



Kensington Community Services District

DATE: May 14, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David Aranda, Interim General Manager (IGM)

SUBJECT: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

The IGM was involved in the following for the month of April:

- Numerous meetings regarding the red flag parking program. See agenda item.
- Coordination and investigation regarding questions and concerns in preparation for the second round of recruitment for a full-time general manager.
- Work regarding the paths in Kensington included the coordination of the removal of a bench. It should be noted that this removal was based on a management decision, not a board decision and was made due to an ongoing complaint from the person who lives behind the bench and her concerns about noise and people milling around that area. The coordination of the concrete work was also accomplished with PathKeepers' volunteers notifying residents of the work being done, Fernando supervising the concrete work and following up on various compliance issues.
- Work on the draft 2027 fiscal year budget, this involved various meetings with police, email discussions with fire and a good amount of coordination with Melissa. See agenda.
- Meeting with Friends of the Library in the possible use of the south room in the annex building for book storage. See agenda.
- Coordination with some fire groups to have various presentations made.
- Generated the newsletter. Copy attached.
- Coordination with various parties regarding the food truck event.
- Zoom meeting with Karen Pinkos, City Manager for El Cerrito.
- Addressed various calls and emails from directors and residents.

EXHIBIT(S):

- Master KASEP Classroom Grid Spring 2026
- Recreation Office KCSD Report April 2026
- Food Truck Flyer
- Administrative & Park Coordinator Report
- KCSD News Spring 2026

MASTER Spring 2026 SCHEDULE

	Room A	Room B	Room C	Tennis Court	CC - Main	CC- Rm 1	CC-Rm 2	CC- Kitchen	L COURT
Monday									
K-1:30-2:20		Gardening	Knots & Strings	Tennis -add TK	Judo				Olympics K&TK
2:30-3:40	Homework Club	Gardening	Hand Sewing	Tennis	Judo			Taco Creations	Olympics
3:50-5:00			Machine Sewing	Tennis	Judo			Taco Creations	Volleyball
Tuesday									
K-1:30-2:20	Music - TK	Trolls & Happy monsters	Active ABCs -TK		Gymnastics- K			K-Muffin Mad	Flag FB /
2:30-3:40	Homework Club	Trolls & Happy monsters	Mandarin Art		Gymnastics 1-3	Spanish 2:45-3:30		Muffin Madness 1-3	Flag Football1-3
3:50-5:00	Magic	Trolls & Happy monsters			Gymnastics 4-6	Spanish 3:45-4:30		Muffin Madness 2-6	Flag Football 4-6
Wed									
K-1:30-2:20			Pastel K	Tennis	Circus	Reading w/TK			K-Bball/ TK Multi Sports
2:30-3:40	Homework Club	Carpentry 1-3	Pastels 1-3	Tennis	Circus			Chocolate	Bball 1-3
3:50-5:00	ASL	Carpentry 3-6	Pastels 4-6	Tennis	Circus			Chocolate	Bball 4-6
Thursday									
K-1:30-2:20		Lego- add TK	Theater Games		Yoga K & TK			Fun w/ Food	
2:30-3:40	Homework Club	Lego	Improv		Yoga 1-4	Spanish 2:45-3:30		Cooking Around the World	Ultimate
3:50-5:00	D&D		Improv			Spanish 3:45-4:30		Cooking Around the World	Ultimate
Friday									
K-1:30-2:20			Mixed Media	Tennis -add TK	Hula Hoop	Chess			leave open
2:30-3:40	Homework Club	Coding 2-3	Mixed Media	Tennis	Hula Hoop	Chess			leave open
3:50-5:00	D&D	Coding AI	Crochet	Tennis		Chess			leave open

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

KASEP:

- Spring KASEP began on March 16th with 81 classes running each week. Session will run 10 weeks- no instruction the week of April 6th
- Last day of Spring KASEP is May 29th

KCC Summer Camp:

- We still have limited spaces available in a few weeks of camp
- Camp begins June 15th and will be 9-5pm in the Park area

Adult Classes - Winter Schedule

Strength & Balance Yoga Tuesdays 8:30am

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

Chair Yoga - Thursdays 10-11am

KCC & Other:

- In February we found a small leak in the Annex and wall and sink. Fernando repaired the damaged wall and leaking sink
- In March we found the AC unit at the Community Center was leaking, Hassler Heating was called to come out and do a repair.
- KCC is working to help facilitate overflow during the library closer beginning summer 2026.
- KCC is offering support to the Kensington Park'd Food Truck event starting May 8th and on the 2nd Fridays through October.

KENSINGTON PARK'D



**Food Truck Night in
Kensington Park**
Every 2nd Friday May - October 2026

First event:
Friday May 8th
5 - 8pm

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Kensington Community Services District

DATE: May 14, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rosa Ruiz, Administrative & Park Coordinator
SUBJECT: Administrative & Park Coordinator Report

Public Safety Building (PSB)

The PSB is now able to host Zoom meetings, even though meeting room 111 isn't big enough to hold a board meeting; it is, however, big enough to host finance committee (5/11/26) and EPC. ASG assisted with installing a new Pro mini-Desktop Computer, along with a keyboard and mouse.

CC/Park

From graduations/promotional ceremony to birthdays to retirement parties, the center is, as expected, busy. Even though some community events don't fall under the nonprofit organization fee, I've received multiple requests for a community event at the center, one taking place on May 17 from 3 to 7 PM, called Collective Counterpoint. They will host the World Premiere of Erika Oba's Newest Work, featuring live music, art, craft, and food. Tickets are on sale.

