

# Kensington Around Town

DECEMBER 2014

## CALENDAR

### **Town Offices Closed**

Thurs., Dec. 25th and

Fri., Dec. 26th

*Christmas*

### **Town Offices Closed**

Thurs., Jan. 1st and

Fri., Jan. 2nd

*New Years*

### **Town Council Meeting**

Mon., Jan. 12th, 7 pm

*Town Hall*

### **Town Offices Closed**

Mon., Jan. 19th

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

### **Community Meeting**

**Cabin Park, Noyes Library**

**& Warner Circle**

Sat., Jan 31st

St. Paul's Church

Details TBA

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## **New Commercial Sign Regulations**

The Town Council adopted Ordinance No. O-02-2014—Amending Chapter VI, Article I, “Signs and Solicitors”, Sections 6-101, “Signs and Billboards”; 6-102 “Town Sign Permit Required”; 6-103 “Signs in the Public Right-of-Way”; 6-104 “Signs on Private Property; and 6-106 “Enforcement and Penalties” to clarify the types of signs that are permitted on private property and in public right-of-ways, and to make conforming changes.

A copy of the Amendments may be viewed at Town Hall or online at the following:

**<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meetings/>**



The Town would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremonies held earlier this month. The events are always well attended by our Residents and we appreciate the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) and their continued support of our community.

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## **HOLIDAY TRASH, BRUSH, & RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

**Fri., Dec. 26th**—Regular Trash Collection

**Tues., Dec. 30th**—Trash, Brush, and Recycling Collection

**Fri., Jan. 2nd**—Regular Trash Collection

Christmas trees may be placed out for Brush collection on Tuesday's only. Bulk items must be called in to Town Hall by 12 noon on the Monday before Tuesday pick-up.

## FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



Coming February 2015, **Kensington's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off & Potluck Dinner**; details to be announced in January.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the **St. Paul Park playground replacement** process; special recognition for leadership goes to residents **Anna Sachs and Lauren Dworkin**; we hope to have the new equipment in place by March 2015.

The Town is featured within **Montgomery Magazine's December-January edition**, noting our diverse and unique shops.

Thank you to the staff and all of the volunteers for our annual **Christmas Tree and Menorah lighting ceremonies**; both events had great turnouts. Particular praise for the **Kensington Volunteer Fire Department** who escorted Santa and handed out free fire detectors.

Thank you to the **Woman's Club of Kensington and the Woman's Community Club of Kensington** for decorating the Victorian Room at Town Hall for the holidays.

The **amendments to our sign ordinance** are finally complete and will take effect January 1, 2015; this has been a long time in the making and will significantly **reduce the sign pollution and clutter** around Town.

The **Town's Audited Financial Statements** for the year ending June 30, 2014 is complete; Kensington has a very healthy fiscal status; thank you to our auditor, **Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels and the Audit Committee Volunteers: Jeff Capron, Kerry Thompson and Leslie Olson.**

Thank you to the Brookewood School and Holy Redeemer's Children's Choir for performances during the Armory Avenue Holiday Celebration on December 20th; and thank you to all of the local businesses who sponsored the event.

**We've had a great year in Kensington with much to be proud of and thankful for; I wish everyone a Happy 2015.**

## **Town Permits**

10407 Fawcett Street  
Deck

10019 Kensington Pkwy  
Fence

3711 Farragut Avenue  
Interior

10315 Summit Avenue  
Porch; Sunroom

3503 Dupont Avenue  
Porch

3607 Farragut Avenue  
Wash. Gas

3809 Farragut Avenue  
Interior

3916 Washington Street  
Deck

3916 Baltimore Street  
Pepco

10510 Connecticut Avenue  
Interior

10605 Concord  
Telecommunications

3702 Dupont Avenue  
Deck



## **From Town Manager Daily**

- The Town completed leaf collections as of Friday, December 12th. All remaining leaves must be bagged and placed to the curb for regular brush collection on Tuesday's.
- Staff continues to enforce parking restrictions throughout the Town. If you do not have a parking permit, and have parking restrictions posted on your street, please contact the staff about purchasing a permit. They are \$20 each.
- The next scheduled Town Council Meeting is Mon., January 12th, 7 pm.
- **Building Permits**—*Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit for any exterior or interior structural changes are needed, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff with any questions.*

