



Kensington Community Services District

DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

SUBMITTED BY: David Aranda, Interim General Manager

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report for August 2026

The IGM's workload included the following:

- Handled various personnel matters including the employee evaluation of all administrative employees.
- Interaction with Bob Murray and Associates, Ian as the Board prepared and accomplished the interview process of three potential General Manager candidates.
- Coordinated and attended the special meeting that included the actual interviews.
- Coordinated the writing, printing and distribution of the KCSD newsletter. Copy attached.
- Met with the El Cerrito City Manager and the Fire Chief.
- Various discussions with Johnny and Mary regarding EP programs.
- Attended the EPC meeting via Zoom.
- Discussions with Bay View regarding the coordination of clean up week, shredding day (see attached) and legal requirements regarding solid waste.
- Responded to a few residences and various inquiries, including meeting with a resident who is very concerned about the Eucalyptus trees around his neighborhood. Also met with a resident who lives next door to the park who had concerns about growth encroaching her property.
- Introduced myself to Veronica, the administrator at El Cerrito Fire. Had her included in our mailing list so that she is updated on happenings in Kensington.
- Various discussions and an actual walk about with the Pathkeepers looking at the existing three paths and needed improvements for the current fiscal year and the possibility of requesting the Board to accept four additional paths.
- Walked the park with Director Gough.
- Continue to interact with IT on changes at the Public Safety Building regarding internet service dedicated to administration.
- Continue to interact with Kimber Communications regarding the removal of the Kensington Fire Protection District website and moving pertinent information over to the KCSD website.
- Meeting with new Director Adam Bastein.

Exhibit(s):

- KCSD newsletter
- Bay View
- Parks Report



Bayview Refuse & Recycling Service, Inc.

September 2026

WHAT CAN BE COLLECTED

Household Waste

- General items such as picture frames, photo albums, old bedding, kitchen or bath items, old CD's, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, etc.
- Please bag or box items, loose material makes it difficult to collect.

Furniture

- Sofas, chairs, shelving, tables, bed frames, mattresses, box springs, futons, etc.
- Carpet and pads (cut in manageable rolls), rugs, foam rubber

Appliances

- Stoves, washing machines, dishwashers, vacuums, coffee makers, etc.
- Refrigerators, water coolers, air conditioners, freezers, toilets, water heaters, BBQ's

PLEASE NOTE:

Larger items such as tree stumps, logs, broken concrete or similar material cannot be collected.

NO: Tires, Dirt, Green Waste or Material from Construction/Remodeling projects

Hazardous/Universal Waste

- Due to safety reasons, **DO NOT SET** hazardous waste items out at the curb. **You MUST Call** or message our office at 510-237-4614 to add your address to the list for proper collection which is done by a separate TRUCK during this week.



Material included in collection:

- Paint supplies, paint and adhesives
- Used bulbs/batteries, oil/oil filters, used
- Garden products and pesticides.
- Common household hazardous waste

NO: Gasoline, Explosives, Medications

Electronic Waste

- Cell phones
- Cables and cords
- VCR/DVD players
- Laptops
- Toner



Getting Ready to Declutter?

Join us for Kensington's Great Clean-Up Week, and make it easier than ever to dispose of a wide 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.

Kensington Community Services District and Bayview Refuse & Recycling Service are here to help you clear out unwanted household items.

Follow these helpful tips and make your Clean-Up **EASY!**

**PLEASE call our office if you have a question regarding a certain item;
510-237-4614 or info@bayviewrefuse.com**

Secure Document Shredding Event Kensington Community Services District October 24 | 10 AM – 1 PM

Protect your privacy and clear out unwanted documents at KCSD's Secure Document Shredding Event, held in conjunction with Compost Give-Away Day.

Bay Shred will provide professional, secure onsite shredding services. Residents should remain with their materials until they are shredded and take all empty boxes or bags home afterward. White office paper, legal documents, receipts, staples, and plain paper clips are accepted. Please do not bring newspapers, magazines, cardboard, binders, CDs, electronics, or other non-paper materials.

