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28th Annual National Night Out



NNO Coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson, joined Jadyne & David Buchholz & friends in 2009

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, on August 2nd Kensington will once again celebrate National Night Out with block parties and cookouts.

National Night Out is designed to raise crime prevention awareness, generate support for – and participation in – local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

According to NNO coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson, last year there were 17 National Night Out house parties in Kensington, spanning the district, from Oak View Avenue and Grizzly Peak Blvd. to Lake Drive and Highland Blvd. Officers gave short presentations at each party, and the Fire Department showed up to greet the children and talk about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

If you'd like to host a party or otherwise participate, contact Officer Wilson at dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org or 526-4141, ext. 38. Local criminals will hate you for it! More information is also available at www.nationalnightout.org. We'll leave the light on for you!

Directors Rumble – Bay View Takes Toys and Goes Home . . . Rate Increase Denied

JUNE'S PROPOSITION 218 HEARING

"I don't do business with anybody with a gun to my head." – KPPCSD President Toombs in reference to the request from Bay View for reassignment of the waste hauling contract to another company. *"Stay outa my face!"* – Director Metcalf to Director Lipscomb. *"Get some medication!"* – Director Kosel to Nicki Kaiser. Chuck told Cathie she was going to have to stay after the meeting and bang the erasers – or words to that effect – and Bay View Refuse basically told Kensington to *"Take this job and shove it!"* (though not in so many words).

Such was the level of discourse at the June 9th KPCSD meeting and 218 Hearing regarding the rate increase requested by Bay View Refuse – a meeting full of surprises.

In congruence with the terms of the contact between Bay View and KPPCSD, and at a cost of thousands of dollars, KPPCSD had scheduled the hearing in response to Bay View's rate request. (Interestingly, Bay View can pass on its cost of negotiations [lawyers, etc.], successful or not, to the rate base as an operating expense and then through a quirk of the contract in place, ask for a 12% profit on that expense.)

Halfway through the hearing, and prior to Board discussion leading to a vote on the issue, Bay View owner, Lew Figone, and his representatives apparently sensed things weren't trending their way, submitted a letter to the District requesting assignment of the waste hauling contract to another provider – Republic Services, Inc., and abruptly left the hearing. (Republic Services is a nationwide company which handles refuse pick up for other cities in the Bay Area, including Richmond, El Cerrito, and Piedmont.)

Prior to Board discussion and the vote, Kensington resident, Nicki Kaiser asked Director Cathie Kosel to recuse herself from voting on the matter (a request which Cathie refused). In May,

see Bay View, Page 9...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Credit Where It's Due

Dear Editor:

I recently learned of an incident where the Kensington Police Force arrested seven suspects at a house on Windsor. The suspects were allegedly involved in burglaries, auto thefts, etc.; however, somehow the Berkeley Police are getting the credit for this. Please explain what has happened here and let's give our Kensington Police the credit they deserve. Hats off to them. Job well done!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Katie Gluck

What Are Kensingtonians To Do?

Editor:

In the last issue of The Outlook (June 2011), an anonymous reader commented about the local police force's recent emphasis on ticketing speeders, noting that the unwanted attention to drivers careening to and fro at top velocity along our narrow roads resulted inevitably in \$200-\$300 dollar speeding tickets. After the plaintive wails and accusations of a fascistic decrease in police friendliness, the author asked with a certain philosophical affect, "What are Kensingtonians to do?"

The answer could not be simpler: Do not speed in Kensington.

Cheers!
Bob Talbott, Edgecroft Road

Eureka Avenue Traffic

As a resident of Eureka Avenue, which receives & sends the same traffic as Franciscan Way, I was pleased to see at last traffic enforcement on Franciscan – after all these years when there had scarcely been any. I wish that the police would do more.

Both these streets are residential (the cemetery notwithstanding), with cyclists, pedestrians, NO sidewalks, and blind spots. These are not streets where traffic should be zipping along.

The Kensington police should be enforcing speed laws on ALL Kensington streets, particularly the through routes (specifically The Arlington, Sunset, Franciscan & Eureka), where drivers think (wrongly) that they should be able to go faster.

