

Kensington Around Town

FEBRUARY 2017



I am excited to announce that Kensington Residents, Lisa Salamat and Nicole Andrews, have volunteered to update the **Town Directory** on behalf of the newly formed *KTown Ladies Guild*. Our last Directory was published in 2012, so we are long overdue for an updated edition. The Ladies Guild is also working on the possibility of providing the Directory information online through a protected password.

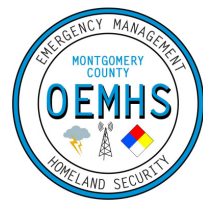


Lisa and Nicole will be recruiting block captains to help collect Resident information. While we hope that most Residents will provide the information electronically, through the email address on the inserted form, the block captains will make sure that no one is missed; if they want to be included. Please consider VOLUNTEERING as a block captain by emailing Lisa and Nicole at info.ktownladies@gmail.com.



The 2nd District Community Service Officer, Oliver Janney, with the Montgomery County Police will be present at our March 13th Council Meeting to discuss crime prevention and current issues. Many Residents have expressed concerns about recent crime, so I encourage you to attend, as this will be your opportunity to ask questions.

Mayor Tracey



The Town will be hosting a presentation on Emergency Preparedness by the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Montgomery County) on Tuesday, January 31st, 7:00 pm. The presentation will discuss not only the responsibilities of the department, but the four tenets of Emergency Preparedness: Make a Plan; Build a Kit; Stay Informed; and Get Involved. *The presentation is free and open to the public.*



CALENDAR

Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Tues., Jan. 31st, 7 pm

Town Council Meeting

Mon., Feb. 13th, 7 pm

Presidents' Day

Mon., Feb. 20th

Town Offices Closed

Council Worksession

Mon., Feb. 27th, 7 pm

Traffic Committee Meeting

Wed., March 1st, 7 pm

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Please find the 2017 Resident Directory information form enclosed.

TOWN MANAGER DAILY

Town Permits

10216 Carroll Place—POD

10041 Frederick Avenue—Shed

3503 Dupont Avenue—Driveway;
Fence

3814 Washington Street—Shed

10111 Kensington Parkway—Addition

10000 Kensington Parkway—ROW

10200 Frederick Avenue—Fence

10417 Metropolitan Avenue—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 Council will meet in a worksession with staff on February 27th to discuss amendments to the Town's commercial sign regulations.
- The Town would like to thank everyone who donated to Toys-for-Tots this holiday season. This was our fourth year as a collection site and the best yet. **A special thank you to the Beeker family for their generous donation.**
- The Town removed the Norway spruce in front of Town Hall earlier this month due to disease. We will be planting a new, 22', Norway spruce in March.
- In cooperation with Montgomery Parks, eighteen trees were planted along Silver Creek (Kensington Parkway) between Kent Street and Frederick Avenue.
- The Town's new trash, brush, and recycling contractor, AA Refuse, began January 1st.

MAYOR

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COUNCIL

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(Mayor Pro-Tem)

Darin Bartram

Tom Rodriguez

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Jason Swain, Crew Chief

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Summary from the November 14th Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Closed Session Minutes from October 10, 2016.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2016.
- The Council concurred to place a second speed hump along the 10300 block of Armory Avenue, as recommended by the Traffic Committee.
- Approved the Fountain Committee's request to move forward with the purchase of the proposed fountain for Flinn Park; the Fountain Committee will continue to solicit donations to reach their \$30,000 goal.
- Approved Resolution No. R-13-2016 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract with AA Refuse, Inc., to provide trash, brush, recycling, and bulk collection services for the Town of Kensington.
- Approved Resolution No. R-14-2016 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works month within the Town of Kensington.

Summary from the December 12th Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016.
- Approved Resolution No. R-15-2016, as Amended - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to adjust the parking limitation from one (1) hour to two (2) hours along the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway. *The Council removed reference to parking on Wheatley Street and will revisit the issue at the January Council meeting.*
- Approved Resolution No. R-16-2016 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Kubota SSV75HC skid-steer loader from Gaithersburg Equipment Company, and to sell

- a John Deere 2155 farm loader and a Kubota F-2400 tractor.

