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KMAC Advises: No New Cell 'Towers'

In January, the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council received a request from the Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation and Development to review Land Use Permit applications submitted to the county by New Cingular Wireless (AT&T). On February 26th, the permit applications were reviewed at a much-larger-than-usual KMAC meeting at the Community Center.

According to county Project Planner, Francisco Avila, the project includes nine sites at which AT&T would attach two antennas and associated electrical equipment to existing utility poles – some poles to be extended and others, replaced.

According to the applications, fiber optic cables would be strung overhead between poles to carry the signal, stemming from a central equipment hub to the antennas; all of the proposed equipment would be attached to the poles, with no equipment on the ground.

Located in the public right-of-way, each pole would be extended from its current estimated height of approximately 37-39 ft. to a new height of 47-49 ft; 2 panel antennas, 1 transformer, 1 battery back-up cabinet, 1 radio unit, and misc. electrical equipment would be

installed on each pole.

Under the Kensington Planning Ordinance, views, sunlight, and privacy are all issues that can be considered in regard to the cell

wireless communication. As more people drop land lines, they expect the same quality of service from wireless communication."

proposing any transformers. In some instances we're proposing to extend the poles about 7-ft. Impacted services will include voice, data, Internet, mapping, 911, and email. We chose to space the poles throughout the area, keeping in mind existing wireless service, while respecting...aesthetics and the particularities of each pole; state-required separation from the power lines is another consideration."

Despite many residents' insistence to the contrary, Yurgevich assured the crowd that there was "no established documentation" that the proposed facilities would affect health or property values.

In a provocative contribution to the discussion, Kensington resident Joe Carlson offered this opinion (one which he did not hold alone): "The major risk factors are from the handset, not from the antennas. There may be less exposure by having more antennas, as they transmit at lower volume, the less distance they have to cover."

According to reports, AT&T refused an offered continuance of the matter contingent upon installation of some mock pole extensions, to give residents an

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President, Patrick Tahara presided over an overflow crowd at last month's KMAC meeting, where a proposal to locate new cell equipment was reviewed.

phone proposal. Under federal law, however, any health issues related to cell towers cannot be invoked as reasons to reject the proposed application. (See Contra Costa County 1998 Telecommunication Policy at <http://tinyurl.com/ahhwgud>.)

According to Ken Mintz, AT&T External Affairs Director in Contra Costa County, "We need to continue to upgrade the capacity and reliability of

Matt Yurgevich, an agent on behalf of AT&T Mobility, said, "We're not proposing cell towers. We're proposing miniature facilities co-located onto existing utility poles – to fill in coverage gaps, taking into account the trees and hills, etc.

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Letters to the Editor

Giving Hypocrisy a Bad Name

Editor Kensington Outlook:

In your response to the thoughtful and perceptive letter of Kevin Padian in the last issue, pointing out what apparently he may and I and many others I know do think of (sic) as your blatant bias and journalistic dishonesty, you ended with the following paragraph, and you wrote:

“As stated previously, it is a tradition in this country that the job of the press is to serve as a “watchdog” of our elected officials. The Outlook does its best to uphold that tradition, and reports malfeasance, if and where it is found. – Ed.”

How noble. What is it they say about people who wrap themselves in the flag? Well, whatever that is, it is my strongly held opinion that you give hypocrisy a bad name.

Leonard Schwartzburd
Doesn't hypocrisy have a bad name, already? – Ed.

What's Wrong in Kensington

Dear Editor:

Something is wrong in Kensington, when:

- (1) The Board writes a “code of conduct” for our citizens, including requiring us to address Board members and employees by their formal titles, but won’t write normal rules for our employees;
- (2) When the Outlook editor limits citizen letters to 250 words or less, but allows himself unlimited space to ‘refute’ those letters with unsubstantiated claims, innuendo and opinion;
- (3) When our police chief claims his officers responded to an anonymous ‘tip,’ (not plausible given telephone technology) and uses that excuse to justify ‘questioning’ an African American child waiting for a bus;
- (4) When our Board authorizes hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in legal expenses, ‘defending’ us against personnel lawsuits and contractor rate increases, and won’t report those expenses;
- (5) When our police chief, without public discussion or citizen input, announces a controversial driving limitation, and only later finds he isn’t authorized to alter county signs;
- (6) When a Board president, in a media interview, suggests balancing our budget by canceling plans for underground power lines, without knowing we don’t have that option either;
- (7) When the only practical check on the ‘authority’ of our police chief is our General Manager, who happens also to be our police chief.

