

A. Stevens Delk's comments on our "Taxes"

There are two "**taxes**" that are not included in "Kensington KPPCSD Taxes" and "Kensington KPPCSD & KFD Taxes posted here. [See note below.]

The first is the "little" Kensington Park **tax "assessment"** of about \$100 per year per property that is not on the KPPCSD ledger (although it was enacted by approval of KPPCSD's measure to buy "the new park" land). A new Special Assessment District was created, with the revenue not flowing through KPPCSD (but the latter's directors taking great pride in claiming the park addition as their asset). The total amount of this assessment (tax) is approximately \$200,000 per year — paid by Kensington "taxpayers" for one of KPPCSD's community services.

The second is the "big" **tax assessment fee "rate"** that property owners pay for KPPCSD's Waste/Recycle Service contract with Bay View. The current rate (tax) is currently over \$500 per year for approximately 70% of households (i.e., those that use one 32 gallon can), approximately \$470 per year for 22% of households (those that use a 20 gallon can), and 2-3 times the former for most of the rest (those that use 2-3 cans or larger cans). The total amount paid directly to BV (not to KPPCSD) is approximately \$1,500,000 per year, with a guaranteed 3-5% increase each year — paid by Kensington "taxpayers" for one of KPPCSD's community services.

[Note: Webster's Ninth defines **tax** as "a charge usu. of money imposed by authority on person or property for public purposes."]