Mabry Benson

The 'Non-Dead' on Traffic

Dear Editor,

Speaking as some of the non-dead people in the Franciscan Way neighborhood, we have to take issue with a recent anonymous letter to the editor ("Police 'Crackdown' Over?") Speeding continues to be a major issue in our area (and from what we've heard in many other parts of Kensington as well.) As far as there being no dog walkers, runners, or hikers, many of us still do brave the conditions, but it is true that others have reduced or even stopped these activities because of the excessive speeds and dangerous conditions that exist. Most parents along the street have long since stopped allowing their children to ride their bikes on Franciscan Way. So saying people should be able to continue to speed because no one is left willing to go out on the street is disingenuous at best.

Excessive speed is not only dangerous, but noisy as well. It is disrespectful to the people who live in the area (of which there are many), and we hope that Kensington residents will be considerate and courte-

ous to each other in their driving habits (and not only driving habits!) This should apply to all streets and neighborhoods, not just one street.

While expensive traffic tickets are certainly not fun, they are preferable to what excessive speed and dangerous driving can bring about.

Christopher Deppe & Maria Adriaans,
Sergei & Galina Ovchinnikov, Jeff Suits,
Andrea Kaplan, Peter Liddell, Daniel Malecki, Mabry Benson, Suzanne Baptiste

Bye Bye, Bay View

Dear Editor:

At the June 9 meeting, the KPPCSD Board of Directors voted 3 to 2 to deny a rate increase to Bay View Refuse. As a result, President Lewis Figone of Bay View has given (not sold) the franchise to Republic Services, a large corporation based in Phoenix, Arizona comprised of 348 hauling companies and 31,000 employees. Republic is obligated to operate the franchise under the same contract that Kensington has with Bay View. The contract allows a 12% annual profit on net revenues.

Mr. Figone has been serving Kensington for approximately 60 years and he had negotiated a \$48 tipping fee (i.e. dump fee) per ton. Republic must pay \$150 per ton. The higher tipping fee will result in higher costs for the hauler. Higher costs are passed on to ratepayers. We can expect an approximate 20% near term increase in our rates because of our contractual obligation to allow the 12% profit on net operating expenses. I believe this action by the board was shortsighted and poorly reasoned.

Sincerely,
Cathie Kosel, Director KPPCSD

The contract actually calls for a 12% profit on allowable expenses, not on net revenue. – Ed.

The Gov't We Deserve?

Dear Editor:

At the recent special KPPCSD meeting on the Bay View garbage contract I was shocked to watch the performance of two of our board members. Despite the recommendations of their own staff, counsel, consulting company and the pleadings of a vast majority of citizens present, these two folks voted to give a fee increase to our garbage hauler. Their explanations for their vote were devoid of fact or findings and were based upon erroneous information and belief. One board member – whom some citizens say has received campaign contributions from the hauler – actually chided the community for not treating the hauler nicely. I urge community members to attend KPPCSD meetings. See for yourselves who is on your board and how they behave. Recall the admonition that a community gets the government it deserves.

Andrew Reed

More Traffic

Dear Editor:

The KPPCSD Board believes that increasing speed and poor driving are major traffic safety issues in Kensington. We have faced serious traffic safety issues from residents on The Arlington who have had cars flip into their front yards, to neighbors on other streets who may not be nimble enough to dodge a speeding car or old enough to know when to do so. Accordingly our Board imposed a zero tolerance policy to provide increased public safety.

We as a board have decided that traffic

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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SUMMER DAY CAMP

KCC Summer Camp began June 13th. Campers and counselors are in the swing of having fun and exploring new sights! In July, Aida Wong will be teaching golf and Judy and Jeanne are bringing out the mats and equipment for gymnastics.

KCC Summer Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in fall 2011. The camp runs through August 19th, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. Extended daycare 8-9am and 5-6pm is available for an additional fee.

The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 5th-9th, \$160.00). Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. Each week campers will enjoy: Field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as Scandia, Water World, the Exploratorium and the Jungle. Special interest activities include art, golf, gymnastics and cooking.

