

Kensington Around Town

April 2014

CALENDAR

Day of the Book

Sun., April 27th,
11 am—4 pm
Howard Avenue

Town Council Meeting

Mon., April 28th, 7pm

Town Council Meeting

Mon., May 12th, 7 pm

Town Election

Nominations Due
Mon., May 12th, 4 pm

Town Election

Mon. June 2nd,
6 pm—9 pm
Town Hall

State Primary Election

Tues., June 24th

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2014 Town Election

The 2014 Town Election will be held on **Monday, June 2, 2014**. The term of Mayor Fosselman and Council Members Furman and McMullen are set to expire (June 2014). All have the option of running for re-election.

If you are interested in running for Mayor or Town Council, the deadline for filing a certificate of nomination is Monday, May 12th at 4:00 pm. Additional information, including early voting by **absentee ballot**, is available with Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer, by calling 301-949-2424, or you may email her at *Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov*.

Fiscal Year 2014—15 Budget

The Town held the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 (FY15) Budget at the April 14th Town Council Meeting. The public record (public comment) will remain open until 4 pm on Wednesday, May 7th. The Town Council will vote on the FY15 Budget at our May 12th Town Council meeting.

The FY15 Budget may be viewed on the Town website at:

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

If you would like a copy of the FY15 Budget, please contact the Town Staff. Comments directly relating to the Budget, may be sent to the Mayor and Town Council at *Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov*.

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Kensington Celebrates



The International

**DAY
OF THE
BOOK**

Sunday, April 27th; 11:00 am—4:00 pm

www.DayOfTheBook.com

FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



◇ Special thank you to **Council Member McMullen, Town Clerk Susan Engels, Asst. Town Manager Matt Hoffman and Town Manager Sanford Daily** for their steadfast work on the annual budget. The budget is an ever evolving process that has improved each year, producing a balanced financial plan, easily read and understood; depicting how our tax money is used to serve Kensington residents.

◇ The Town and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department intend to sponsor **Movie in the Park** again this season. Stay tuned for details. Thank you to President Steve Semler and Chief Jayme Heflin.

- ◇ I recently attended and spoke at the **KVFD's dedication of the new custom-designed Pierce "pumper" fire engine "E705"**. This state of the art \$600,000 fire engine is being made possible by the generosity of the contributions from Kensingtonians. The new fire engine was dedicated in memory of the late Deputy Fire Chief Robert "B.T." Tantardini, who devoted a lifetime of distinguished service to KVFD and our community.



- ◇ Thank you to the **Kensington Park Community and Director Barbara Duncan** for having me as a guest speaker to address the latest happenings in Town. To my pleasant surprise, much of the discussion focused on the Sector Plan and new development.



◇ I was also invited to speak at the ribbon cutting for **one of our newest businesses, Java Nation**, located in the Kensington Shopping Center by Hardware City. Java Nation serves various coffee beverages as well as breakfast and lunch foods; and soon to be open in the evening with a dinner menu. Thank you to the owner Henry and the General Manager Brian for including the Town in their

new venture's beginning. (Photo courtesy of Barrie Carr)

- ◇ Town Staff, Montgomery County's Park & Planning Staff and I met out on the south side of Town to address the **clean-up of Silver Creek** and the invasive plant species as well as replanting the area. A plan will be presented at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Town Permits

- 10401 Connecticut Avenue
Interior
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Interior
- 10209 Summit Avenue
Shed
- 3707 Calvert Place
Addition
- 10609 Nash Place
Fence
- 3906 Washington Street
Interior
- 3607 Farragut Avenue
Demolition
- 10537 Connecticut Avenue
Sign
- 3750 University Blvd.
Sign
- 10628 Connecticut Avenue
Sign
- 3951 Baltimore Street
Fence
- 10426 Fawcett Street
Sign

From Town Manager Daily



Residential Signs—Please be reminded that the Town follows the County’s regulations on Signs within Residential Zones. Specifically, the regulations include the following:

- ◇ The number of signs are not limited, however, the total sign area must not exceed ten (10) square feet. For example, a 3’ x 3’ sign = 9 square feet.
- ◇ A temporary sign must not exceed five (5) feet in height (measured from the ground to the top of the sign).
- ◇ A temporary sign must be set back at least five (5) feet from the property line.
- ◇ No illumination is allowed.

