

Kensington Around Town

October/November 2019

Learn more about Kensington's newest "Monarch Butterfly" mural located on [Jubilee's](#) building at 10408 Montgomery Ave. on page 3.

Jubilee is a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities and support for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to live in and enrich their community while fulfilling their personal, family, social and spiritual needs.



Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Rock N' Roll

Saturday, Oct 26 • 2-6pm

Halloween Party at KVFD

Saturday, Oct 26 • 5-8pm

Strosnidars Steak Cookoff

Saturday, Nov 2 • 10am-4:30pm

Fall & Ice Author Series

Wednesday, Nov 6 • 6:30-7:30pm

KAT presents 'Guys and Dolls'

Thursdays-Saturdays Nov 8-24

Home & Car Safety Talk

Saturday, November 9 • 9-11am

Kensington Historical Society Book Talk

Tuesday, Nov 12 • 7-9pm

Pop-Up Shop

Friday, Nov 15 • 10am-8pm

Thanksgiving Town Dance

Wednesday, Nov 27 • 7-11pm

For more event information go to:

TOK.md.gov/Events-Calendar

Town Happenings



Town Council Work Session

Monday, Oct 28 • 7pm

Audit Committee Meeting

Monday, Nov 18 • 6pm

Town Council Meeting

Monday, Nov 18 • 7pm

Town Offices Closed:

Thursday, Nov 28 for Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov 29 for

American Indian Heritage Day

Trash Collected as Scheduled

Celebrate Local on National Days



October 27 - National American Beer Day

Frankly Pizza • The Dish & Dram • Java Nation
K Town Bistro • Old Town Market • China Gourmet

Nov 6 - Stress Awareness Day

Alight Spa • Essence of Healing • Tailored Relaxation
Sweat Shop Fitness Club Massage

November 30 - Small Business Saturday

Support local and Shop Small in Kensington

From the Mayor

The Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings with Montgomery County issued a decision of denial on October 8, 2019 with regards to CU19-03, an application for conditional use (self-storage) at 10619 Connecticut Avenue. The applicant, 1784 Capital Holdings, has appealed the decision of the Hearing Examiner to the Board of Appeals.

While we are disappointed that the applicant has chosen to appeal the Hearing Examiner's decision, the Council and I are prepared to provide the necessary testimony to uphold both the Planning Board and Hearing Examiner's denial.

The contractor for the Modena Reserve-Kensington on Metropolitan Avenue has completed their site demolition and the official groundbreaking for the project was held on October 22, 2019. The \$75 million project is the largest redevelopment project in Kensington's history, and we are looking forward to the completion of the project in 2021. The project will rehabilitate two existing historic structures, Mizell Hardware and the old service station. Additional information on the project may be found at

the following link: mccafferyinc.com/portfolio/modena-reserve-kensington

The Council will be holding a Work Session on Monday, October 28, 2019 to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Sign and Commercial Regulations, along with drafting language and possible restrictions with regards to adopting Montgomery County's alcohol regulations. Any proposed amendments to the Town's Sign Ordinance, along with drafted language for adopting the County's alcohol regulations will be discussed at the November 18, 2019 Town Council Meeting to allow for public comment.



Building & Town Permits

Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit are needed for any interior or exterior structural changes, with the exception of landscaping and general repairs. Historic District properties will also require a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff at 301-949-2424 with any questions.

- 3936 Washington Street - Fence**
- 3419 Plyers Mill Road - Addition**
- 3503 Dupont Avenue - Deck**

- 10211 Summit Avenue - Wash. Gas**
- 10421 Mannakee Street - Addition**
- 3607 Dupont Avenue - Addition**
- 10504 Connecticut Avenue - Sign**
- St. Paul Park - Pepco**
- 10209 Montgomery Avenue - Solar Panels and Shed**
- 3504 Dupont Avenue - Wash. Gas**
- 10314 Armory Avenue - Interior**
- 10812 St. Paul Street - Dumpster**

NEW Jubilee Mural

If you have recently traveled by way of Montgomery Ave, you might have witnessed the migration of dozens of painted monarch butterflies on the side of the Jubilee Building. This is the Town's second mural installation, the first being at the M&T Bank on Howard Ave.