Registration

On-going KCC Summer Day Camp Registration: Walk-ins welcome. Parents may register their children on a space-available basis. Camp schedule and registration forms are available on-line on the *AboutKensington.com* website, with a Camp Video under "Children Services." For more information, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.



Welcome KCC Summer Day Camp Counselors!
Front row: Amber Martinez, Daniel Schumacher, Zach Houser, Ethan Houser; Back row: Alison London-Pusser, Patrick Schlesinger, Caitlin Taffe, Aubrey Freeman, Melissa Lambie, Jimmy Macho, Jacob Fong, Lance Akiyama.

Summer in Kensington

Right: Learning the basics at camp – golf instruction for all ages.

Below: Tennis is part of everyday camp life. Instructor, Kim Roots, teaches the skills, motivates, and engages all ages to enjoy the game.



Special Activities Schedule

Week 4: July 5, 6, 7 & 8

- (July 4th holiday)
- Golf with Aida Wong
- No field trip

Week 5: July 11 - July 15

- Gymnastics with Judy Baker
- Field Trip to Scandia

Week 6: July 18 - July 22

- Gymnastics with Judy Baker
- Field Trip to The Exploratorium

Week 7: July 25 - July 29

- Cooking with Vicky Brodt
- Field Trip to Water World

Week 8: August 1 - August 5

- Sports & Games with Kim Roots
- Field Trip to Lake Temescal

Week 9: August 8 - August 12

- Recycle sculpture w/Jeanne Rehrig
- Field Trip to Pier 39 / Alcatraz/Aquarium

Week 10: August 15 - August 19

- Wearable Art with Marge Essel
- Field Trip to The Jungle

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Ave., the Kensington Community Council offers an After School Enrichment Program (KASEP). Spring session ended in June and we are in the process of preparing fall classes. Mark your calendar: Tuesday, September 13 KASEP Registration and Monday, September 26th Fall KASEP classes start. KCC office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm. We can be reached at 510-525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com. Check out the video of KASEP Programs produced by Dona Turner Videos: *AboutKensington.com* website, under "Children's Services."

KASEP fall registration will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13; the first day of the fall session is Monday, September 26th.



RECREATIONAL CLASSES FOR ADULTS



User-Friendly Pilates (yoga) with Ernie

USER-FRIENDLY PILATES Level II (Intermediate Class) with Ernie Adams.

Wednesdays. New session starts July 20th - August 24th, 7:30-8:30pm, 6-class series • *\$75.00 residents/\$76 non-residents/\$15 drop-in (1st class only)-mats provided • Classes held at the Kensington Community Center (Youth Hut), 59 Arlington Ave. NOTE: Summer classes, through end of August, are taught at the Community Center.

Intermediate Pilates is faster-paced and more challenging than beginning level classes. We will work with perfecting Pilates core strength exercises, building endurance, and also use Foam Rollers, Pilates Mini-ball, and Therabands. Taking this class can help you get fit in a way that reduces the chance of injury, while improving posture, balance and coordination. Some experience required in Pilates or Yoga, or permission of instructor.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Please sign-up early to guarantee a space. To register, drop by KCC Office (M-F 10-4), or send checks payable to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707. Ernie will be at the studio 10 minutes before the class; feel free to come early if you have any specific questions.

Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He has over 17 years experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports related injuries. Private sessions are also available. For more information, or to make an appointment, please contact Ernie at adams@bodyinaction.com or 619-9223.



HOOP POWER

Kaye Anderson is the Hoop Power instructor. The Kensington Tuesday class is on break for the summer with plans to resume in September. For other class locations and information, please contact Kaye at kayelcsw@hotmail.com or 919-2783.



Stan Cohen's Wednesday Artists

ACRYLIC PAINTING

Wednesdays, 9:45am - 1:30pm
\$32/month (\$36/nonresidents)
Community Center

Stan Cohen (533-3003) leads this informal but professional workshop for established and serious beginning adult artists. Mornings are devoted to developing painting, with assistance available. Afternoons are reserved for class critique. Enrollment is limited. Instructor approval required. Stan's Art Class is taking a break until September. To join this creative group, contact Stan directly. Fall art class will resume Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

REGISTRATION

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information. **Court Fees:** Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonresident: \$5. Tennis Courts are in use during the week, Monday through Friday for KCC Summer Day Camp 8:30am to 5pm and not available for general public use.

