

# Kensington Around Town

MAY 2017

## 2017 Town Election

The Town Election will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Town Hall (3710 Mitchell Street) between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The Candidates for Town Office include:

### Town Council

Darin Bartram (Incumbent)  
Conor Crimmins  
Tom Rodriguez (Incumbent)

### Candidates Forum

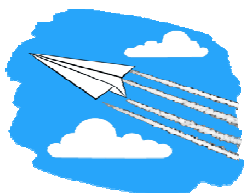
The Candidates Forum will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm (Town Hall). The Forum will provide an opportunity to allow the community to submit questions to the Candidates.

Additional Election information may be found at the following:

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/elections/>



The Mayor and Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) Budget at the May 8th Council Meeting. The Council approved maintaining the existing *real property tax rate at thirteen and 6/10 cents (\$0.136)* on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value; maintaining the *personal property tax rate at seventy cents (\$0.70)* on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value; and setting the *personal utility property tax rate at four dollars and forty cents (\$4.40)* per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value.



**Kensington Can! Presents:**  
**Paper Airplane Day**  
Sun., May 21st, 1 pm—3pm  
St. Paul Park  
(rain date: May 29th)



## CALENDAR

### Paper Airplane Day

Sun., May 21st,  
1—3 pm  
St. Paul Park

### Candidates Forum

Mon., May 22nd, 7 pm

### Kensington Historic Buildings Meeting

Wed., May 31st, 7 pm  
Town Hall

### Town Election

Mon., June 5th,  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
Town Hall

### Traffic Committee Meeting

Wed., June 7th, 7 pm

### Town Council Meeting

Mon., June 12th, 7 pm

### Summit Avenue Extension

#### Public Meeting

Tues., June 13th, 7 pm  
Town Hall

**[www.tok.md.gov](http://www.tok.md.gov)**

## MAYOR TRACEY

### Town Permits

10521 St. Paul Street—Addition

3923 Baltimore Street—Alteration

3511 Farragut Avenue—Addition

3410 Oberon Street—Addition

3928 Baltimore Street—Pepco

3511 Farragut Avenue—Dumpster

10700 Connecticut Avenue—  
Monument Sign

10700 Connecticut Avenue—Wall Sign

**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.*

The Town has been incredibly lucky to have such an active and supportive business community over the years. Many of our local businesses organize and sponsor events throughout the Town and volunteer their time and money to support local charitable organizations and our schools. Please remember to shop local whenever you can, which is the best way to say THANK YOU to our businesses.



Paul Sexton (Edward Jones) and Jenn Paul (ServPro) at the Day of the Book Festival.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- The Kensington Shopping Center will be hosting Carmen's Italian Ice & Custard on Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sundays through the summer, 5 pm—9 pm (weather permitting).
- The Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series begins Sat., May 27th, 10 am, Howard Park.
- The Kensington Historical Society celebrates their 40th Anniversary, Warner Mansion Park, 2:00 pm—5:00 pm.
- Food Truck Night, Armory Ave., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5 pm—8 pm.

### MAYOR

**Tracey Furman**

*Mayor.Tracey@tok.md.gov*

### COUNCIL

**Sean McMullen**

(Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Darin Bartram**

**Tom Rodriguez**

**Duane Rollins**

*Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov*

### TOWN STAFF & CREW

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*SWDaily@tok.md.gov*

**Matt Hoffman, Asst. Town Manager**

*MJHoffman@tok.md.gov*

**Susan Engels, Clerk—Treasurer**

*Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov*

**Shirley Watson, Facility Manager/Events**

*Shirley.Watson@tok.md.gov*

**Jim Snow and Bill D'Albora Code Enforcement**

*Jim.Snow@tok.md.gov; Bill.Dalbora@tok.md.gov*

**Jason Swain, Crew Chief**

**Jamie Simms, Joe Natali, and**

**Rick Moten, Public Works**

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## Summary from the March 13th Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2017.
- Approved the Work Session Minutes from February 27, 2017.
- Introduced Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2017 - The Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) Budget. *The Public Hearing will be held on Thurs., April 6th, 7 pm.*
- Approved Resolution No. R-06-2017 - A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to install parking restrictions along the westside of Armory Avenue, between the existing 15 Minutes parking sign and the Safeway garage, to four (4) Hour Parking, 7 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