### **MAYOR**

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# TOWN MINUTES

## September 29, 2014 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from August 25, 2014.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-14-2014 – approving an easement between Konterra Limited Partnership and Ayoub Carpet Service for the use the Konterra parking lot on Metropolitan Avenue.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-15-2014 - approving a sign variance for 3711 Plyers Mill Road.
- Held a work-session following the Town Council Meeting to discuss amendments to Chapter VI of the Sign Code, Ordinance No. O-02-2014.

**September 29, 2014**—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Sexton, Town Attorney Ferguson, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Kensington Resident Abraham Frank, who passed away recently.

The Minutes from the August 25, 2014 Town Meeting and Work Session were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

### **From the Mayor and Town Council –**

Mayor Fosselman thanked the coordinators and volunteers for the Labor Day Parade and Festival, along with the Montgomery Art Association for organizing Paint the Town. He also thanked the organizers of the Kensington 8K Race and their donation to the Walter Johnson cluster of schools; he attended the MML Conference in Annapolis, and also attended the MML County Chapter meeting with Town Manager Daily to discuss tax duplication.

Council Member Bartram thanked the many volunteers for the recent Town events, and also thanked the National Capital Trackers for the

Train Show.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee met and discussed Traffic calming on Calvert Street; they proposed clearing brush to increase visibility, adding an additional speed hump if space permits, and repairing or relocating the existing speed hump; this will be added to the agenda in October for Council approval. The Committee also discussed parking issues for business owners along Howard Avenue; the committee suggested a separate parking permit for commercial owners with a \$25 annual fee that would allow them to park at the train station lots; this will be added to the agenda in October for Council approval. The Council also discussed enforcement and educating the business owners on public parking available at Town Hall.

Council Member Furman will be setting a date for the Greenscape Committee meeting to discuss possible shade solutions for the concert area within Howard Avenue Park.

Council Member Sexton thanked Gary and Diana Ditto for sponsoring the Train Show.

The next Town Meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014.

A work session will follow the Town Meeting in the conference room to discuss amendments to Chapter VI “Signs and Commercial Regulations” of the Town Code. The work session is open to the public.

The Mayor noted the Town is cosponsoring, along the Kensington Service Station, a Car Show on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot.

The Mayor noted a letter was received from a Resident on Armory Avenue regarding speeding and bypass traffic on Armory. Council Member McMullen will discuss it at the next Traffic Committee meeting.

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### From the Public –

Eli Sola Sole mentioned that additional parking enforcement is needed and suggested 24 hour enforcement along Howard and Fawcett.

Al Lacey stated that a utility sign continues to remain along Howard Avenue even though the project has been completed. Mr. Lacey also suggested that the location of the speed trailer be moved along Howard Avenue.

Ginger Aker, owner of Gene's Costumes, requested approval to place an inflatable pumpkin sign on the roof of her building. Ms. Aker was asked to remove the sign last year in accordance with a County law. Town Attorney Ferguson stated that the Town has spoken with the County and we believe the pumpkin is exempt as a seasonal decoration. The Town will allow the pumpkin to be placed for no more than 30 days, as a seasonal decoration.

Dr. Campbell stated that there was a large pile of roots leftover along the access area of Kensington Parkway and questioned whether NZI Construction, the Town's contractor, was mitigating damage to Town trees. Mayor Fosselman stated that the Town will contact NZI to discuss the pruning of the roots. Dr. Campbell also requested that a brick paver crosswalk be installed at the existing crosswalk leading into Kensington Cabin Park along Kensington Parkway.

Jack Gaffey stated that the white stop bar at Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place needs to be re-painted.

### Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-14-2014 to approve an easement agreement between Konterra Limited Partnership and Nabel Ayoub involving the Konterra parking Lot was discussed. Mr. Ayoub was present and explained that the easement was necessary as part of Ayoub Carpet Services proposed addition, as the County Code requires a distance of ten feet between his building and

the parking lot, which is owned by Konterra. Town Attorney Ferguson explained that because the Town has a license agreement with Konterra, we are required to approve the easement agreement. The Council discussed the resolution and determined that the dumpster, currently located on the south side of the property, should be moved to the east side of the property where it will be appropriately screened. The Resolution will be amended to add this. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-15-2014 to grant a sign variance for 3711 Plyers Mill Road was discussed. Mr. John Aravanis requested the variance at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting following an alteration to the existing sign, which required the sign to come into compliance with the Town's current sign regulations. The sign is currently 64.5 square feet in area and the Town Code only allows monument signs to be 50 square feet. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

### Council Actions –

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the Minutes from the August 25, 2014 Town Meeting and Work Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adopt Resolution R-14-2014 to approve an easement agreement between Konterra Limited Partnership and Nabel Ayoub involving the Konterra Parking Lot, as amended to include the dumpster relocation and screening. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adopt R-15-2014 to grant a total area sign variance for 3711 Plyers Mill Road. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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## Work Session 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Sexton, Town Attorney Ferguson, Town Manager Daily, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present.

The Mayor, Council, and Town staff discussed the proposed amendments to Chapter VI “Signs and Commercial Regulations” within Ordinance No. O-02-2014. Specifically, the regulation of monument signs, a-frame (sidewalk) signs, and possible regulation of certain materials and lighting aspects were discussed.

Town Attorney Ferguson agreed to prepare a revised draft of the Ordinance for the Council, which will be reviewed.

The work session was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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### **October 20, 2014** **Town Council Summary**

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from September 29, 2014.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-16-2014 to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling, LLC for an additional year per the terms and conditions of the existing contract.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-17-2014 authorizing the Town to purchase a 2015 Ford Escape and sell the existing code enforcement vehicle, a 1997 Chevrolet Tracker.
- Discussed Amendments to Chapter VI “Signs and Commercial Regulations” of the Town Code, proposed Ordinance No. O-02-2014 and motioned to hold the record open until November 10, 2014.

**October 20, 2014**—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Furman was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

and a Moment of Silence was observed for Pat Atherton, who passed away recently.

The Minutes from the September 29, 2014 Town Meeting and Work Session were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

## **From the Mayor and Town Council –**

Council Member McMullen stated that a number of safety improvements suggested by the Traffic Committee had been completed along Calvert Street by removing some bushes within the public right-of-way and by placing larger stop signs at the junction with Washington Street; and mentioned that the Town’s Traffic Engineer would evaluate the area to determine an appropriate location for a new speed hump. Business Parking Permits will begin being issued for Fawcett and Howard January 2015; Town staff will put together an informational flyer for the businesses on areas where parking is available and enforcement. The Traffic Committee will convene in early November to discuss traffic along Armory and Baltimore.

Council Member Sexton stated he received a question about whether the Farmers Market could include additional vendors along the center of the parking lot and also received an inquiry about the Town adhering to a standard schedule for Town Meetings. Council Member Bartram also questioned whether the Farmers Market could expand to the parking lot on Metropolitan Avenue. Mayor Fosselman stated the center of the parking lot had a number of issues for past vendors, mainly the sloping topography, which prevented the Market from expanding to this area of the lot; and expanding the Market to the Metropolitan side would induce safety concerns with the number of trains crossing during Market hours. The Mayor stated that Council Meetings do change from time to time to accommodate the Council’s schedule, along with holidays and other unplanned events. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Town releases a summary within 48 hours of the meeting and an audio recording is always available

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on our website.

