



Kensington Community Times

**A Newsletter for the Kensington Community from your Master Association
March, 2010**

Our annual meeting took place on March 8, 2010. Following that meeting the Board went into executive session. The Board members voted on the officers as well as established the responsibilities for the various committees. That information is summarized in the data sheet that follows.

There have been reports of drivers barely avoiding walkers in the evening or when multiple people are walking in the road. Attached for your consideration are some ideas from safety experts. Please incorporate them into your walking or bicycling routine. Additionally, Access & Patrol will be increasing enforcement of street parking regulations to help improve visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

As I noted at the meeting we are always interested in having people help on the various committees. Please volunteer your time to the community.

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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