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Singer, Clayton King and Marvin Gardens' Todd Hodson set the bar for fun low at last year's picnic.

KCC Parade & Picnic Coming Sunday, October 20th

As has been the tradition for so many years, the Kensington Community Council will be holding the annual Parade and Picnic on October 20th from Noon to 3:30pm. The parade participants will gather at the ACE Hardware parking lot at Amherst and Arlington at 11:30am. As a token of appreciation for years of service to our community, this year our Grand

Marshal will be Gloria Morrison.

After a quick march down the Arlington to the Community Center, the party will begin in earnest! As always, local organizations and groups are invited to participate in the parade. Wear your Halloween costume and join the crowd as the parade makes

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Update: Writ of Mandate Defense: \$80K+

Oct. Cash Mob: Nan Phelps Photography – See Pg. 6

The Garden Party 30th Anniversary

The Kensington Education Foundation (KEF) event that raises money needed to provide enrichment programs to Kensington Elementary School students celebrates its 30th year this November 9th with a classic cinema theme. A community tradition that relies upon donations from area businesses to its live- and silent auctions, KEF's Garden Party brings together school parents, alumnae, and supporters in a festive atmosphere of giving at the Mira Vista Country Club.

KEF is a non-profit organization with a mission of delivering academic enrichment programs to Hilltop students. The Garden Party, and its other fundraising efforts, ensure that Hilltop students continue to have access to library, art, PE, vocal music, and science and computer labs, as well as reading and math intervention and accelerated

see Garden Party, Page 2...

Library Town Hall August Meeting Results

Twenty-four residents attended the Kensington Library's town hall meeting held on August 15th. This strategic planning meeting presented an opportunity for residents to let the library know how they felt the library could better help the community – what services, programs, and materials were desired; and which were no longer needed. *(Would it be too quaint to report that homemade cookies were available to participants? Aahh – small town life!)*

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Letters to the Editor

Cranky in Kensington

Dear Editor,

Here's my opinion on why people remain cranky in Kensington, despite the Board now consisting of five members who all vote alike: The influential 'board supporters' hold grudges and don't understand contracts. They expressed outrage over paying for Bay View's mailing to residents in 2010 the explanation for why our rates needed to go up, apparently without realizing that that money came out of Bay's View's franchise fee, not from our taxes, and that the mailing was normal.

Those are the same 'community leaders' who selected an either like-minded police chief for us, or one who knows on which side his bread is buttered. They can't seem to understand that not all of us are thrilled with his performance, so they're angry with those of us who'd prefer a police chief who is good at bridging differences and calming waters over one who won't admit his own mistakes and who attracts law suits.

And the KCC went outside Kensington to hire an *Outlook* editor who fans flames. (A previous BCC president defended him as 'stimulating.')

This past election was waged on the charged shortcomings of the losing candidates, not on the competence of the winners. Reelecting Toombs and electing Gillette was supposed to solve all our problems, all caused, we were told, by 'troublemakers.' It now seems we have five incompetent Board members, and to prove it our taxes have been 'voted up' as high as they can go without a new referendum. Our Board's expensive and unnecessary defense-against-the-writ is a drop in the bucket compared to the overall lawyer bills and redundant and/or unnecessary 'studies' our Board has authorized (with more to come).

In the next election three of them will be up for reelection. I hope that there are three civic-minded residents, not part of our grudge-holding 'ruling elite,' and not yet sullied by the *Outlook*, who will run on transparency and competence and actually end the dysfunction.

Anna Shane

The Outlook sullies residents based on merit, and in the order in which their relevant contributions to civic life are brought to our attention. If you haven't yet been sullied, please be patient – we promise to get to everyone. To be fair, those previously sullied in the national press will be sullied last. (We're also happy to accommodate those who prefer to be hullied, or gullied – just ask!) – Ed.

