



KENSINGTON AROUND TOWN

JULY/AUGUST 2011

CALENDAR

Revitalization Committee Meeting

Tues., Aug. 30th
7:30pm

Paint the Town

Art Show
Labor Day
Weekend

Labor Day Parade & Festival

Mon., Sept. 5th
10:00am

Model Train Exhibition

Sat & Sun, Sept.
10th & 11th
11:30am-5:00pm

Town Council Meeting

Mon., Sept. 12th—
7:00PM

Mayor's Counsel

Wed., Sept. 14th
7:00pm

Please check the
Town's website for
up to date
information.

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44th Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival Monday, September 5th.

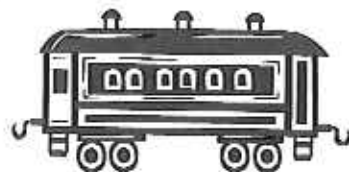


The Parade Route:

Starting at 10am at the intersection of St. Paul and Plyers Mill, South along Connecticut, East along Baltimore, Northeast along Carroll, South along Montgomery, East onto Kent, North along Kensington Pkwy (Grandstand) and ending at Howard and Fawcett

The Mayor and Council would like to thank our many sponsors:

David Gregg Tree Service, Party Warehouse, Dr. Michael Herbst—Podiatrist, The Ditto Group, Hardware City Home Center, Davis and Davis Air Conditioning and Heating, BCTGM, Modern Auto Body, Kensington House Apartments, Mulheron Tree Experts, Wood Opticians, Sports and Orthopedic Therapy Services, Merrick Design & Build, and Moose, Greene & Korom



Model Train Exhibition by The National Capital Trackers

Please join the us on Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th for a model railroad exhibition presented by the National Capital Trackers. The model train show will benefit **Noyes Children's Library** and the **Historical Society**.

Sponsored by the
Town of Kensington and **The Ditto Group** of Long and Foster

Tickets: \$5 for Adults—\$2 for Children—\$10 for a Family

MAYOR'S COUNSEL: Thank you to all who have volunteered to be on my new Mayor's Counsel. I am hoping to have two residents from each street - one representative and one alternate. There are still several streets that need spokespersons. Please call at 301-949-2424 or email me at mayor.fosselman@tok.md.gov if you are interested in serving. The Counsel only meets quarterly and is an informal gathering; an opportunity to bring up any Kensington issues that may concern you and your neighbors. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 14th at 7pm** in the Council Chambers.

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER: Many of you have been following the proposed new middle school in Rock Creek Hills. While Town students are in another school cluster, the new education facility has raised concerns about redistricting, traffic congestion, and environmental impacts. A final presentation of the feasibility study's findings will be held at 7 p.m. September 8th, at Westland Middle School. The school, designed for a student population of 836, is needed to address overcrowding at Westland and to transfer sixth grade at Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools. The Town Council will take a position on the issue once the study is complete. **Council Member Sean McMullen** has been the Town liaison for the proposal and I want to thank him for his time and efforts.

SECTOR PLAN UPDATE: The County Council will resume discussions on the CR Zone amendments for Montgomery County in September and will then begin review of Kensington's 2011 Sector Plan. The Town Council and the County Planning Board have already approved the Sector Plan, but will be participating in the County Council's process. In addition, the Town Council will take a position on the Design Guidelines for the Sector Plan in September, followed by the County Planning Board's approval of the Guidelines. The Zones, Guidelines and Plan will be finalized by December 2011. Then Kensington may finally kick-start our revitalization! **Council Member Mackie Barch** has been following the zoning amendments carefully and I want to thank him for representing Kensington.

NEW GATEWAY PARKING LOT: Progress continues on the construction of the new parking lot, just north of the Train Station on Metropolitan Avenue. A ribbon cutting is planned for this fall.

SIGN PEOPLE ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE: Several residents have complained to the Town about the "human" signs in the median of Connecticut Avenue. I contacted the Maryland Department of Transportation, as Route 185 is a State road, and unfortunately there is not a lot that may be done to discourage the practice. The State has very little authority, but there is new law that takes affect in October granting additional powers to MDOT. MDOT Staff will be getting back to the Town with additional information.

