

Kensington Police Protection & Community Service District

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

GM Monthly Update - July 2021



The Kensington Police Protection District was formed 75 years ago this summer.

Top Stories:

- General Manager Resigns
- Police Recruitments Underway
- Major Tree Removal in the Park this Sunday!

ADMINISTRATION

Next Board Meetings

- Thursday, August 5 @ 5:00 PM Special Meeting (Tentative)
 - Thursday, August 12 @ 6:00 PM Special Meeting
 - Thursday, August 12 @ 7:00 PM Regular Meeting
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 22, 2021

General Manager Resigns

On July 15, 2021, General Manager Marti Brown gave the District 30-days' notice of her resignation.

The District hired Ms. Brown on January 25, 2021. Her contract has a 12-month term but gives either party the right to terminate during and/or before the official end date.

Ms. Brown has taken a position with the City of Willows, a full-service city that includes community development, urban planning and capital projects, all of which have been areas of particular focus during Ms. Brown's career. Willows is also within commuting distance of Ms. Brown's home in Marysville.

Ms. Brown's last day with the District will be Friday, August 13.

POLICE

Police Recruitments Underway

The Kensington Police Department held interviews for the position of police officer on Wednesday, July 21, at the Public Safety Building.

Seven applications were received, and the skill and experience level of the applicant pool ranged from academy graduates to 25-year veterans.

All applicants must achieve a passing score during this phase to move on to the next phase. Three of the seven applicants received a passing score making them eligible to continue. The next step is a review of the applications, resumes, documents, and responses to the questions which will further rank the applicants for the next step, an interview with the Chief of Police.



KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS NOW RECRUITING
LATERAL AND ACADEMY GRADS

SCHEDULING ORAL BOARD INTERVIEWS:
OPEN AND CONTINUOUS

INTERVIEW LOCATION:
KENSINGTON POLICE DEPT.
217 ARLINGTON AVE., KENSINGTON

APPLICATION FORM:
WWW.KPPCSD.ORG

SALARY RANGE OF:
\$86,630.40 TO \$117,246.62
***with incentives**
Effective July 1, 2021

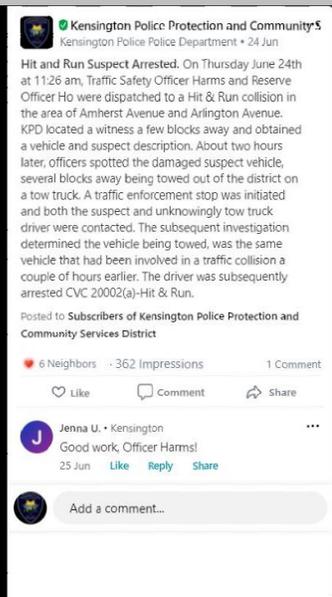
Depending on qualifications. Benefits include: California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS), medical, dental and vision insurance, Educational Assistance Plan (EAP), sick leave incentive and conversion plan, deferred compensation, 5% Intermediate Certificate Incentive, 5% POST Advanced Certificate Incentive. Please email completed applications and a resume to:

anath@kppcsd.org
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
(710) 883-4080

At the conclusion of this process, which will be completed by July 22, a decision will be made to move ranking candidates into a background process, which may take up to three months per candidate.

Hit and Run Collision & Arrest

On Thursday, June 24, an Officer responded to the 300 block of Amherst Avenue for a report of a hit and run collision. Witnesses described the suspect vehicle and the damage it sustained. A report



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Hit and Run Suspect Arrested. On Thursday June 24th at 11:26 am, Traffic Safety Officer Harms and Reserve Officer Ho were dispatched to a Hit & Run collision in the area of Amherst Avenue and Arlington Avenue. KPD located a witness a few blocks away and obtained a vehicle and suspect description. About two hours later, officers spotted the damaged suspect vehicle, several blocks away being towed out of the district on a tow truck. A traffic enforcement stop was initiated and both the suspect and unknowingly tow truck driver were contacted. The subsequent investigation determined the vehicle being towed, was the same vehicle that had been involved in a traffic collision a couple of hours earlier. The driver was subsequently arrested CVC 20002(a)-Hit & Run.

