

# General Manager August 2011 Report

## **Budget**

In August, we were notified by the Contra Costa Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee that they were requesting our 2011/2012 Expenditure Proposal Report. If funded again this year, we can expect our \$100,000 allocation to start coming in at the beginning of next year.

## **Kensington Park**

### **Park Restroom**

On Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, the park restroom was installed! The finishing ground work is currently being completed. The KPPCSD Board will make a determination on who they will be contracting with for maintenance services with at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. We can plan on opening the restroom for public use mid- September. The project came in under the original estimated budget and sooner than expected. Congratulations and thank you to our volunteer project team of Andrew Mixer, Jack Griffith, and Italo Calpestri, who have been working on the project since July 2009.

### **Community Center & Annex**

The District has contracted with Muller & Caulfield to obtain professional services in connection with an integrated building remodeling plan for the Kensington Park buildings. The kick off meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Community Center.

At the August 11<sup>th</sup> KPPCSD Board meeting, The Board moved to hire Cherokee Construction to repair the roof, water damage to the storage rooms, and the replacement of the water heater at the Community Center. The repair work began the last week in August and should be completed by the second week in September.

### **Park Repairs**

The Tennis Court Committee had determined that the courts only require patching and had identified Saviano as the lowest cost provider for the repair. Their estimate for the repair was \$2,000. The repairs have been made.

I am currently having the vandalism to the tennis court back wall repaired.

## **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,

September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Community Center Room #3. It is very important for those interested in Kensington's emergency preparedness to come to the meetings. The declining community interest in this group is placing this group's continued existence in jeopardy.

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

#### **Solid Waste**

In response to Bay View's request for assignment of the contract to Republic Services, Inc. - Richmond Sanitary Services, the District sent a request for documents to Republic's attorney in early July. The request asked for audited financial statements, evidence of insurance and other information that must be analyzed in order to confirm the capability of the proposed assignee to satisfactorily perform the services required by the agreement. We have not yet received the requested documents for review.

#### **Traffic**

County Supervisor John Gioia and the Kensington Police Department hosted a community meeting Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM in the Community Center, to discuss traffic issues in Kensington. The meeting was well attended and I believe everyone benefited from the discussions as to County, District, and community responsibilities and concerns.

#### **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).

#### **ATT**

ATT has notified the District that they are beginning a project to install a new fiber optics cabinet within the public right of way on the east side of Arlington Avenue adjacent to the library at 61 Arlington. There will also be trenching work across Arlington Avenue to connect to PG&E facilities. As those of you that have recently driven on Arlington have noticed, the construction has begun.

#### **Public Safety Building**

While driving on the Arlington, you have also noticed the Kensington Fire Protection District has begun the remodel of the Public Safety Building. To our neighbors, we apologized for the additional strain this has placed on parking availability along the Arlington.