## Summary from the April 6th Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2017.
- Approved the installation of a speed hump on Prospect Street between Summit Avenue and the intersection of Baltimore and Washington Streets.
- Approved the proposed Mural Design at M&T Bank (10420 Montgomery Avenue).
- Held a *Public Hearing* on Ordinance No. O-01-2017 - An Ordinance of the Town Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town. *The Public Record will remain open until 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 4, 2017.*

**April 6, 2017**—Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, Rodriguez, and Rollins, 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.

The Town Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2017 were reviewed and approved. See

Council Actions.

## From the Mayor and Town Council

Council Member McMullen reported that although the Traffic Committee's recommendation for a speed hump along Prospect Street was discussed at a prior meeting, he suggested that the Council formally approve the speed hump. See Council Actions.

Council Member McMullen requested that the Council consider donating the equivalent of the Town Crew or our tree contractor to help with landscaping at Walter Johnson High School. Mr. McMullen stated that former Council Member Chris Bruch has been helping to trim and maintain trees on their campus, but could use some help. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman will meet with Walter Johnson's administration to coordinate.

Mayor Furman stated that while the Town supports Walter Johnson and their events, she asked that staff contact them about the placement of their mulch signs within the public right-of-way.

Council Member McMullen stated he would contact Walter Johnson's booster club and remind them of our sign regulations.

Council Member McMullen also noted that the work group for the reopening of Woodward High School will have an open meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Rodriguez announced that the fountain has arrived at Flinn Park and was currently being installed, and reminded everyone that it was not too late to purchase a brick for the pathway; met with Mayor Furman, Town Manager Daily, and Public Works

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Supervisor Swain to discuss hiring a professional landscape architect to help design future plantings within Clum Kennedy Park; and noted the upcoming Kensington Car Show on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Day of the Book Festival on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Furman reported that the ad hoc committee to redesign the Victorian Room will have their first meeting April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 am, and will be open to the public; announced that the family of Jackie Jones will be hosting a gathering of remembrance on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm, at Town Hall; and noted that the Candidates Forum for the Town Election has been scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm, and will be moderated by Rob Sachs.

### **Alcohol Regulations**

The Mayor and Council discussed amending the Town's alcohol regulations to allow for Class D Liquor Licenses within the existing alcohol zone, which would require state legislation. The request to allow Class D licenses was made by Woodside Ventures, 10414 Detrick Avenue, in an effort to establish a wine tasting facility within the Town.

Mayor Furman reviewed the existing provisions of the Montgomery County Class D license with the Council and directed the Town staff to work with our local State Delegation to draft legislation that would allow for Class D licenses with certain provisions similar to our existing restrictions for a B-K license. There was no public comment.

### **M&T Bank Mural**

Meaghan McNamara, McNamara Design, presented the proposed mural design for the M&T Bank on Howard Avenue and explained that she had been working with Mayor Furman on a design that would provide a fresh perspective while maintaining the

historical and cultural aspects of the Town. The design is intended to represent various aspects of the Town, to include a train, the historical gas station, the Town's official tree the redbud, music, the Farmers Market, and the Town's year of incorporation.

Mayor Furman explained that Residents had expressed interest under Mayor Fosselman about street art and murals, and that she was excited about the project, which will begin once the MOU with M&T Bank is finalized.

Council Member Rollins questioned whether the clock tower and the color red could be added to the design.

Joseph Campbell questioned whether other designs were developed and suggested the Town clock could be used in future mural locations along with the Armory or a park.

Mayor Furman stated that the mural does depict historical landmarks within the Town and that it was impossible to include them all, and acknowledged that the clock tower has already been used extensively through Explore Kensington and they wanted the design to focus on other aspects of Kensington.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of the mural and suggested having a mural placed on the warehouse across the tracks from Howard Avenue.