### **From the Public –**

Jack Gaffey stated that a car was stolen and recovered from his block on Frederick Avenue the previous evening and also noted that a partial solar eclipse would occur on Thursday evening at 6 pm.

Al Lacey thanked the Town for sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kensington Car Show on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bernadette Englested, non-resident, expressed concerns about the time restrictions on Kent Street after she received a \$90 citation for violating the “No Turn” signage. Ms. Englested requested that local traffic be exempted from the restrictions.

Council Member McMullen stated that the Traffic Committee had researched the issue of “local traffic only” on a number of prior occasions and the Committee determined that there was no clear way to determine what would constitute “local traffic.” He also stated the Committee has not shown interest in removing the restrictions.

Council Membr Bartram stated the Traffic Committee should re-evaluate the possibility of “local traffic only” signs, as they are used in other areas of the County.

David Nellis commented that the Town could use stickers to identify local residents from non-residents.

Eli Sola-Sole stated that a number of Residents along the Fawcett Street apartments have expressed concern about the enforcement of the parking restrictions along Fawcett not covering overnight parking. Ms. Sola-Sole mentioned that occasionally vehicles are parked overnight or on weekends that prevents spaces to be used by apartment residents, and requested the parking restrictions be extended to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Town Manager Daily stated

that staff surveys suggest that there is no parking issue along Fawcett, and although there are rare occurrences, the studies do not justify extending the hours of the restrictions.

Al Lacey clarified that he and Town Manager Daily had not spoken previously about the parking situation along Fawcett.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –**

Resolution No. R-16-2014 – a Resolution to exercise the option to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling for another year was presented. The Council discussed Unity’s service to the community over the last three years favorably. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-17-2014 – a Resolution to authorize the Town Manager to purchase a 2015 Ford Escape from Lindsay Ford and to sell the existing code enforcement vehicle, a 1997 Chevrolet Tracker, was presented. The Town Manager reported that the Tracker had seen an increase in mechanical problems and had become unreliable for staff to drive. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Ordinance No. 02-2014 – the revised amendments to Chapter VI “Signs and Commercial Regulations” was reviewed and discussed by the Council and Town staff to clarify a number of enforcement concerns, to include: 1) once adopted, allowing for a six (6) month applicability before the Town would begin enforcing the 20 percent coverage of all commercial window signage; 2) to continue to allow for neon signs, per county regulations, throughout the commercial district, although not within the Historic District; 3) to allow for a variance option with ground signs and landscaping requirements for these signs; 4) to remove the exemption of places of worship from the commercial regulations and defer to County regulations on signs within Residential zones; 5) and to require an updated signage plan after each new sign is changed at a multi-tenant property.

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The Town Attorney will amend the Ordinance to include the clarification for the Council's review at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Town staff requested that the record be held open until the next meeting to advise the business community of the revisions with the Council concurring.

## Council Actions –

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the Minutes from the September 29, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the Minutes from the September 29, 2014 Work Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution R-16-2014 to exercise the option to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling another year, per the contract conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution R-17-2014 to authorize the Town Manager to purchase a new code enforcement vehicle, a 2015 Ford Escape, from Lindsay Ford and to sell the current enforcement vehicle, a 1997 Chevrolet Tracker. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to instruct the Town Attorney to amend the revised suggestions to the Ordinance No. 02-2014 and to extend the record through November 10, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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## November 24, 2014 Town Council Minutes

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from October 20, 2014.

- Acknowledged the Audit Committee's Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14.
- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Mr. Charles Bogino, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Proclaiming November 2014 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
- Received a petition from Residents along Fawcett Street requesting additional parking enforcement.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-18-2014 - A Resolution designating November 2014 as Municipal Government Works Month.
- Discussed Ordinance No. O-02-2014 - An Ordinance proposing Amendments to Chapter VI "Signs and Commercial Regulations" of the Town Code. The Council tabled the vote on the Amendments until the December 8th Town Council Meeting.