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Jenna U. · Kensington
Good work, Officer Harms!
25 Jun Like Reply Share

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was taken, and officers began looking for the car. Later that day, while on patrol, a vehicle on the back of a tow truck that matched the suspect's car was spotted. Harms stopped the tow truck before it could leave Kensington and spoke to the driver. He provided enough information to verify he was towing the vehicle wanted in

connection with the hit-and-run collision. The driver was identified and arrested for fleeing the scene of the collision. The case has been forwarded to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Possession of Narcotics and Arrest

On Tuesday, June 15, a vehicle and driver were stopped for speeding. Upon further observation, the Officer noticed that the occupants were in possession of open containers of alcohol. The driver was arrested, and the passenger received a citation for a separate violation.



On Wednesday, June 30, during a standard traffic enforcement stop in the 300 block of Arlington Avenue, the arresting Officer observed drug paraphernalia and narcotics in the vehicle prompting an arrest. The driver was later released from the scene with a citation.

Traffic Collision

On Thursday, June 17, Officers were dispatched to a roll-over traffic collision at Arlington and Wellesley Avenues. While a bit shaken by the accident, the driver was treated and released at the scene without injuries. The safe removal of the car required Arlington Avenue traffic to be diverted for more than one hour.



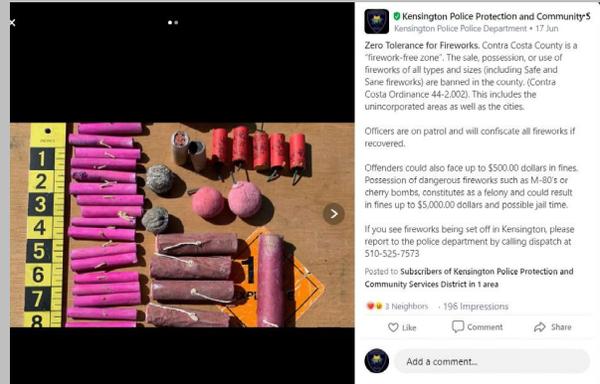
Man with a Gun

On Thursday, June 24, Officers responded to the 100 block of Colusa Avenue on a report of a disturbance that escalated when

one person threatened another person with a gun. Officers canvassed the area, and the subject was eventually located nearby and detained while officers searched his vehicle for the described firearm. None was found, and officers resolved the situation between the two parties peacefully.

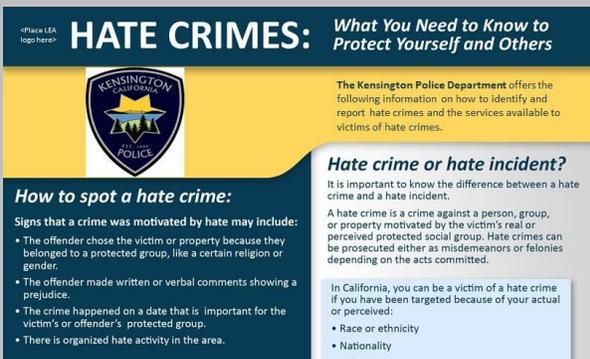
KPD on Facebook

Are you following the [KPD on Facebook](#) and/or [NextDoor](#)? If not, check it out! There are regular updates on District public safety related activities and valuable tips for staying safe and reporting crime.



KPD announces launch of first Traffic Enforcement unit.

Zero tolerance for fireworks - KPD asks for your help in making sure Kensington is safe from illegal fireworks. If you hear anything that sounds like fireworks, please contact KPD dispatch at 510-525-7573.



Information on spotting hate crimes. Also, available on Kensington Nextdoor.

Package theft at the corner of Amherst and Oberlin on June 29. Any information, please contact KPD dispatch at 510-525-7573.

