



# Kensington Community Times

A Newsletter for the Kensington Community from your Master Association  
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This marks the 16<sup>th</sup> newsletter that I have sent out to the community since April, 2008. While it is an effective mechanism it is not the most cost effective way for your Board to communicate with the community. As noted in previous Community Times we send out email versions of the Times to over 350 of our 566 residents. The Community Times will continue as our official communications vehicle and we will send out hard copies of this document to those who have not provided an email address. However we will begin offering a second communiqué titled "The KPMA News". This less formal letter will provide updates on smaller activities taking place in Kensington, but it will only go to those who have provided an email address. If you would like to be a recipient please provide your email address to us at: [kpmanaples@yahoo.com](mailto:kpmanaples@yahoo.com)

This is a busy time of year in Kensington. There are more people walking and biking at the same time that contractor vehicles are parked on the street. Attached for your information is a review of steps that you can take to ensure your safety.

Access and Patrol would like to remind you that an officer is on duty at the back (Eatonwood) gate from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily; however, the gate is not closed for the night until 11:00 p.m. Entry between 5:00 and 11:00 p.m. is by use of bar code in the right hand lane or contact with the front gate via the electronic keyboard just past the gate on the left. Kensington covenants prohibit resident's vehicles from overnight parking in driveways or on the street. Guest passes can be obtained at the front gate for parking overnight in the driveway, but overnight street parking is never permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

A number of mailboxes have been noted as having parts missing or broken. Mailboxes are the responsibility of the homeowner and repair or replacement must be identical to the one that was approved by the ARB. If your mailbox needs attention please contact Lykins Signtek at 594-8494. They have the specifications for Kensington.

In the event that you are going to engage a firm for any major trimming work it is important that you engage contractors who are certified arborists. This is important not only for the health of the trees but also to ensure compliance with Collier County regulations regarding the manner in which certain varieties; especially live oak trees are maintained. Not all contractors who offer tree trimming services are certified arborists.

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## **Safety guidelines**

**Walk Facing Traffic:** If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traffic. Note the **opposite** is true if cycling, **ride with the traffic flow**

**If you are bicycling wear a bicycle helmet.**

**Walk Single File:** Unless you are on a sidewalk separated from the road or a wide bike lane, you should walk in single file. This is especially important on a road with lots of curves, where traffic has only a split second chance of seeing you before hitting you. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road two to three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it.

**Be Visible:** Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or a reflective vest to be visible. Drivers are often not expecting walkers to be out after dark, and you need to give them every chance to see you. Be just as cautious at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility.

**Keep the Volume Down:** Don't drown out your environment with your iPod. Keep the volume at a level where you can still hear warnings from other walkers and runners.

**Hang Up and Walk:** Chatting on a cell phone while you walk is as dangerous as chatting while driving. This distraction keeps you from being aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers and bikers or tripping hazards