Contributions, Legal Fees

It is widely accepted that groups make contributions to political campaigns for legislative gain. One reason we have campaign reporting laws is so the voting public is aware of such influences on their representatives. Yes, the police officers have a right to contribute to campaigns, but that does not mean it is appropriate for the candidates to accept them, particularly when they are serving on the contract negotiating committee. If people are outraged that Cathie Kosel used Bay View's mailing list, why aren't they equally outraged that other candidates accepted a large contribution from a group whose contract was up for renewal?

I resent the accusation that my fellow petitioners & I are MAKING the KPPSCD spend large amounts of money on legal bills. Is Bay View being blamed for making the district spend over \$175,000

on that matter? The KPPSCD board themselves decided to vigorously fight the petition rather than find other settlement options. When I saw the lengthy response prepared by the board attorneys, my first reaction was 'How many billable hours did this cost?' The board decided to file an anti-SLAPP motion against the petitioners in an attempt to bully and intimidate us into withdrawing the petition. This motion was denied by the judge in the case, and now the board has decided to spend district money to appeal. The board would rather squander district money on legal fees than to admit that they did not follow their own procedures. I am quite sure that Hanson-Bridgett law firm is quite happy to keep those billable hours going.

The board wants to argue that they are not obliged to follow its Policy and Procedures Manual, claiming that it is only advisory. It is pretty outrageous that they claim that they only need follow rules when they want to. It is especially outrageous that it is the directors of our local district who are making that claim.

Mabry Benson

...Garden Party, from Page 1

math programs within their school day. In one evening alone, the Garden Party raises nearly half of the funds needed to provide a year's worth of these programs.

Businesses have already donated hundreds of goods and services for auction this year, and Garden Party volunteers are busy seeking more before the online catalog goes live October 24th. Sponsorships are also available, and allow businesses to gain visibility in the community, while contributing to a great cause. Masterworks Fine Art, Ruth Frassetto of the Grubb Company, Joie de Vivre Hotels, Mechanics Bank, and the Mira Vista Country club have been key supporters of the event for many years.

Garden Party Co-chair, Patty Robertson says this online auction and the event-day silent- and live auctions, together with games and raffles and a new raise-the-paddle feature, present the community and event attendees with many ways to give, and to show support for their community school. "One person might choose to bid on one of the auction's popular travel get-aways; another to give through Raise the Paddle; another might not be able to make the event, but could choose to support the event through the online auction," said Robertson.

School principal, Judy Sanders credits KEF programs in part for Hilltop's great reputation. "The Garden Party really is a Kensington tradition that is so essential to our school community. A child's education is more than just reading, writing and arithmetic; it is also music, art, PE, science, computers and all of the other classes that KEF is able to provide for our students, thanks to fundraisers such as the Garden Party," said Sanders.

Donations are being sought for the Garden Party now. The rich tradition of silent auction items wouldn't be complete without the great getaways and dining opportunities, fine art, and jewelry that partygoers anticipate each year. If you or your business would like to donate, email patty.robertson@gmail.com or go to <http://bit.ly/14uH0NI>; to reserve tickets send Patty an email or call 525-7735.

Tickets will be available as of September 23rd for the event that begins at 5pm, November 9th, at Mira Vista Country Club. This year the emphasis is on celebration. Visit the on-site photographer to capture your inner movie star, try your luck with a chance to win great prizes, and then end your evening dancing the night away to live music!

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K E N S I N G T O N COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KASEP

Kensington After-School Enrichment Program • FALL Session

Kudos & thanks to all our generous families and supporters for embracing KASEP Online registration. There was a wonderful sense of anticipation that filled the air as eager parents waited for the start of ONLINE KASEP FALL Registration. The clock struck 6:00pm and fingers started dancing on keyboards. It was a very successful and smooth launch into the world of automation, with over 300 spaces filled in the first 48 hours of registration! Good-bye to the tradition of lottery and Tuesday night class sign-up, and hello to innovation by embracing technology and change.

