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KENSINGTON'S **BIGGEST** BLOCK PARTY



RED FLAG **READY FEST**

SAT. OCT 11TH 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

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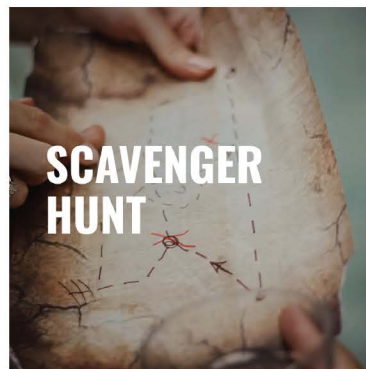
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RED FLAG READY FEST

Red Flag Ready Fest – Food, Fun & Fire Safety!

Red Flag Ready Fest is coming to Kensington Park on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM—and it's packed with fun for the whole family.

Behind the fun is a powerful purpose. The festival celebrates the accomplishments of the Kensington Fire Protection District and launches a new chapter with the Kensington Community Services District, combining fire and police services under one umbrella. It's also a chance to learn more about Firesafe Kensington, a new nonprofit dedicated to wildfire resilience, and the growth of Firewise Communities, where neighbors work together to reduce risk.



Exciting Event Details & Updates

Jump into our costume contest, show off your sweet skills in the dessert contest, or head to the selfie station and strike a pose with our fire and police props. Our pumpkin patch will be a great place for your Fall family photo! Kids and adults alike will love meeting Captain Cal from CAL FIRE and the furry and feathered animal ambassadors from the Lindsay Wildlife Experience. Plus, enjoy vendors, prizes, and hands-on activities for all ages.

Join the celebration! Register for the dessert contest or learn more about Red Flag Ready Fest by visiting www.kensingtonfire.org/fest.

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THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Many businesses big and small support Kensington's Red Flag Ready Fest and our mission to make Kensington a safer and more resilient community.



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Event updates will be posted on our website.
Visit www.kensingtonfire.org/fest.

RED FLAG **READY FEST**

OUR FEATURED PARTNERS



CAL FIRE & Captain Cal

CAL FIRE is California's state fire protection and resource management agency, dedicated to safeguarding lives, property, and natural resources from wildfire.

At Red Flag Ready Fest, CAL FIRE will bring a special guest—Captain Cal, their beloved mascot—helping Kensington's families learn about wildfire safety in a fun and approachable way.



East Bay Regional Park District

The East Bay Regional Park District manages over 125,000 acres of open space and parks across Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, including the wildland interface along Kensington.

At the festival, their team will be on hand to answer questions about conservation efforts and the proactive vegetation management being done to keep communities like Kensington safer from wildfire.



Lindsay Wildlife Experience

The Lindsay Wildlife Experience connects people with wildlife, inspiring a sense of responsibility and respect for the natural world. Their Walnut Creek museum serves as both a wildlife rehabilitation hospital and an immersive experience for families.

At Red Flag Ready Fest, attendees will be introduced to the animal ambassadors—furry and feathered neighbors we share our landscape with—helping residents better understand and coexist with local wildlife.

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VISIT OUR PARTNERS AT RED FLAG READY FEST!

Wildfire Defense Mesh

Wildfire Defense Mesh provides ember-resistant vent screens designed to safeguard homes during wildfire events. Their mission is to protect families and property by stopping wind-borne embers—the leading cause of home ignition—before they enter attics and crawl spaces.

They will share practical solutions and demonstrations that homeowners can use right away to make their houses more fire-resilient.



Contra Costa County Human Services

Contra Costa County Human Services works to strengthen communities through access to health, safety, and social services. At Red Flag Ready Fest, their representatives will provide guidance on health insurance options and free Medicare counseling.

Their mission is to help residents—especially older adults and vulnerable neighbors—navigate complex systems to ensure access to vital healthcare resources.



CART - County Animal Response Team

The County Animal Response Team (CART) is dedicated during emergencies by rescuing, sheltering, and reuniting animals with their families. Their mission is to ensure the safety of pets and livestock during disasters, providing peace of mind to residents who consider animals part of their household.

At the festival, CART will highlight how Kensington families can prepare an emergency plan that includes every member of the family—two- or four-legged.