Written by artist Nicole Bourgea

When the opportunity to work with the Mayor's office and Jubilee on this project arose, I chose to depict a moment in the Monarch butterfly migration for a couple of different reasons.

First, I have a three year old son, Bosco, who has Down Syndrome. Before he was born, I was terrified about the fragility of the life that I believed he would lead. A butterfly is a delicate creature which only lives for a few weeks, but during the mass Monarch migration, these butterflies fly over 3,000 miles together to their destination. They are beautiful, shockingly tough and achieve the unbelievable by working together toward a common goal. I wish that I could go back and tell myself as an expecting mother that I would say the same things about my son one day. He is the most beautiful and determined person I have ever met, and I am confident that with the right supports he will achieve the impossible!



Jubilee clients helped to create the mural.



The 20' by 25' mural is located at 10408 Montgomery Ave



Second, the subject of this mural is a nod to the Butterfly Effect in Chaos Theory. The theory is that even the smallest change, such as the beating of one butterfly's wings, can have enormous effects, such as the formation of a tornado. I believe that every life affects others and that if we use our time and talents in small ways to help others, especially those who may need an extra boost, we all soar. In other words: "We rise by lifting others."

You can learn more about Nicole and her work at NicoleBourgea.com and follow her on Instagram at [@nicolebourgea](https://www.instagram.com/nicolebourgea).

Where in Kensington?

A close knit community shares a common history and an interest in each other's lives. It's comforting to talk about familiar topics and share stories with friends and neighbors. The purpose of this column, "Where in Kensington?" is to re-discover all things common and familiar.



Where is this Eagle?

Different wood carvings are located in several places throughout town. A local artist you may know carved this eagle several years ago and it is on loan at its current location. Do you know the location and the artist's name?



The first person to email Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov with the location and artist, will receive a \$10 gift certificate from our favorite hearth-baked pizza restaurant, [Frankly Pizza](#), located at 10417 Armory Ave. Voting closes on Friday, November 1, 2019. The mystery sculpture will be revealed in the next journal issue.

Answer to "Who is this Dog?"



Last month we asked you who is this dog and who are her shop owners. Laura B. was the first to answer with all the correct information and won a \$10 gift card to [The Dish & Dram](#), located at 10301 Kensington Pkwy, where she can eat, drink and be merry! Congratulations Laura!

Joy belongs to the owners of the Kensington Shoe Repair at 3772 Howard Avenue. Owner Seon Chun has been mending shoes since the 1960's. He and his wife and partner, Young, provide a variety of services, including alterations and dry cleaning in addition to shoe repair. They both enjoy the Kensington community and at the end of a long day you'll still find smiles on their faces. Joy is a mix of golden retriever and chow and is close to 12 years old.



Judy Prevo has been painting Joy in watercolor for the last several years for her entry in the Paint the Town Labor Day Show. She creates greeting cards of Joy and various other works for personal use and for sale.

To find out more about Judy's art you can reach her at jprevo@aol.com.

Possible New Elementary School for WJ Cluster Discussed at Oct 14 Meeting; Woodward High School Planning Begins

By: Conor Crimmins, Councilmember
Kendall Watson, KPPTA Cluster Rep

In the May 2019 edition of the Around Town Journal I highlighted the Montgomery County Board of Education's (BOE) resolution asking the Superintendent to hire an outside consulting firm to conduct a district-wide school boundary analysis. Since that time several community meetings related to this topic have occurred that may affect the Town of Kensington broadly or specifically as it relates to the schools in the Walter Johnson (WJ) cluster to which students from the Town currently attend.

Events and Updates Since May 2019

Districtwide Boundary Analysis

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) (No. 4886.1) entitled "Boundary Analysis Consultant" on June 25, 2019. MCPS received multiple proposals that met the required experience in educational facilities planning. After review of the proposals, MCPS and the BOE awarded a contract to WXY architecture + urban design to conduct a comprehensive districtwide boundary analysis. The award to WXY architecture + urban design is not to exceed \$475,000 for fiscal year 2020 with the up to three one-year renewal options.