This Fall, there are over 50 classes to choose from, ranging from "I want to learn how to play electric guitar" in the rock-n-roll BandWorks class, and "Let's build the Golden Gate Bridge" in Carpentry, to "I'm going to sew a quilt to give Mom a special present." KCC classes teach life skills that carry you into adulthood – music, tennis, cooking, karate, and art. Mark your calendars: KASEP Winter Online Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd, 6pm.

Classes are in session; starting September 16th and continuing through to Friday, December 20th. Give a high-five to Sandy Thacker (carpentry instructor) as she is celebrating her 30th year teaching with KCC! (*But do put down that hammer, first, won't you?*)

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: kcrec@yahoo.com. 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm.

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

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New! QI GONG FOR ADULTS Fridays, 9:30-10:30am – 8 Classes Ongoing, at the Kensington Community Center Cost: \$120 for 8 classes. First one is free – come check me out! Drop-ins Welcome: \$18 per class

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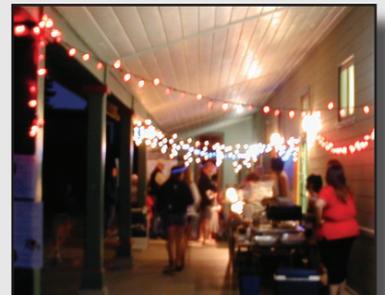
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Neighborhood Notes

Don't Miss The Garden Party - Coming Nov. 9th >

KCC's Sept. Movie Night

The Kensington Community Council's Family Movie Night, featuring The Incredibles was - well, it was incredible! Over three hundred of our friends and neighbors came out to enjoy the late summer evening and share in the fun. KCC sends out thanks to all the sponsors that made the night such a success: Kensington's own Mechanics Bank, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Pixar, 4Cats Art Studio, Nation's, Arlington Wine and Spirits, The Arlington, and Kensington Fine Foods. Thanks also to the many volunteers who worked so hard to provide for a great evening. The next KCC movie night will be held next June. Mark your calendar! (What, you don't have a 2014 calendar yet?) >>>



Can You Help?

Last month's Outlook contained an envelope, along with an invitation to send a donation to Kensington Community Council - the local community group responsible for many, many civic projects - KASEP after school classes for kids, adult recreation classes, KCC Summer Camp, movie nights, and the publication of the Outlook are only the highlights. If you haven't already done so, please help us out. No envelope? Please send your contribution in your own envelope to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington CA 94707. We appreciate your continued support!



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Charter School Application Denied

According to a local resident, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Board voted on August 12th to deny the application of Silicon Valley-based Summit Public Schools to operate a grade 7-12 charter school for 677 students at the former Windrush site (recently purchased by the Pleasanton-based Chamberlin Family Foundation) in El Cerrito. Charter schools are privately managed by a charter company and its board of directors. They are publicly funded and receive per-pupil dollars from the school district.

Summit's stated mission is "to prepare a heterogeneous student population for success in college and to be thoughtful, contributing members of society." Its aim is to admit 120 students per grade, starting in fall 2014. The Summit recruitment plan lists 23 elementary schools zoned from Hilltop Mall to Point Isabel, and from Point Richmond to Kensington. Summit employees, charter association representatives, and teachers trained by Summit spoke in favor of the proposal.

Two Richmond parents told the board they would like to drive their kids to El Cerrito for school.

Several Kensington and El Cerrito parents spoke against the location, saying its proximity to Portola Middle School and El Cerrito High would "skim off the top," leaving only the most needy and disadvantaged students in those two schools. One Kensington resident pointed out that the school's application was not available in Spanish. Another said the language in the petition "is sufficiently vague to justify vastly different diversity targets." Board member, Charles Ramsey said, "The whisper campaign in the hills is raging."

In making its vote, the Board said Summit would be unlikely to achieve the heterogeneity targets stated in the application.

Summit can now bring the same petition before the Contra Costa County Board of Education, which can authorize the charter to operate at the former Windrush site – essentially overruling the WCCUSD Board.