RED FLAG READY FEST

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

There's something for everyone at Red Flag Ready Fest on Saturday, October 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Whether you're looking to harden your home against wildfire or improve your pet's go bag, this event offers valuable resources and guidance. Come connect with our partners in preparedness and speak directly with safety experts who can help your family be ready for any emergency. Join us for a day of learning, community, and resilience.



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The End of an Era: Kensington Districts consolidate to form Kensington Community Services District



The Kensington Fire Protection District is entering a new chapter. This fall, the Fire District will officially consolidate with the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, creating one unified agency: the Kensington Community Services District (KCSD). This consolidation reflects years of collaboration and shared commitment to strengthening public safety, community resilience, and the efficient delivery of services.

As we transition into this new district structure, we honor the legacy of those who served and recognize the important role the Fire District has played in our community.

Residents are invited to commemorate this milestone at Red Flag Ready Fest on Saturday, October 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. The event will feature family-friendly activities, preparedness resources, and a special exhibit of historic photos and artifacts celebrating Kensington Fire's proud service history.



On October 1, 2025, the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) and the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) will merge to become the Kensington Community Services District (KCSD), which is led by the Governing Board elected by residents to serve the Kensington community. Stay tuned for more updates as a new chapter begins for the Kensington community.



RED FLAG READY

CLEARING THE WAY, TOGETHER

Kensington residents live in one of the most beautiful—and most wildfire-prone—parts of the Bay Area.

When the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning, it means conditions are critical for fast-moving wildfires. Our shared responsibility is to act early and take steps that protect lives, homes, and our community.

The Red Flag Ready: Clearing the Way Together campaign outlines four simple but powerful actions you and your family can take.

1. Register for Alerts and Notifications

Sign up for the Red Flag Warning email list to receive timely information when fire risk is highest. A test message will be sent to subscribers on Monday, October 5, during Fire Prevention Week notifying subscribers of important preparedness tips. Subscribe now to ensure you get this test message. Visit www.kensingtonfire.org/redflag to subscribe.

2. Clear the Street by Practicing Off-Street Parking

During a wildfire evacuation, every minute counts. Practice backing into your driveway or parking off street. This simple step keeps roadways open for emergency vehicles and reduces congestion when you and your neighbors need to leave quickly.

3. Manage Hazardous Vegetation

Clear vegetation along sidewalks, streets, and around your home to create defensible space that can stop flames from spreading house to house.

4. Make Room in Your Garage

Parking off street often means reclaiming garage space. Use the Great Kensington Clean-Up Week, September 22–26, as the perfect opportunity to declutter and make room for your car.

Learn more at www.kensingtonfire.org/redflag

THE GREAT KENSINGTON CLEAN UP WEEK

SEPTEMBER 22-26
ON YOUR GARBAGE DAY



Get Ready to “Clear” Your Clutter during Kensington’s Great Clean-Up Week of September 22-26!

Kensington Community Services
District and Bay View Refuse
& Recycling Service
want to help you
dispose of a variety
of household waste.

- ➔ Place material curbside
SEPARATE from your regular
weekly collection containers.
- ➔ We want all customers to be able
to participate during this week.
- ➔ Customers who are in need of
assistance, contact Bay View’s
office and arrangements will be
made to assist with collection.

Stay Wildfire Aware with WATCH DUTY:

Watch Duty Offers Real-Time Wildfire Information

Kensington residents now have a powerful tool to stay wildfire-ready: Watch Duty. This free, real-time wildfire information service delivers live updates on incidents across California and beyond. Residents can monitor nearby fires, prepare early, and make safer decisions for their families. Watch Duty helps residents keep informed about fires in other regions, providing peace of mind when friends and relatives live in wildfire-prone areas. Watch Duty empowers Kensington to strengthen its emergency preparedness and response.



Who We Are

Watch Duty is operated by real people -- not machines or crowdsourcing. We are active and retired **wildland firefighters, dispatchers, first responders**, and



How We Work

We **collaborate in real-time**, gather information from official sources, and radio communications to distill just the facts.



When We Notify

If an incident we are monitoring has a threat to life or property we notify the public via the Watch Duty app.

Features

Real-time Wildfire Map & Alerts

Receive notifications about the status and conditions on the ground as they change.