COMING SOON - KENSINGTON'S FACEBOOK PAGE! Look for the Town's first social media site to be launched this fall. The latest happenings in and around Town will be posted; as well as information on upcoming activities.

Town Council Tables Public Ethics Ordinance—The Town Council decided to table the Public Ethics Ordinance at the July 25th meeting after being advised by the Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson, the Town is currently exempt from enacting provisions similar to that of the State because of the Town’s small population. However, Ms. Ferguson noted she believes that the Town will eventually be required to enact an Ordinance similar to the State’s Ethics Law as soon as the exemption based on population is repealed by the State Legislature. Following this information, the Town Council decided to hold off on voting for the new Ordinance until a later date. The Public Hearing was held on July 11, with an expected vote date of July 25th.

The Town will re-set a Public Hearing date once the decision to revisit the Ordinance is decided. Any questions or concerns regarding this Ordinance should be directed to the Town Manager.

TOWN PERMITS

10200 Kensington Pkwy—Addition

10521 Metropolitan Ave—Alteration

3707 Farragut Ave—Addition

3504 Kensington Court—Fence

Frederick Ave—Washington Gas

Kent Street—Washington Gas

10401 Armory Ave—Fence

10604 Nash Pl—Water Line

10106 Frederick Ave—Addition

The Town Council approves changes to the Employee Personnel Handbook to include the following:

- Amendments to the Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- Implementing a new standard of responsibility for the use of Town vehicles
- A direct deposit requirement for all future employees.
- Extending the probationary period of new employees from six (6) to twelve (12) months.
- Removing the eligibility of employees to use up to 40 hours of sick leave to supplement workers compensation up to the full level of the employee’s normal compensation.
- Reducing the paid lunch from one (1) hour to one-half (1/2) hour.

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June 13, 2011 Council Summary

- Approved Minutes from May 23, 2011.
- Adopted Resolution R-08-2011 awarding contracts for construction of a public parking lot at 10450 Metropolitan Avenue and transferring funds.
- Introduced Ordinance No. O-04-2011 amending the Ethics Section in the Town Code.

June 13, 2011— Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, McMullen and Sullivan, Town Manager Daily, Clerk Treasurer Engels, Assistant to the Town Manager Hoffman, and Building Inspector Stablow were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

Captain Russell Hamill and Lieutenant Robert McCullagh from the Montgomery County Police gave an update on recent activity in the area and answered questions. Community Services Officer Dana Stroman spoke about neighborhood watch programs; explained community outreach programs offered including free home safety inspections and senior forum programs at Montgomery Mall; and stressed the importance of calling the police when seeing anything suspicious.

Julie O'Malley requested Council work sessions be held to allow time between discussing and approving resolutions or ordinances and stated the statements made in the May Around Town Newsletter and a Town email that heights had been lowered south of Knowles were incorrect.

Mayor Fosselman explained in the past a small group protested with legal recourse because of action being taken by the Council in the past at work sessions; he stated at the opinion of the Town Attorney, actions may be taken at work sessions or Town Meetings and to eliminate any confusion, all meetings were designated as "Town Meetings"; and most items are not voted on at the same meeting unless there is a time constraint; The Mayor noted he would consider allowing more time in between voting on future agendas when possible.

Mayor Fosselman stated the accounts in the newsletter and email sent out were not referencing the Town's resolution, but were referring to the Planning Board Staff's recommendation to lower the heights which was complete. The heights are lower and step down to 45 feet when adjacent to residential areas.

Julie O'Malley affirmed she thought people understood the statements to refer to the Town's Resolu-

tion; the Sector Plan did not show lower heights; and she hoped the Plan would be reviewed by the Council.

