

## Kensington Police Protection & Community Service District

*Providing Police Protection,  
Parks & Recreation, and  
Waste Management Services*

### GM Monthly Update - May 2021



*KPOA and former Interim Chief of Police Steve Simpkins congratulate and give a fond farewell to Interim Chief of Police Walt Schulz.*

#### Top Stories:

- Vacant KPPCSD Board Director Seat considered at Special Meeting
- KPPCSD looks to the future and considers new headquarters
- Rash of catalytic converter thefts take place in Kensington and around the Bay
- New Traffic Safety Unit to be Launched
- Kensington Community Center to re-open!

# ADMINISTRATION

## Vacant KPPCSD Board Director Seat considered at Special Meeting

On Wednesday, May 26 at 6:00 pm, the KPPCSD Board of Directors considered options to fill the vacant KPPCSD Board of Director position that was recently vacated by former Director Cyrus Modavi. After deliberation, the Board elected to undertake an appointment process to appoint a Board Director for the remainder of Mr. Modavi's term.



The schedule for the Board appointment process is as follows:

- Board Director applications will be posted on the District website by Friday, June 4.
- Applications will be due by 4:00 pm on Monday, June 21.
- Should the Board receive more than five applications, the Board of Directors will discuss an applicant screening process at the June 29 Special Meeting.
- Final appointment of a new Board Director will occur at the Board's regularly scheduled July 8 Board Meeting.

## KPPCSD looks to the future and considers new headquarters



Over the past three months, there have been several presentations and discussions regarding the temporary and/or permanent relocation of the KPPCSD. As a result of the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) Board's action to move forward with a fire department-only occupancy of a renovated Public Safety Building,

KPPCSD staff is investigating all relocation options to house the future KPPCSD headquarters

Concurrently, KPPCSD staff is also working closely with the KFPD on a relocation schedule and preparations for transition to a new location. The District will continue to update the community on the project's progress as it unfolds.

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## Welcome new subscribers!

Welcome to our new subscribers and thank you for your interest! Since the launch of the GM's Monthly Update in April, the number of subscribers has increased by more than 60%. The KPPCSD looks forward to bringing the Kensington community relevant and timely District news.

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## POLICE

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### Tools for Catalytic Converter Theft Seized

KPD recently pulled over a silver Lexus for an equipment violation in the 200 block of Amhurst Avenue. While speaking with the occupants, the Officer observed tools inside the car commonly used to steal catalytic converters. The car was searched and a portable car jack, three battery powered reciprocating saws with metal cutting blades, and dozens of shaved keys (which are commonly used to steal vehicles) were found and seized. In addition to these items, the Officer also seized fraudulent identification cards, suspected drug paraphernalia, methamphetamine, and a replica firearm.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that all three adults have extensive criminal records and none of them reside in Kensington. Their vehicle was impounded, they were arrested and transported to the County Jail in Martinez. KPD will continue to monitor the case.

Tips for preventing Catalytic Converter Theft:

- Whenever possible, park in your garage.
- Use motion sensing lights when parking in your driveway.
- Park in well-lit areas.

# CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

An exhaust emission control device that reduces toxic gases and pollutants in exhaust gas

Contains valuable metals such as platinum

The Toyota Prius is a target possibly because it can be easier to lift with a car jack due to its lighter weight

**What can you do to prevent catalytic converter theft?**

- ⚙️ Park in your home garage when possible
- ⚙️ Use motion-sensing lights when parking in your driveway
- ⚙️ Park in well-lit areas



Tiffany Nguyen / Staff  
Source: CBS SF Bay Area

## New Traffic Safety Unit to be Launched



Over the next few months, the Police Department will reallocate one of the patrol cars to a new traffic safety unit. The car will be identified by “Traffic Enforcement Unit” graphics and use technology, educational pamphlets, and safety

equipment to aid officers who are investigating traffic collisions, enforcing traffic violations, and capturing evidence of violations for use in court.

Motorists will also receive literature on the importance of traffic safety coupled with a written warning or a citation. The Traffic Safety Unit will be launched later this summer.

## Alleged Elder Abuse

Earlier in May, KPD investigated a report from Richmond Kaiser hospital staff of a 78 year old adult male being treated for injuries consistent with assault. Doctors stated that the patient sustained an abrasion on his forehead that they believed was suspicious. The

victim left the hospital before officers could speak with him. The investigation is ongoing.