Kensington Community Center Rental Information: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District) at 526-4141.

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Building E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. Email: kccrec@yahoo.com. Telephone: 510-525-0292.

Listing Update



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2 Franciscan Way, Kensington
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Available

66 Eureka Avenue, Kensington
Gorgeous all on one level living. 4BR/2BA
Offered at \$849,000

New Listing

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Kensington Market Snapshot - Year to Date

- 11 properties are currently available
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- Average days on the market - 35
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- Average sold properties cost per sq. ft. \$381

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Neighborhood Notes

Kensington Officer of the Year

Every year, fellow officers from each of several select police departments in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties – all members of The Exchange Club, a local service organization, choose an Officer of the Year from within their own department. This year fellow Kensington PD officers chose Officer Rodney Martinez. His consistent willingness to help his co-workers, his knowledge of the job, and a good positive attitude all contributed to his selection. Known as “an all-around good cop,” Rodney is the Vehicle Maintenance Officer, a Field Training Officer, and is also in charge of the Senior Program. He was a member of WestNET for one year, making good arrests in the county. He is currently the senior patrol officer. *Congratulations, Rodney! The residents of Kensington thank you for all your good work!*

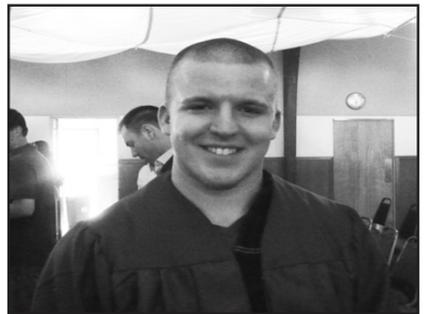


Got a Kindergartener Starting at Hilltop in August?

Kensington PTA and Kensington Education Foundation (KEF) invite you and your child(ren) to join them in hoisting a few juice boxes and getting to know future classmates on Sunday, August 21st, 2:30-5:30pm, at Kensington Park above Kensington Library. Meet at the flag. Contact Leslie Reckler, lesmac@sbcglobal.net

And the Grads Keep on Coming...

High school seniors unable to attend May’s photo shoot include Isaac Bauer, pictured at right (Orinda Academy, Humboldt State University), and Sarah Herman, graduating from Berkeley High and going on to Connecticut College. *Good luck, grads!*



KCC Looking for a Few Good Parents/People

The Kensington Community Council is the non-profit organization in Kensington responsible for (in addition to publication of *The Outlook*) the Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) and the Kensington Community Summer Camp. Although KCC presents a wide range of classes for all ages (check out their acrylic painting and adult hoops classes, both set to resume in the fall – *Page 3*), it is particularly proud of the amount of support and variety of opportunities that it provides to the children and families in our community and the neighboring communities. Now KCC needs your support! An invitation is extended to community members, and particularly to the parents who use both KASEP and the Summer Camp, to become more involved in the Kensington Community Council and become members of its board. KCC wants to hear from you! The group typically meets at the Youth Hut on the first Monday of each month (except, due to the Fourth of July weekend, July’s meeting will be on the 11th). Interested parties are invited to attend, see what it is all about, and get involved. 525-0292

Bald Really is B-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l

In May, Chief Harman, Temporary Acting Sergeant Hui, Officer Martinez, Reserve Officer Armanino, and Greg’s son, Dakota Harman, all participated in the Walnut Creek Police Department St. Baldrick’s Event, which had volunteers soliciting donations for shaving their heads. While some of us do that every morning for free – and many others no longer need to worry about that sort of thing at all, Team Kensington raised over \$1,500 and the entire event raised \$45,000 for children’s cancer research.



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Are Traffic Enforcement Efforts Working?

