

# Kensington Around Town

October 2017

## Leaf Collection Schedule

The Town will begin our annual leaf collection the week of **November 6th and run through the week of December 11th**. There are no scheduled collection zones, as the Public Works Crew will monitor each street on a daily basis.



Place leaves  
to the curb



DO NOT place leaves  
in the street

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.



Please join us this Halloween for a spooky afternoon of music, games, food, and fun at the **3rd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll, Saturday, October 28th**. Warner Circle Park will be transformed into a full-blown Halloween extravaganza. Participate in a fun costume contest and parade, and enjoy family-friendly attractions including festival-style musical performances, food trucks, inflatable rides, and a rock wall. Don't miss the main event: The Pumpkin Roll, a derby race of Halloween pumpkins-turned-boxcars.

[www.PumpkinRocknRoll.com](http://www.PumpkinRocknRoll.com)

## CALENDAR

### Pumpkin Rock N' Roll

Sat., Oct. 28th  
12 noon—4 pm  
Warner Circle Park

### Halloween

Tues., Oct. 31st  
Scary Perry, 5—10 pm

### Development Review Board (DRB) Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 2nd, 7 pm

### Veterans Day Observed

Fri., Nov. 10th  
Town Offices Closed  
Trash Collected  
as Scheduled

### Town Council Meeting

Mon., Nov. 13th, 7 pm

### Kensington Town Dance

Wed., Nov. 22nd  
7— 11 PM  
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### Thanksgiving

Thurs., Nov. 23rd  
Town Offices Closed

### American Indian Heritage Day

Fri., Nov. 24th  
Town Offices Closed  
Trash Collected  
as scheduled

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## MAYOR TRACEY

### Town Permits

10209 Summit Avenue—Addition

10414 Detrick Avenue—Wash. Gas

10504 Connecticut Avenue—Interior

3608 Farragut Avenue—Deck

10429 Kensington Pkwy.—Addition

3611 Dupont Avenue—Fence

3928 Baltimore Street—Wash. Gas

10409 Mannakee Street—Wash. Gas

10312 Kensington Pkwy.—ROW

**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.*



In comparison to other local municipalities, Kensington is very fortunate to have a strong and vibrant business community that has blossomed over the last few years. In cooperation with our local business associations, along with the ExploreKensington campaign, we are becoming a resident destination not only for that unique gift, but a bottle of wine, yoga class, or even a great meal! With our shop local objective in mind, I encourage you to explore our various local businesses within the enclosed pamphlet, and to learn more about what Kensington has to offer, please visit [ExploreKensington.com](http://ExploreKensington.com), and sign up for their weekly e-blasts of business/community happenings.

I would also like to thank Linda Blackbourn and Anne Stone, Gala Artisan Jewelry & Gifts, for organizing another great **Fall Festival**. We are very fortunate to have businesses owners that take the time and effort to promote our Town through events each year.

Finally, I would like to pass along my condolences to the family of **Margaret McCurdy**. Ms. McCurdy, the widow of Phil McCurdy, who served on the Kensington Town Council from 1958 – 1960, passed away earlier this month.

### MAYOR

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# TOWN MINUTES

## Summary from the September 11, 2017 Town Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2017.
- Discussed drafting State legislation to allow for a certain number of Class D alcohol licenses; amend the number of existing Class A licenses; allow the sale of single bottles or cans of beer and refrigerated beer and wine products; allow Class B-K license holders to apply for a Caterer's license within Kensington; and allow Class B-K holders to reduce the required food to alcohol ratio from 50 percent to 40 percent and extend operational hours to midnight. *The proposed draft legislation will be presented at a future Town Council Meeting to allow for public comment.*
- Adopted Ordinance No. O-02-2017 - An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council amending Chapter V, "Housing and Building Regulations", by amending and re-enacting Article 1, "Building Code", Section 5-109, "Fences, Walls and Retaining Walls", and Article 2, "Housing Code", Section 5-201, "Montgomery County Housing Code Adopted"; enacting new Section 5-202, "New Home Warranty and Builder Licensing", and Section 5-203, "Parking on Yards and Green-space". *The Ordinance will become effective October 2, 2017.*

**September 11th**—Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, McMullen, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Assistant Town Manager Hoffman was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed to honor the victims, survivors, and responders of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks; and for former Council Member Dan Botkiss, who passed away.