Shouldn’t homeowners demand that our elected representatives hire an independent and experienced General Manager, to implement normal administrative and accounting procedures and intervene to resolve disputes and avoid litigation?

Anna Shane

“The Footnotes”

(1) The code of conduct one-pager made available at recent KPPCSD meetings was developed in response to the request by a resident who holds a Ph.D. to be addressed at Board meetings as, “Doctor,” and is a summary of the existing policy statements found in the board’s policy manual, section 4000.

There is currently a committee working on updating the Board Policies and Procedures Manual, including rules for District employees. It meets the 3rd Tuesday

of most months at 7pm in the side room of the Community Center, and is open to anyone who wants to observe.

(2) The 250-word policy for Letters to the Editor was established by the Outlook’s publisher, the Kensington Community Council – not by the editor. Its purpose is to include as many voices as possible in what is limited space. While I, as the editor, also do my best to be brief, when there is a community issue that I feel needs to be addressed, I take the space that is needed in order to address it properly – and I consider it my job to do so.

(3) There’s no reason to believe the communication received by the police department was anything other than an anonymous call – there’s no “claim” or “tip” involved. It’s possible that the writer may not be familiar with current number blocking technology. If residents would prefer that police officers NOT respond to callers who are concerned about people who appear to them to be loitering in the neighborhood, a request for a change in that policy should be directed to the KPPCSD Board.

(4) The amount of money the District spends on legal fees is public information, and is detailed in its budget, which is published monthly and distributed with each agenda packet. (See budget line item 830 [legal] and 890 [waste-recycle] for the amount of legal fees incurred on a monthly basis and on a year-to-date basis.)

Most of the litigation costs and fees are incurred in an effort to defend the District from litigation that it did not initiate – for example, a claim for writ of mandate brought by two former directors and seven residents; it is also being forced to defend litigation filed by Bay View Refuse. In each case the District believes the claims lack merit, but there is no choice other than to answer each such complaint and to incur costs and expenses in so doing.

In the course of defending such litigation there is often attorney-client privileged information involved, which the District has the option not to disclose. Other billings that relate to personnel matters are also legally privileged to the extent they relate to ongoing litigation or to personnel investigations, and the District has chosen not to waive that privilege, as well.

(5) Subsequent to his announcement at the February KPPCSD meeting, that the County would be making a change to traffic flow patterns at the intersection of Arlington and Sunset, Police Chief Harman reported in March’s Outlook that the information he had received regarding the County’s decision (not his) was incorrect, and that the policy regarding any changes at that intersection has yet to be finalized. Chief Harman never reported the change as his decision, and when the information he’d received on which he’d based his report was found to be incorrect, he updated his report to the community.

(6) Current Board President, Tony Lloyd said, “To the best of my recollection I have never discussed the subject of undergrounding with the media. I definitely have not commented on any (such) plans Kensington might have.” Former Board President, Chuck Toombs, said, “I never said this. We as a board have no impact on the power lines, nor do we have any budget items for them — they are outside of our jurisdiction.”

(7) The “practical check on the authority of our police chief” is not the General Manager, but the KPPCSD Board of Directors – there are five people supervising the COP. If the GM/COP position were to be separated into two positions, it would be by a vote of the Board. As the Board is

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The opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the contributors, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of The Outlook, its editor, or the publisher, the Kensington Community Council. Residents are invited to submit letters on matters of interest to the community. Letters must be signed and include the author’s address and phone number (address and phone will not be published). Publication is subject to space limitations. Letters of 250 or fewer words are preferred. One letter per person, per issue. (PLEASE NOTE: Modern digital customs call for one space, rather than the traditional two, after all periods.) E-mail preferred, to: Editor@KensingtonOutlook.com

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Kensington Community Council's After-School Enrichment Program (KASEP) spring session is in progress, ending

Friday, May 31st. This the last session of KASEP classes for this school year. KASEP classes will resume in September.