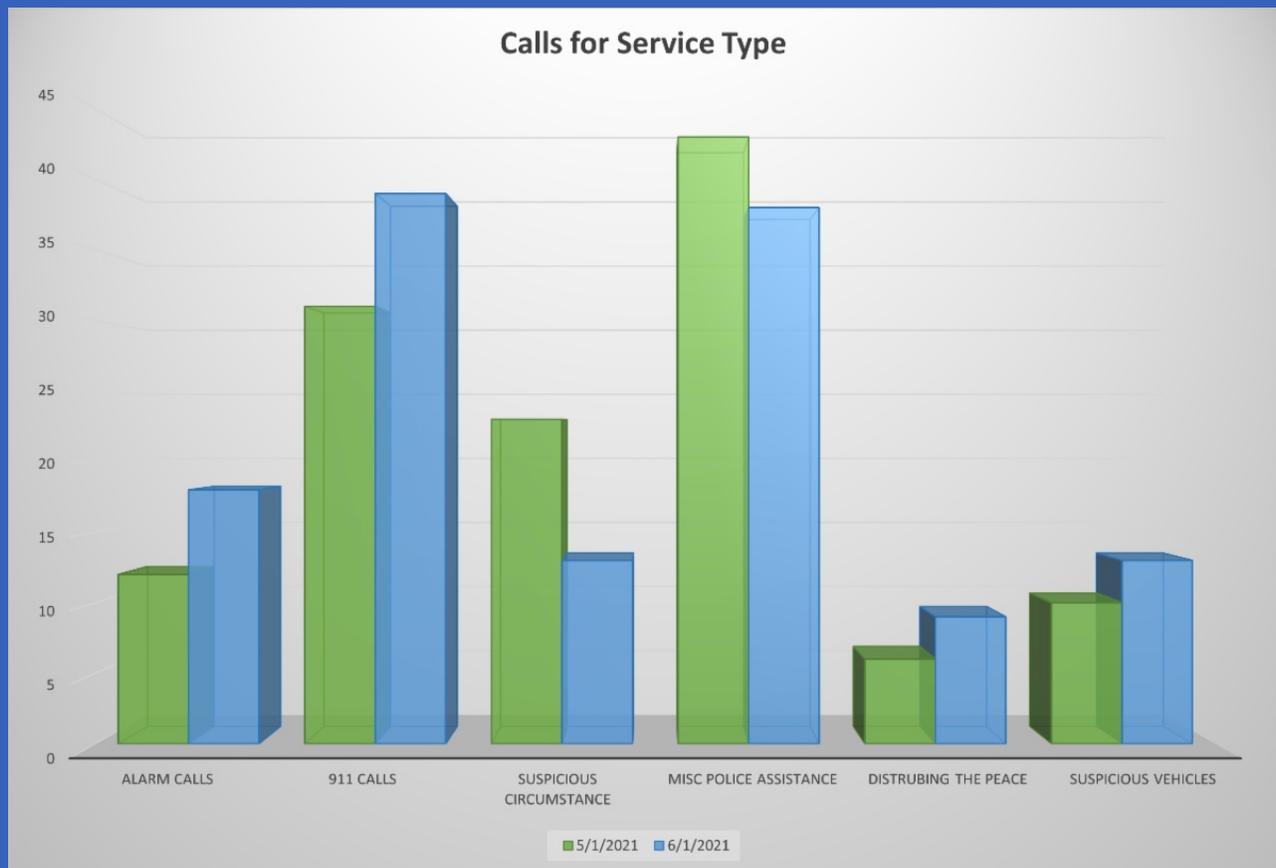
Other Police Activities and Highlights

Read the [Chief of Police memo](#) for more KPD highlights for the month of June.