Mayor Fosselman reported he had "Coffee with the Mayor" on June 4th; met with County Council Members to discuss the Sector Plan; attended the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department's ceremony for delivery of the World Trade Center sample in memory of the 9/11 victims; attended the Planning Board's final session and vote on the Town's Sector Plan, which passed 3-1; was a guest at 2011 Leadership Montgomery Dinner; was a guest at County Executive Ike Leggett's reception to highlight the Nonprofit Village of Montgomery County; the Town did not receive the Community Parks and Playground grant for the tennis court at St. Paul Park, this was the second time it was applied for and we now have better guidance to reapply this year; a meeting will be scheduled for the Warner Circle Committee regarding storm water management plans; received many questions on the proposed middle school in Rock Creek Hills, copies of schematic plans were available, a letter will be sent to School Board requesting a seat for the Town on the feasibility study committee and placed on an upcoming agenda for discussion; the Planning Board is finishing up the draft of the Design Guidelines, they will be reviewed at a Revitalization Committee Meeting scheduled for July 12th at 7 pm and the Town Meeting scheduled for July 25th, the Planning Board will introduce them on July 28th and follow up with 1 or 2 work sessions before taking a vote, the Town will have ample opportunity to participate and make comments; and thanked Barry Peoples and Stowe Teti for taking time and effort to run for Town Council and congratulated Council Member Mackie Barch and John Thompson.

Mayor Fosselman read the letter he sent to the Gazette on the Sector Plan. He spoke about the Town's election and encouraged residents not to make assumptions on an issue, but to ask questions of those involved in the issue. In an effort to outreach a new committee will be formed, the Mayor's Counsel, which will have a representative from every street,

several business members, and Town Council Members, meetings will be informal and quarterly with the goal to seek feedback on all Town issues; old traditions will be brought back including the Town Picnic and Pot Luck Dinner; and there will be new community events including Movies in the Park and Martinis with the Mayor.

Council Member Barch thanked everyone involved with the election and Julie O'Malley, Barry Peoples and Stowe Teti for running and caring about the community; he is looking forward to the next two years, continuing to progress on the Sector Plan, completing the Design Guidelines and hopes to see some things implemented in Town.

Council Member McMullen reported he will be attending the feasibility study meeting on the proposed middle school in Rock Creek Hills and will be arranging to have information presented at an upcoming Town Meeting.

Council Member Sullivan reported the following: she attended the PHED Committee Work Session regarding CR zones in which Council Members Leventhal and Birch asked questions regarding protection of master plans and questioned whether density incentives should be mandated, the County Executive also expressed concern over this; the Planning Board ignored the Town's request and super majority voted instead to send the Plan with the recommended changes from Staff but not include any reduction in height south of Knowles; she stated there is no height reduction next to Detrick and Warner; step downs in height adjacent to residential areas is left up to the Design Guidelines which is a concern because they change; she doesn't think a position should be taken on the proposed middle school until hearing all information; and congratulated Mackie Barch and John Thompson on the election and thanked Stowe Teti and Barry Peoples for running.

The resolution to award a contract for construction of a public parking lot not to exceed \$756,000 at 10450 Metropolitan Avenue was read and discussed. The Mayor gave a brief history of the parking lot which has been worked on for seven years, has been in previous budgets and has been approved by previous Councils; it will be used for retail shoppers and commuters, details have not been worked on metering the lot; and it has one of the first bioretention storm drain systems in the County.

Town Manager Daily suggested a paid parking permit system for reserved spots for commuters and time limits for retail parking instead of meters; and he thanked Building Inspector Neil Stablow for all his work on the project.

Building Inspector Stablow stated the current design is asphalt paving and all storm water will be channeled through a series of bioretention ponds to retain as much water on site as possible.

Julie O'Malley questioned the type of lighting being used and whether a less expensive type of lighting could be used such as at the Marc Station. The Mayor stated the lighting plan has already been completed and is similar to Howard Avenue and Safeway.

Duane Rollins questioned if bike lockers were planned; if asphalt was required to be removed at the end of the lease; and suggested using the lot, during off hours, for a Town flea market. The Mayor stated there were two bike lockers; Town Manager Daily stated there is protection in the contract for when the lease term is up; and restrictions in the lease agreement limit the use of the lot for sale of goods other than the farmers market. He also explained revenue collected from the parking lot would be split equally with the county until the Town's expenses are recouped and then split with 80 percent going to the county.

Leslie Olson questioned whether there was still an arch and walkway in the plans. The Mayor stated it has been toned down; but there is still an entranceway with landscaping.

