



Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District

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*Committed to
Keeping
Kensington
Residents
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Greetings Kensington Residents.

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

CONSOLIDATION! The Kensington Police Protection Community Services District and The Kensington Fire Protection District had their respective board meetings in March and both boards approved moving forward with the consolidation process that would see the Fire District dissolve and all operations would fall under the KPPCSD.

The paperwork has been submitted to the agency that regulates such changes, Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission. It is estimated that the approval process will take 120 days. Once this is finalized the one district serving your community with Fire, Police, Parks, and Solid Waste will be known as the Kensington Community Services District.

PATHS. The community is blessed with numerous walking paths. A recent presentation at the March KPPCSD Board of Directors meeting by Supervisor John Gioia and the Path Keepers assisted in the KPPCSD board supporting the concept of the County taking ownership of three paths and grant deeding them to the KPPCSD with a pledge of \$35,000 per year for the next five years to maintain the paths. An agreement of that sorts will be presented at an upcoming KPPCSD Board meeting.

POLICE BUILDING. The Police Department is currently housed in a modular located on San Pablo St. in El Cerrito. A three-year lease was signed recently which provides time for the board of directors to continue to explore all options regarding a permanent police station to be located in Kensington. The Board of Directors did obtain cost information for a police building next to the county library which came to ten million dollars and thus the board of directors decided to put it on hold pursuing that spot for now while evaluating other potential properties in Kensington. Factual information can be obtained by contacting the General Manager.

SOLID WASTE. The Board of Directors approved entering into a ten year contract with Bayview Refuse & Recycling to continue providing solid waste services for residents and commercial business. In the recent community survey that the KPPCSD conducted more than 90% of respondents stated that they were satisfied with Bayview's services, which is testament to Bayview's efforts in meeting the community's expectations.

PARKS. The continues to be much use in all recreational facilities at the Kensington Park. Check it out!

A Message from Kensington Police Department

The Kensington Police Department (KPD) remains committed to enhancing public safety and fostering strong community relationships. As part of our ongoing efforts, we are currently testing the Good Sam software, a tool designed to improve and broaden customer service options for our residents. This initiative aims to streamline communication and provide more efficient services to the community. The Outlook recently published an article about this new program praising its potential success for the community.



Looking ahead, KPD is excited to host a variety of community outreach events this summer. These events are designed to strengthen the bond between law enforcement and the residents we serve. Upcoming events include:

- **Coffee with a Cop** – An informal gathering where community members can meet officers, ask questions, and discuss concerns in a relaxed setting. Dates still to be determined. Typical gathering times are 8am – 10am.
- **Pizza with Police** – A casual event offering residents the opportunity to enjoy a meal with officers and engage in friendly conversation. Benchmark Pizza, May 28, 2025 – 3:30pm – 5:30pm.
- **Police in the Park** – A family-friendly event featuring activities, demonstrations, and a chance to interact with officers in a fun environment. Kensington Park, June 18, 2025 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm.
- **National Night Out** – A nationwide event aimed at strengthening community-police partnerships and promoting neighborhood camaraderie. Kensington's celebration will take place on Tuesday, August 5th, 2024, 6pm – 9pm, throughout the community.

These events provide valuable opportunities for residents to engage with officers and build trust within the community. For specific dates and times, please visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram.

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