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.

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February 24, 2014 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2014.
- Introduced the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and scheduled a public hearing on April 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

February 24, 2014—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, 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 Emanuel “Mike” Sardelis who recently passed away and to keep Jean Thompson in our thoughts and prayers.

The minutes from February 10, 2014 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Fosselman deferred his report until the March 10, 2014 Council Meeting.

Council Member McMullen stated that the Traffic Committee will meet sometime in March in order to discuss a recommendation for the parking concerns along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street. The meeting’s date and time will be posted as soon as the meeting is confirmed with the Committee. Council Member McMullen also reminded Residents that the Council will be accepting questions with regards to the FY 15 Budget prior to the Public Hearing on April 14, 2014. All questions and concerns with regards to the Budget may be sent to Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov or asked at the March Town Meeting(s).

Council Member Furman stated that the sub-committee of the Design Guidelines Task

Force will be writing the proposed guidelines themselves instead of using an outside contractor. The draft guidelines will be presented to the full Committee prior to being brought before the Town Council. The Committee has discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant once they have established firm guidelines to review. The consultant fee is expected to be less than \$1,000. Council Member Furman noted that the Town Map is moving forward and she expects a final draft soon.

Council Member Bartram had no report.

Council Member Sexton reminded Residents that the Town will be meeting with County officials for a Silver Creek walk through on March 7th beginning at 10 am. All are welcome to join in the discussion/walk.

Public Appearances –

There were no public comments taken.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations -

Town Manager Daily stated that the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget has been presented and recommended that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, April 14, 2014. Mr. Daily made available the Manager’s letter, along with the detailed budget and proposed Budget Ordinance for the Council’s review. Town Manager Daily noted that a significant amount of money has been appropriated towards the CIP budget, with the expectation to increase funding for streets, storm drains, and bridge repairs. Included is the recent storm drain issue along Carroll Place that will take priority.

Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to introduce the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and set a public hearing for April 14,

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2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

March 24, 2014 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2014.
- A Courtesy Review was held on proposed new homes at 3912 and 3916 Baltimore Street.

March 24, 2014—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Town Building Inspector Stablow were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Jean Thompson, who recently passed away, and to keep Council Member Furman's son serving in Afghanistan in our thoughts.

The minutes from February 24, 2014 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor reported the planter pots along Connecticut Avenue are for sale at a cost of \$25, in preparation for the State Highway Administration's (SHA) upcoming paving and refurbishing project. **Silver Creek** – attended a follow up meeting with the Department of Environment regarding flooding issues; a solution is being discussed within the Department. **Budget** – met with Town Manager Daily and Council Member McMullen to discuss the budget; the Public Hearing will be held on April 14, 2014, 7:00 pm.

Council Member Sexton reminded Residents that the Day of the Book Festival will be held on Sunday, April 27th.

Council Member Furman suggested that the tentative date, June 14, for the Community Yard Sale may need to be changed due to a conflict with theater performances at the Armory; and also informed Residents that two new businesses will be opening, Frankly Pizza and Java Nation.

Council Member McMullen thanked the Public Works Crew for excellent snow removal on the March 17th storm and reported a follow up meeting with the Traffic Committee was held on March 13th to discuss business area parking - the Committee suggested keeping the four hour limit, continuing enforcement, and working with businesses to find dedicated spots for a new business parking permit – they are still waiting on information from businesses on the amount of spaces needed. The Committee will also review whether local traffic only may be used for some areas. He reminded Residents that the Council will be accepting questions with regards to the FY 15 Budget prior to the Public Hearing on April 14, 2014. All questions and concerns with regards to the Budget may be sent to Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov.