State law requires members of the clergy, medical professionals, professional caretakers and those responsible for the care of elderly loved ones to report elder abuse. In addition to calling the Kensington Police Department (KPD), suspected abuse can also be reported to Adult Protective Services, and the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

For more Information and Assistance, contact:

- KPD (Non-Emergency Number): 510-526-4141
- [Contra Costa County - Adult Protective Services](#)
- [California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program](#)

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## KPD Seeks Witnesses to Auto Burglary and Theft

On May 15, KPD responded to a report of an auto burglary in the 1100 block of Arlington Avenue. The victim's vehicle was broken into by unknown suspects who pulled out the door lock sometime during the night. The suspects stole property valued at approximately \$1,050. There were no witnesses to the crime and no suspect leads have emerged. The investigation is ongoing.



[Should you have a lead to report, please contact KPD at: 510-526-4141](#)

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## Vehicle Used for Illegal Storage Impounded

KPD followed up on a vehicle that had been identified as being used for illegal storage seven days earlier in the 600 block of Oberlin Avenue. Pursuant to the vehicle code, the vehicle was removed from the premises and the owner was notified - he lives in San Rafael.

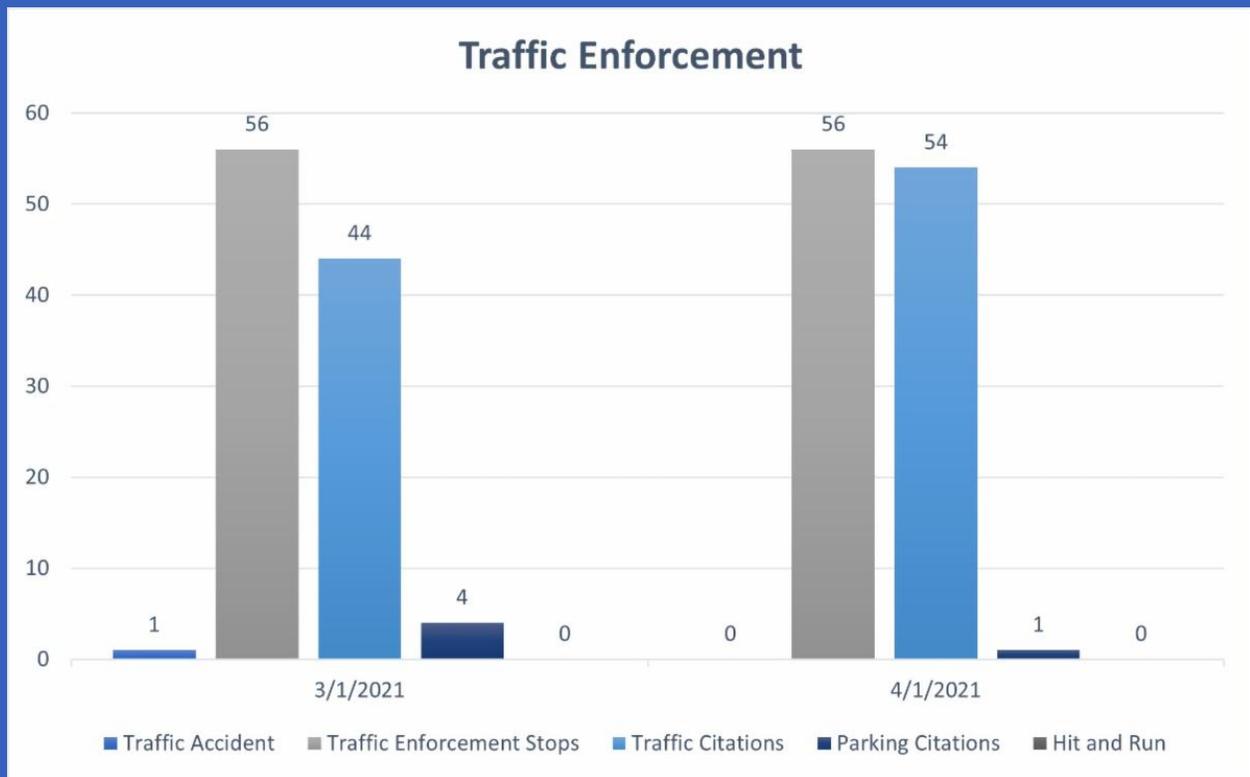
Contra Costa County's Code specifies that any vehicle parked on a county road for seventy-two or more consecutive hours must be

moved or removed from its location. Please contact the KPD should you have concerns regarding any long-term parked vehicles in your neighborhood: 510-526-4141.

