

President's Message

Traffic Control. At Thursday night's meeting, several residents expressed continued concern for the safety of pedestrians and drivers along Arlington Ave. Chief Harman outlined actions recently taken by Kensington's police department and Contra Costa County:

-Whenever staffing permits, KPD enforcement has been increased during high pedestrian traffic times.

-The timing of the signal has been adjusted to give cars more time to stop.

-Sometime early in December, the County plans to have additional new "warning" signals in place.

Discussions regarding changing the signal to constantly "flashing red" or to full "red, yellow, green" will continue between the Chief and the County. Our Chief and our Board are committed to making Arlington safer.

Labor negotiations. The Board continues to negotiate with the Kensington Police Officers Association for salary and benefits. We look forward to a fiscally responsible solution.

Crime in Kensington. We are pleased with the new level of investigative crime busting under Chief Harman. While our Chief was in the process of organizing a joint task force with the Berkeley, Oakland and El Cerrito police departments, Oakland police arrested several suspects whose photos had been provided by Kensington police. One suspect has now admitted to several burglaries in Kensington, and the Alameda County District Attorney's office has filed charges against the two suspects who remain in custody.

What to know more? If you'd like to learn more about our meetings, the agenda and all reports contained in the meeting "packet" are available at the Kensington Library and Public Safety Building (KPD) at least 72 hours prior to each regular meeting. The agenda is also posted on the Kiosk by the Arlington Pharmacy and at the Colusa Circle market. The agenda is also available on our website: www.kensingtoncalifornia.org. Please check online for important information such as the monthly Police Department Report and the annual District budget.

Thank you for your continued interest in our community. Our next meeting will be Thursday, the 11th of December at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. We will be swearing in at least one new board member. Hope to see you there!