In early 2010, the University of California, Institute of Transportation Studies, Technology Transfer Program, completed a complementary Kensington Traffic Safety Evaluation for the District. Based on the recommendation of the report, at the May 13, 2010 KPPCSD Board meeting, the District's Board of Directors voted to accept the recommendation of a "Zero Tolerance Policy" for traffic enforcement in the District. Since that time, we have been reporting and advising the community that we were moving toward such a "Zero Tolerance Policy."

As we began the New Year, our police officers implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy, making traffic enforcement stops for both driving and vehicle mechanical violations, and issuing citations rather than warnings.

Traffic safety is measured by vehicle acci-

dents that occur in a community. If you were to compare the first quarter of 2010 when we had 8 traffic accidents, to the first quarter of 2011 when we had 6 accidents, that would be a 25% reduction in traffic accidents since we implemented a "Zero Tolerance Policy" in traffic enforcement. If this is a trend that continues through the remaining part of the year, a 25% decrease in traffic accidents would seem to be a successful result of our efforts to improve traffic safety in the community.

How To Avoid Receiving a Citation

Drive at or under the speed limit of 25 mph, stop at the stop signs, stop at the traffic light, adhere to the rules of the road, keep your vehicle registered and insured, and have all of your vehicle's equipment working properly. If you follow these rules, you will not receive a traffic citation from a Kensington police officer.

(And stay off your cell phone while driving!)

This report was prepared by Greg Harman, Chief of Police.

Arlington Speed Sign

According to Chief of Police, Greg Harman, following the March 10th KPPCSD Board meeting, in which the Board directed Jerry Fahy of the County's Public Works Department to install the solar powered radar sign at 34 Arlington in order to mitigate speeding traffic through the curve just south of that point, Arlington Avenue resident, Samane Nili contacted the Contra Costa County Public Works Director in protest, halting the

installation. Samane was granted a public hearing before the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors that was scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st, to protest the installation of the sign in the location across the street from their residence. However, she has since pulled her request and has agreed to the installation on a "look and see" type of evaluation. The pole has been cut to tree level and the County is making custom light baffles for the sign to reduce whatever light may have been directed at the Nili residence.

'Food Explorers' Break Ground at Hilltop Elementary

"My kid never ate cauliflower - now she wants to come to the market every week and buy it for dinner!" said the mother of a Hilltop student to Kensington Farmers' Market manager, Chris Hall, about her daughter's changed view of vegetables after becoming a Food Explorer.

The Kensington Farmers' Market launched the Food Explorers program at Hilltop Elementary School this spring. The program is a chance for teachers and their students to learn about and taste the many foods available at their local farmers' market. They are also given information to help them distinguish vegetables and fruits from edible seeds, roots, flowers, leaves, and stems. Kids hear about what children in other parts of the world might see at their markets and are encouraged to get acquainted with the food at our market, and with the farmers who grow it.

At the end of the program the kids receive Food Explorer badges and are encouraged to wear them when they visit the market on Sundays. They also receive a "market dollar" to spend anywhere they want in the market, and are encouraged to find the market manager afterwards to get another market dollar for their next visit.

"Our Food Explorers come to the market with a whole new perspective on food and the interaction they can have with the people who grow and sell it," says Chris.

The program has just begun in the classrooms of the first and second graders, but after the overwhelming response by the

school, the plan is to extend it to the rest of the grades at Hilltop this fall. Plans are also underway to expand the program to other nearby elementary schools.

The kids also get a chance to educate their parents about the market and what they have learned in the classroom.

"It is so exciting to see the kids come up to me at the market wearing their badges. They tell me, in front of their parents, about their discoveries at the market and show me the food they're taking home," said Chris.

Principal Judy Sanders came to a number of classes to see the presentations. At the end of one second grade class's Food Explorer presentation she commented, "It

was so exciting to see the level of interest and engagement from the students when we began the discussions about food and the farmers' market."

The Food Explorers theme was pioneered by Connie McCullah of Sweet Tomato Farms after several visits to the market and discussions about how the market could reach out to children. Both Connie and Chris began with several visits to classrooms at Hilltop, and now Kensington Community Board members are showing up to help out with the slicing and dicing that goes with each presentation. Becky Stephens, who heads up the Outdoor Classroom at Hilltop, has been a major force behind coordinating this program and will be working with the farmers' market members when school reconvenes this fall.