Ordinance No. O-04-2011 was introduced to amend the ethics sections of the Town Code to comply with the state requirements. Town Manager Daily stated the Town Attorney had provided a memo to the Council explaining the requirement; once the ordinance is introduced it will be sent to the State Ethic Commission for a final review and a Public Hearing scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from May 23, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution R-08-2011 awarding contracts for construction of a public parking lot at 10450 Metropolitan Avenue

Council Actions (cont’):

and transferring funds. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to introduce Ordinance No. O-04-2011 amending Chapter 11, “Government and Administration”, Article 3, “Public Ethics”, by repealing and reenacting sections 2-301, “Applicability”; 2-302, “Purpose and Policy”; 2-303, “Definitions”; 2-304, “Ethics Commission”; 2-305, “Conflicts of Interest”, and 2-309 “Lobbying Disclosure”; Deleting Sections 2-307, “Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts”, 2-308, “Financial Disclosure” and 2-310, “Violations and Penalties”, and Enacting New Sections 2-307, “Financial Disclosure Local Elected Officials and Candidates to be Local Elected Officials”, 2-308, “Financial Disclosure – Employees and Appointed Officials”, 2-310, “Section Exemptions and Modifications”, and 2-311, “Enforcement” to revise the Ethics Code. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

July 11, 2011 Organizational Meeting—Mackie Barch and John Thompson were sworn in as Council Members prior to this meeting.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, McMullen, Sullivan and Thompson, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk Treasurer Engels and Assistant to the Town Manager Hoffman were present.

Areas of interest were assigned as follows:

Arts Council - Council Member Barch
 Auditing (chartered) - Council Member McMullen
 Board of Elections (chartered) -
 Clerk Treasurer Engels
 Business Development/Business Liaison -
 Council Member Barch
 Cable - Council Member Thompson*
 Charter and Code Review - Council Members Sullivan and Thompson
 Council - Mayor Fosselman
 Ethics Committee (chartered) - Town Manager Daily
 Farmers' Market - Facilities Manager Watson
 Finance/Infrastructure - Council Member McMullen
 Green Task Force/Environment - Mayor and Council

Historic Preservation/Historic Expansion - Council Members McMullen and Sullivan
 Land Use & Revitalization - Mayor Fosselman and Council Member Barch
 Legislative - Council Member Barch
 Mayor's Counsel - Mayor Fosselman
 Parks, Trees (chartered) and Landscaping - Council Member Barch
 Personnel - Mayor Fosselman
 Special Events - Council Members Sullivan and Thompson
 Street Lighting - Council Members Barch and McMullen
 Strategic Planning - Mayor Fosselman and Council Member Thompson
 Technology - Council Member Sullivan
 Traffic and Public Safety - Council Members Sullivan and Thompson

*The Mayor will check with Delegate Carr, the current representative for Cable.

Council Member Sullivan noted she thought the new Mayor's Counsel was politically motivated. The Mayor responded it is political and it's in response to the recent Town Election. The new committee will provide another avenue for residents to become involved.

Town Meetings will be kept on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month.

Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to nominate Council Member Barch to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Barch abstained.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. The motion passed unanimously.

July 11, 2011 Council Summary

- Approved Minutes from June 13, 2011
- Briefing by Bruce Crispell on proposed school in Rock Creek Hills.
- Reappointed Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.
- Public Hearing on Ordinance No. O-04-2011; held public record open until July 22nd

July 11, 2011—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, McMullen, Sullivan, Thompson, Clerk Treasurer Engels, Assistant to the Town Manager Hoffman, and Town Attorney Ferguson were present. Town Manager Daily was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

The procedure for adopting the minutes was clarified; if the minutes do not accurately reflect what was said they can be corrected when the Council receives the draft minutes or during discussion when approving the minutes; if something is recorded accurately in the minutes and needs subsequent or further information it will be reflected in the minutes of the following meeting.