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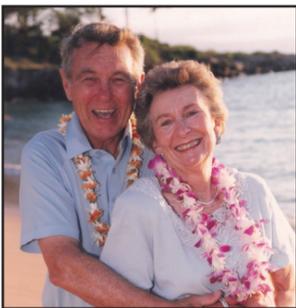
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Ollie Shaner passed away peacefully from cancer on Tuesday, July 30th. Ollie touched many lives and will be dearly missed.

Born to Blanche and Kenneth Premo in Porterville, CA, Ollie grew up there and graduated from Porterville High School in 1942. She then attended UC Berkeley, where she was a Representative at Large in the campus government. She was a life-long member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She received her B.S. in Public Relations and Accounting in 1946. In May 1946 she married her high school sweetheart, Bob Shaner, and then worked for the university while Bob completed his education at Cal. In 1948 the two of them moved to Kensington after purchasing a lot from Bernard May-

beck. Since they had to promise to construct the house themselves, they started out small. While Bob built, they reared three children. Ollie was an active member of PTA and other organizations. Later, she returned to Cal as a Principal Accountant.

Ollie was a lifelong Cal Bears fan and knew the statistics of all the football and basketball players. She was president of her T.W.I.G. investment club and played bridge with several groups. Ollie and a group of friends were charter members of the former "Kingdom of Kensington" and the "Jewel Lake Yacht Club." Her motto was to greet life with humor and always be optimistic about the future. She loved people, and many fortunate guests passed through the Shaner household doors.

Ollie is survived by her husband, Bob; children, Sue Zeiler and Doug Shaner; grandchildren, Sherri Zeiler, Paul Keith, Michelle Keith, Greg Shaner, Alex Shaner, and Jordan Shaner; four great-grandchildren, and her brother, Skip Premo. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jana Shaner.

A Celebration of Life is pending. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Ollie's name to the Kensington Public Library, 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington 94707.

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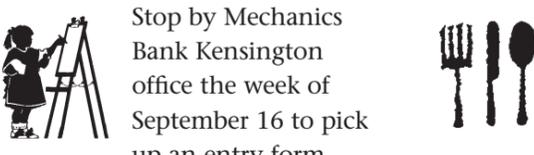
Neighborhood School also offers before and after school care for K-6 grades for students attending Kensington Elementary School

AN AFTERNOON IN THE PARK
KCC PARADE & OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 • NOON TO 3:30 P.M.
*Parade assembles at 11:30 at Arlington & Amherst Avenues.
Festivities follow at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue.*

Stop by Mechanics Bank Kensington office the week of September 16 to pick up an entry form.
Have your child enter our Kids Coloring Contest for a chance to **win a \$25 Gift Certificate!** (Details in our Kensington office.)

Purchase barbecue lunch tickets in advance, Monday thru Friday, September 16 to October 18, at Mechanics Bank and receive **50¢ per ticket off** the regular Open House price.



...Library, from Page 1

These three topics were discussed:

1. In what community priority should the library play a more active role?

Top Responses: More after school programming for kids, 'tweens, and teens; Making the library ADA compliant, and creating enjoyable community space in the library that allows for meetings, learning, and technology; Creating community programs and outreach to new and current residents – the "Welcome Wagon" model; Creating space to provide technical and electronic support.

2. What one thing could the library do better?

Top Responses: More hours: open seven days a week, eight hours per day – or change the hours so that El Cerrito and Kensington libraries are not both closed on Wednesdays; Dedicated staff to work with technology questions: technology librarian, technical support; Improve accessibility of the library; "Upgrade the facility."

3. What is the single most important contribution the library makes to our community today?

Top Responses: Keeping literacy at the forefront, especially for kids; Serving as a depository for expensive and hard-to-find information, including access to the Internet; Providing materials in all formats to all segments of the population; Serving as a community resource; Providing free access to educational and entertainment materials; Providing unrestricted access to quality information and books.

According to Laura Martinengo, Community Library Manager, the town hall meeting was one of a series of such meetings in libraries, county-wide. Once the data from the town meetings and other such surveys are analyzed, a strategic plan is expected to be drafted, after which a period for further input by library users is expected.