### **From the Public**

Jack Gaffey noted the Lyrid meteor shower will occur between Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Cliff Scharman questioned whether the Council was familiar with the Community Solar Coop program in conjunction with the Public Service Commission. Mr. Scharman noted that he hopes to learn more about the program and will report back to the Town.

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## Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Ordinance No. O-01-2017 – The Public Hearing for the Ordinance adopting the Town’s Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town. See Council Actions.

Council Member McMullen reported that the FY18 Budget was introduced at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, and that the Public Record will remain open until Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, for further comments.

Council Member McMullen reviewed the FY18 Budget by stating that the real property tax rate is being kept at the current rate, and noted that speed camera revenue has decreased dramatically due to a change in our agreement with Montgomery County. The Town is once again exempt with respect to the constant yield tax rate, which allows a local government to maintain their current rate, if anticipated revenues are less than \$25,000 from the previous year. However, due to assessment changes, an average home in Kensington could see an increase of \$17 from last year. Mr. McMullen continued by stating how much the budgeting process has improved over the years and thanked Town Manager Daily and staff for their efforts for providing a clear and user friendly budget.

Conor Crimmins requested clarification on whether there were any specific projects related to the CIP carried over for street light acquisition and parks.

Council Member McMullen explained the street light acquisition funds are set aside for purchasing and replacing the Pepco street lights.

Cliff Scharman requested clarification on the pension contributions.

Council Member McMullen and Town Manager Daily explained that the Defined Benefit Plan has an unfunded obligation of \$427,264, and the Town currently has four active employees and one former employee that requires funding for the plan.

Joseph Campbell questioned why a memo with bullet points highlighting certain aspects of the budget was not included, as previously promised, and referenced a statement by Council Member McMullen last year indicating that the salary of the Mayor, Council, and Town Manager, along with big ticket items and tax rate information would be included. Dr. Campbell continued by requesting that the top five salaried employees be provided as part of the budget for transparency, and also questioned how the proposed four percent salary increase was determined.

Council Member McMullen stated it was an unintentional omission; however, the Council did confirm that Dr. Campbell had requested and received employee salary information.

Council Member Bartram noted that the information Dr. Campbell requested is readily available from the Town staff and any questions about the budget or a specific line item could be provided.

Mayor Furman explained that the proposed four percent increase to salaries was based on the local consumer pricing index (CPI) and through merit considerations; the Mayor also reiterated the importance of attracting and retaining good employees.

Peter Fosselman stated that he requested Town Manager Daily to conduct a salary review while he was Mayor because he took notice that Town employees were being paid less than surrounding jurisdictions, including the County. Mr. Fosselman noted that the Town has made strides over the last few years

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to be more competitive with salaries and acknowledged the Town staff for their hard work; and also commended Mayor Furman on her first budget and noted it was very responsible.

Jon Gerson spoke in support of the Defined Benefit Program, which was put in place when he was on the Council in the early 1980's, and explained that the pension program was instituted because there was no retirement plan for employees at that time. Mr. Gerson also acknowledged the value of institutional knowledge and the importance of creating an environment where employees want to stay.

Mayor Furman stated that the responsibilities of the Town have changed over the years and that having a professional staff manage the day-to-day operations is beneficial to the community, and that the staff deserves to be fairly compensated for their work.

### Council Actions

Council Member Rollins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the installation of a speed hump on Prospect Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve directing the staff to coordinate with Walter Johnson High School on helping with certain landscaping around the campus. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to hold the Public Record open on Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2017 for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) until 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Bartram moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:37 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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### ARCHIVED MINUTES...

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

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/>

A hard copy of all past Minutes will be made available by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels at 301-949-2424 or at [Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov](mailto:Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov).



Please join Montgomery Parks on Wednesday, May 31st, 7 pm, for an update on Kensington's Historic Buildings: Kensington Cabin; Noyes Library; and Warner Mansion.