District Office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observation of Memorial Day.



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

In Kensington, wildfire preparedness starts at home. Dry vegetation, steep hillsides, and wind-driven embers increase fire risk, making defensible space one of the most important steps residents can take. Defensible space is the maintained buffer around a structure that slows fire spread and reduces ember ignition. By dividing this space into three zones, homeowners can take clear, practical actions that make a real difference.

Defensible Space: Three Zones That Protect Kensington Homes

About half of Kensington is designated a *Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone*.

Creating defensible space in three zones, extending up to 100 feet or to the property line, is a key way to reduce wildfire risk.

The Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone is essentially above Arlington Avenue although not all of the area above the Arlington. The area below the Arlington is either a High or Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone or in no zone. See map: <https://tinyurl.com/45kbc5am>

- **Zone 0 (0–5 feet):** Keep this area ignition-resistant. Use hard surfaces, clear debris, and move combustible items away from the home.
- **Zone 1 (5–30 feet):** Reduce fuels by removing dead vegetation, pruning, spacing plants, and clearing areas under decks and stairs.
- **Zone 2 (30–100 feet):** Slow fire spread by maintaining low grass, removing debris, and spacing trees and shrubs.

Kensington Ember Exclusion Program (KEEP)

The Kensington Community Services District has launched the *Kensington Ember Exclusion Program (KEEP)* to help protect homes from wind-driven embers, a major wildfire threat. Offered with *Firesafe Kensington* and *Wildfire Defense Mesh*, the program combines education with practical home-hardening resources. Backed by \$15,000 in KCSD funding, the pilot supports resident-led projects that reduce ember entry and fire risk, along with material support for qualifying households, including ember-resistant metal mesh.

Apply April 1 through May 31, 2026.

Red Flag Parking Restrictions Under Consideration

Are You Willing to Sacrifice for the Good of the Community?

During Red Flag weather conditions, rapid emergency response is critical to protecting lives and property. To ensure fire apparatus can access narrow streets without delay, the Kensington Community Services District is considering a Red Flag “No Parking” program.



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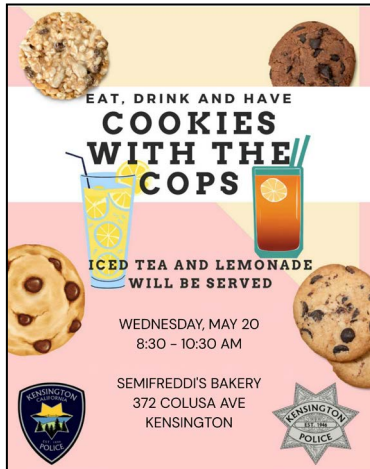
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Red Flag Parking Restrictions Under Consideration *Continued*

The Board of Directors will discuss and vote on a county-supported resolution to implement temporary no-parking restrictions on designated streets during Red Flag days. Initial streets under consideration include Westminster Ave., Kenyon Ave., and Purdue Ave. Residents on these streets will receive direct notification from the Fire Chief.

Historically, Kensington experiences only a few Red Flag days each year. The Board meeting will take place on **May 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** Community input is encouraged.



KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Kensington Police Department is pleased to announce the return of its seasonal community engagement program, featuring events such as *Cookies with the Cops*, *Coffee with the Cops*, and similar gatherings designed to strengthen relationships with residents. The next event will be held on **May 20 from 8:30–10:30 AM at SemiFreddi's Bakery**, with additional monthly events planned through September. Details to be shared through District communication channels, and the Department extends its appreciation to local business partners for their continued support.

Separately, **Sergeant Brian Lande** and **Officer Jose Fajardo** proudly represented Kensington at the *2026 Baker to Las Vegas Relay*, delivering strong performances alongside the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office team in this internationally recognized law enforcement event. The Department looks forward to sponsoring two runners again next year if invited.

The Department has also added two new patrol vehicles to its fleet, valued at more than \$150,000, which were procured through a grant from the California Highway Patrol; **Lieutenant Amit Nath** oversees the fleet and manages the Department's grant programs.

PARK & RECREATION

Food Truck Night in the Park

KCSD, together with **Kensington Community Council (KCC)**, is launching a new monthly community event at the upper lawn of Kensington Park, starting May 8 from 5–8 PM. Hosted by *The Foodie Crew*, the event will feature six food trucks with food available for purchase. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy an evening with neighbors and great food. With strong support, trucks will return every second Friday from **May through October**. Visit www.KensingtonFoodTrucks.com. See you there!



Kensington Community Tennis Association (KCTA)

A new community tennis initiative is launching in Kensington. Local resident Damon Levy has started the Kensington Community Tennis Association, a volunteer-led effort to make tennis more accessible for all ages. Supported by a grant from the United States Tennis Association and in partnership with the KCSD, KCTA aims to create more opportunities to play. The program will kick off with a free kids' "red ball" clinic for beginners, using smaller courts and softer balls to make learning fun. Plans also include social, beginner-friendly clinics for adults, with details to be shared in the *Outlook* and around town. Info: KensingtonCTA.com or KensingtonCTA@gmail.com.



Facilities and Rentals:

The Kensington Community Center offers flexible facility rentals ideal for meetings, classes, celebrations, and events in a welcoming neighborhood setting. Spaces include indoor rooms and outdoor areas with convenient amenities to accommodate a variety of needs. Learn more or book at www.kppcsd.org/kensington-community-center or contact the District office for availability and details.