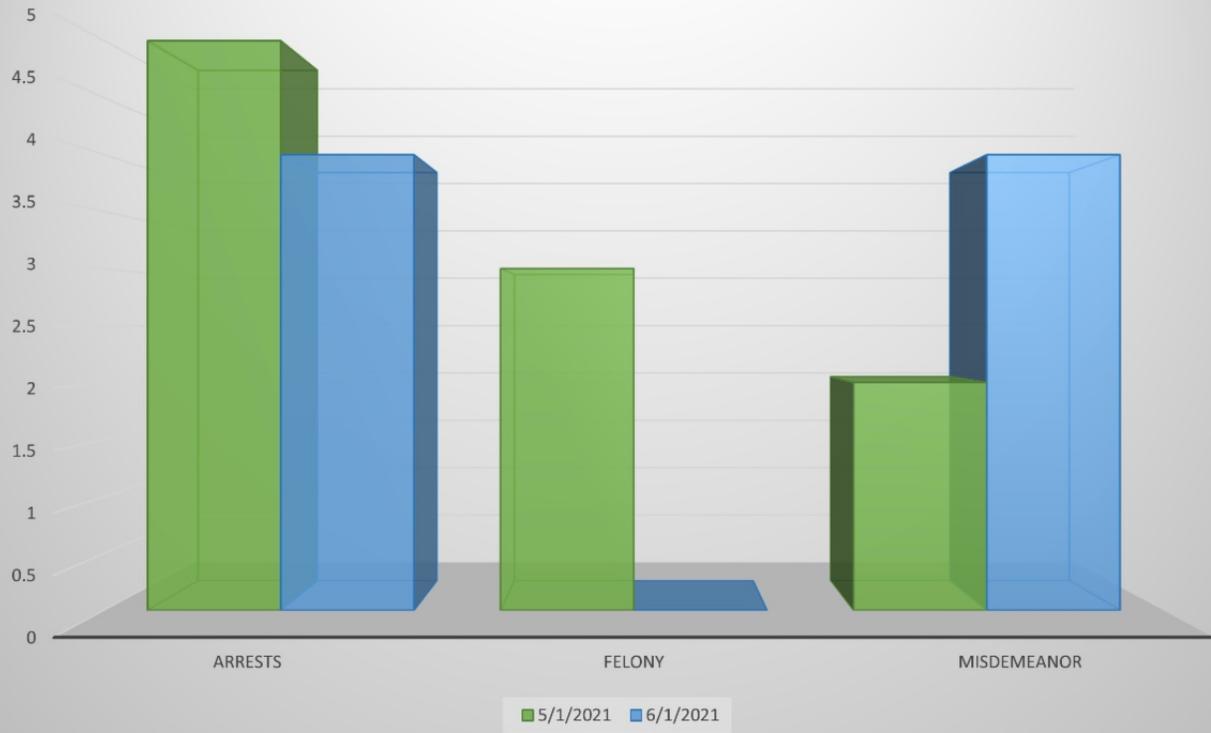
June 2021 Police Log

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

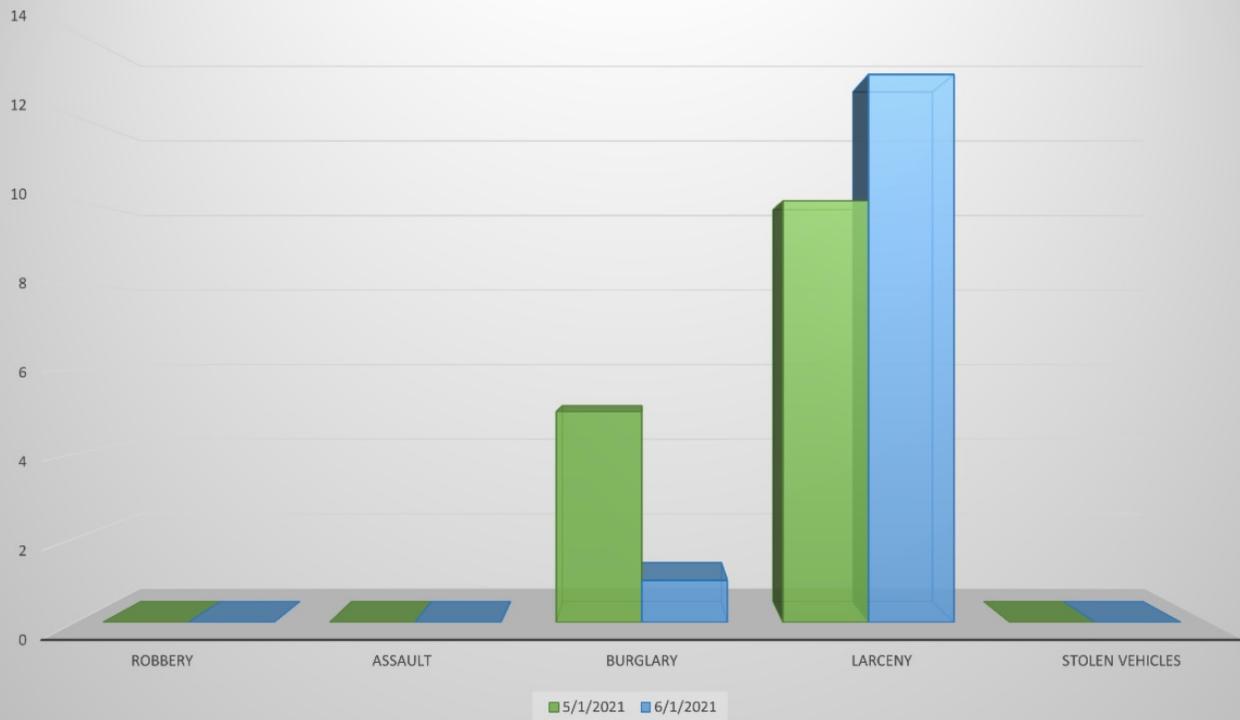
Police Department Activity - June 2021