NO KASEP during spring break – Monday, April 1st – Friday, April 5th.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Online Registration

Don't miss out on what's happening this summer in your neighborhood! KCC Summer Day camp offers traditional camp activities like games, sports, and arts & crafts fun. These activities run side-by-side with a variety of innovative and exciting camp options: saw and hammer in carpentry, build thought-provoking projects in engineering, play drums in an ensemble, design your own jewelry, and learn the art of clowning around in Circus Week. Each week enjoy a different experience.

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- Week 1: June 10-14**
Carpentry with Sandy
+ Field Trip: *The Jungle*
- Week 2: June 17-21**
Engineering with Lance
+ Field Trip: *Oakland Zoo*
- Week 3: June 24-28**
Mask Making with Shelly – Spirit Week
+ Field Trip: *Adventure Playground*
- Week 4: July 1-5**
Sports & Games with Kim Roots
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- Week 5: July 8-12**
Fun with Drumming w/Scott
+ Field Trip: *Lake Anza*
- Week 6: July 15-19**
Gymnastics with Judy Baker – Olympic Week + Field Trip: *New Exploratorium*
- Week 7: July 22-26**
Gymnastics with Judy Baker
+ *Miniature Golf at Scandia*
- Week 8: July 29-Aug. 2**
Jewelry & Leather Creation – Spirit Week + *Indoor Soccer & Rock Climbing at Bladium*
- Week 9: August 5-9**
Circus Fun with Doug
+ *Lake Temescal/Ice Cream Treats*
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Each year, *The Outlook* publishes a picture of Kensington students graduating from high school. This year, the photo will be taken on Sunday May 5th at 3pm. Students who attended all or part of their elementary school years at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School, as well as high school seniors living in Kensington who are enrolled in public or private schools in the area.

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REGISTRATION

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

Tennis Court Reservations: For week-ends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information. Court Fees: Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonresident: \$5.

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Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services has been serving the needs of homeless youth in Contra Costa County for the past decade. Many of the young people this program serves come to the program having never held a job. Through CCYCS, they learn skills for job searching, interviewing, and maintaining employment. One of the barriers they face in finding work is lack of professional attire. CCYCS is currently building a large *Interview Clothes Closet* to help eliminate this barrier, and they need our help. They're requesting in-kind donations of professional attire, including slacks, skirts, blouses, dress shirts, sports coats, ties, and dress shoes and socks. They'll pick up donations or you can drop them off at their youth shelter, 845B Brookside Drive, Richmond, 94801. Contact Director, Molly Henricks at (415) 342-2610 for more information. *(Can you imagine starting off your work life in the current economic climate? Let's give these youngsters a hand!)*

Principals of the Year Honored

Last month, the West Contra Costa Unified School District honored Matt Burnham, principal of Portola Middle School, and Judy Sanders, principal of Kensington Hilltop Elementary, (both center, right) with *Principal of the Year* awards. Many teachers, parents, and students were there to show their wholehearted support for both of these wonderful educators.



Around Town...

Kathryn Roszak is excited to announce her Dance Summer Camp for ages 4-13+, weekdays, July 15-26, at her new North Berkeley location. Info at www.DLK-dance.com... Back in February, KPPCSD President, Tony Lloyd, Director Linda Lipscomb, and COP/GM, Greg Harman attended the Richmond Elks Club *Officer of the Year* awards dinner (1), at which Chris Turner was recognized as Kensington Officer of the Year. *Congrats, Officer Turner – good work!...* Marvin Gardens Real Estate co-owners, Todd Hodson, Marion Henon, and Ron Egherman (2) threw a bash to re-christen their Arlington Avenue office – and a re-christening it was, as their office has been flooded twice in just the last six months. *Mazel tov!...*



Kensington Public Safety Council President, Peter Liddell (3) provided opening remarks at a recent Emergency Preparedness talk given by Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Trainer, Pam Grossman. For preparedness tips, see <http://tinyurl.com/cchjrd3>... Also: The music presented at the Arlington Community Church's *Second Friday Concert Series* has been as good as any you'll hear, anywhere. Last month it was opera – as in the previous ACC concert, positively transporting. *And, there's cake!* Don't miss classical pianist, John Boyajy, April 12th.