Monitor Wildfires and Prescribed Burns

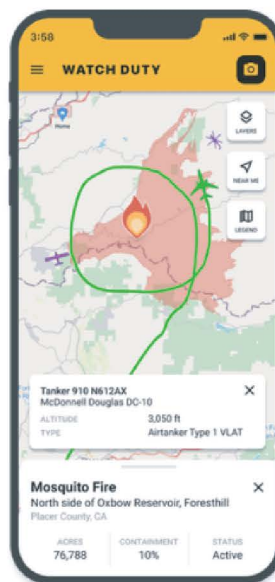
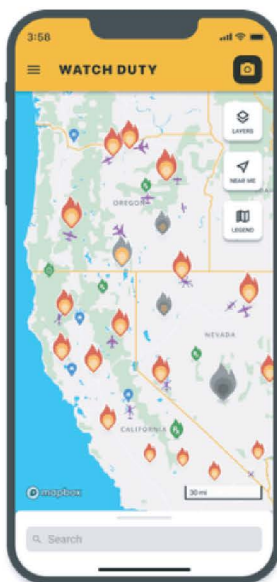
Know if that smoke in the distance is a fire you need to be worried about.

Flight Tracker

Monitor firefighting aircraft flight paths in real-time.

Air Quality & Wind Direction

See everything that impacts fires in one place.



Consolidated Information

Red flag warnings and power outages all in one place.

Track Active Fire Perimeters

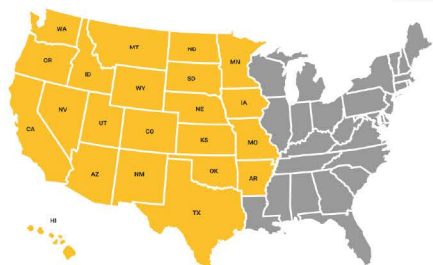
Using satellite imagery and other official sources you can easily track and monitor the progress of a fire.

Evacuation Orders & Shelters

Find clear and concise evacuation notices as well as shelters for people and animals all in one place.

Submit Photos

Help first responders and loved ones by sharing photos of fire conditions and other hazards for the world to see.



Watching Over Twenty-Two States

Watch Duty is a service, not an app, powered by over 150 volunteers- firefighters, dispatchers, and first responders- who diligently monitor radio scanners and other official sources 24 hours a day to send you the most up-to-date information.



WATCH DUTY

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www.watchduty.org





A newly formed Firesafe Council has emerged. This independent, resident-led nonprofit will complement the work of the Kensington Community Services District and Firewise communities by focusing on funding, education, and collaboration to strengthen wildfire preparedness in Kensington.

What Residents should know about Firesafe Kensington:

- FSK empowers residents to reduce wildfire risk and strengthens neighborhood resilience.
- Secures grants and funding for Kensington-focused wildfire projects.
- Hosts workshops, events, and educational programs to amplify wildfire awareness.
- Partners with neighboring communities and regional leaders to ensure Kensington has a voice in broader wildfire efforts.
- Firesafe Kensington is not duplicating District or Firewise work. Instead, it will expand capacity through independent programs and resources.
- The organization is building for the long term—designed to unlock resources, support collaboration, and scale impact.

How you can help:

Community support is essential. Donations will help launch neighborhood action programs, create educational materials, and build digital resources. Contributions are tax-deductible.

To learn about Firesafe Kensington's mission and how you can support, visit www.firesafekensington.org.



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<https://www.firesafekensington.org/donate>





FIREWISE USA®

Residents reducing wildfire risks

What's the difference between a **FIRESAFE COUNCIL** and a **FIREWISE COMMUNITY**?



Fire Safe Councils are organized as nonprofits that focus on building strategic coalitions with public safety agencies and other fire prevention organizations.

Firesafe Kensington represents the Kensington community and will work with local agencies and counterparts to pursue resources, management, and funding for individual and community wildfire resilience projects.

Learn more about Firesafe Kensington's mission and vision by visiting www.firesafekensington.org



Firewise Communities are organized neighborhoods taking action to reduce wildfire risk and improve community resilience.

Kensington Firewise communities are led by volunteers focusing on improving individual and neighborhood preparedness, defensible space, and home hardening.

Kensington has more than a dozen recognized Firewise communities and still growing!

Find out which Kensington Firewise Community you are in by visiting www.kensingtonfirewise.org.



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KENSINGTON
COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT

PAPER SHREDDING

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