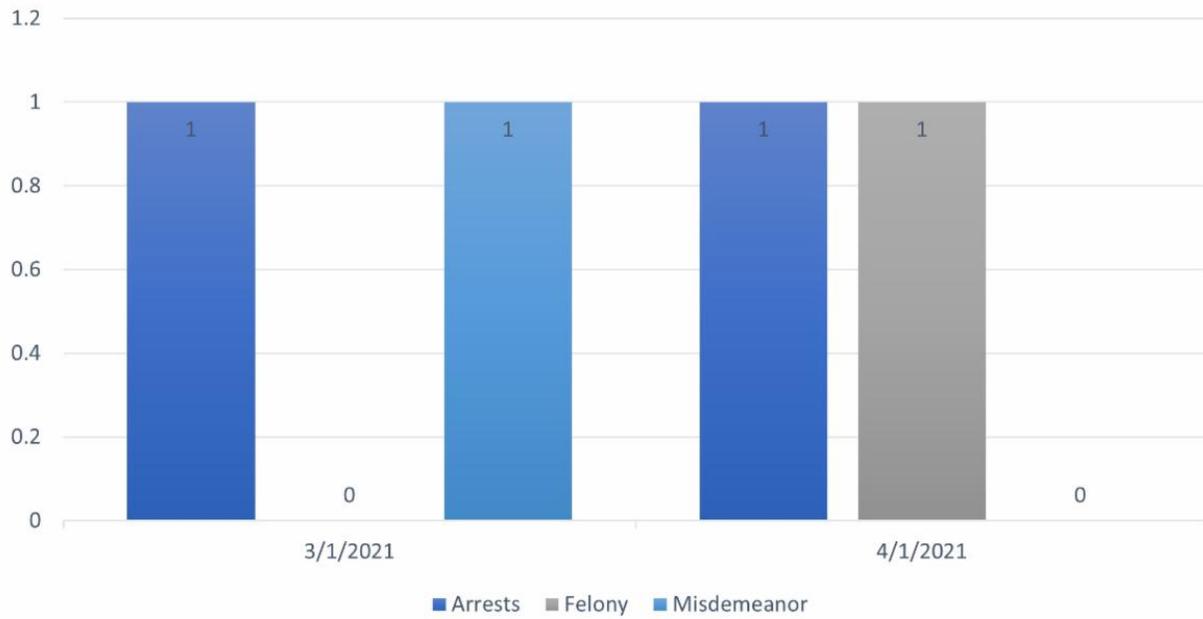
## April 2021 Police Log

[Check out the Police Department's April police log for recent police activity in the district.](#)