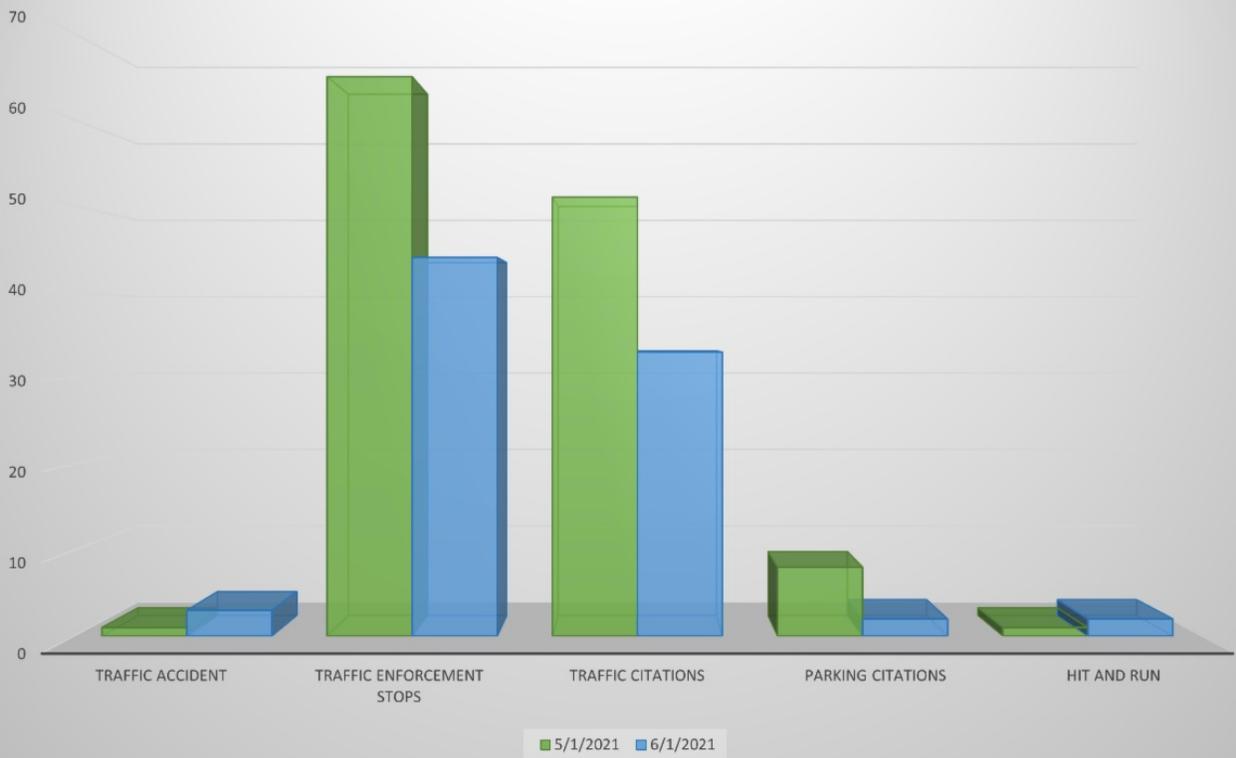
Arrests



Theft Related Crimes



Traffic Enforcement



Community Patrols



PARKS & RECREATION

Major Tree Removal in
the Park this Sunday
(July 25)!

