

General Manager June 2011 Report

Budget

In June we were notified by the County that we would receive \$9,782.20 from our Levy Tax, which is the property tax. This makes our year to date funding received from property taxes \$1,269,830.89, which is \$35,830 more than we had estimated we would receive when we prepared our 2010/2011 budget. We will not know our final revenue totals until September, but this additional income is encouraging.

Copier

In June, our Police Services Aide Andrea DiNapoli and our District Secretary Anita Gardyne contacted our copier service provider and our insurance carrier, and negotiated a change in our contract that eliminated our “double” payment of insurance protection on the copier. As a result we are now saving \$40.40 per month on our copier contract.

Kensington Park

Park Restroom

We are now waiting for the final plans for the restroom to be delivered so we can begin the process of applying for the building permits for the project. The “First Flush” is scheduled for October.

Community Center & Annex

The Park Building Sub-Committee is currently negotiating with the recommended contractor and should be presenting their recommendation and a contract to the KPPCSD Board in August for review.

Park Repairs

The Tennis Court Committee has determined that the courts only require patching and have identified Saviano as the lowest cost provider for the repair. Their estimate for the repair was \$2,000. At this point in time, we are waiting for Saviano to schedule a date to begin the repair.

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, July 11th, at 6:30 PM at the Community Center Room #3.

Other District Items of Interest

Solid Waste

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

On April 14th, 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 26th. The public hearing on the matter to raise the garbage rates as requested by Bay View was held on Thursday, June 9th, at the regular KPPCSD meeting. During public discussion on the rate increase, Bay View's owner, Lewis Figone, presented me with a letter indicating that it was his intention to assign the contract to Republic Services, beginning in January 2012, and running through the end of the contract in 2015. The KPPCSD Board, agreeing with staff that under the terms of our agreement with Bay View, no increase was warranted at this time, voted 3 to 2 not to grant the rate increase.

Since that meeting, Bay View has informed residents that live on small courts that they will no longer pick up cans at their residences. They have also notified the District that they no longer will service the 7 public cans without being paid a fee. Bay View also failed to notify customers of the change of pick up days due to the July 4th holiday.

These issues, as well as the assignment request, are currently being negotiated with Bay View.

Traffic

Following the March 10th 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.

In June, Jerry Fahy indicated that the County will proceed with the installation of the sign, and that the installation will be scheduled for Monday, July 11th.

On June 17th, KPPCSD Board President Chuck Toombs, Director Cathie Kosel, and I met with residents from Franciscan Way to discuss their concerns regarding traffic safety. There will be another scheduled meeting with John Gioia on Monday, July 25th, at the Community Center.

As you can see from the Sergeant's reports in the June Police Monthly Report, we are continuing with our traffic enforcement efforts with 129 traffic citations issued during the month.

Finally, at the May KPPCSD Board meeting, after hearing concerns from a group of citizen's, the Board approved the use of paying overtime at my discretion to address traffic enforcement in the community.

Between June 24th and July 4th, KPD officers signed up to conduct 18 hours of additional (overtime) traffic enforcement and issued 29 citations for moving violations. Of these 29 citations issued, 21 were issued for speed violations.

The cost of paying 18 hours of overtime is approximately \$1,000. If all 29 violators pay their fines, Kensington can expect to receive approximately \$406 in fine revenue for the 29 citations issued. For every officer that is subpoenaed to court to testify in support of the citation issued will generate \$240 in overtime.

Clearly, we do not issue traffic citations to generate revenue. The only reason we issue traffic citations for traffic violations is to change driver's behavior and to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in our community.

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.

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. Construction is scheduled to start in an estimated 4-6 months and estimated to take 10-14 days. Prior to construction, residents in the area will be notified via a door hanger placed 48 before construction begins.