Bruce Crispell, Director of Long Range Planning for Montgomery County Public Schools gave a briefing on the proposed middle school for the Bethesda Chevy Chase cluster to be located in Rock Creek Hills. He noted the process was currently in the feasibility study; there was no plan to change the boundaries of the Walter Johnson cluster, and Rock Creek Hills Citizens Association is appealing the Board of Education's decision to adopt the proposed site.

Representatives from Rock Creek Hills Citizens Association, Coalition of Kensington Communities and residents from Rock Creek Hills spoke in opposition to the proposed location. The Mayor and Council expressed concerns over loss of parkland/green space, traffic, and over the process being poorly handled. Council Member McMullen was assigned to attend feasibility study meetings. The Mayor noted the Town will wait until the feasibility study is completed before taking any position.

Cindy Merz, a Resident, expressed concern over the impact of the school to the Town and spoke in favor of her children attending a school within walking distance.

Barbara Scharman inquired about the status of the neighborhood watch program and noted some meetings residents attended last time the program was proposed may count toward training this time. The Mayor stated once Kristin Scott finishes organizing the program information will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Julie O'Malley questioned whether the Council has

considered having Work Sessions. The Mayor and

Council discussed Work Sessions and Town Meetings. Town Attorney Ferguson explained the difference in the meetings is that Work Sessions do not provide notice to the public that a vote may be taken. She suggested if the Town needs flexibility to vote, when appropriate, then all meetings should be called Town Meetings. The Council concurred to have an agenda item at each Town Meeting for discussion of future agenda items. Stow Teti stated the more important issue is getting people involved rather than what the meeting is called.

Barbara Scharman noted the improved landscaping around Town and suggested a plan may be needed to continually monitor sidewalks for overgrowth; she also noted two areas where poison ivy was infringing on the sidewalks - the east side of Connecticut Avenue Bridge and St. Paul at Metropolitan. The Mayor will contact SHA for the Connecticut Avenue Bridge.

Council Members Barch and McMullen stated the Town's approach to maintenance and landscaping needs to be reviewed for a more proactive approach. The Mayor reminded residents that they are responsible for weeds infringing on sidewalks in front of their property.

Jack Gaffey commented that Louise Hamilton use to drive around Town and note maintenance issues.

Mrs. Stewart thanked the Mayor and Council for listening and responding to Residents.

The Mayor reported he met with representatives from Rock Creek Hills regarding the proposed middle school; presented a proclamation to Gloria Capron for her 60th birthday and declared July 6th Gloria Capron Day; spoke at Kensington Fire Department's Dedication on June 25th for September 11th, memorial bricks are still available; attended the annual MML Conference; received a letter and copy of the revised 2011 Sector Plan for Kensington, a copy is available on the Town's website, the next step will be with the PHED Committee; he will be forming a Mayor's Counsel which will be another avenue to provide more communication and outreach, he is still looking for volunteers interested in serving; the Warner Circle Committee met last Thursday to discuss the new storm water management facilities for Warner Circle, 35% of the plan is completed, MNCPPC will be providing an additional update; was copied on a letter from the

Planning Board to IIOC in response to the need for affordable housing in CR Zones, he supports the Town participating the County's affordable housing program, the Council needs to take a position on program, the history is not clear on whether the Town officially participates in the program now; thanked volunteers for July 4th Bike Parade especially Mark Hudson for sponsoring and organizing the Parade, thanked Jenny Smith, Martha and Val Deale for being the DJ's, and Geneva Smith and Duane Rollins for being judges; new paintings are up in Town Hall from the Montgomery County Arts Council which are for sale and will be rotated quarterly; the Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking judges and volunteers, information can be found on their website; and the Mayor thanked Harley Higgins for volunteering and all his hard work thoroughly researching projects for the Town.

Council Member Barch reported he attended MMI Conference; he has not reviewed the discussion of PHED Committee meeting today but understands there were significant changes proposed to the bonus density matrix and MARC proximity density. This may make it economically unfeasible for development in Kensington and may change the Council's support of the CR Zone.

Council Member Thompson reported he attended MML Convention; has fixed the Maryland State Flag which was displayed upside down in Ernest Park and removed the U.S. Flag which was entangled in the trees which need to be trimmed; and thanked the Town for removal of trees covered in poison ivy on Kensington Parkway.

