

# General Manager April 2011 Report

## **Budget**

We received our third installment of our 2009-2010 COPS Grant funding in the amount of \$27,555. We now have a balance due of \$11,316.

As you have read in the papers, the Governor's attempt to get the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Supplemental Tax continuance on the June ballot failed. The VLF is the tax that funds COPS Grant funding. Therefore, we will not receive our \$100,000 2010-2011 COPS Grant disbursement this fiscal year. The best we can hope for is that the VLF tax will make it to the November ballot and that it passes, so we might get COPS Grant funding in Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

## **Kensington Park**

### **Park Restroom**

The volunteer restroom group has received 11 bids for the project, selected and approved the low bidder, and will be making a recommendation to the Board at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to award the contract to ERA Construction of Richmond. The bids ranged in price from the low bid of \$136,710.38 to the high bid of \$245,371.00. The Committee's estimate for completing the project prior to the bids being submitted was between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

ERA has completed all of the requirements to have the awarded contract. They are now in the process of preparing and submitting the restroom plans to us for approval before requesting the County building permit.

### **Community Center & Annex**

The Park Building Committee sent out the request for proposals for the park buildings consultant and received three proposals. The Park Building Committee met Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and selected two firms to interview on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Park Repairs**

During my recent inspections of the park, I noticed that the tennis courts have large cracks running through both of them. We received three estimates for their repair and I will be making a recommendation to the Board to hire Saviano Company to complete the repairs at a cost of \$7,500 at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

We now have the agenda and the minutes of the Public Safety Council posted on the KPPCSD web page for review.

The next meeting of the Kensington Public Safety Council will take place Monday,

May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Community Center Room #3.

### **Other District Items of Interest**

#### **Solid Waste**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Bay View Refuse made a request for a 6% increase in rates to begin in 2011.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Allison Schutte, our attorney from Hanson/ Bridgett, Rick Simonson, our rate reviewer from HF&H, and I met with Louise Figone, Jeffrey Schoppert, Bay View's attorney, Charles Cowden, Bay View's accountant, and Kim Christie, Bay View's office manager, at Bay View's office to discuss the rate increase request. At the conclusion of this meeting, all parties agreed to a follow up meeting scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, I was contacted by Jeffrey Schoppert who indicated that Bay View was not prepared to meet on February 1<sup>st</sup> and requested that the meeting be postponed.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, I received the year end financials from Bay View and was preparing for our next meeting with Bay View. In 2010, Bay View achieved a profit of 2.42%.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, our attorney, Allison Schutte was contacted by Jeffrey Schoppert, and we were informed that Bay View does not wish to continue to meet with staff and discuss their request further.

During that same week, staff learned that Bay View mailed a letter dated February 15<sup>th</sup>, to all households in the District, informing customers of Bay View's desire for another rate increase for 2011.

Both the District and Bay View are currently in full compliance with all contract terms. In accordance with the contract, the District conducted a rate review in 2009 and approved a rate increase for 2010. The contract will expire in 2015.

In the event that Bay View assigns the contract to another company, subject to the approval of the District, the terms and conditions of the contract will remain in effect through 2015.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the KPPCSD Board instructed me to begin the Proposition 218 Hearing process, which we have done with the mailing of the public hearing notices being mailed April 26<sup>th</sup>. ***The public hearing on the matter to raise the garbage rates as requested by Bay View will be held on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at the regular KPPCSD meeting.***

## **Traffic**

Following the March 10<sup>th</sup> KPPCSD Board meeting, in which the Board directed Jerry Fahy of the County's Public Works Department to install the solar powered radar sign at 34 Arlington, Samane Nili contacted the Contra Costa County Public Works Director in protest, halting the installation. Ms. Nili had a scheduled meeting with the Public Works Director set for March 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss her concerns.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, I was informed by Jerry Fahy that he was instructed to look at two other possible locations for the sign, which he intended to do the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that once he investigates other possible locations and meets with the Public Works Director and Supervisor John Gioia, he will provide me an update on the radar sign.

As you can see from the Sergeant's reports in the April Police Monthly Report, we are continuing with our traffic enforcement efforts with 201 traffic citations issued during the month.

We are also participating in the California Office of Traffic Safety's "2011 Click It or Ticket Campaign" beginning May 23 through June 5<sup>th</sup>. Use your seatbelts!

Officer Ramos successfully completed his 80-hour POST certified Motorcycle Officer training course. This course is the most difficult POST course to successfully complete in law enforcement. Congratulations Manny!

Officer Ramos will begin a short motor field training program before beginning motor enforcement duties in Kensington.

## **Website**

The Board packets, monthly reports, minutes, recordings of the KPPCSD Board Meetings, and our Bay View – County Solid Waste contracts are available for review on our website at:

[www.kensingtoncalifornia.org](http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org).

## **National Drug Take Back Day**

The DEA Second National Drug Take Back Initiative was held April 30, 2011, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00PM. This year's event was co-sponsored with the Kensington Fire Department and held at the Public Safety Building.

Last year's event was very successful and we took in 56 pounds of prescription medication. ***This year we took in 134 pounds of prescription medication.***

## **EBMUD**

In April, the District along with all other EBMUD water ratepayers, received notice that EBMUD is proposing to increase water and wastewater rates 6% in Fiscal Year 2012. ***The public hearing for this proposed rate increase will take place***

***Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15 PM, in the Board Room at EBMUD located at 375 11<sup>th</sup> Street, second floor, Oakland.***

**District Secretary**

Anita Gardyne has been selected to be hired as the next District Secretary. Anita has worked at RGB Spectrum, Public Health Institute, University of California Berkeley, and Pacific Telesis. She has a Master of Business Administration degree from Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts with double majors in Economics and Economics in the Black Community.

Please stop by the station and welcome Anita to the community.

**St. Baldrick's Foundation**

Help Team Kensington PD (Chief Harman, Sergeant Hui, Officer Martinez, Reserve Officer Arminino, Rodney Martinez Jr., and Dakota Harman) beat other Contra Costa police agencies in raising funds for childhood cancer research. We will be having a "Shave Off" Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at the Shadelands Art Center, 111 North Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, from 4 to 8 PM. We would love to have you come out and support us as we participate in this worthy cause.

***To date we have received over \$500.00 in donations!***

Donations can be made online at: <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/wcpd2011> or in person at the Kensington Public Safety Building.