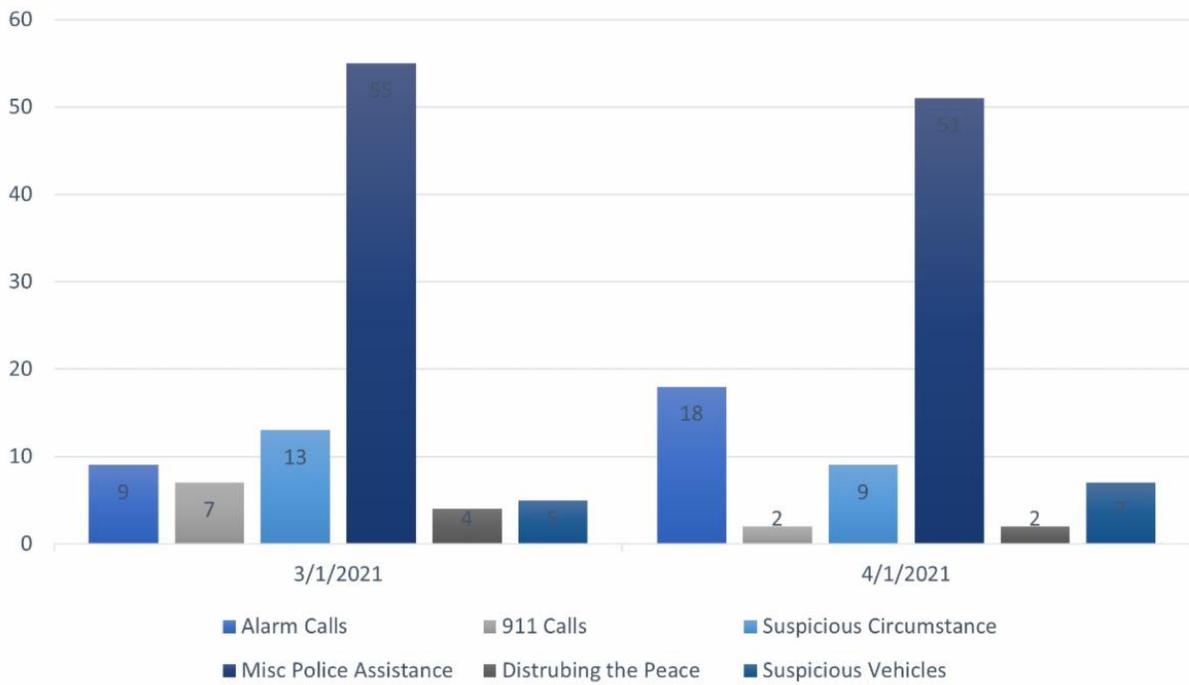
### Police Department Activity



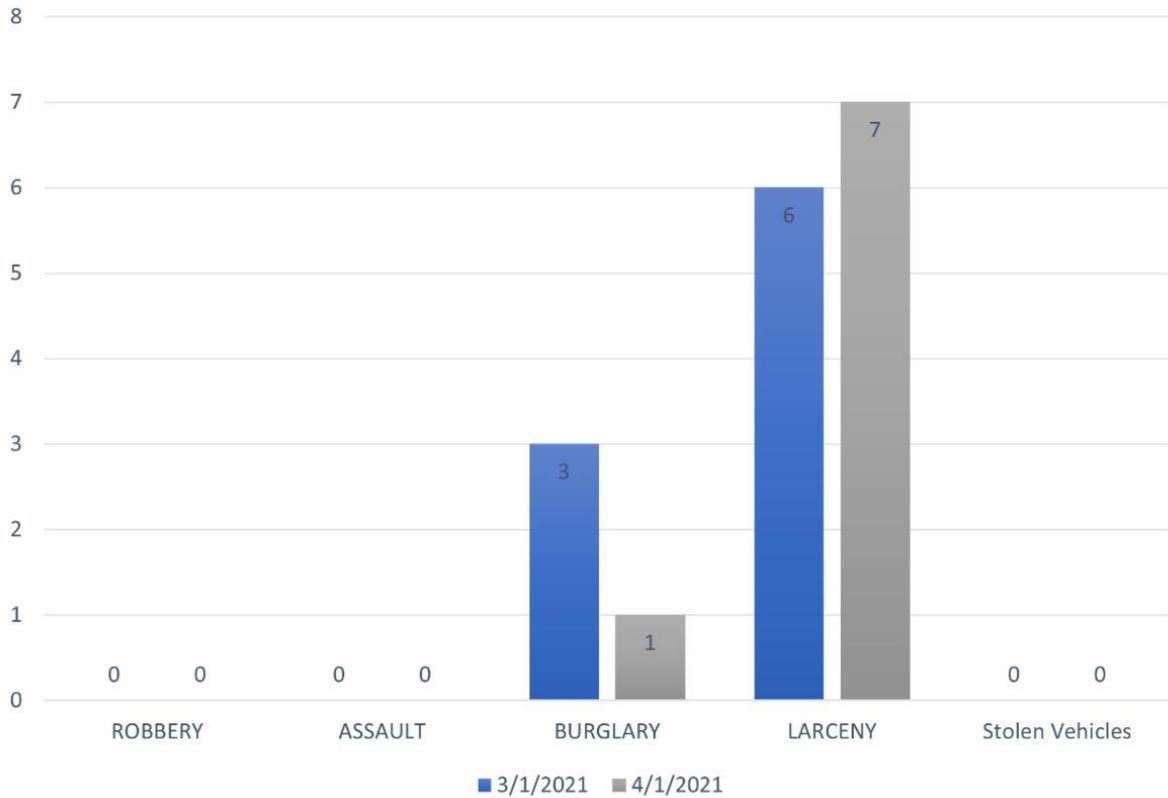
## Investigations & Arrests



## Patrol Incidents



## Theft Related Crimes



## PARKS & RECREATION

### Kensington Community Center to re-open!



second week of June.