December 12, 2016—Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Rodriguez was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Furman acknowledged that the Council had received a report by the Town's Audit Committee for Fiscal Year 2015-16, and thanked the Committee members for their service.

Council Member McMullen reported that the Traffic Committee convened December 6th and noted the following: 1) the second speed hump was installed along the 10300 block of Armory Avenue; 2) the Committee discussed traffic calming for the intersection of Baltimore, Prospect, and Washington Streets, and recommended that additional feedback from the Residents was necessary prior to installing a speed hump; 3) the Committee recommended reinstalling the "No Parking" signs along the west side of the 3400 block of Wheatley Street as a temporary measure until permit parking by local businesses could be addressed; 4) the Committee recommended amending the existing parking limitation from one (1) hour along the 10300 block of Kensington Parkway to two (2) hours, following a request by a local business.

Mayor Furman read, on behalf of Council

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Member Rodriguez, his report that the Events (6:00 pm) and Greenscape (7:00 pm) committees will convene on December 19th; he thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD), along with the Town staff, for their efforts during the Christmas Tree lighting, and noted that the Menorah lighting will be held on December 24th, beginning at 3:00 pm.

Mayor Furman recognized the Kensington Shopping Center for their recent landscaping improvements, and noted that the patrol bikes for the Montgomery County Police had been in operation, following a contribution by the Town, along with Sam and Judy Splaine in memory of their daughter, Christina.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman noted that the electrical and sign permits for Ayoub Carpet & Rugs were still pending with the County, and that there were no immediate updates at this time.

Council Member Bartram suggested imposing an operational requirement on the signage lighting, retroactively, if the property owner does not use a timer for the signage lighting.

Town Manager Daily reported that there had been thefts from approximately 20 unlocked vehicles along Frederick Avenue the previous evening. The Montgomery County Police are investigating and reminded Residents to lock their vehicles. Mr. Daily also noted that he would contact the owner of Ayoub Carpet & Rugs to discuss installing a timer for the sign.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey informed Residents of the last full super moon and the upcoming Geminid meteor shower.

Sigrid Doherty thanked the Mayor and Town staff for helping with the Veterans event.

Leslie Olson reminded the Council that Prestige Auto still had lights that were flashing, and encouraged the Council to review future signage distance requirements from Residential properties.

Harley Higgins thanked the Mayor and Town Council, along with the Kensington Historical Society, for hosting the Veterans lunch.

Joseph Campbell commended the Town on the current leaf collection; inquired about the time-frame of the vehicle thefts along Frederick Avenue; and noted that although not a Town park, he witnessed a dog attack at Kensington Cabin Park between a leashed and unleashed dog.

Jack Gaffey confirmed that the vehicle thefts were at approximately 12:30 am.

Tim Weir asked whether there was a set schedule for the bike patrols, if the Town was paying for the patrols, and whether there was any focus from the police towards violent crimes.

Mayor Furman stated that there is no set schedule for the bike patrols, as it will depend on a number of variables, including weather, and that the bike patrols are being deployed through MCP's general coverage and are not included within the Town's funding for additional coverage.

Town Manager Daily stated that the priority of the additional police coverage that the Town pays for is to enforce traffic restrictions; however, this could be modified if requested. Mr. Daily also stated that he would request statistics pertaining to crime within the community and is also collecting data for possible State Legislation on monitoring time restrictions.

Conor Crimmins asked whether the Town

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benefits from citations written by the Montgomery County Police.

Town Manager Daily confirmed that the Town does not receive any funds from tickets issued by the Montgomery County Police for moving violations.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-15-2016 – A Resolution to authorize the Town Manager to restore the “No Parking Anytime” signs on the west side of Wheatley Street between Plyers Mill Road and Oberon Street, and to change the parking limitation on Kensington Parkway, adjacent to Flinn Park, from one (1) hour to two (2) hours was presented. See Council Actions.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee recommended the “No Parking Anytime” signs be reinstalled on the west side of the 3400 Block of Wheatley Street as a temporary solution until permit parking can be addressed.