The Town Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2017 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

## From the Mayor and Town Council

Council Member Bartram stated that he was appreciative of the recently placed 'No Thru Traffic' signs to prevent traffic cutting through between Connecticut Avenue and Summit Avenue; acknowledged another successful Train Show; and noted that a Traffic Committee Meeting had been scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member McMullen stated that a hearing has been scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> with regards to the White Flint redevelopment project, and that the Town has been asked by the Walter Johnson Cluster to send a letter supporting the position of requiring the County to set aside land for any future development projects for the construction of schools. Mr. McMullen will draft a letter and circulate it among the Council prior to sending; and noted that the Kensington 8K Race will be held on September 23, 2017, which benefits Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School, Bethesda Middle School, and Walter Johnson High School.

Council Member Rollins thanked the Town staff and volunteers for an outstanding Labor Day Parade and Festival; reported on another successful Food Truck Night, which included Denizens Brewery; and asked whether there was interest from the Town to explore additional parking options along Armory and Knowles Avenues.

Mayor Furman requested Mr. Daily obtain pricing for a parking study to possibly increase parking around the business district.

Council Member Crimmins stated that he and Council Member Rollins met with the Green-scape Committee and have scheduled a meeting for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Committee will review an approved planting list for trees within Town Parks. Mr. Crimmins noted that he attended a meeting at Warner Circle; the

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Annexation Committee Meeting; thanked everyone for a successful Labor Day Parade and Festival and Train Show; and thanked Kensington Businesses for the improvements at Food Truck Night.

Mayor Furman clarified that the proposed annexation would include 35 homes between Perry Avenue and University Boulevard, which are already within the Walter Johnson High School cluster; thanked the Kensington Business District Association (KBDA) for sponsoring Food Truck Night; noted that the contractors for the M&T Bank mural are expected to begin the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>; announced that the Town's contractor, Actualize Studio, has started designing the new website; announced that KVFD will hold an open house on October 8<sup>th</sup>; thanked the Town staff for the Labor Day Parade and Festival; and thanked the Montgomery Art Association for Paint the Town, which in cooperation with the Kensington Historical Society, hopes to develop a Town coloring book for distribution at next year's event.

### **From the Town Manager and Staff**

Kathie Durbin, Division Chief of Licensing, Regulation and Education with Montgomery County Liquor Control, was present to answer questions with regards to the proposed amendments to the Town's alcohol regulations.

Ms. Durbin explained that the Town's proposed amendments would have to be done through State legislation. With respect to the Caterer's license amendment, she stated that approximately 90 percent of existing Class B license holders within the County have catering extensions, which were originally created for town centers, and allows businesses to extend their licenses off-premise. The Caterer's extension still requires businesses to maintain existing food to alcohol ratios and requires

approval prior to the event. Enforcement is usually not necessary, as the DLC works with the businesses prior to the event.

Council Member McMullen questioned whether broad legislation can be written with respect to proposed amendments, but restricted through a case-by-case basis, rather than going through the State for every future amendment.

Ms. Durbin explained that the Board cannot issue conditions on licenses; however, other municipalities, such as Gaithersburg, have imposed conditions through lease or business agreements, which will be listed on the license for the Board to enforce.

The Council questioned whether a license can be changed if an issue occurs.

Ms. Durbin explained that there is a protest period if an issue occurs with an existing license.

Rob Cooper, Old Town Market, was present and stated that he has concerns that his business is continually mentioned with regards to restrictions to alcohol out of fear of his business model changing. Mr. Cooper also discussed the success of his business and suggested that the Council limit any possible restrictions, which would allow his business greater flexibility.

Tom Brault, 10414 Detrick Avenue (Knowles Station), suggested the Council consider a combination of both Class A and Class D licenses not to exceed three (3) licenses, and also requested that the Council allow Class D holders to operate until 1:00 am on weekends.

Joseph Campbell questioned the timing of the protest period if issues occur.

Ms. Durbin explained that a protest period

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could begin as soon as a complaint is filed. In addition, there is typically a 90 day protest period prior to the renewal of a license where concerns may be addressed.

The Council concurred to direct the Town staff to draft language that would allow the sale of singles and refrigeration within Class A licenses; allow the expansion of the Caterer's license within the Class B license, along with reducing the alcohol to food ratio from 50/50 to 40/60, which is currently the County standard, and expand operational hours from 11 pm to 12 midnight. The Council will continue to review how many Class A and Class D licenses they wish to allow once the initial language has been drafted.

Council Member McMullen noted that the proposed State legislation supporting any alcohol amendments will be presented at a future Council Meeting in Resolution form to allow additional public comment.

Delegate Carr, District 18, was present and explained that a draft bill should be available by October and the Council will have many opportunities to amend the draft prior to February 2018. The first hearing will be held in early December.

### Public Appearances

Jane Green spoke about the need for additional parking at the Kensington MARC station and requested the Town review parking options.

Town Manager Daily and Council Member McMullen explained how spaces are allocated within Town owned lots and that the Town places priority towards businesses and Town Residents.