According to the MCPS timeline for the boundary analysis, the selected consultant began to perform the analysis beginning this past summer of 2019 and should conclude the analysis through winter 2020. The consultant is scheduled to provide their report to the BOE by June 1, 2020. MCPS has scheduled a public hearing on the analysis project for 6 p.m., Nov. 18 at MCPS' main offices in Rockville. Please note that additional community meetings may be scheduled by the consultant

over the winter to solicit additional input and feedback. When these meetings are scheduled the Town will work to communicate the location and dates to the community via our website, the neighborhood listserv, and the Around Town Journal.

Elementary School Capacity Review

On October 14, 2019, MCPS along with DLR Group, a consulting group retained to study school capacities for elementary schools within the district, held a community meeting to present a simultaneous analysis of the elementary schools in both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) and WJ clusters. The basis for the simultaneous analysis was to consolidate the review of capacity concerns in both the B-CC and WJ clusters and to evaluate possible solutions within and, where possible, between both the B-CC and WJ schools and school populations.

During this meeting, MCPS and representatives of the district's consultants proposed three possible actions to help alleviate capacity concerns at elementary schools within B-CC and WJ:

- For B-CC & WJ: Open a new elementary school that would draw from and service students from both the B-CC and WJ clusters
- For B-CC: Perform an internal boundary adjustment for Westbrook ES and Somerset ES which may include a small addition to Westbrook ES
- For B-CC: Add addition to Bethesda ES to increase capacity to 740 students

While reviewing these three proposed options, the consultants also reviewed 10 possible school sites, with the new school likely being shared by the two school clusters.

Walter Johnson Cluster

MCPS has posted a copy of this presentation on its website, found at:

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/facilities/construction/project/BCC_WJ%20Capacity%20StudyPresent.pdf

Woodward High School Design and Construction Funding

MCPS started planning for reopening a new Woodward High School on Old Georgetown Road on the site of the current Tilden Middle School. The impact of Woodward's reopening is that elementary-age students in the Town of Kensington will be affected by some sort of boundary study process to determine what parts of the current WJ cluster will feed into the reopened Woodward HS. Unknown at this time is whether or not all or part of the Town could be moved into a new cluster boundary for the reopened Woodward HS. We won't know what the boundary study process for Woodward will look like until late 2023, but we do know a new high school in this area will be built according to MCPS. The school will initially reopen in 2023 (upon completion of "Phase 1" construction) as a holding school for Northwood HS, which is scheduled for an extensive renovation. Woodward HS will then fully reopen with its own student population (upon completion of "Phase 2" construction) in the fall of 2025.

MCPS has created a website for this project with a generally helpful FAQ, found at: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/woodwardhs.aspx>

Over this summer, MCPS proposed planning designs and sequencing for reopening Woodward High School that local PTA representatives believe are a significant departure from previous statements on the conceptualization and programming for the school. The PTA seeks – among other issues – that MCPS at minimum ensure parity and equity between Woodward

facilities/programming and all other high schools.

At issue (and left unmentioned in the Woodward HS Project FAQs) are the unfunded "Phase 2" improvements, which are considered standard at nearly every high school in Montgomery County. They include new ballfields, a stadium, an auditorium, and an auxiliary gym. Without Phase 2 money in the upcoming 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)/Master Plan, there is no guarantee that Phase 2 will happen. Over the summer, some Board of Education members suggested in a public meeting that they would not spend the money for a stadium. The BOE has not been publicly briefed on Woodward since the July meeting. As a result, the PTA has begun a campaign to pressure the BOE to support funding Phase 2 so standard high school facilities - like a stadium - can't be voted down by the Board of Education later and the funding reprogrammed for other MCPS priorities. After the Board of Education, the County Council must also approve the Phase 2 funds as part of next year's total MCPS budget.