**November 24, 2014**—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, and Sexton, Town Attorney Ferguson, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member McMullen was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Minutes from the October 20, 2014 Town Meeting and Work Session were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

A Mayoral Proclamation was presented to Mr. Charles Bogino, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, proclaiming November 2014 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

The Mayor noted that the Audit Committee has recommended that the Council accept as submitted the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2014, by the Town's Auditor, Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett. The Mayor also thanked the Audit Committee members: Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson for their service.

## From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor mentioned that the Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>,



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beginning at 5:30 pm, and that the Menorah lighting will be held on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 pm; the Greenscape Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, and the Traffic Committee will meet on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm; Small Business Saturday and the 'Shop Small' campaign will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>; and he thanked Eric Arai for completing his Eagle Scout Project, which consisted in assisting the Town's removal of invasive species along Silver Creek.

Council Member Bartram also thanked Eagle Scout Arai, along with those that volunteered to help with the general election.

Council Member Furman reported Maier Warner will be launching a marketing plan for the map in the spring; the Greenscape Committee will be meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss improvements and landscaping options at Howard Avenue Park, along with the Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>; and thanked Town Manager Daily for contacting Prevention of Blindness with regards to the appearance of the property.

Council Member Sexton reported that the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce (WKCC) has requested to host a business mixer at Town Hall on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>; the Town Council agreed to the use, as the Town is an official member and sponsor of the organization; and the Kensington Business District Association (KBDA), along with Maier Warner and the Howard Avenue Merchants Association will help publicize the event. Council Member Sexton encouraged all business owners to attend.

Town Manager Daily reported that staff met with a number of Residents and the Town's playground equipment vendor, Playground Specialists, with regards to replacing the equipment at St. Paul Park. Mr. Daily will present the proposed costs and possible options at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. In addition, the Town has been in discussion with the Spring Bilingual

Montessori School to place motion detected cameras and lighting at St. Paul Park.

### **From the Public –**

Delegate Carr noted that he had initiated a petition to the State Highway Administration (SHA), which 42 Town Residents signed, in an effort to garner support for narrowing the lanes of Connecticut Avenue between the beltway and the Town. Del. Carr stated that by narrowing the lanes from 11 feet to 10 feet, SHA could create the appearance of a shoulder, which would help provide separation between the sidewalk and traffic lanes.

Mayor Fosselman noted that the Town had discussed narrowing the lanes along Connecticut Avenue a few years prior; however, the Town was told by SHA that this would require the placement of bike lanes. Del. Carr mentioned that he had been told otherwise, as long as the actual curb was not moved. Town Manager Daily stated that he would contact SHA to confirm the actual requirement with regards to lane changes and the placement of bike lanes. In addition, Mayor Fosselman reported that four additional speed cameras will be placed along Connecticut Avenue between the beltway and Town limits. This is in cooperation with Chevy Chase View, SHA, and Montgomery County.

Eli Sola-Sole presented a petition in support of extending the current four (4) hour parking restriction along Fawcett Street from 7 am to 5 pm on Monday through Friday to 24 hours a day, seven days a week for non-residents. The petition will be submitted to the Traffic Committee for review at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Sola-Sole also requested that the Town establish a policy against business owners and employees from parking along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street.

Jill Crump, Martha Groves, and Alice Kessler all commented on the difficulty of finding parking spaces along Fawcett Street due to the abuse of the posted time restrictions, and approved of

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the presented petition.

Miriam Ruminski expressed concerns over vehicles parking along Mitchell Street during the drop-off and pick-up times at Brookewood School. Ms. Ruminski mentioned that the parked cars prevent her from entering or exiting her driveway. Mayor Fosselman asked the Town staff to review the current signage and possible resolutions.

Mayor Fosselman stated that the Town staff will be instructed to begin issuing citations instead of warnings for parking violations along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street. He also noted that Residents will need to obtain a parking permit at Town Hall for \$20, if they have not done so already; Brookewood School will be notified about parking along Mitchell Street; and the Town will check with the Montgomery County Police about evening and weekend enforcement.

