

Kensington Community Services District

Kensington Police Protection and
Community Services DistrictKENSINGTON
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Date: October 9, 2025

To: Board of Directors

Submitted by: David Aranda, Interim General Manager (IGM)

Subject: General Manager's Report for August 9, 2025 Through September 30, 2025

The IGM was on vacation September 9-21, 2025.

Listed below are bullet points on work that done over the past two months. Because some board members may not be familiar with ongoing work, please contact me directly for any questions you may have.

Please note that Mary and I have made an executive decision to use the attached as a temporary logo for the KCSD. We had a professional develop a few examples and we selected the attached. There was an immediate need to provide a logo that defines us for the GM recruitment brochure in order to initiate the search in a timely manner. The board, at a future planning session will then have an opportunity to finalize the branding needed for the District. For now the specific fire and police correspondence would continue to use their respective department logos.

- There was an effort made to provide a special evening with food trucks at the Kensington Park. Unfortunately, the Food Truck Group did not find our contract acceptable. Efforts will be made to locate a group of food trucks that will find our contract acceptable for next year.
- Met with Mary and SDRMA in Sacramento in preparing for insurance coverage from SDRMA to cover Fire District Assets.
- Numerous discussions on assorted topics regarding the new Kensington Community Services District.
- Prepared the newsletter that was distributed by Bay View Refuse in their billing letters.
- Worked with Bay View and Kimberly Huff on flyers and website postings for the Kensington Clean up week as well as an article that was placed in the Outlook.
- Meeting in the Parade the KCC is planning on with assistance from the Police Department in closing a portion of The Arlington.
- Various discussions with various representatives of the Path Keepers Organization regarding the ownership of the Paths by the KCSD.
- Mary and I were able to make a presentation to all directors over the course of three different dates providing an overview of each respective organization.
- Continue working with KCC in obtaining quotes for seismic work, electrical, HVAC and overall building repairs. This is in conjunction with the KCC-KPPCSD agreement for Capital Needs on the Recreation Building.

- Ongoing conversations and tweaking some items for the Solid Waste Grant in conjunction with the State of California and Recycling.
- Working with Bob Murray and Associates regarding the GM Search/recruitment.
- Direction given to Fernando to clean all drains, clean out the Community Center Storeroom and continue to clean out the Annex Building.

I want to thank Chief Gancasz for his oversight of the district while I was out of the country.

Exhibit(s)

- Logo Sheet
- Walk Through of Kensington Fire
- Newsletter
- Recreation Report

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S E R V I C E S D I S T R I C T

From: [David Aranda](#)
To: [Lynelle Lewis](#)
Subject: FW: Walkthrough of Kensington Fire
Date: Friday, October 3, 2025 8:25:21 AM
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Lynelle. Please put this email in my GM report. Thanks David.

David Aranda
Interim General Manager

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Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 1:15 AM
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Cc: Rogelio Vista <RogelioV@sanpabloca.gov>; mmayorga@kensingtonfire.org; Mike Gancasz <MGancasz@kppcsd.org>
Subject: RE: Walkthrough of Kensington Fire

David,

I filed the application for kensingtoncsdca.gov earlier today. The request is currently being processed by CISA, the federal agency responsible for the .gov registry. I don't know if the federal shutdown will delay the processing of the application. CISA furloughed 65% of their staff since the federal shutdown.

[Raymond Mar](#), MPA, CGCIO

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Subject: RE: Walkthrough of Kensington Fire

Hi Raymond: In speaking with the Police Chief and Mary about this, it is our belief that we first need to obtain a new domain name. Once that has been accomplished we can have a sit down and walk through with the various parties to determine what our next steps might be. Please provide a time line on when we might expect a new domain name. I am already getting questions from board members about that. Thank you. David.

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Subject: Walkthrough of Kensington Fire

Hi David,

When can we schedule a walkthrough of Kensington Fire's offices to verify the setup for Kensington PD admin staff relocating there? We can review Fire's IT setup and provide recommendations, but taking on managed services would be a major scope change and may not be feasible depending on their support requirements. Thanks.

Raymond Mar, MPA, CGCIO

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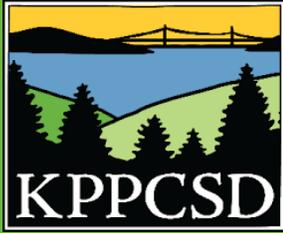
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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Volume 2
Issue 3
Fall 2025

This newsletter provides updated information regarding the KPPCSD and your community.

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Residents
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KENSINGTON CONSOLIDATION BECOMES REALITY

Congratulations, Kensington! On October 1, 2025, the Kensington Fire Protection District and the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District will officially consolidate into one new entity: the **Kensington Community Services District (KCSO)**.

This unified district will deliver essential services including Police, Fire, Parks, and Solid Waste, ensuring cost-effective and coordinated support for the community.