This coming Sunday, July 25, several trees in Kensington Park near the tennis courts and playground will be moved. As a result, the tennis courts, playground and adjacent parking lot at the top of the hill will



be closed from 7:00 AM until noon. During this time, Building E will only be able to be accessed from Highland Boulevard and Windsor Road.

Vandalism in the Park

On Wednesday, June 28, fresh graffiti spray-painted on the side of the Annex Building was discovered by an Officer and KCC. The graffiti displayed, "*Money Land Guest Only.*" Officers completed an area canvass, but no suspects were identified. The investigation is ongoing.



Before



After

Current and Upcoming Park & Recreation Improvements

During this year's budget process, the Board of Directors approved funding for several one-time expenses for maintenance and overall improvements in the park this year, including:

- Renovation Assessment of Annex Building,
- Security Cameras for Community Center,
- Rekey Community Center (electronic system),
- Cover for AC Unit (outside Community Center),
- Repair Retaining Wall on Arlington,
- Replace Tennis Court Backboard,
- Repair Sprinkler Valve (Upper Lawn),
- Repair Upper Lawn,
- New Trash Cans (type TBD),
- Tree and Hazardous Brush Removal in Park (starting this weekend!), and
- Repair Stairs from E Building up toward Highland Boulevard.

In particular, the tree and hazardous brush removal will be taking place over the next several weeks in an effort to protect the park, buildings and residents from fire hazard. As a result of these maintenance efforts there will be inconveniences (like this weekend) from time to time over the next few months. Thank you in advance for your patience as the District addresses several repair and maintenance issues over the next few months.



Before



After

Kensington Community Center Remains Closed

The Kensington Community Center will remain closed and unavailable for public reservations and group

meetings until further notice. At this time, only the Kensington Community Council (KCC) will be using the Center as part of its contract with the District.



FINANCE

FY 2021-22 Budget

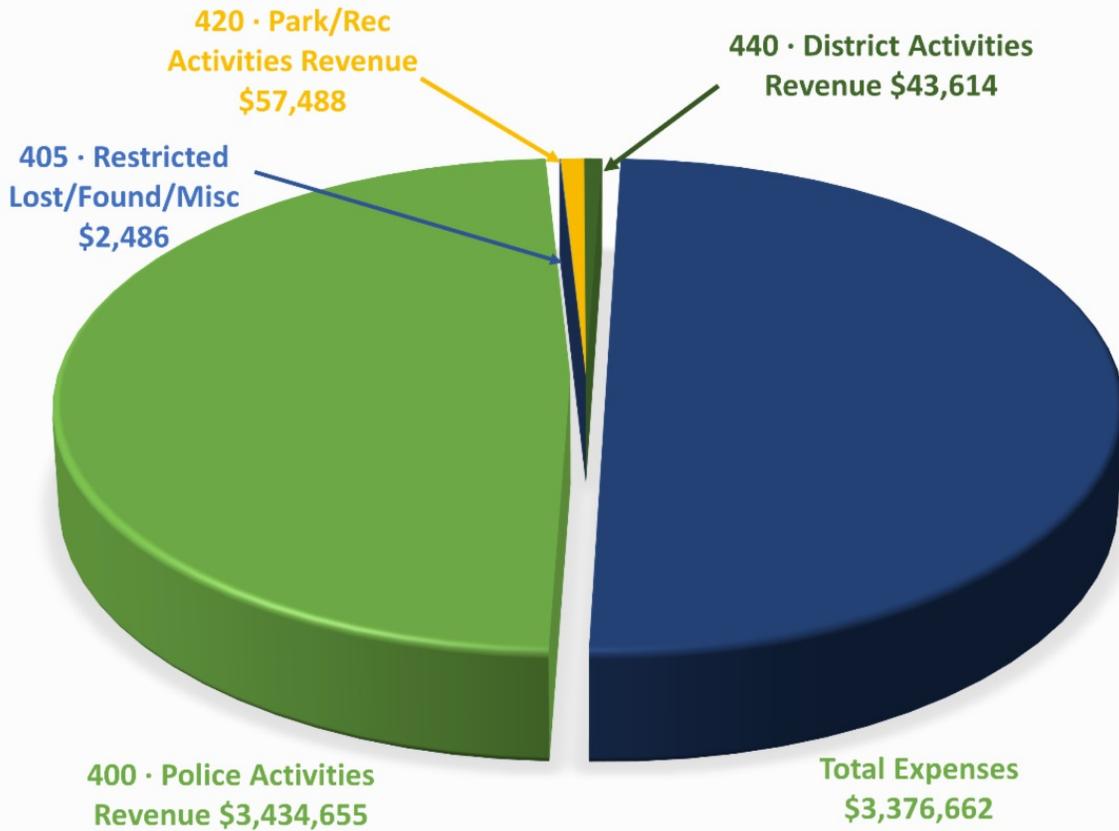
On June 29, the Board of Directors approved the FY 2021-22 budget, which will be posted to the KPPCSD website shortly.