Submitted by Market Manager, Chris Hall, and Board Member, Mark Altenberg.



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The May Police Activity Log can be found online at <http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org/police-department/police-monthly-reports>. Space allowing, the Police Log will return to these pages in our next issue.

...Letters, from Page 2

safety enforcement is crucial to providing a safe environment for our residents and is one of our highest community priorities. We stand fully behind our zero-tolerance policy and our police officers are doing exactly what the District and Chief Harman have asked of them, which is to enforce the law to protect the public from harm.

As one resident and traffic safety activist on Franciscan Way has said, our police

officers should feel confident that speed control and traffic safety are appropriate uses of their time and no one should have to apologize for our police department upholding the rule of law. We think those words are incredibly wise and fully support them.

In the meanwhile, we ask that all residents proceed with caution around Kensington streets to avoid causing serious injury to life, limb and property.

Thanks,
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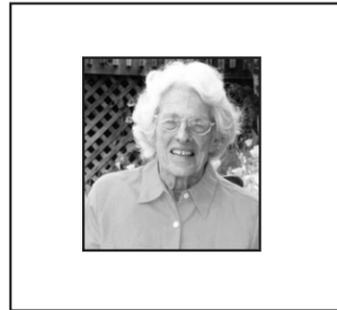
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Obituaries



Dorothy O'Brien, 93
Died May 13, 2011

Dorothy was born in Tulare, CA and grew up in Salt Lake City. She attended The University of California at Berkeley and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1938. Dorothy worked for many years as a librarian at the Kensington Library and as a social

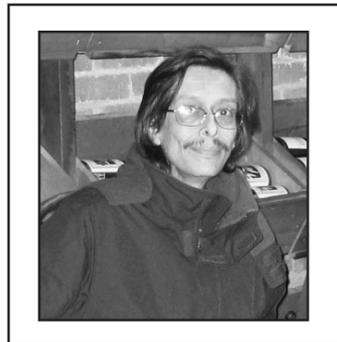
worker for Contra Costa County. She lived in her home in Kensington for 64 years and was active in numerous school and community activities.

After her retirement, she volunteered at Planned Parenthood, and served on the Board of Directors for both the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry, and the Friends of the Library in Kensington.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and daughter, Marian. Dorothy is survived by her son Dan, daughter-in-law, Lynn, of Kensington, son-in-law, Gene Sajcich, and granddaughters, Patricia O'Brien, of Missoula MT and Erin Toscano, of Vancouver WA.

She greatly enjoyed spending 25 summers in Montana at the family cabin on the North Fork of the Flathead River and visiting her friends.

Private services have been held.



David Glicksman
September 1954 – May 2011

David moved to Kensington with his family in 1962. He attended Kensington Hilltop and Portola Junior High School. His high school years were interrupted by Hodgkin's disease, but he was able to attend both El Cerrito and Berkeley High, graduating from Berkeley High. He attended College of Alameda, San

Francisco State University, and UCB.

He lived as fully as he could within the constraints of various health issues, and had a zest for life throughout. A natural musician, he played saxophone, flute and guitar. He had a keen interest in animals and nature. He was a Junior Ranger at Tilden Park, avidly collected tropical fish, and had a beloved cockatiel named Harvey.

He was fun loving and generous. His loyal loving friends and family (Abe, Marge, Lisa, brother-in-law Dan, cousin Yvonne Bernklau) will miss him deeply. Private services were held recently. If anyone wishes to remember David, a contribution may be made to The Hayward Japanese Tea Garden, 1099 E-Street, Hayward CA 94541. This was one of his favorite places to visit.

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July 2 Midsummer Mozart Festival Garden Party Fundraiser. Orchestra, plays selections from – Mozart! 3pm, 1140 Arlington Blvd., EC. Summer buffet and wine will be offered in a lush private garden. \$50 includes concert, food, wine, and CD of the MMF. Children free. RSVP to 415-627-9141 or peter@MidsummerMozart.org.