The meeting will be held at Town Hall (3710 Mitchell Street) and any questions may be directed to Julie Mueller, Montgomery Parks, at [Julie.Mueller@MontgomeryParks.org](mailto:Julie.Mueller@MontgomeryParks.org).

### Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series

**10:00 am—11:00 am Howard Avenue Park**

**May 20th** ~ Kensington Parkwood Elementary Choir.

**May 27th** ~ Dixieland Express

The Summer Concert Series' complete schedule may be found on the Kensington Historical Society's website:

**[www.KensingtonHistory.org](http://www.KensingtonHistory.org)**

# BUDGET ORDINANCE

## ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2017

### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 AND LEVYING A TAX ON ALL ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 must be submitted to the Town Council on or before the third Monday in April; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget ordinance must be introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to allow for timely notice as required by the Town Charter and establish a public hearing on said Budget Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget provides a complete financial plan, including anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures, for the fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, in public meeting assembled, that the budget for the Town of Kensington for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be and it is hereby introduced and to be adopted as follows:

#### ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Local Taxes	\$1,116,009
Shared Revenues	\$662,872
Licenses & Permits	\$47,095
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$234,033
Fines and Forfeitures	\$21,770
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$60,300
<b>ANTICIPATED OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<u>\$2,142,079</u>
Grants - County & State	\$0
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>	<u>\$2,142,079</u>
Re-appropriation	\$357,562
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<u>\$2,499,641</u>

#### PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$952,613
Public Works	\$874,027
Public Safety, Parks & Non-Departmental	\$292,208
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,118,848</u>
Capital Improvements Budget	\$380,793
<b>TOTAL COMBINED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$2,499,641</u>

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all of the sums set forth herein under the heading "EXPENDITURES" be and hereby are appropriated.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that there is hereby levied on all of the assessable real property within the Town a tax at the rate of:

***Real Property: Thirteen and 6/10 Cents (\$0.136) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value of said property.***

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**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** and there is hereby levied a tax on all personal property subject to taxation by the Town, at the rate of:

**Personal Property: Seventy cents (\$0.70)** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value on the following personal property subclasses as authorized in § 8-101 of the Tax- Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland: stock in business, distilled spirits, and all other personal property directed by said article to be assessed, with the exception that there is hereby levied a tax of **Four dollars and forty cents (\$4.40)** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value on the following personal property subclasses as set forth in § 8-101 of the Tax- Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland:

1. operating personal property of a railroad;
2. operating personal property of a public utility that is machinery or equipment used to generate electricity or steam for sale;
3. all other operating personal property of a public utility; and
4. machinery and equipment, other than operating personal property of a public utility, that is used to generate electricity or steam for sale or hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Council hereby adopts the imposition of a full year, one-half year, three-quarter year and one-quarter year tax levies authorized pursuant to §§ 10-102, 10-103, 10-104 and 10-105, Tax Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Town Council may from time to time transfer funds by Resolution within the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget categories.

**ADOPTED** by the Town Council this 8th day of May, 2017.

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**Tracey C. Furman, MAYOR and  
President of the Council**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Town Council in public meeting assembled on the 8th day of May, 2017.

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Susan Engels, Clerk Treasurer



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June 28th, 2017

Times: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

#### Contact:

- ❖ Lisa Sherper LCSW-C: (240) 421-9785
- ❖ Jennifer Reynolds LCSW-C: (301) 538-8796

#### Location:

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### PERFORMANCE DATES

**June:** 9th, 10th, 11th\*, 16th, 17th\*, 17th,  
18th, 23rd, 24th\*, and 24th

Evening Shows: 8:00 pm

\*Matinees: 2:00 pm

### TICKETS

Adults \$22 | Children \$12

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## **Kensington Farmers Market**

*Open every Saturday year-round, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Kensington Train Station*

Local and regional vendors offer fresh baked goods, seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic meats, seafood, cheese, artisan breads, olive oil and prepared foods.



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