Council Member McMullen thanked all involved in Bike Parade including the Kensington Fire Department and Mark Hudson; he will be attending feasibility meetings on the proposed middle school in Rock Creek Hills; and suggest an update on the street lighting at a future agenda.

The Mayor stated the Town is making progress on the street lighting and is a party to the public service commission.

Council Member Sullivan reported she attended the MMI Convention; attended the CR Zone Work Sessions, Council Members Elrich and Leventhal agreed to some of the changes that protect master plans, the process is moving slower and they are listening to all comments thanks to Council Member Floreen, disaf-

lowing public benefit incentives for things that should be mandated was discussed, public benefits replacing affordable housing or making it unfeasible for someone to build was discussed, which she agrees is a concern; agrees the Town should participate in the affordable housing program of the county; attended the Bike Parade and commended Mark Hudson for all his work at the event; and noted how great the planters look in the median.

A Public Hearing was held on Ordinance No. O-04-2011 amending the ethics section of the Town code. Town Attorney Ferguson stated the reason action would not be taken tonight was because the State Ethics Commission has not yet looked at an existing provision which was kept in the Town Code, Section 2-306, in their pre-approval process and will not meet until July 14th.

Council Member Sullivan questioned whether parents had to be included, if domestic partners can be added, whether excluding agents would create a loophole for LLC's and partnerships, and whether any form of communication could be included not just communication in person.

Town Attorney Ferguson explained the Town's ordinance can be more restrictive than the state but not less restrictive, domestic partners could be added, agent does not refer to LLC or partnerships but specific legal titles such as a personal agent or trustee, and communication in person is no change from the Town's current code.

Jack Gaffey stated he felt uncomfortable with the financial interest provision of 3% and suggested the Town follow the federal government which is stricter with no financial interest allowed. Town Attorney Ferguson stated this was not a change and is currently in the code now.

The Mayor noted other Town Ethic Commission members also had some areas of concern over the ordinance which if not addressed will send in their official comments.

Julie O'Malley questioned whether ethics classes are required; Town Attorney Ferguson stated they are not required. Council Member Barch noted ethics classes are part of the curriculum at MML convention each year.

Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from June 13, 2011. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Thompson abstained.

Council Member Thompson moved to confirm Mayor's reappointment of the Audit Committee Members, Jeffrey Capron, Lcslic Olson and Kerry Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to hold the record open until close of business on July 22 for the public hearing on Ordinance No. O-04-2011 amending the Ethics sections of the Town Code. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



GUESS WHO'S FARMER'S MARKET IS #4 IN THE STATE?

Yes, Kensington's Market is running 4th place in the America's Favorite Farmers Market Contest, sponsored by American Farmland Trust; to help raise national awareness about the importance of supporting fresh food from local farms and farmers. The contest runs until midnight Aug. 31st. Please go to www.farmland.org/vote to vote for the Kensington Farmers' Market and use the zip-code search to find our Market.

The Kensington Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8am—12noon.



Meet the Vendors:

Rabbit Hill Farm

Rabbit Hill Farm is a small family farm of 23 acres nestled on the outskirts of Spring Grove, Pa. Our name comes from the fact that there are an abundance of rabbits and other wild life in our area. Our farm consists of two greenhouses, many different vegetables, berries, fruit trees, and pastured raised chickens.

John has been farming since the early 90's. He started at his parents home and then started his own operation in 1998 at our current location. We have two children, Samuel and William as well as a black lab named Guss, along with a pet rabbit.

We feel so blessed to have the help of our parents, neighbors and other family members in being able to bring our produce to the Kensington Farmers Market. Thank you so much for being the wonderful customers and also friends that you are.



MontgomeryArt.org Paint the Town Art Show 2011

Please join the Montgomery Art Association on Labor Day Weekend for the Annual Paint the Town Art Show.

The show is held at the Kensington Town Hall at 3710 Mitchell Street.