Along with Governor Newsom's directive to re-open the State, the KPPCSD plans to officially re-open the Community Center on June 15 for community use and rental. Any special Covid 19 guidelines for public use of the center will be posted on the District's website by the end of the

### Highland Avenue Storm Drain Due for Repairs

For more than three years, the District has leased a trench plate to cover a damaged storm drain at the top of the stairs leading to Kensington Park and

Highland Avenue. During this same time, there has also been a discrepancy between the District and the County over who is ultimately responsible for the storm drains permanent repairs. As a result, District staff will tackle the issue this fiscal year to determine which jurisdiction has purview over the improvements. Concurrently, staff will also propose allocating additional funds in this year's budget to make the repairs in the event that it turns out that the storm drain damage is within the park boundaries and, therefore, the District's responsibility to repair and maintain.



## Bicycle Obstacle Course Removed



For the past few months, several Kensington youth have been using railroad ties, the District's perimeter fence and other materials to build bicycle ramps and an obstacle course for jumping in Kensington Park east of the Community Center. After several complaints and concerns for the health and safety of the youth, the railroad ties have been removed along with the rest of the obstacle course materials. The site will continue to be monitored by District staff to ensure community health and safety.

## FINANCE

### FY 2021-22 Budget

Staff is working hard to complete the draft fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for Board review and consideration in June. Please join the Board and District for the following upcoming budget workshops

- Thursday, June 10, 7:00 pm, Regular Board Meeting – First Board Budget Workshop;

- Thursday, June 17, 6:00 pm, Community Budget Workshop (facilitated by staff); and
- Tuesday, June 29, 7:00 pm, Special Board Meeting to consider final approval of the FY 2021-22 budget.

## Monthly Financials - March 2021

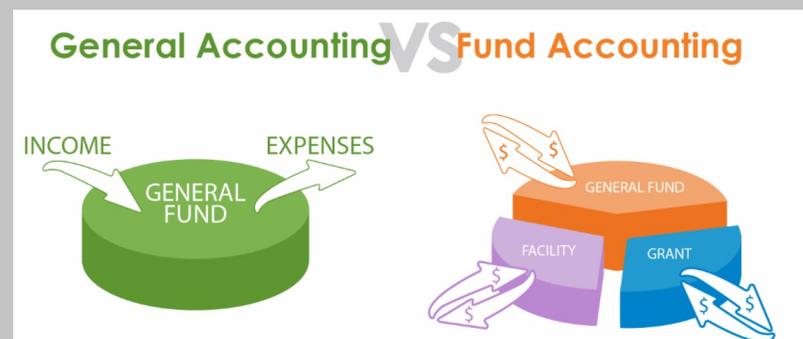
If you missed the May 13 Board meeting and would like to review the District's monthly financials, please review the [March 2021 financial reports](#) on the District's website.

## Updates to Finance Department Software

Starting July 1, 2021, the Finance Department will move to standard public sector Fund Accounting. In consultation with the District's

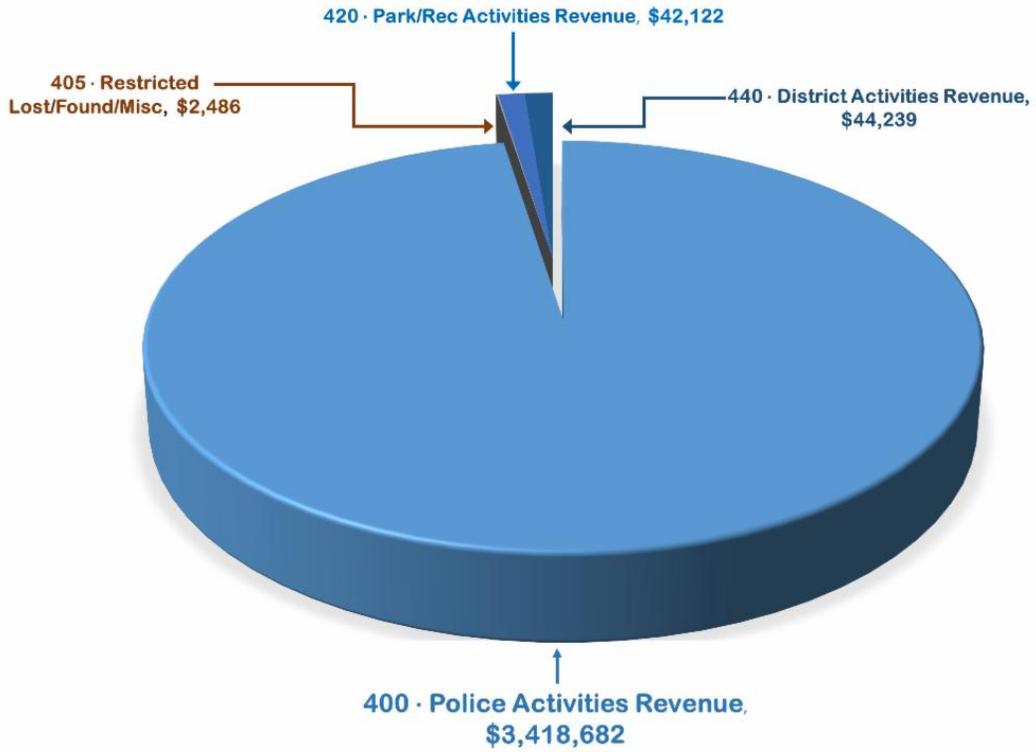
Auditor, another Special District and the District's recently hired finance consultant, the Finance Department will institute Quick Book functions that allow accurate reporting of District finances by Fund in the new fiscal year.