The PTA is pressing the public to get involved by attending public hearings on the upcoming 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)/Master Plan. It is anticipated that MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith will release his recommended CIP on October 25, 2019. Both the Town of Kensington and our local cluster PTA representatives encourage you to attend and participate in one of the upcoming BOE hearings:

Board of Education Upcoming Public Meetings

- **Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 10:00am – CIP Work Session**
- **Tuesday, November 5, 2019 @ 6:00pm – CIP Public Hearing**
- **Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 6:00pm – CIP/Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, Pine Crest Boundary Study Public Hearing**
- **Monday, November 18, 2019 @ 6:00pm –**

Walter Johnson Cluster

Districtwide Boundary Analysis Hearing

- **Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @ 2:00pm – CIP Work Session**

Please check the BOE website for up-to-date calendar of meetings and to sign up should you wish to testify at any of the scheduled meetings. The BOE website is: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx>

How to Stay Informed and Engaged

Please know that the Mayor and the Town Council understand the importance of these issues related to MCPS and their potential impact on Town residents and we will continue to monitor and engage in the school boundary analysis and capacity studies on behalf of the Town and will

report updates, when available, during Town Council meetings. Additionally, when MCPS scheduled public community meetings related to these topics or other topics facing the WJ cluster, we will work to communicate those meetings to the Kensington community so that you may participate directly with MCPS. We cannot stress highly enough the need for Town residents to engage in the process on their own and directly with MCPS. MCPS wants to hear from the community and the more people that engage directly the 'louder' the voice MCPS will hear from residents and district parents in our area.

To learn more about the boundary analysis process or to review MCPS provided information, found at: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/boundary.aspx>

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin Monday, November 4, 2019 and run through December 9

The Town will begin our annual leaf collection the week of November 4th and run through the week of December 9th. There are no scheduled collection zones, as the Public Works Crew will monitor each street on a daily basis.

Gather leaves inside curb as shown below.

Please do not include grass clippings, mulch, twigs, or small branches within leaf piles, as this may damage our leaf vacuum. If your leaf pile contains any materials besides leaves, the Crew will not collect your pile, and you will be responsible for bagging the leaves on your own.



Upcoming Events



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
2 - 6 PM

- Pumpkin Roll Derby Race
- Live Music
- Costume Parade
- Hay Maze
- Food Trucks
- Craft Tables

The GIGS Courtyard on Howard Avenue will be transformed into a full-blown Halloween extravaganza!

PumpkinRockNRoll.com



Fall & Ice Author Series

October 23 • 6:30-7:30pm
 Julie Langsdorf, Author "White Elephant"

November 6 • 6:30-7:30pm
 Barbara Glickman, Author "Maryland's Public Gardens & Parks"

December 5 • 6:30-7:30pm
 Danny Glavin, Astrobiologist, Author "Frozen in Time" Hunting Meteorites in Antarctica for Signs of Life.

4201 Knowles Ave
 240-773-9515

Strosniders Steak Cookoff

Sign up to complete or watch the grillers and enter to win raffles. Raffle proceeds go to KVFD. Sign up at SteakCookoffs.com.



Event Location
 Strosniders Hardware
 10504 Connecticut Ave
 Kensington, MD
 20895

Entry Fee
 Steak \$150
 Tacos \$25

November 2nd, 2019

Steak Payout

- 1st Place \$1000
- 2nd Place \$500
- 3rd Place \$400
- 4th Place \$300
- 5th Place \$200
- 6-10th Place \$100

Taco Payout

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$75
- 3rd Place \$50

Event Timeline

- 10:00 Cooks Meeting
- Steak Selection
- 11:00 Judges Meeting
- 1-1:15 Taco Turn In
- 2:30-3 Steak Turn In
- 4:00 Awards

Team Spaces

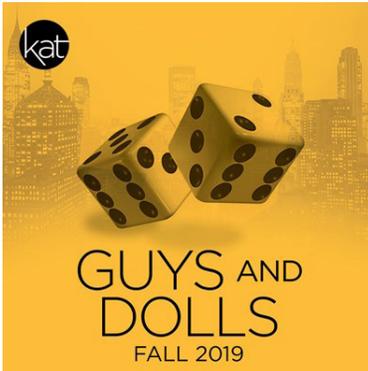
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Promoter Info

Bill Hart
 240-338-3855
bill.hart3@strosniders.com

Upcoming Events

Kensington Arts Theater Presents:



Set in the depression-era, this story is about a couple of big city gamblers, and the women who love them.

Performance Dates:

Friday - Sunday Nov 8-24
Fri/Sat 8:15pm & Sun 2pm

KATOnline.org

Kensington Historical Society Book Talk

Tuesday, Nov 12 • 7-9pm

Speaker Philip Padgett discusses his recent book “Advocating Overlord...The D-Day Strategy and the Atom Bomb.” Mr. Padgett will describe the conflicting views, contradictory strategies, and political dynamics that led to the highly controversial D-Day invasion plan, Operation Overlord.