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currently constituted, that does not appear to be in the offing. (Nor, to the best of our knowledge, did anyone who actively advocates such a separation apply to fill the recent vacancy on the Board.) – Ed.

Protected Groups

Dear Editor:

I was interested to read in your P.D. review that offspring of bank managers are a “protected group.” They join other protected groups among us, such as: public school teachers (can’t be fired), pigeons (can’t be killed), state legislators (can’t lose, all have safe seats), ducks (can’t be stuffed), public safety personnel (can’t be deprived of fat pay checks and 90 per cent pensions).

As for the continuing political brouhaha, most of the rivals are lawyers. So what can we expect but a lot of endless nonsense? They were even presenting their job status as a reason to vote for them. I got laughs elsewhere when relating this; someone suggested used car salesmen as possible rivals.

Out with the lawyers. Let’s have a board of real contributors to this community: the Kensington Cobbler, the owner of Inn Kensington, Semi Freddi, owner of the nail

salon, and – as president – John Dey. I call for mass demonstrations in their favour.

It is also time to stop complaining about bias in The Outlook. An editor of a small community paper rightly reflects the core views of that community. If trouble-making editors became the norm, we might get a libertarian, a criminal, even a political conservative. Who would want such an outrage?

This matter of “protected groups” will require review in Kensington. As whites become a minority in California, we can expect them to need protections against all kinds of humiliations imposed on unprotected minorities. Since most drivers in Kensington belong to that minority group, vigilance against racial profiling will be needed, especially given the presence of police from an unprecedented majority “protected group.” It may be time for a new “protected group” to be given priority in hiring quotas in the police dept.

Meanwhile, I call for yet another “protected group”: Those who need protections from neighbours’ construction noise, leaf blowers and moronic music from cars going by. That really is an oppressed group.

Mal Walker

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2013-655 – On 2-4-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 block of Ocean View Ave. for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.

2013-670 – On 2-5-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd. for a reported stolen vehicle.

2013-675 – On 2-5-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.

2013-677 – On 2-6-2013, Sergeant Barrow arrested two suspects for vehicle burglaries that had occurred in the City of Richmond.

2013-754 – On 2-11-2013, Officer Ramos responded to Ardmore Dr. and Arlington Ave.

for a reported theft from the bed of a work truck.

2013-758 – On 2-11-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Kensington Ct. for a reported hit and run vehicle collision.

2013-862 – On 2-17-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Kensington Rd. to assist Regional Park Police with an abandoned vehicle on a fire trail, that was reported later as stolen.

2013-866 – On 2-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Kerr Ave. for a reported stolen vehicle.

2013-868 – On 2-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Highgate Rd. for a reported illegal dumping of a wooden fence.

2013-874 – On 2-18-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 600 block of Beloit Ave. for a reported theft of a license plate, that had occurred in the City of Vacaville.

2013-893 – On 2-19-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 1700 block of Eastshore Blvd. to assist El Cerrito Police Department in clearing a building with the alarm sounding.

2013-979 – On 2-25-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to a reported fraud in the 00 block of Rincon Rd.

2013-0702 – On 02/08/2013, Officer Martinez and Officer Wilkens responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. on a report of vandalism.

2013-0784 – On 02/13/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. on a report of criminal threats.

2013-0809 – On 02/15/2013, Officer Turner initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the 500 block of Coventry Rd. and arrested the driver on an outstanding warrant.

2013-0901 – On 02/21/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. on a report of identity theft.

2013-0956 – On 02/23/2013 Officer Martinez responded to the 600 block of Coventry Rd. on a report of an identity theft.