Finally, the Department has also instituted InTime software and system for time sheet tracking. It was initially piloted with the Police Department and is being launched this payroll period with the part-time administrative staff. The Finance Department is already experiencing considerable savings of staff time in preparing employee payroll.

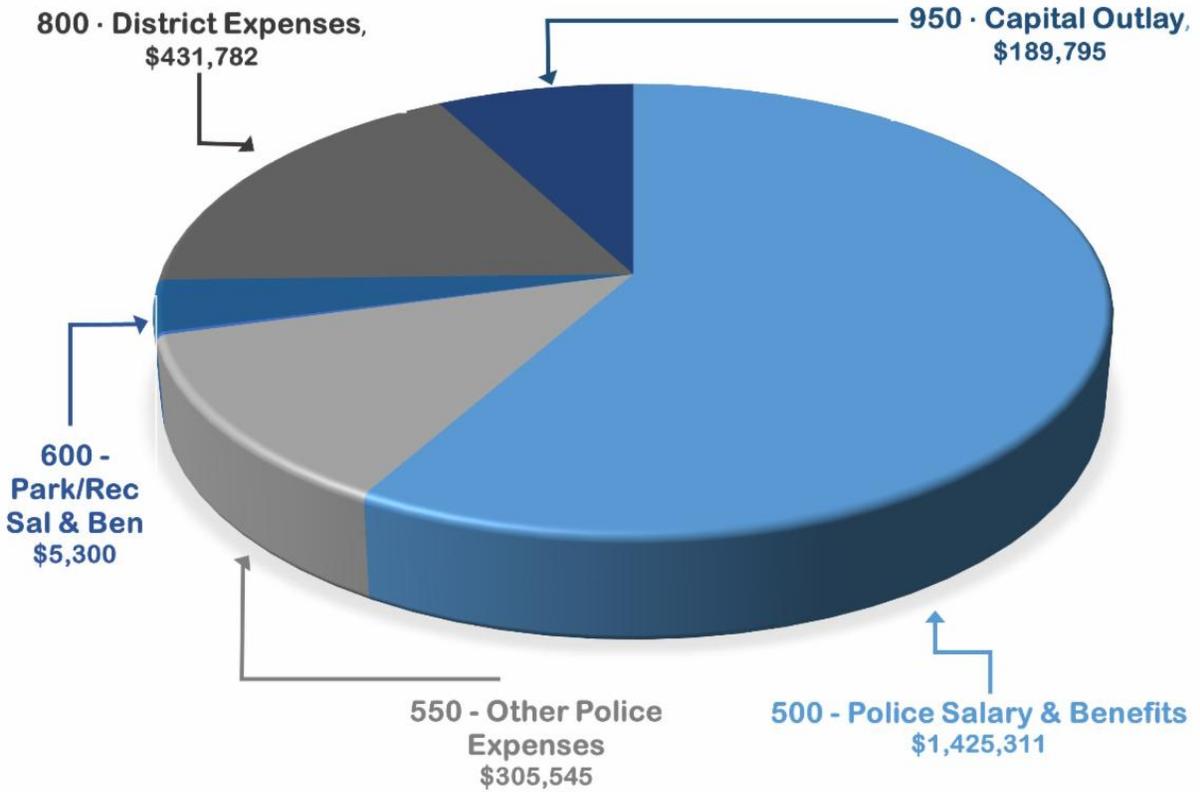


## INCOME & EXPENSES - FY 2020-21 (July-March)

### INCOME



### EXPENSE



**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

# Public Records Act Requests - January thru April 2021

Review the District's Public Records Act (PRA) requests **totaling \$8,000** from the first trimester of 2021 at the following link: [PRA Requests - January thru April 2021.](#)

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