

KENSINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE #23



Hello Residents:

* * * National night Out is on
Tuesday, August 4, 2015, this year. Stay tuned.

Here is more info if you're interested:

<https://natw.org/> Call me.....

* * * 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

* * * 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

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. Stephanie and I will work together on events like National Night Out and a possible 3rd 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 , so we know how many will be attending. See attached flyer.

-Stay tuned for another class scheduled for Thursday June, 18th. 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 . 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

***** KPD Crime Statistics:**

(Prepared by Detective Sergeant Barrow)

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

April 2015

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
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
Part 1 Totals	6	2	4	0	0
Other Crimes					
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
Other Crime Totals	9	1	6	2	2
All Crime Totals	15	3	10	2	2
Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	4				
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0				

KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2015

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
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
Part 1 Totals	35	20	8	7	1
Other Crimes					
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
Other Crime Totals	40	19	11	10	4
All Crime Totals	75	39	19	17	5
Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	19				
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0				

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* * * Good information on emergency preparedness is available on the Contra Costa Health Services web site at 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

* * * 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

* * * 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 .

Please let me know if you have suggestions for the 24th "Kensington Neighborhood Watch Update".

Please tell your neighbors to get on this list. Email me at dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org .

Thank you,

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