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October Cash Mob
Nan Phelps Photography

As mentioned in recent issues, a *cash mob* is a group of people that assembles at a local business – on an afternoon, over a week, or over a month – to provide a cash infusion for the business, and to create an opportunity for the residents and the business owner to get to know each other and develop mutually beneficial relationships. Previous local businesses that have participated in this new feature sponsored by the *Outlook* have been Kensington Chevron and The Fuse Fitness. This month's business is Nan Phelps Photography.

Nan moved to Kensington 5 years ago, she says, "on the eve of the recession." Prior to that she was on Solano for 12 years, and on Hopkins for 8 years before that. She said she used to drive past Colusa Circle and see the empty storefront at 398 Colusa and hear it calling her name. "The windows are huge, the light gorgeous, and I love looking out at the Kensington hills."

"Colusa Circle really is a special place; we call it our little village," Nan continued. "It's a throwback to another time. It's calm. People walk their dogs slowly here and stop and talk. I am really happy here."

"I photograph people (and their pets). Whether it's for their business card, their wedding, or their father's 90th birthday, my main emphasis is to show the beauty and the personality of the subject. Along with that comes quality work and customized service."

"I'd like to thank Kensington folks for welcoming and supporting me these past years, by offering half off the black and white sitting fee for the month of October, to those who mention this article."

"You can almost always find me in my studio on Thursday and Friday afternoons, from 12-4 and Saturdays, 10-4."

"And we will be having a Colusa Circle Hallowe'en celebration on Sunday, October 27th from 10-2. I'll be there with treats in hand. Please come visit."

Nan Phelps Photography – Digital Images and Fine Prints. On Colusa Circle. 398 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley. 528-8845 or www.NanPhelps.com.

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From August 2013

8/1/2013: Identity theft, 200 block of Arlington Ave.	8/13/2013: Fraud, 00 block of Arlington Ave.
8/2/2013: Vandalism, 00 block of Highland Blvd.	8/15/2013: DUI, unit block of Arlington Ave.
8/5/2013: Stolen vehicle, 400 block of Ocean View Ave. – later determined to be a false police report connected to a crime committed in Berkeley.	8/17/2013, Grand theft, 300 block of Coventry.
8/5/2013: Stolen vehicle recovery, 200 block of Yale Ave.	8/21/2013: Identity theft, 200 block of Arlington Ave.
8/8/2013: Identity theft, 200 block of Purdue Ave.	8/23/2013: Residential burglary, 200 block of Cambridge Ave.
8/8/2013: Vehicle theft, unit block of Arlington Ave.	8/23/2013: DUI, 100 block of Colusa Ave.
8/12/2013: Non/injury vehicle collision, 300 block of Arlington Ave.	8/24/2013: Residential burglary, unit block of Anson Way.
8/12/2013: Vandalism, 00 block of Highland Blvd.	8/25/2013: Non/injury vehicle collision, 100 block of Arlington Ave.
	8/29/2013: DUI, 300 block of Rugby.



Some previous reports available at:
www.KensingtonCalifornia.org/police-department/police-monthly-reports

Kensington Kalendar

Oct. 1 After-School French Classes begin at Hilltop. Info at www.efba.us.

Oct. 1 The kABC – Kensington After-School Book Club. Contact the library for the title of the book to read. Kensington Library, 1pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 1 Pest Control Workshop. In Moraga. Info/reg at www.pfse.net.

Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 29 Stories & Songs. Songs, lullabies, and stories. Pre-bed-time cuddle for families. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Yoga at Arlington Community Church, 4:45-6pm. All ages. Call Suzanne at 525-1881.

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Potluck Community Dinner and Spirit and the Arts program at Arlington Community Church, 5:30 pm. Info: 526-9146.