Questions? Call Bayview Refuse at 510-237-4614.

What Goes in the Green Cart?

- Food scraps: fruit, vegetables, bread, meat, dairy, and more
- Food-soiled paper: napkins, paper towels, pizza boxes, paper plates
- Yard trimmings: grass, leaves, branches (under 3" thick)
- Shredded paper (wrap in paper bags or place under food scraps)



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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

FROM UP ON THE HILL

Welcome Adam Bastein as the newly appointed director to the Kensington Community Services District! On the August 13, 2026, board of directors meeting the board voted unanimously to appoint Adam Bastein to the board of directors. This seat became vacant when Director David Spath moved out of Kensington.

Adam's term is noticeably short, expiring in December 2026. Adam has signed up to run for a full four-year term in conjunction with the November election.

Please note that voters will not see in their ballot any Kensington Community Services District seats up for election. This is due to the number of candidates that signed up for the election process being the same number of vacant seats available.

Effective December 2026, the board will be reduced to seven board members which will consist of Alexandra Aquino-Fike, Sylvia Hacaj, Dean (Rick) Artis, Daniel Levine, Danielle Madugo, Rodney Paul, and Adam Bastein. Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

KCSD UPDATES

• Red Flag Parking Restrictions

New no-parking restrictions are now in effect on Westminster, Kenyon, and Purdue Avenues during declared Red Flag Days. The restrictions help ensure emergency vehicle access and allow residents to evacuate safely. New signs have been installed. Questions may be directed to the General Manager.

• General Manager Recruitment

The search for a full-time KCSD General Manager continues. Qualified candidates are scheduled to be interviewed by the Board of Directors on **August 28, 2026**.

KENSINGTON TOWN HALL

All Kensington residents are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on **Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the Kensington Community Center. A Zoom link will also be available at www.kpoa.net.

Presented by the Kensington Improvement Club (KIC) and the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA), the Town Hall will include each organization's annual membership meeting and offer residents an opportunity to hear about important issues facing Kensington.

Featured speakers will include Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Police Chief Mike Gancasz, and Fire Chief Eric Saylor. Incoming and returning Kensington Community Services District Board Directors will also be invited to share updates on topics important to the community.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. Come early, meet your representatives, and connect with neighbors. For more information, contact KICpost@gmail.com or kpoassoc@gmail.com.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The First Responder May Be Your Neighbor – Community Is a Verb

Laura Westphal, Kensington Emergency Preparedness Committee Member

There is a lot happening in the world, most of it competing loudly for our attention. One thing that has stayed with me lately is much closer to home: disasters and community.

We can live six feet from another human being for ten years and know almost nothing about them. We may know their car, their recycling habits and, naturally, their dog's name before we know theirs. Natural disasters tend to make that arrangement less charming. In those moments, the person who might matter most is the neighbor you only know as Sparky's owner.

That distance between neighbors felt a little less real during the recent National Night Out. During our usual evening dog walk, my husband and I came across a block party where Kensington PD had stopped in to chat with residents. There I finally met a local geophysicist I knew from K6, Kensington Area 6, our neighborhood emergency preparedness group. It was nice to meet her in the wild. We did not live on the block. Nobody cared. Within minutes we were being offered food and pulled into conversations with longtime and newer residents, different generations, backgrounds and families of all kinds. It was wonderfully ordinary and surprisingly un-awkward.

What stayed with me was how little effort it took. Community rarely announces itself. It grows in small gestures: making room, asking your name, pulling you into the conversation. That is what I mean when I say community is a verb. You introduce yourself. You check in. You notice. You show up.

When something actually goes wrong, those small connections suddenly become very practical. That is part of what drew me to CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team. It takes the same idea of knowing your neighbors and gives it some useful muscle. You learn practical, potentially lifesaving skills and how to help safely when things go wrong. Just as importantly, you become another connector in a neighborhood that can respond when professional help is stretched thin. CERT is one way to make those connections count and build a little certainty when the world feels increasingly uncertain. Start by learning Sparky's owner's name. For all you know, they may know CPR, own a radio their family mocks, and know what the heck to do while everyone else is staring at suddenly useless phones.