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Farmers' Market, every Sunday, rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or KensingtonFarmersMarket.org

July 5, Aug. 1 "Castoffs" Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. This group normally meets on the first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 6 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets at 1:15pm at 251 Stanford to discuss local issues. Guests welcome. Please call 558-0842 to confirm.

July 7 & 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 Baby & Toddler Story Time. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Duplicate sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

July 9 Rabbit Adoption and Spa Day, meet rescued bunnies; bring your own bunny for introductions or free spa treatment. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount, EC. 356-4233

July 10, Aug. 14 Knitting at the Arlington Community Church at 11:30am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves, and mittens for those in need. No experience needed. Info: 526-9146

July 10, Aug. 5, 7, 11, 12, & 14 A Summer of Musical Theater for All Ages. Travel to the Musical Theater Nights at Woodminister Amphitheatre in the Oakland Hills. *Oliver* on July 10th, *My Fair Lady* in Aug., and *Finian's Rainbow* in Sept. 526-9146.

July 10, Aug. 7 Join the Community Choir at the Arlington Community Church, as they begin work on the Brahms' Requiem. Rehearsals Sundays at 7pm from July-Sept. Info: 526-9146

July 11 Author Talk. Amy Block Joy will discuss her book *Whistleblower*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 14 The Summer Concert Series Presents: Fado artist, Ramana Vieira, the "New Voice of Portuguese World Music." 7-8pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. 526-7512

July 14 Women's Fellowship at the Arlington Community Church. Join others for wine, dinner and warm fellowship. 526-9146

July 16 Bharatanatyam Dance. Witness graceful Indian dances, originating in the Hindu Temples of South India, and learn a few steps of your own. Age 3&up. 4pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 17 Guinea Pig Adoption Day & Fashion Show Fundraiser. Meet rescued guinea pigs and check out the hottest guinea pig fashions by Cuddly Cavy Creations. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount, EC. 356-4233

July 18 Berkeley West Edge Opera Preview. Composer Clark Suprynovicz, Artistic Director and Kensington resident, Mark Streshinsky, and cast singers will show how an opera is created and a taste of the music and drama of the finished product of an original opera, *Caliban Dreams*. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. Sponsored by Friends of the Kensington Library and a Meet the Composer grant. 524-3043.

July 23 Hamster Adoption Day. Meet dwarf and Syrian hamsters. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount, EC. 356-4233

July 23 Meet the Beekeepers: Book and Beeswax class with local perfumer Laurie Stern, founder of Velvet and Sweet Pea's Purrfumery. Get a copy of the new book, *Backyard Beekeepers of the Bay Area* and learn how to make your own lip balm from beeswax, flower-infused moisturizing oil and rose honey. 2-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount, EC. 356-4233.

July 25 Book Club. Jose Saramago's *Discussion of Seeing*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free.

July 30, Aug. 5 & 7 Berkeley West Edge Opera's Caliban Dreams in English with English supertitles. 7/30 and 8/5 at 8pm. 8/7 at 2pm. El Cerrito Performing Arts Theater at EC High School, 540 Ashbury Ave., EC. Info: 841-1903. Tix: www.berkeleyopera.org

Aug. 2 28th Annual National Night Out, 7-10pm. See *Page 1* for details.

Aug. 8 Musical Performance. The Hot Frittatas, No. Calif.'s liveliest ensemble for European and International café music. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Aug. 11 Women's Fellowship at the Arlington Community Church at 6:15pm. Potluck dinner and warm fellowship and socializing. 526-9146.

Aug. 13 Rabbit Adoption and Spa Day. Meet Harold and Maude and others. Bring your single bunny in for speed dating and free spa treatment, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave.

Aug. 21 Kensington PTA and Kensington Education Foundation (KEF) invite parents and their kindergarteners starting at Hilltop in August to get to know future classmates. Kensington Park above the Library. 2:30-5:30pm. Contact Leslie: lesmac@sbcglobal.net

Aug. 23 Henna Art for Teens Create your own design with the provided free henna kits. Free for students in grades 6-12. Parent or guardian permission slip req'd. 4-6pm, EC Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. Info/Reg.: 526-7512.