Oct. 3 Women’s Fellowship at Arlington Community Church, 6:30-9pm. Bring a dish to share. Info 526-9146

Oct. 4, 5, & 6 El Cerrito Art Association Annual Art Show & Sale. EC Community Ctr., 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Reception: Friday, 7-9pm; Show and outdoor market: Sat., 10a-5p. Show: Sun., 10a-4p. Free. 526-6241

Oct. 5 Preschool Craft. Make monster feet and more. Kensington Library, 11:30am. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 5 Berkeley Garden Club’s Fall Plant Sale. 9am-3pm, 1815 Hopkins, Berk. Proceeds from the sale support their education and community service activities. berkeleygardenclub.org

Oct. 5 & 6 Vampires, Werewolves and Zombies Weekend at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach. 10am-5pm. www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org, or 592-3002

Oct. 6 Personal Theology: The Rev. Bill Hamilton-Holway, on “May Nothing Evil Cross this Door.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington,

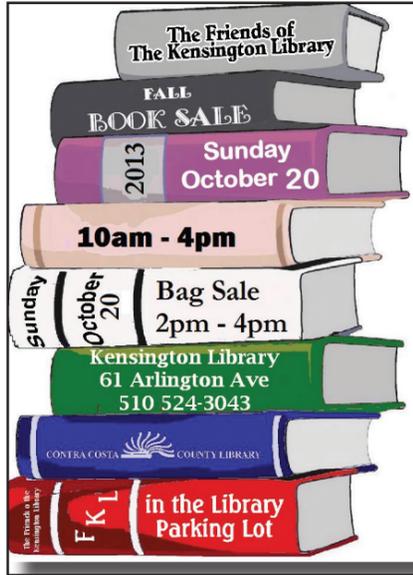
Oct. 6 “Call Me Malcolm,” Film and Discussion at Arlington Community Church, 11:30am-2pm. 526-9146

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Kensington Farmers’ Market. Live produce & live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Free. Colusa Circle. 847-0801

Oct. 7 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 6:30pm.

Oct. 8 Playland After Dark Presents Grown-up Game Night, 6pm-10pm. \$10. playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Oct. 10 El Cerrito Garden Club meets, 9:30am to noon at the EC Community Ctr., 7007 Moeser Lane. Martha Berthelsen on “Beyond Pollinators, Predators, Parasites & Other Beneficial Insects.” Guests: \$3/door. 233-9365



Friends of the Kensington Library Annual Book Sale: Sunday, Oct. 20th, 2-4pm



Outlook Editor, Joel Koosed, performs with his band, Double Shot, at the KCC Picnic, Oct. 20th

Oct. 10 El Cerrito Plaza: Birth of a ‘Shopper’s Paradise.’ Lecture/discussion w/Paul Grunland. 7pm. Free. Open House Senior Ctr., 6500 Stockton Ave., EC. W/chair accessible. Bring photos, mementos, and memories to share.

Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 12 Cleanup: Upper Ardmere path cleanup. 10am-2pm. Bring rakes, clippers, brooms, etc. Cookies provided!

Oct. 12 & 13 Superheroes & Villains Weekend. \$10-\$15. 10am-5pm. www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Oct. 13 Personal Theology: Author, Phyllis Stowell, on “Dark Imagination.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Oct. 13 Knitting at Arlington Community Church, 11:30 am. 526-9146

Oct. 14 Master Gardeners presentation: Slideshow and discussion about what went wrong in the vegetable garden and how to fix it. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 15 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program, 12:30-3pm. Albany Community Ctr., 1249 Marin Ave. “All About Dahlias” by docent, Deborah Dietz. Plant exchange, meeting, and lecture. www.berkeleygardenclub.org.

Oct. 17 The Kensington Public Safety Council presents public utilities reps from EBMUD, PG&E, and Stege Sanitary, on how their services might be affected by a disaster. Community Ctr., 7pm. Free. 501-8165

Oct. 19 Bryan Baker and Friends in Concert. 8pm. \$20 adults/ \$15 seniors and students/\$5 kids. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. www.uucb.org.

