

## KENSINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE #22



### Hello Residents:

\* \* \* As always, I hope this UPDATE finds you all well and happy.

As community outreach, there is always seems to be something to talk about, but I have found myself silent for the most part recently.

As most of you know, we are saying goodbye to Chief Harman. I want to say thank you to Greg publically for putting his heart into serving the residents of Kensington and trying to make seemingly impossible situations work. Thanks Greg for leading us at the PD. You will be missed.

In the April, 2015 PD Report, Chief Harman wrote,

*"At a Special Meeting of the KPPCSD Board of Directors on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Board announced that my contract with the District would not be renewed, and that my last day with the District would be May 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your General Manager/ Chief of Police since September 2007, and I will miss having the opportunity to continue to serve you. Most of all, I will miss the friendships that I have developed over the years.*

*Thank you for your support over the years, and for the opportunity to serve you. My best wishes to all."*

\* \* \* There are many changes being explored in Kensington within the KPPCSD, many of which, your officers stay out of because we often feel it is not always appropriate to give our opinions. We are employees and are here to do a job, but those decisions often affect our livelihoods and at times, even our well-being. It's hard to stay quiet sometimes, especially for people like me who find healing in talking it out and communicating openly. Having said that, I do think it is totally appropriate for me as an officer, employee and observer to implore the residents who are interested in discussions about subjects such as possibly contracting out for police services, the lack of any contract with the police officers who serve you, a new GM/COP, lawsuits, budgets, and so many other topics, to get involved and show up at the monthly meetings, and not just when there is, "drama." The KPPCSD Board should hear from the residents who have constructive and rational things to contribute. *Decisions are being made now that might affect your community for years to come.* I personally believe the KPPCSD Board is not hearing from the majority of residents who have supportive, constructive and positive ideas and input to contribute. I speak to so many residents all the time who tell *me* these things, but not always in the public meetings, so their voices in that way are unheard. Just food for thought...

\* \* \* The following web site is presented by FEMA. It's an attempt to assist people in preparing for natural disasters, including wildfires. The PD is not endorsing the site. It is for your consideration.  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

\* \* \* There have been no reports of mountain lions in Kensington recently, but a kind resident shared this great information with me and I think it is good information.

Here's what residents are supposed to do if they see a mountain lion:

In Contra Costa County, for mountain lions it's Fish and Game:

Contact Person For West County, John Krause, 415-454-8050,  
[jkrause@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:jkrause@dfg.ca.gov)

For any public safety emergencies anywhere in the County, call the Fish and Game's 24-hour dispatch at 831-649-2801.

**\* \* \* Kensington Earthquake Drill: August 29 10am**

Save the Date! There will be a city-wide earthquake drill for Kensington and El Cerrito, on Saturday August 29, 10am to 11am.

This very simple, very short, drill will focus on gathering at your Disaster Meeting Spot, and practicing checking in. No pressure to volunteer for anything! But if this were a real disaster, you could then choose to volunteer on the spot to assist CERT members. Therefore at the drill we will also practice assigning impromptu volunteers to rescue teams, and we will practice radio communication.

At a future drill we will practice actually doing search and rescue, fire suppression, and medical assistance. But the Aug 29 drill is only for practicing organizing whoever is available without advanced preparation.

Your CERT Area Coordinator will provide more information as the date comes closer, including letting you know where your Disaster Meeting Spot is.

You can find your CERT Area coordinator at:  
<http://www.el-cerrito.org/index.aspx?NID=579>

**\* \* \*** I have been the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for several years here at the KPD, and I have decided it is time to pass the torch, as they say. Officer Stephanie Wilkens, K50 has been assigned the new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Her email is [swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org). Stephanie and I will work together on events like National Night Out and a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> Citizen's Academy. She will eventually take over this UPDATE list and start attending the Kensington Public Safety Council meetings as well, when possible. I was one of the officers who trained Stephanie, and I am sure you will find her as fabulous as me. Ha ha. But seriously, she will do good things in this special assignment. Please welcome her and support her.

\* \* \* The [Kensington Public Safety Council](#)

The **Kensington Public Safety Council** will present a talk on Animals in Disaster Preparedness on Thursday, May 21, at 7 pm at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave, Kensington [map: <https://goo.gl/maps/sfDri> ], in the main room. This talk is free and open to all.