Julie O'Malley reported that Park and Planning will be holding a Charrette on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> to solicit input from the community for future uses at Kensington Cabin Park, Noyes Library, and Warner Mansion.

## **Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –**

Resolution No. R-18-2014 – a Resolution proclaiming November as Municipal Government Works Month through the Maryland Municipal League was discussed. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Ordinance No. O-02-2014 – an Ordinance proposing Amendments to Chapter VI "Signs and Commercial Regulations" of the Town Code was reviewed and discussed. Town Attorney Ferguson noted a number of changes to the document, which included removing the permit requirement for interior window signs, as the Town would enforce the 20 percent window coverage regulation instead, along with allowing for a variance process on the landscaping requirement for freestanding signs. The Council requested that a clean copy be presented at the

next meeting and tabled the vote until December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Fosselman asked when the enforcement of pole signs would begin. Town Attorney Ferguson stated the enforcement had been on hold until the language within the County's zoning rewrite took effect on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Assistant Town Manager Hoffman confirmed that staff had been in contact with business and property owners affected, and they had been advised of the delay in enforcement until the County language had been officially adopted.

A citizen questioned the approval process for an incoming business, specifically Five Guys, and how they obtain approval from the Town; questioned when the last time the Sign Ordinance had been changed; and expressed concerns over the number of gas stations throughout the Town. Mayor Fosselman stated Montgomery County handles the approval and permitting of businesses within the County and the Sign Ordinance was last amended in August 2009.

## **Council Actions –**

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adopt Resolution No. R-18-2014 designating November 2014 as Municipal Government Works Month. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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A recording of each Town Council meeting may be found on our website: <http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/>

Additionally, a brief summary of any actions taken during a Council Meeting is sent out through our email notification system the following day. If you would like to receive this notification, please join our email list at [www.tok.md.gov](http://www.tok.md.gov).

## COMMUNITY



At the December Town Meeting, the Town Council unanimously approved a Resolution supporting the Noyes Children's Library Foundation's **Make MORE Noyes** Renovation Proposal. The Foundation, created in 1991 to support the Library's operating budget during County budget shortfalls, brought this proposal to the County in response to the U.S. Department of Justice notification that Noyes must comply with ADA standards of accessibility. The Foundation saw this need as an opportunity to make Noyes not just ADA compliant, but a model of universal accessibility, while more than doubling the finished floor space within the historic building. The new space will enable Noyes to expand its early literacy mission and outreach, and become a true center for children's literacy and literature. For more information, the plan drawings and ways you can help, please go to [noyeslibraryfoundation.org](http://noyeslibraryfoundation.org).

### The Kensington Arts Theatre Presents:



#### Performances

Feb. 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, March 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, and 14th.

Fri./Sat. 8:15 pm and Sun. 3:00 pm

[www.katonline.org/](http://www.katonline.org/)



### When It Snows . . .

The Town requires all of its residents and businesses to clear a path on the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of each snow fall.

If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours, a notice will be sent to the resident or business reminding them it needs to be done. If a path still has not been cleared within 24 hours of the notice, a citation will be issued—\$65 for residential and \$195 for businesses. Businesses are reminded NOT to pile the snow at sidewalk corners or block pedestrian right-of-ways.

**Exceptions:** residential sidewalks located on Conn., Summit and Knowles Avenues will be cleared by the Town.

If you are traveling during the winter months, please make arrangements before leaving to have someone clear your sidewalk.

### Street Light Out?



Please report any street light outages to Town Hall at 301-949-2424. When calling, you will need the pole number, or the nearest address.





**Kensington Farmers Market**  
**Saturdays**  
**9 am– 1 pm**  
**Howard Avenue Train Station**  
**Open year-round**  
**[www.explorekensington.com/  
farmers\\_market](http://www.explorekensington.com/farmers_market)**



# **Kensington Around Town**

**December 2014**

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**To Kensington Residents:**