Council Member Bartram reported that he attended the Traffic Committee meeting and 3rd Thursday; and also informed Residents that the March Town Journal contains information on a home energy audit he had done.

A courtesy review for two new homes to be built at 3912 and 3916 Baltimore Street was held. George Myers, GTM Architects, gave an overview of the proposed homes, which he stated are designed to fit the neighborhood with a similar size and scope of the existing homes on Baltimore. He stated that throughout the design process, they have worked with

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the Local Advisory Panel (LAP) and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to preserve as much as possible within the current landscape. He stated a variance may be necessary for one property, due to the positioning suggested by the HPC. In response to questions, Mr. Myers explained that the retaining wall would be stone and an easement is needed for a driveway on one property because of spacing and the property not being subdivided. Barry Peoples stated the houses were the best overall design, which was achieved by the architect and builder working with the HPC in the initial stages.

Public Appearances –

Barry Peoples suggested that with completion of the Sector Plan, there is an opportunity to work together for revitalization - he suggested HOC could be relocated closer to mass transit and the space used as a recreation area; Noyes Library renovation may be able to move forward in phases; improvement of the Mizell property; a county recreation center could be provided if Kensington Cabin was renovated; and Warner Manor could house a satellite art museum. Council Member Furman noted there may be grant restrictions on the uses for Warner Manor.

Jill Crump noted that the businesses parking along Howard and Fawcett directly affects the availability of off street parking for the apartments on Fawcett Street. The Mayor noted the Traffic Committee has been discussing business parking and the Town will enforce the parking restrictions; and he apologized for the Town not recognizing the ongoing culprit noted by Ms. Crump. Council Member Furman stated weekend enforcement may also need to be considered.

Yvonne Gurney noted that in the past, Kensington Cabin was used for small recreational activities; such as guitar lessons, and

questioned the completion of landscaping at Kensington Cabin Park. The Mayor will contact Mr. Riley, Deputy Director with M-NCPPC, and check on landscaping and water pooling at Kensington Cabin Park.

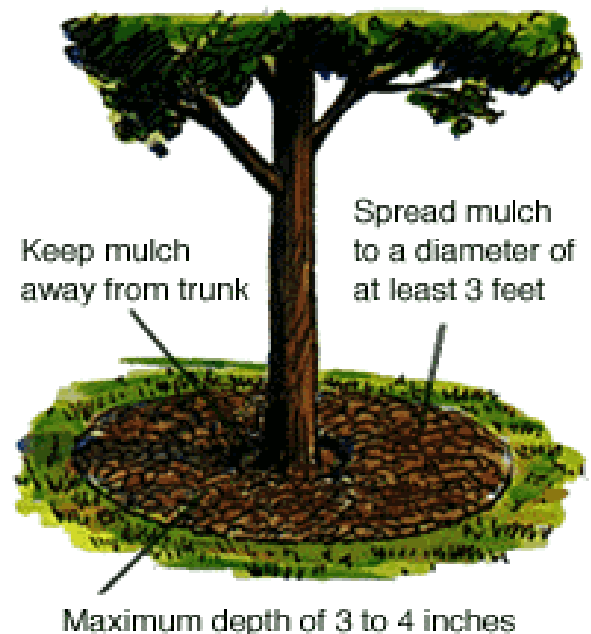
Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Steps to Adding Mulch Around Your Tree

1. Add mulch to the base of your tree by removing any grass within a 3 to 10 foot area depending on the size of your tree.
2. Pour natural mulch such as wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches deep within the circle.
3. Keep the mulch from touching the trunk of the tree.



COMMUNITY

Kensington Arts Theatre Presents



Set in early 19th-century France, *Les Misérables* is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his starving sister's child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

Performances:

May 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24
Fridays/Saturdays @ 8:15pm
Sundays @ 3:00pm

Please visit www.KatOnline.org for additional show information.



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Saturdays
8 am – 12 noon
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