FY 2020-21 Audit

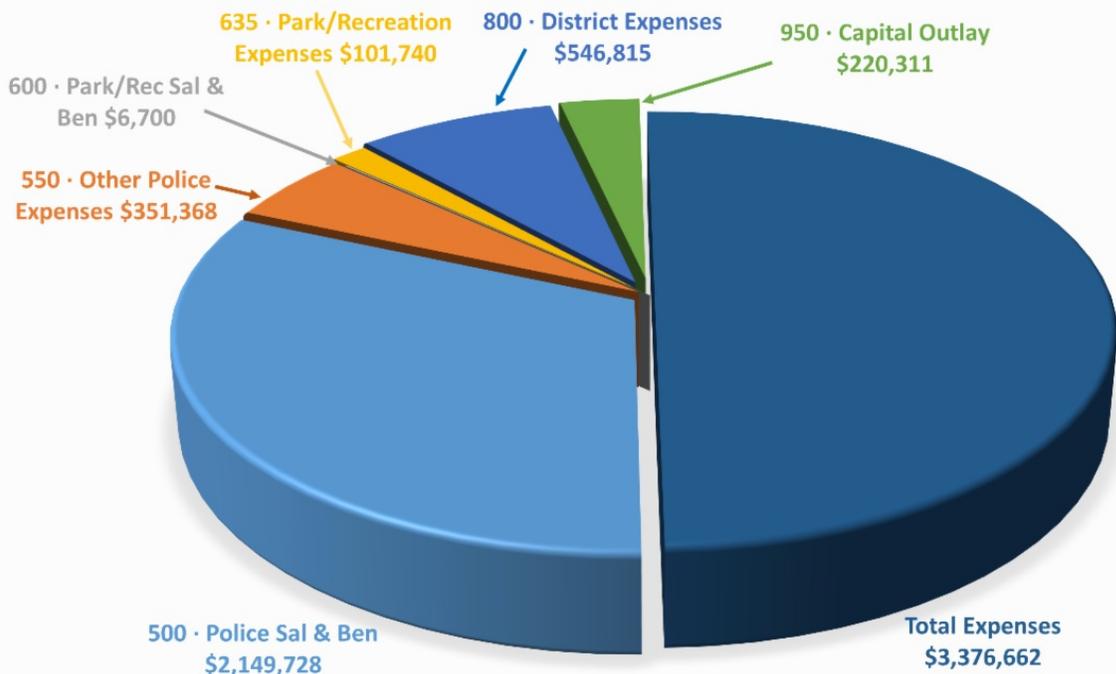
Staff held a kick off meeting with the auditors a few weeks ago and are already underway with closing the books and getting an early jump start on the audit. It should be complete by December this year, which will be very beneficial in building next year's budget.

INCOME & EXPENSES - June 2021

INCOME



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