, Kit Gage, Director of the First Amendment Foundation. 6 p.m. \$20 Arlington Community Church, 2 Arlington Ave. Reservations, 237-0250.

Roberta Piket Trio. Jazz. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors. Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street, Berkeley www.hillsideclub.org/concerts.htm

Sunday, October 15

Personal Theology: 10,000 Christs... David Fitzgerald, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Farmers' Market, Pumpkins on Parade, pumpkin pie-eating contests. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In the Ace Hardware parking lot, 528-4346.

The Friends of the Kensington Library book sale, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Includes a silent auction with exceptional collectors' books. 524-3043.

KCC Parade and Open House. Begins at 12:30 p.m. at Arlington Ave. and Amherst Ave. Stroll to Kensington Park for barbecue and live music and mingle with your neighbors, 525-0292.

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Monday, October 16

Preview of Kensington resident **Ann Marks'** film, **The Shocking Truth About Gluten: Why Bread Eaters Get Sick.** 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-304.

Tuesday October 17

Gorgeous Gardens Made Easy. Berkeley Garden Club, 2 p.m., Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. 524-7296.

Thursday, October 19

Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District meeting. 7:30 p.m. The Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 526-4141.

The Radiant Center. Led by Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Rd., 525-0302.

Friday, October 20

Popularity Contest and Pizza Party for tweens and teens, celebrating Teen Read Week. 3 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Saturday, October 21

KIC Town Hall Meeting. 9:30 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by Kensington Improvement Club. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Flu shots. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arlington Pharmacy, 299 Arlington Ave., 526-6414 (also in November).

Healing Circle for Animals, guided meditation with pet therapist Delphine Hano. 5-6 p.m., \$5 donation, RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave (behind Ace Hardware), Info: fixpets@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 22

Personal Theology: A Theology of Hospitality. Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Farmers' Market 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In the Ace Hardware parking lot, 528-4346.

Monday, October 23

The last day you can register to vote.

Kensington Library Book Club.

Discuss *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason. 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Wednesday, October 25

Kensington Republican Womens' Club. KPPCSD Director, **Pat McLaughlin**, will speak on the Republican viewpoint. Noon. \$15. Mira Vista Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Reservations 524-5689.

Thursday, October 26

Police Community Committee meeting for disaster preparedness and Neighborhood Watch groups, and block captains. Open to everyone. 10 a.m., Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., 526-4141.

Unitarian Universalist Roots and Branches. Rev. Bill Hamilton-Holway 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Friday, October 27

Matt Renzi Jazz Trio, 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors. Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley, www.hillsideclub.org/concerts.htm

Saturday, October 28

Kensington Candidates Forum. Meet the local candidates running in November. Sponsored by KPOA and KIC. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Animal communication sessions with Delphine Hano \$25. 4-5 p.m. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., 525-6155 for appointments.

Kensington Symphony new season. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Shostakovich, Lalo, 8 p.m. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, \$15/\$10 seniors, children free. 524-9912.

Sunday, October 29

Farmers' Market, scary tattoo booth and gypsy fortune-teller, prizes for wearing a costume, and a pumpkin patch. Kids are encouraged to sell their homemade or homegrown wares the last Sunday of every month. In the Ace Hardware parking lot. Call 528-4346 to reserve space.

Voodoo: The Authentic Legacy of Marie Laveau in New Orleans. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

Tuesday, October 31

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC) meeting. 7 p.m. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 273-9926.

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From the case files of the KPD

This report is based on the many reports in the police logs of the Kensington Police Department. The Outlook is solely responsible for the writing and editing of this report.