Please join us at the first **KCSO Board Meeting** on **Thursday, October 9, 2025**.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the directors, staff, residents, and supporting agencies—including the County of Contra Costa and LAFCO—for their collaboration in making this historic milestone a reality.

PATHS IN KENSINGTON

Great news for walkers and neighbors alike—**three paths are now officially acquired by the KPPCSD and secured as public trails forever!** The paths are: Ardmore Path, Beloit Path, and Coventry Path.

This was made possible through an agreement between Contra Costa County and the District. In addition, the County has committed financial support for improvements, which will take place over the coming years.

PARKS

Looking for the perfect place to gather when the winter months arrive? The Community Center is a warm and welcoming space available to rent for your next event—whether it's a family celebration, birthday party, class reunion, community workshop, or just a friendly get-together. The facility offers a convenient local option without the hassle of traveling far, making it ideal for hosting neighbors, family, and friends. To reserve your spot, contact Rosa or visit KPPCSD.org.

SOLID WASTE

Mark your calendars: **Kensington Clean-Up Week** is coming up September 22–26 on your regular garbage collection day. Look out for more details from Bayview Refuse Service or visit the District's KPPCSD website for updates.

A Message from Kensington Police Department



Our **Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)** program continued to thrive, thanks to the outstanding dedication of community members who generously gave their time and talents. Last month, we proudly recognized Mike Logan, Walt Gill, and our newest volunteer, Nolan Haynes, for their exceptional contributions. Together, they donated over 70 hours in support of the Kensington Police

Department and the broader community.

From assisting with community events such as **Cookies with the Cops**, the **Kensington Paths Walk**, and the **Employee Appreciation Luncheon**, to preparing for our Open House, their support was instrumental. In addition to event coordination, our Volunteers took on essential behind-the-scenes roles—helping manage fleet repairs, organizing logistics, and supporting daily administrative functions that enhanced our department's efficiency.

These events provided valuable opportunities for residents to engage with officers and build trust within the community. For details about future opportunities, please visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram.



Introducing Nolan Jacob Haynes – Kensington's New Police Volunteer

It was with great pride and gratitude that I introduced the newest member of our Kensington Police Department family—Nolan Jacob Haynes. Nolan recently graduated from Clayton Valley Charter High School, where he made a lasting impression. He was honored twice as divisional Homecoming King—an acknowledgment of both his school spirit and the respect of his peers. He also served as honorary team manager for the Clayton Valley Ugly Eagles Junior Varsity football team during the 2024–2025 season, a role that showcased his leadership and love of the game.

A passionate football fan, Nolan proudly supported the San Francisco 49ers and enjoyed music, road trips, and gaming. But beyond his hobbies lay a lifelong desire to serve. Raised in a family dedicated to public service, he grew up visiting station houses and watching his father in uniform. From a young age, he felt a strong sense of purpose and dreamed of following in those footsteps.

At age 10, Nolan was diagnosed with Leukodystrophy, a condition that changed his life's course. Yet what stood out was not the diagnosis—it was his resilience and determination. Rather than letting go of his dream, he redefined it. With extraordinary courage, Nolan chose to serve as a Police Volunteer, and we were fortunate he chose Kensington.

His journey was inspiring. His kindness and strength of character already had an impact on our department. He represented the very best of public service—dedicated, compassionate, and committed to making a difference.

While one of Nolan's proudest memories was meeting Eminem through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, he was most honored to don a uniform and serve alongside his father, who worked as a Police Consultant with the District.

On August 14th, Nolan was formally introduced to the Board of Directors during their regular meeting.

Mike Gancasz
Chief of Police

**Recreation Office Report prepared by Jenny Parks
Kensington Community Council
October 1, 2025**

KASEP:

- Fall KASEP began on Sept. 8th with 71 classes running each week
- 530 students participate each week in KASEP classes
- We added Lacrosse, Clay Creations and Pastel Classes
- Fall session will be 14 weeks ending December 19th
- Winter Registration is scheduled for December 9th, 2025

Adult Classes - Fall Schedule

Tai Chi - Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30-11am

Strength & Balance Yoga Tuesdays 8:30am

Chair Yoga - Thursdays 10-11am

Cooking classes scheduled for Tuesdays evenings -October 21st,
November 18th and December 9th

KCC & Other:

- Over 300 people attended Movie Night in the park on 9/20
- Electrical panel was replaced on the recreation building
- Fire alarms and fire extinguishers were checked and cleared in the recreation building
- Lights in the recreation building were replaced with LED bulbs
- A new shed was installed near the KCC office for storage
- A dumpster was brought on site and filled with excess waste mostly from the annex which is now cleared out
- KCC Fall Picnic is scheduled for October 19th, 2025 and The Kensington Parade will return this year led by the CAL Straw Hat Band.