Mayor Furman explained that half of the parking lot at the train station is owned by the

Town and that we have allowed additional commuter parking over the years. The Mayor encouraged Ms. Green to contact MARC and request additional parking, and also noted that parking is available to commuters at Town Hall.

Julie O'Malley thanked the Town for once again supporting the Train Show and for the Labor Day Parade and Festival; and encouraged the Council and Residents to support Ken-Gar's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jack Gaffey thanked the Town for their support of the Train Show and Labor Day Parade; suggested a map of the Parade route be posted to the website; and announced that PBS will have a documentary on the Cassini Spacecraft on Wednesday evening.

Dan Calzadillas, NETcinity, introduced a community app which would highlight local businesses by purchasing beacons.

Council Member Crimmins questioned how the data would be collected and stored. Mr. Crimmins stated that a service agreement would need to be presented prior to further consideration.

Joseph Campbell thanked the organizers of the Labor Day Parade and Festival and stated he supported the new route; thanked David Gregg for trimming the trees along the Parade route; and spoke against the contract extension of NZI Construction last month and requested that the Council use competitive bidding next year.

### Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

**Ordinance No. O-02-2017** – An Ordinance amending Chapter V, "Housing and Building Regulations", by amending Article 1, "Building Code", by adding Section 5-109,

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“Fences, Walls and Retaining Walls”, and Article 2, “Housing Code”, by repealing and re-enacting Section 5-201, “Montgomery County Housing Code Adopted”; enacting new Section 5-202, “Maintenance of Structures and Fixtures”; and renumbering Sections 5-202, “New Home Warranty and Builder Licensing” and 5-203, “Parking on Yards and Greenspaces” was adopted. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Daily stated that the Ordinance will regulate the height of fences located within the front plane of the house by incorporating the County’s previous language prior to a recent zoning text amendment. Mr. Daily confirmed that no public comments were received during the time the record remained open.

### Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-02-2017, and Ordinance amending Chapter V, “Housing and Building Regulations”, by amending Article 1, “Building Code”, by adding Section 5-109, “Fences, Walls and Retaining Walls”, and Article 2, “Housing Code”, by repealing and re-enacting Section 5-201, “Montgomery County Housing Code Adopted”; enacting new Section 5-202, “Maintenance of Structures and Fixtures”; and renumbering Sections 5-202, “New Home Warranty and Builder Licensing” and 5-203, “Parking on Yards and Greenspace”. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rollins moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 9:27 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Ordinance No. O-03-2017** – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council amending Chapter VI, “Signs and Commercial Regulation”, Article 1, “Signs and Solicitors”, Section 6-101, “Signs”; 6-102, “Town Sign Permit Required; 6-103, “Signs in the Public Right-of-Way; and Section 6-104, “Signs on Private Property”, to clarify requirements with respect to A-frame and sandwich signs, permitting, and signs in the right-of-way, to reduce landscape requirements, revise the length of time that a limited duration sign may be posted in the right-of-way, and to make conforming changes. ***The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017, 7 pm.***

**Ordinance No. O-04-2017** – Introduction of an Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council amending Chapter IV, “Traffic and Vehicles”, by amending and re-enacting Article 1, “General Provisions”, Section 4-102, “Definitions”, Section 4-103, “Traffic and Parking Control Devices”, Section 4-106, “Operation of Vehicles on Streets, Sidewalks, Curbs, and Gutters”, Section 4-107, “Bicycles”, Section 4-108, “Enforcement”, Article 2, “Parking”, Section 4-201, “General Parking Restrictions” and Section 4-208, “Residential Parking Area”, while also deleting Section 4-207, “Professional Reserved Parking”, and Article 3, “Traffic Control” by adding Section 4-305, “Enforcement” to update the Chapter and make provisions for setting parking fines by Resolution, update various definitions to be consistent with the State Code. Authorize the Town Manager to make certain determinations, to clarify enforcement and authorize adoption of fines by Resolution, to delete the Section with respect to professional reserved parking, and to clarify that the Council may designate parking permit areas and delete that designation on its own authority, with conforming changes. ***The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017, 7 pm.***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Helpful Tips from the Greenscape Committee

Autumn is here (finally)! There's a chill in the air and the leaves are changing color and beginning to fall. With Fall here, the Greenscape Committee wanted to share a couple of tips on things you can do to help nurture your lawn and garden at this time of year:



### LEAVE YOUR LEAVES!

Instead of raking all your leaves to the curb for the Town to pick up (see front page, Town pick up begins the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>), consider raking them onto your flower beds. Shrubs, trees and perennial plants benefit from a 2 – 3 inch layer of leaves around their roots during the winter. Shallow rooted azaleas particularly benefit from a layer of leaves over their roots. The leaves will form a mulch layer acting like a blanket that protects the plants from extreme temperature changes and holds moisture in the soil.