Aug. 26 Bridge at the Arlington Community Church, 6:15pm. Over dinner & wine. No exp. needed. 526-9146

Aug. 27 Rat and Hamster Adoption Day with Rattie Ratz, Bay Area Rats and Cavy World. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Aug. 29 Book Club. Discussion of Joyce's *Dubliners*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Av., 7pm. Free. 524-3043

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KCC - July 11th*
Kensington Community Council
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*(2nd Monday due to holiday)

FKL - July 5th; Aug. 2nd
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPSC - July 11th; Aug. 8th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

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

KPPCSD - July 14th; Aug. 11th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - July 25th; Aug. 22nd
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC - July 26th; Aug. 30th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm.

KARO/ECHO - July 11th
Amateur Radio Operators
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...Bay View, from Page 1

Nicki had discovered that Cathie, despite previous assurances to the contrary, had once been the recipient of a large campaign contribution from Lewis Figone, the owner and sole shareholder of Bay View.

(At the April KPPCSD meeting, Nicki had asked Cathie about her prior association with Figone and Cathie had said she "...did not really know Lewis Figone until only recently when [she had taken] a seat on the Board and begun asking around about him."

Upon further questioning at the May KPPCSD meeting, Cathie retracted her previous statement and said she had "... actually received a contribution of \$99 from Mr. Figone, while other candidates running against me [for EC City Council] had received \$1,000 each."

A campaign disclosure form filed by Cathie when she ran for public office in El Cerrito in the late 1980's revealed, however, that Figone actually made a \$500 campaign contribution to her during her election – well in excess of the amount Cathie claimed he had contributed to her campaign at the May meeting. Records at El Cerrito City Hall do not show any other candidate having received a \$1,000 contribution from Mr. Figone, as Cathie had stated.)

Following further public comment on the rate increase, Chuck Toombs read Bay View's letter to all present, and then the Board, voted to deny the rate increase request, by a 3-2 margin.

KPPCSD's rate reviewer and attorney are now reviewing Bay View's request for assignment with regard to what the next steps might be for KPPCSD, in light of the contract terms. Assuming all is in order, the Board will review Republic, Inc.'s suitability as a replacement. Bay View has requested the change of service take place no later than January 1st, 2012. Chuck also invited Bay View (in absentia) to meet with the Board at the District's waste management meetings (meetings which neither the District designees to that com-

mittee, Cathie and Mari Metcalf, nor Bay View have recently attended) with hopes for an agreement that would allow Bay View to continue service.

Some residents fear that, if Bay View is no longer the carrier, the "tipping fee" the company had negotiated with the County – which entitles Bay View to substantially lower dumping rates than other waste disposal companies (including Republic) – may lead to increased fees passed on to Kensington ratepayers by a new hauler, once the current contract expires.

Opponents of the rate increase reiterated that the proposed increase wouldn't just have raised fees, but would have modified the rate structure in ways that would have virtually annihilated the mini-can program, implemented in 1990 to comply with the County's state-mandated Waste Reduction Plan (which pre-dates the current Bay View contract by many years.)

Bay View's audited financial statements for 2010 show a net profit of approximately \$25K, while Director Lipscomb pointed out that this did not include *affiliated income*, such as green waste disposal receipts, collected rents, debris box rentals, executive compensation, and depreciation, all of which, when added in, show a yield of over \$300K on \$1M revenue for the year (a figure disputed by Bay View).

Epilogue: Adding injury to insult, the week following the hearing, families on Beverly Court, a cul-de-sac off Ardmore, received a notice from Bay View informing them that, "...after today's collection (6/17) it will be necessary to place you(r) refuse and recycling containers at the main street where it will be serviced by the regular collection truck. Our contract with the district does not call for a small service vehicle to provide service on a street which our regular route collection vehicle is unable to drive on (*sic*)."

(We just hope Republic has better spelling and grammar! – Ed.) The request from Bay View Refuse for assignment of the contract can be downloaded at: www.kensingtoncalifornia.org.

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