The first responder may be your neighbor. Someday, you may be theirs.

We cannot know what the next emergency will ask of us. We can decide whether we will face it as strangers. If community is a verb, CERT is one way to practice it. To learn more or get involved, email us at eckencert@gmail.com.

STAY INFORMED, GET INVOLVED, AND MAKE THE MOST OF FALL!

- Read your **Bayview Refuse** newsletter and mark your calendar for **Clean Up Week** and **Confidential Shredding Day**.
- Don't miss **Food Truck Nights** at the park on the second Friday of September and October.
- **Planning a gathering?** Kensington park facilities are available to rent for parties, reunions, and community get-togethers.

GET STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY



As the new school year begins, the Kensington Police Department and Kensington School remind everyone to use extra caution around students walking, biking, and traveling to and from school.

Morning and afternoon traffic can be especially busy. Drivers should slow down, stay off their phones, obey posted speed limits and parking restrictions, and allow extra travel time.

During drop-off and pick-up:

- Use designated loading areas whenever possible.
- Avoid double parking or blocking driveways.
- Watch carefully for children near crosswalks, parked cars, driveways, and intersections.
- Give bicyclists plenty of space and check blind spots before turning or opening doors.
- Always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

A few extra moments of patience can make a big difference. Thank you for helping keep Kensington students and families safe.



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DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rosa Ruiz, Administrative & Park Coordinator

SUBJECT: Administrative & Park Coordinator Report

District Office / PSB

1. On Monday, September 7, 2026, the District Office was closed in observance of Labor Day.
2. **Admission Day – September 9, 2026:** This year marks the 176th anniversary of California becoming the 31st state of the United States. In observance of Admission Day, the District Office was closed on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.
3. **Bay Shred – Saturday, October 24, 2026:** From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Bay Shred will be at the 59 Arlington Ave. parking lot. Let's make sure to bring all your recyclable and confidential materials and watch the magic happen right in front of you! Please remember that all materials must be shredded in your presence. Let's work together to keep Kensington clutter-free!
4. An AT&T technician provided services at the PSB Administrative Office. This work will strengthen the internet signal in the Administrative Office and provide high-speed business internet for up to 500 Mbps.

Center/Park

1. As part of our annual recurring deep cleaning, services were once again provided by Smart Window Cleaning Services. The services included commercial window cleaning throughout all rooms of the Center, including the Nana sliding windows and doors, as well as pressure washing. These services were also provided at the Recreation Building.
2. Reservations for the Center and Park remain strong, as do the many community groups that continue to meet there for their monthly meetings.

Recreation Office Report prepared by Jenny Parks Kensington Community Council July 1st, 2026

- **KASEP:**
- Spring KASEP ended May 29th . We ran 72 classes each week afterschool and enrolled over 400 students.
- Fall KASEP begins the week of September 14th, registration opens September 1st at 7pm. Fall session will run for 14 weeks ending on December 18th.
- **Summer Camp :**
- Summer camp began June 15th and will run for 9 weeks ending August 14th. We have 60 campers each week from 9-4 with aftercare until 6pm Camp tennis clinics on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9-12pm.

Adult Classes - Summer Schedule

Community Center Classes

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

Strength & Balance Yoga Tuesdays 8:30am

Chair Yoga - Thursdays 10-11am

Mah Jong 4 part series Tuesday evenings July-August

Meditation 4 part series Tuesdays Sept. 1- Sept 22nd 10am

Zumba 6 part series Saturdays starting Sept. 12th 9am

KCC & Other:

- KCC Fall Movie Night is scheduled for September 26th, 2026
- KCC Fall Picnic & Parade is scheduled for October 18th, 2026
- KCC is working to help facilitate overflow during the library closure offering a bridge after school camp August 24th through Sept. 11th.
- KCC is offering support to the Kensington Park'd Food Truck event the 2nd Fridays through October.
- The Recreation Building and shed have been landscape hardened by trimming all shrubs near the buildings and adding rocks around structures.