A layer of leaves on your flower beds also keeps cool weather weeds such as bittercress from germinating, and in the spring the leaves will slowly decompose, adding nutrients to the soil. You can chop up the leaves with your lawn mower or just leave them as they are.

A few avid gardeners can be spotted around town in October collecting leaves for future use in the spring. Another 2 – 3 inch layer of leaves added to your planting beds in the spring will slow down weed seed germination, and regulate soil temperature and moisture content. Much better than prepackaged mulch!

Using leaves as a mulch is also an ecological solution – leaves are local and don't need to

be trucked in or out in bags. Using local leaves means that you are not adding foreign weeds to your garden. And the more leaves you leave in your garden, the less the Town has to truck away!

### BULB PLANTING

Fall is a great time to plant bulbs – spring flowering bulbs planted now have a chance to grow a strong root system before the cold weather. Plant bulbs two to three times as deep as they are tall. If you want to prevent squirrels from digging up your bulbs sprinkle a couple of mothballs where you've planted.

The Town would like to thank **Rick Moten**, Public Works, on his 16 years of service to the Town. Mr. Moten recently left the Town to take a position in another state. We wish him and his family the best on his new opportunity.

~ Town of Kensington

Heads up! Save the date! If the "Winter Blues" leaves you feeling slightly cold; we've got the cure!



We'll make it "hot" on a cold winter night by adding a little spice to your life!

The K-Town Community Dinner and Chili Cook-off is just what you need! (There will be food, drink, music, prizes, and smokin' hot chili to sample and savor).

**Date: Saturday January 20, 2018**

**Time: 6:00PM - 9:00pm**

Want to enter the Chili cook-off? Start perfecting those chili recipes now! More information and links for signing up to come in the November Around Town Journal.

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house.

But for moms and dads, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety.



In 2015, about 6,700 pedestrian deaths and 160,000 medically consulted injuries occurred among pedestrians in motor vehicle incidents, according to *Injury Facts 2017*, the statistical report on unintentional injuries created by the National Safety Council.

NSC research reveals about 17% of these deaths occurred when pedestrians improperly crossed roads or intersections. Lack of visibility because of low lighting or dark clothing accounted for about 15% of the deaths. Other circumstances varied by age: Darting or running into the road accounted for about 15% of deaths in kids ages 5 to 9 and 7% for those 10 to 15.

Children are [more than twice as likely](#) to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year, and October ranks No. 2 in motor vehicle deaths by month, with 3,550. August is first, with 3,642 deaths.

## Follow These Ghoulishly Good Practices

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of [Halloween Safety Tips](#), including do's and don'ts:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

Children and adults are reminded to [put electronic devices down](#), keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street. NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be [on the road](#) during trick-or-treat hours:

## Safety Tips for Motorists

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween



## COMMUNITY



### 14th Annual Kensington Town Dance

Please join the Town, along with The Nighthawks, for the 14th Annual Kensington Town Dance to benefit Bethesda Help and the 20895 Hunger Free Zone. Tickets are \$10 at the door, along with a donation of non-perishable food items and/or a \$10 Giant/Safeway Gift Card.

*Wed., Nov 22nd, 7 pm—11 pm*

Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to the event.

**\*This is a non-alcoholic event.**

The **Kensington Historical Society** will be hosting Dr. Edward Lengel, Chief Historian of the White House Historical Association, on **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**. Dr. Lengel's presentation, "*Testing the American Way of War*", will cover the first American military engagements of WWI, describing how unpreparedness and bravery—as witnessed first hand by George C. Marshall and others—defined the introduction of millions of Doughboys to the challenges of modern mechanized warfare. The meeting and presentation is open to the public.



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Based on the best-selling novel. *The Bridges of Madison County* captures the lyrical expanse of America's heartland along with the yearning entangled in the eternal question "What if...?" Francesca Johnson, a beautiful Italian woman who married an American soldier to flee war-ravaged Italy, looks forward to a rare four days alone on her Iowa farm when her family heads to the 1965 State Fair. When ruggedly handsome, *National Geographic* photographer, Robert Kincaid, pulls into her driveway seeking directions, though, what happens in those four days may very well alter the course of Francesca's life.

### PERFORMANCE DATES

**October:** 27, 28;

**November:** 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18

*Fri. & Sat. 8:15 pm | Sun. 2:00 pm*

### TICKETS

Adults \$25 | Seniors/Students \$20 |

Children/Kensington Residents \$17

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



## **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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