Events in August

- A determined burglar stole jewelry, TVs, camcorders, and many other items, including a gun, from a home on Vassar Ave.
- A burglar entered a home for sale on Franciscan Ave. and stole a pillow and a blanket.
- Someone reported a suspicious person seen walking on Yale Ave. and Rugby Ave., stating he had a "moustache and looked like he had done time."
- An El Cerrito woman was arrested in Kensington for being in possession of an illegal knife and being under the influence of methamphetamine. She was first observed going through garbage containers on Lake Dr.
- The air was let out of all the tires of a Plymouth on Amherst Ave.
- In the middle of the day, someone climbed through the window of a house on Purdue Ave. and stole a computer, a camera, a DVD player, cash, and a piggy bank—all valued at \$3000.
- A man walking a dog screamed at a resident on Ardmore Rd. when her cat caused his hound to start barking. The resident asked the man to move on, but he refused. The police successfully silenced man and beast.
- An Arlington Ave. resident called to complain that her newspaper was not in front of her house and could have been stolen.
- A dying skunk was reported moving slowly down Willow Ln., spraying people and cars. Apparently it went down a drain to die in peace.
- Police were called to pick up between 50 and 100 used syringes found lying on Colusa Ave.
- A baby bird fell out of a tree, and the police took it to RabbitEars, which took it in.
- Someone on Coventry Rd. complained about noise coming from a 50th birthday street-party on Ardmore Rd. The report came in at 6:15 p.m.
- A thief broke into a car on Highgate Ct. and used the garage remote to enter the house and steal cameras, tools, a telescope, a solar panel, and other goods, with a total value of over \$13,000.
- A Mini Cooper got stuck on the curb on Arlington Ave. The driver said it was not his fault, although no other cars or people were involved.
- A home on Windsor Ave. was burgled, and the thief took off with an iPod, a laptop, and a watch. The haul was valued at \$4,500.
- Tools worth \$1,455 were stolen from a garage on Ardmore Rd.
- A woman on Lennox Rd. called the police because of suspicious occurrences. Packages had been left at her side gate instead of the front door, someone had moved her garbage can, and a planter in her driveway seemed to have been shifted.
- A young man reportedly threw a clock at his aunt on Colusa Circle.
- Three dollars in change was taken from a Porsche on Beloit Ave.
- A Coventry Rd. resident was persuaded not to continue taking items from other peoples' recycling bins.
- A Saab on Lexington Ave. had a window broken and the thieves got away with a drivers license, credit cards, \$350 sunglasses, and \$150 in cash.



■ A thief removed a Disabled Driver placard from a car on Rincon Rd. A police officer called this a "despicable" act.

■ Neighbors on Arlington Ave. screamed at each other after one had photographed the comings and goings of the other for several weeks.

■ A man who has been squatting in a house on Sunset Ave. was finally evicted by the new owners. He called the police when he found the eviction notice on "his home," where he claimed he had permission from the previous owner to stay. The previous owner had been trying to evict him for three years.

■ Someone parked a white Ford in a driveway on Cambridge Ave. blocking in the resident. The police towed the vehicle away.

■ A worried Los Altos Rd. resident called the police about a possible theft, stating he had been receiving less mail than usual and thought someone may have stolen letters from his mailbox.

■ Someone on Trinity Ave. parked in a neighbor's driveway without asking, because his kids were playing basketball in his driveway. Then he went into his home and forgot to move his car. The police did it for him.

■ A mountain bike valued at \$4,000 was stolen from in front of a house on Beverley Rd.

■ A woman on Lawson Rd. summoned police to listen to angry messages left on her answering machine by an ex-roommate. She got angry when police said they did not need to listen to all the messages, as no crime had been committed.

■ A yelling man walking on Westminster Ave. frightened a teenager. She knocked on a nearby front door and was driven home by the kind homeowner, who informed the police.

■ Skid marks and considerable damage to a Ford Ranger were observed after a hit-and-run accident was reported on Trinity Ave.

■ Workers from two businesses on Colusa Circle had an argument about suspected marijuana being smoked in a shared corridor.

■ Someone reported a curb that had been illegally painted red to stop people parking in front of a house. It turns out that Public Works had painted the curb.

■ A young man who lives with his parents called police because, on returning home, he noticed two closet doors had been slightly moved.

■ A very irate resident on Highland Blvd. phoned police to tell them about her neighbor, who was vandalizing a tree with a machete. He was also accused of cutting his ivy in a cruel manner. The caller said he had also been brutalizing her ivy, but she could not find any evidence. She also accused him of using poisons in his yard. Previously she had called police numerous times about the neighbor using a legal fire pit.

■ A resident on Los Altos Rd. reported an identity theft. Someone had been using his Visa card locally and in Paris, France.

■ A neighbor reported a burglary taking place on Stratford Dr., but the burglar turned out to be someone moving out of their home. The police always want you to report suspicious events, even if they turn out not to be crimes.

Among many August calls, there were 10 thefts from cars, 11 calls about animals (call Animal Control first), 13 alarm calls, 7 medical calls, 2 missing person reports, 4 calls to assist other agencies, and 11 traffic violations.

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