Oct. 19 & 20 Wizards & Witches Weekend. 10am-5pm. 10979 San Pablo Ave., EC. playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Oct. 20 KCC Parade and Picnic, Noon-3:30pm. (See Page 1)

Oct. 20 Personal Theology: Andre Delbecq, on “The Shadow Side of Charisma.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302.

Oct. 20 Friends of the Kensington Library Book Sale. Library parking lot. 10am-4pm; Bag sale, 2-4pm.

Oct. 21 An Evening of Jazz. Moraga resident, Brenda Lin performs jazz, show tunes and bossa nova. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 21-25 Guess How Much the Pumpkin Weighs and win! Kensington Library. Free. 524-3043 or <http://ccclib.org/locations/kensington.html>

Oct. 22 Code Busters Program w/kid’s mystery author, Penny Warner. Kensington Library, 3:30-4:30pm. Free.

Oct. 23 Karaoke with Officer Doug Wilson at The Arlington, 6-10pm. Free

Oct. 25 Bridge at Arlington Community Church. Potluck at 6pm. 526-9146

Oct. 26 Kensington Symphony opens its season w/Brahms’ *Symphony No. 1*, Verdi’s *La Forza Destino Overture*, and more. 8pm, UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 526-6752

Oct. 26 Kensington Improvement Club Town Hall Meeting, at the Community Center, 9:30am-noon. Supe., John Gioia + heads of Kensington boards.

Oct. 26 & 27 Halloween Costume Party. 10a-5p. playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Oct. 27 Personal Theology: Author, Robert “Bob” Fuller, on, “Why is the Golden Rule so Widely Flaunted?” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302

Oct. 27 Colusa Circle Hallowe’en Celebration, 10am-4pm. Pet costume contest at noon, animal show at 1pm, and a ‘Where’s the Witch?’ contest, plus treats for all!

Oct. 28 Book Club. Discussion of *Because it is Bitter and Because it is My Heart* by Joyce Carol Oates. 7pm. Kensington Library. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 31 Halloween Party Costume contest & live music w/Little Marvin and the Gardners. 8-11pm, Circus Pub.

Oct. 31 Halloween Grown-up Game Night 6-10pm. \$10. www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
(Schedule subject to change – call to confirm.)

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

KCC - Oct. 7th Kensington Community Council 1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

KFPD - Oct. 9th Fire Protection District 2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPSC - Oct. 14th Kensington Public Safety Council Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KPPCSD - Wednesday, Oct. 16th Police Protection & Community Services District • (Note Day/Date Change) • 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - Oct. 28th Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tentative) - Oct. 29th Municipal Advisory Council Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s office to confirm: 231-8691)

KARO/ECHO - NOV. 11th Amateur Radio Operators 2nd Mondays of odd months 7:30pm. 524-9815

KPOA Property Owners Association Meets quarterly. 559-8232

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its way down the Arlington to the Kensington Community Center. Then, stay for the music and delicious lunch, followed by a coloring contest, *4 Cats* Art booth with a pumpkin-decorating event for the children.

Tickets for the BBQ lunch can be purchased on site for sausage, hamburger, hot dog, or vegetarian burger lunches. Music will be provided this year by the classic rock band, *Double Shot*, featuring *Outlook* editor, Joel Koosed on alto sax, with Marvin Gardens' Todd Hodson sitting in on bass. If your organization is interested in participating in the parade please contact Marty Westby at 525-0292.

To enter the Mechanics Bank Coloring Contest, drop by the Kensington branch of Mechanics Bank to pick up your coloring sheet after October 1st. The deadline to return your masterpiece to the bank is Wednesday, October 16th. The prize for the winners this year is a gift card for each age group: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

Enter the Marvin Gardens Pumpkin Decorating Contest, too – you can pick up your pumpkin from the Kensington or El Cerrito office of Marvin Gardens on or after Tuesday, October 15th. Prizes will be awarded in several age categories for best pumpkins. (There is a suggested \$2 donation to UNICEF for each pumpkin).

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