Show Schedule

Saturday, September 3rd:
Noon—4:00pm

The reception will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 4th:
Noon—4:00pm

Monday, September 5th: 9:30am—4:30pm

Kensington Bike Parade

As we celebrate my third bike parade
There is rejoicing in our upcoming youth;
Thankful for a new generation of Kensington
Bringing along the rich heritage
Of a growing community of those with love
For this town and our country
Let us never forget our heritage nor take
As forgone conclusion that we must . . .
Guard and protect our freedoms granted
By our Almighty Creator.
Now; without further ado let the celebration
of our youth and liberties begin!

-Richard H. Rice

July 3, 2011

Maryland Safe At Home Address Confidentiality Program

The goal of the *Address Confidentiality Program* is to help victims of domestic violence, who have relocated or are about to relocate, in an effort to keep their perpetrators from finding them. *Maryland Safe at Home* offers two service components: first, the ACP provides a substitute address for victims who have moved or are about to move to a new location unknown to their abuser; and second, the program provides participants with a free confidential mail-forwarding service for first-class mail and legal papers. These services limit an abuser's ability to access public information which could identify the new location of a victim who is in the program. This is not a witness protection program, rather it is a mail forwarding service. In most cases, using the substitute address allows State and local agencies to respond to requests for public information without disclosing the victim's actual address. The ACP is not for everyone. A victim services professional from a domestic violence program can help determine if ACP should be part of the victim's safety plan.

Additional information may be found at:

<http://www.sos.state.md.us/ACP/SafeAtHome.aspx>



RATS There have been a few sightings of rats within the Town. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to eliminate and control the spread of rodents. This is a very serious issue as rats are known carriers of diseases and can cause for a public health problem. If you see rodents on your property please take the necessary steps to address the problem. This includes notifying your neighbors to help control the situation; trapping and baiting; and contacting a qualified pest control company.

Eliminating Food Sources

- ⇒ DO NOT store garbage outside in plastic bags. Plastic garbage bags are not rodent-proof. Plastic bags should only be used inside garbage cans with tight fitting lids.
- ⇒ DO NOT allow birdseed to accumulate on the ground. Do not leave pet food outside. Store pet food or birdseed in containers with a tight fitting lid.
- ⇒ DO NOT leave ripe fruit and vegetables under trees or in the garden to decay.
- ⇒ DO NOT place food scraps in open compost piles.
- ⇒ DO remove any piles of debris or building material such as old brick or boards that may provide shelter for rodents.
- ⇒ DO clear brush, weeds and heavy ground covers, especially around foundations..

"It shall be unlawful for anyone to allow their property to be infested with rats or to be in such condition as to contribute to an existing or potential rat infestation." Chapter 39 of the Montgomery County Code.

CURBING and LEASHING

The Town would like to remind all residents that in accordance with Section 7-502 of the Town Code, all pets must be on a leash when on public property and that pet owners are required





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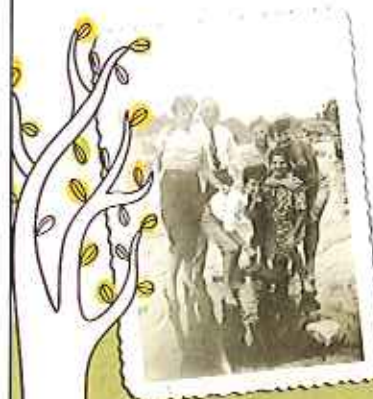
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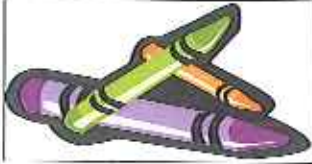
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- Meals You Love
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Noah Meyers, a town resident collecting donations of school supplies for the **Hope House** in Washington D.C. Hope House is a program that helps families and children, be able to see their imprisoned fathers. Every Year, Hope House holds a school supply drive. Supplies in need are composition books, dictionaries, highlighters, binders, calculators, spiral notebooks, tabbed dividers, markers, erasers, pocket folders, pencil sharpeners, index cards, crayons, glue sticks, pencil boxes/pouches, hand sanitizers, notebook paper, and rulers.

A box for donations will be in the Town Hall and Noah will be out on Saturdays at the Howard Avenue Park accepting contributions. You may contact the Town at 301-949-2424 or Noah at noahmeyers@aol.com.



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