**Noell Crosse**, Contra Costa Animal Services Department, will discuss the roles and responsibility of Animal Control during a disaster or emergency and the capabilities of our County Animal Response Team. She will describe how to safely evacuate pets and how to create a plan so they do not end up becoming victims during a disaster.

**Winnie Kelly**, Animal Welfare & Wildlife Services Specialist, will discuss confining stray/wild injured animals safely and what to do, if anything, to keep stray/wild animals alive until you can get them to the appropriate wildlife facility.

**Dr. Beth Phimister**, Kensington Veterinary Hospital, will be addressing first-aid, handling injured animals, supplies to have on hand, and more. RSVP to the Kensington Public Safety Council, [kensingtonpsc@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtonpsc@gmail.com) , so we know how many will be attending. See attached flyer.

-Stay tuned for another class scheduled for Thursday June, 18<sup>th</sup>. Michael Bond is scheduled for that night and I will give a presentation on Defensive Spaces and home security as well.

*-If you want to get involved in the group, come by on the Second Monday of every month at 6 PM at the Community Center or email the chairperson, Peter Liddell, [peterliddell@yahoo.com](mailto:peterliddell@yahoo.com) . You can also email him to request he add you to their e-mail list for new and updates.*

**\* \* \*** *Corporal Stegman wrote the following in the April, 2015 PD Report.*

We continue to have regular calls about dangerous dogs, and dogs off leash. I have included the Contra Costa County Ordinance governing the control of dogs on a leash, in any public place.

**416-4.402 - Animals at large.**

(a)

*No person owning, possessing, harboring, or controlling any animal shall allow such animal to be at large.*

(b)

*As used in this section, "at large" means an animal which either:*

(1)

*In the case of dogs, is not under effective restraint by a leash; or*

(2)

*In the case of animals other than dogs or cats, is not in the immediate presence and under the effective control of such person; or*

(3)

*Is tethered or leashed on any street, or other public place, not set aside for such tethering or leashed for a period of longer than fifteen minutes, or in such a way as to block a public walkway or thoroughfare*

**\* \* \* National night Out** is on

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**, this year. Stay tuned.

Here is more info if you're interested:

<https://natw.org/>

**\*\*\* KPD Crime Statistics:**  
**(Prepared by Detective Sergeant Barrow)**

**KPD Monthly Crime Statistics**

**April 2015**

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	3	2	1	0	0
Larceny Theft	3	0	3	0	0
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Crimes</b>					
Other misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	4	1	3	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	1	0	1	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	1	0	0	1	1
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	4				
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0				

## KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2015

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	0	0	2	1
Residential Burglary	10	6	1	3	0
Larceny Theft	18	12	6	0	0
Vehicle Theft	5	2	1	2	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>Other Crimes</b>					
Other misdemeanor	3	0	3	0	0
Identity Theft	15	11	3	1	0
Fraud	1	1	0	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	2	0	0	2	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	1	0	1	0	0
Vandalism	4	2	0	2	0
Drugs	1	0	0	1	1
Warrant	2	0	0	2	2
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	10	5	4	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>75</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	19
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

\* 2011 case

**\* \* \*** Good information on emergency preparedness is available on the Contra Costa Health Services web site at [www.cchealth.org/topics/emergencies](http://www.cchealth.org/topics/emergencies)

**\* \* \*** If your Neighborhood Group would like an officer to come to your home and speak to your group about Public Safety, Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch, please contact Officer Wilkens at [www.swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:www.swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org)

**\* \* \*** For the Community Warning System in Contra Cost County for land lines, call 925-313-9622, and enter you phone number to be part of a comprehensive, integrated system for alerting people in Contra Cost County to imminent threats to their life or health. To register your cell phone for the same thing, do so on-line at [WWW.COCOCWS.US](http://WWW.COCOCWS.US)

**\* \* \*** Watch for the Security Alerts we send out when we want you to get some important information ASAP.

**\* \* \*** This UPDATE is community outreach only and is not intended to be resident's sole source of information from the PD. For more crime information please refer to the District Web Site at [www.kensingtoncalifornia.org](http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org) .

Please let Officer Wilkens and I know if you have suggestions for the 23rd "Kensington Neighborhood Watch Update".

Please tell your neighbors to get on this list. Email me at [dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org) .



Thank you,

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