Town Hall’s lower level
3710 Mitchell Street

KensingtonHistory.org

THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON
invites you to meet with the
**Montgomery County
Police Department**
to discuss home and vehicle safety.

Saturday, November 9 • 9-11am
During Kensington’s Farmers’ Market
Howard Avenue Train Station

Montgomery County Police Attending:
District 2 Commander Sean Gagen
District 2 Lt. John D’Albora



Thanksgiving Town Dance

Wednesday, Nov 27 • 7-11pm



Please join the town, along with the Nighthawks for the 16th Annual Town Dance to benefit Bethesda Help and the 20895. BYO drinks and snacks.

*Non-Alcohol Event

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Kensington Historical Society

The 2020 Kensington Historical Society Calendar is available for sale during the upcoming meeting on November 12, and at anytime at Town Hall and at Kensington Row Bookshop for \$5.

Memberships are just \$20 for the year and includes a free calendar. Go to KensingtonHistory.org to find out more.

The KHS has a vast collection of historical material in its **Archive Collection** including pictures, news articles and much more. The public is welcome to visit on Thursday afternoons between 1- 3pm at their offices in the basement of Kensington Town Hall.



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Artwork by Deborah Halpin

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Community Resources

The KTown Ladies Guild aims to improve the lives of Kensington residents through social interaction, neighborhood sharing and community support.



New Neighbor Welcome Baskets are filled with gift cards and coupons for local services, along with helpful information about the town.

Wine Down Wednesdays for You to discover everything that Kensington has to offer.

Wine Down Wednesdays For Your Business to showcase your products and services, and attract new clientele.

If you are interested in donating to the welcome basket or hosting/attending Wine Down Wednesdays, email Angelika Stablow at info.ktownladies@gmail.com.

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2020 Directory Update

The Town of Kensington Directory 2020

The Town of Kensington is in the process of updating the Town directory that connects you to your neighbors and community.

If you are new in Town, or your information has changed since the last directory, please see reverse side for instructions.

The deadline to be in the 2020 Directory is October 31, 2019. Once complete, a new directory will be mailed out to each household.



Email your information to:
Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov

PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Full Adult Name(s)
- Full Street Address
- Phone(s)
- Email(s)

Indicate if you don't want to share your phone and/or email in the directory.

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Jamie Simms, Facility Maintenance

Ben Crumlin, Alex Rodriguez, Stephanie Zoz, Patrol Officers

Town Minutes Summary

September 9, 2019 Town Council Meeting

Held a Closed Session pursuant to State Government Article §3-305(b) to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Approved the Town Organizational Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2019.

Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2019.

Adopted **Resolution No. R-17-2019**—A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington in support of the proposed sale of Warner Mansion and the Carriage House to Washington Landmark Construction for the rehabilitation of the historic

buildings as residential condominiums, and to preserve the surrounding land around the historic buildings as public park land within the Montgomery Parks system as amended.

Town Meeting Minutes

Complete Minutes, along with an audio recording from past meetings, are available on the Town's website at the following link:

<https://tok.md.gov/town-government/council-minutes-recordings/>

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Town Meeting Minutes, please contact Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer, at 301-949-2424, Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov.



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Happy Hour & Bar Bites: Tues to Fri 3p to 6:30p, Sat 11:30a to 6:30p

Lunch and Dinner: Tues to Sat 11:30a to 9/9:30p(ish); Sun Brunch with Brunch & Bubbly at the Bar, 10a to 3p

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Town Policing

Our new, part-time police officers started working on October 14th. We have hired three Montgomery County police officers, Ben Crumlin, Stephanie Zoz, and Alex Rodriguez, to work a combined 24 hours per week. (Previously, the County Police Department asked officers looking for extra hours to sign up under a county-run program. Although this worked well for us, we wanted to achieve more consistency in who patrols our streets.) Initially, the officers will be focusing on areas

around morning and afternoon bus stops, but will branch out to cover additional areas shortly. We also anticipate having them patrol on bike and cover some overnight hours. We encourage you to introduce yourselves to them as you see them out on our streets.



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Kensington, MD

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