Philip Kirlaw, Production Manager with SERVPRO, was present to explain his company’s current parking situation, and to confirm that a number of his employees do park on the neighboring streets. Mr. Kirlaw stated that he has purchased parking permits from the Town; however, he was informed that no additional permits are available at this time.

Leslie Olson stated that Residents at the Traffic meeting were amenable to permit parking on the west side of Wheatley, and also suggested that SERVPRO contact Pepco about possibly using their adjacent lot for parking.

Town Manager Daily suggested that there are three businesses spaces within the Metropolitan lot not being used, in which SERVPRO could purchase a permit.

The Mayor and Council discussed restoring

the “No Parking Anytime” signs along Wheatley Street and concurred on waiting to take action until a final solution could be reached with regards to possible restrictions on parking. The references to Wheatley Street will be removed from Resolution No. R-15-2016.

Resolution No. R-16-2016 – A Resolution to authorize the Town Manager to purchase a Kubota SSV75HC skid-steer loader from Gaithersburg Equipment Company, and to sell a John Deere 2155 farm loader, and a Kubota F-2400 tractor was presented. See Council Actions.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman explained that the skid-steer would greatly assist the Public Works Crew with snow removal and landscaping projects. Moreover, Mr. Hoffman explained that the pricing for the equipment was through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), instead of a typical municipal bid, which would require the Council to bypass our formal bid process.

Council Member Rollins questioned whether the skid-steer was large enough and could be used for sidewalks.

Town Manager Daily explained that the skid-steer would be capable to assist on the Connecticut Avenue sidewalks; however, a snow storm similar to the January 2016 storm would still require additional contractors.

Joseph Campbell clarified the total price listed on the Resolution for the skid-steer was \$40,522.43, which includes the NJPA pricing and the trade-in value of the two other pieces of equipment. Mr. Campbell also questioned the necessity of bypassing the bid process.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated that the reason for bypassing the formal bid process was because there were no existing bids for the Kubota skid-steer to piggy-back off of, and the staff found the NJPA pricing to be competitive.

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Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-15-2016, as amended by removing references to the “No Parking” signs on Wheatley Street until further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-16-2016 authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a Kubota SSV75HC Skid-Steer Loader from Gaithersburg Equipment Company and to sell a John Deere 2155 Farm Loader and a Kubota F-2400 Tractor. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:35 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Tax Returns



MARYLAND
FORM
502

RESIDENT INCOME
TAX RETURN

_____ Maryland County
_____ City, Town or Taxing Area
<small>Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6.)</small>

The Town’s largest revenue source is a repayment of the State’s income tax to the municipality. In order for the Town to acquire its share of the income tax, and to continue to help fund the services the Town provides, it is necessary that the Town’s name is filled out, **Town of Kensington**, in the appropriate box.



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.

COMMUNITY



The two rooms of the title are a windowless cubicle in Beirut, where an American hostage is being held by Arab terrorists, and a room in his home in the United States, which his wife has stripped of furniture so that, at least symbolically, she can share his ordeal. Provocative and compelling, this arresting work deals with a subject much in the minds of contemporary society—the taking of innocent hostages by political terrorists. First presented by California’s innovative La Jolla Playhouse, the play illuminates both the numbing agony of the one detained and also the helpless fury of those who are left behind—loved ones impatient for something to be done, and officials who feel they must be guided by logic rather than emotion.

PERFORMANCE DATES

February: 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th

March: 3rd, and 4th

TICKETS

Adults \$20 | Students \$17 | Children \$15

Seniors \$17 | Kensington Residents \$15

www.KATonline.org



Starting in January 2017, NiMaSte Yoga (above the sweatshop) will now have room for 12-14 students in their newly expanded studio space. We offer vinyasa-style classes before work, early morning, at noon, and after work; as well as weekend morning and Sunday evening classes.

The winter schedule currently has Level 1 (beginner), Vinyasa Flow (mixed levels), Gentle, Yin/Restorative, Heated (85 degrees), Candlelight, Men-only, Prenatal, Tot and Me, Teen and Spanish classes. Retreats, Reiki, private yoga sessions, and yoga parties are also available.

NiMaSte is still running a New Student Special: 1 week of unlimited yoga for \$35!

www.NiMasSteYoga.com



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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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