2013-0957 – On 02/23/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 1600 block of Ocean View Ave. on a report of a residential burglary.

2013-0965 – On 02/23/2013, Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Norwood Ave. on a report of a residential burglary.



Entire report available at:
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Kensington Kalendar

April 1 "Castoffs" Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 2 The kABC, The Kensington Afternoon Book Club. For ages 11-14. Contact the library for the title of the book to read. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 1 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 2 The Power of Myth at the Movies: *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994) View this movie before class, then attend the discussion from 7:30-9pm. \$8. Register at marthahelming@earthlink.net. UUUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, uucb.org.

April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Stories & Songs. Songs, lullabies, and stories. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 4, 11, 18 & 25 Baby & Toddler Story Time. 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.

April 6 Mini Books and Bookmarks. Saturday craft for preschoolers. Listen to a special story and make a miniature book and bookmark. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 11:30am. Free. 524-3043.



Baritone, Anders Froehlich and soprano, Shawnette Sulker are both 'Paul Gauguin' in the American premiere of Fabrizio Carlone's *Bonjour M. Gauguin*. Find out how at West Edge Opera, April 6, 12 and 14. Photo: Chelsea Rowe

April 6, 12, & 14 *Bonjour M. Gauguin*. In French with spoken English and English supertitles. Presented by West Edge Opera on Sat., 4/6 and Fri., 4/12 at 8pm; and Sun., 4/14 at 3pm. Performing Arts Theatre at ECHS, 540 Ashbury Ave., EC. WestEdgeOpera.org

April 7 Personal Theology Seminar: Helene Knox, "The Personal Theology of Theodore Parker." 10-11am; Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org.

April 8 Art Talk and Slideshow with Michael Stehr. Three Days in Rome: Francesco Borromini. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 8 Artist, Barbara Fracchia presents critiques of members' paintings. EC Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 7pm. Free. 526-6241

April 11 EC Garden Club Meets from 9:30 to Noon at the El Cerrito Community Ctr., 7007 Moeser Lane. Botanist, Linda Ann Vorobik, Ph.D., speaks on *Native Plants to Grow in Your Garden*. Guests, \$3 at the door. 233-9365.

April 11 Turkish and Arabic Music. Bay area musicians give a talk and play the unique instruments and music of the Middle East, including the *oud*, the *kanun*, and the *riqq*. EC Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 7pm. Free. 526-7512.

April 13 Document Shredding. Community Center/library parking lot, 10am-2pm. Sponsored by the Kensington Fire Dept. Free.

April 13 Photography Class: Nan Phelps, "Simple Success in Portraiture" 10am-2pm. \$175. Learn the fundamentals of natural light portraiture. Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Ave., Berkeley. www.nanphelps.com

April 13 CERT Boot Camp. Non-certified, one-day Community Emergency Response Team training. 8am-5pm at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Info/Registration at 215-4450 or KensingtonFirePD@aol.com.

April 13 & 14 *Up on The Hill Musical Revue*. 8pm. \$20/\$15. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, uucb.org.

April 14 Personal Theology Seminar: Alex Pappas, "The Islamic Esoteric Alevi's Tradition Contrasted with India's Vedanta" Part I. 10-11am. Free. UUUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, uucb.org.



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• Reed	\$689,000	\$648,350	69
• Valley	\$519,000	\$582,000	22

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April 15 Author Talk. Sam Genirburg will discuss his autobiography, *Among the Enemy: Hiding in Plain Sight in Nazi Germany*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 17 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets, 1:15pm, at 21 Camelot Court. Guests welcome. Confirm at 527-1332.

April 20 Lower Ardmere Path Clean-up, 10am-12pm. Meet at Ardmere Path on Ardmere Rd. Bring rakes, clippers, brooms, loppers, dust pans. Green waste bags – and cookies – provided.

April 20 Small Business Marketing Class: Beverly Aajberg “The Social Media Toolbox” 10am-12pm, \$125. Add social media to your marketing toolbox. What you need, made simple and fun. Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Ave, Berkeley. Info: 528-8845

April 20 El Cerrito Earth Day Celebration. Lend a hand at a local work party to improve the environment, then enjoy a free lunch. Work parties include litter collection, pulling weeds, tree maintenance, and other jobs in EC parks and neighborhoods. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Gloves, bags and tools provided. BYO water bottle. All ages. Free. Info: 215-4350. Pre-reg. at www.el-cerrito.org/earthday



Kathryn Roszak's *Danse Lumiere* performs “Secrets on the Way” at OsherStudio, Berkeley, on 4/27 and 4/28. (Photo: Chris Castle)



“Sophia’s Pillow” – Carolina and Sophia at the KASEP Sewing Class

April 27 Photography Class: “Love Your Digital Camera.” 10am-2pm; \$125. Get familiar with your camera, capture what you see, prepare files for print and web. Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Ave, Berkeley. 528-8845

April 27 & 28 Kathryn Roszak’s Danse Lumiere’s *Secrets on the Way*. Osher Studio, 2055 Center St., Berkeley. 4/27 at 8pm; 4/28 at 2pm. \$20/\$15/Students & Seniors. www.dlkdance.com

April 28 Personal Theology Seminar: Alex Pappas, “The Islamic Esoteric Alevi Tradition Contrasted with India’s Vedanta,” Part II. 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, uucb.org.

April 30 Beyond Hearing Aids. The Diablo Valley Chapter of the Hearing Loss Assoc. of America demos assistive listening devices. EC Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 4pm. Free. 526-7512

April 20 Storytellers for Earth Day. Professional storytellers share stories about the amazing world around us. Ages 5 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 1pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 21 Personal Theology Seminar: Robert Rees, PhD., “What do Mormons Believe?” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. uucb.org.

Second Friday Concert Series • April 12
Arlington Community Church: Classical pianist John Boyajy. Info: 526-9146

April 22 Book Club. Discussion of *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 24 Karaoke, with Officer Doug Wilson at The Arlington. 6pm. Free.

April 27 Pharmaceutical Disposal. Drop off all unwanted/expired medications (including narcotics) at this KFPD/KPPCSD-sponsored event. 10am-2pm, at the Public Safety Bldg, 217 Arlington Ave. Free. More Info at 215-4450.

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Kensington Community Center
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KCC - April 1st
Kensington Community Council
1st Mondays 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL - April 2nd
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC - April 8th
Kensington Public Safety Council
Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays 6pm. 501-8165

KFPD - April 10th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - April 11th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - April 22nd
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tentative) - April 30th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s ofc. to confirm: 374-3231, ext. 5)

KARO/ECHO - MAY 13th
Amateur Radio Operators
2nd Mondays of odd months
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KPOA
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opportunity to evaluate the project's visuals, and instead asked KMAC to come to a decision at the Feb. 26th meeting.

According to Principal County Planner, Telma Moreira, the county is in the process of a 30-day review of the project, including consultation with organizations such as KMAC. The project will then go to environmental review. The county is still waiting for other agencies, such as the fire department, to provide their input.

The KMAC Board discussed the matter late into the night and ultimately advised against all nine sites. Its recommendation has been passed on to the County Zoning Administrator, which will either make a ruling or pass the proposal on to the County Planning Commission. Should the Zoning Administrator either approve or reject the proposal, either the applicant or other parties could appeal to the Planning Commission. (Any party could then appeal to the Board of Supervisors if s/he didn't like the Planning Commission's decision.) The Board of Supervisors has the final decision – no appeal possible.

Public comment is accepted by phone, mail, or email, until a final decision is made. If the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors considers the applications, public comment will also be accepted in person at those hearings.

Residents' concerns voiced at the 2/26 meeting included: "I believe the nodes do impact our property values. We want to see less infrastructure out there, not more." "It's ugly and I don't want it." "I'm opposed to all cell towers, and particularly one near the school, as children are more susceptible to radiation. Our health comes first, not the convenience of ATT." "We do not (use) our children as an experiment to see if they get cancer or not." "Once those nodes are installed, you can forget undergrounding utilities forever."



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