



Kensington Around Town

JULY-AUGUST 2012

CALENDAR

Town Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 13th 7pm

Town Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 27th 7pm
(tentative)

Paint the Town Art Show

Sept. 1st—3rd
Town Hall

45th Annual Labor Day Parade

Mon., Sept. 3rd

Model Train Show

Sept. 8th & 9th
Town Hall

Town Council Meeting

Mon., Sept. 10th 7pm

Design Guidelines Task Force Meeting

Tues., Sept. 11th 7pm

Please check the
Town's website for up
to date information:
www.tok.md.gov

45th Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival - Monday, Sept. 3rd



Photo by: Katie Rangos

The Parade Route:

Starting at 10am at the intersection of St. Paul and Pliers 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 Festival:

This year the festival will be located along Armory Avenue, Mitchell Street and the Town Hall parking lot.

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

Acorn Self Storage; BCTGM International; Potomac Physician Associates; Kensington House Apartments; Cherner Brothers Auto Brokers; Extra Space Storage; Moose, Green, & Korom, PA.

Volunteers Needed!

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the Labor Day Parade. If you are interested, please contact Kara Sherrill, Parade Coordinator, at KaraLSherrill@gmail.com for more information.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



Movie in the Park: Special thank you to Council Member **John Thompson** for arranging the film *RIO* to be shown last month at St. Paul Park. A nice crowd and perfect weather.

The Maryland State Public Works is finalizing the funding for the new **Tennis Court** at St. Paul Park. The court will be located on the far north side of the park, along Plyers Mill Road. This will still allow an official size ball-field to enjoy baseball and soccer.

The **2012 Town Directory** is being printed and will be delivered later this month.

The **Model Train Show** will be returning to Town Hall on the weekend of September 8th and 9th. Proceeds will benefit two of our local non-profits: The **Kensington Historical Society** and the **Noyes Library Foundation**.

Special thank you to **Kara Sherrill** for organizing the annual Labor Day Parade; and **Lisa Kelley-Connor** for spearheading the Labor Day Festival; and all of the volunteers. These folks work tirelessly each year to bring our Town a wonderful day.

Another thank you to **Jenny Smith** and all of the volunteers for the **Annual Kensington 8K Race**, scheduled for Saturday, September 22. The proceeds will benefit **Kensington Parkwood Elementary School, North Bethesda Middle School, and Walter Johnson High School**.

I have been participating in a series of meetings with local leaders addressing the issues we continue to endure with **PEPCO** and the disappointing quality of service. Changing the composition of the Public Service Commission, undergrounding utilities, and raising fines on PEPCO are among the topics. I welcome any suggestions for solutions.

The first meeting of Design Guidelines Task Force will be on September 11th at 7pm. Thank you Council Members Furman and Barch for your leadership.

Pete Fosselman

Town Permits

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Grants Committee

The Town is looking to fill vacancies within the newly created Grants Committee. This will be an ad-hoc committee that will be charged with researching and reviewing potential grants that relate specifically to the arts, economic development and entertainment aspects of the Town.

We are looking for three to five residents that preferably have grant writing experience that can help lead this new committee. The Committee will be chaired by the Town staff and is expected to meet quarterly.

If you have any questions, or would like to be considered for one of the vacancies, please submit a statement of interest, highlighting your qualifications, to Matt Hoffman by Friday, August 31st at MJHoffman@tok.md.gov, or you may call the Town staff at 301-949-2424.

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TOWN MINUTES

June 11, 2012 Town Council Summary

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2012.
- Supported Park and Planning's Staff Recommendations for Credits for Level Three Transit Proximity for MARC.
- Requested the County address storm water, traffic, and environmental concerns for the Costco Gas Station.

June 11, 2012—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members McMullen, Sullivan, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. Council Member Barch was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed. The Mayor commended the KVFD for the professional response to the fire at the Kensington House and was grateful there were no injuries.

The Mayor, Council Member McMullen, and Tracey Furman were congratulated; candidates Glenn Cowan and Stowe Teti were thanked for their willingness to serve; and Council Member Sullivan was thanked for her service to the Town and was encouraged by the Mayor to continue to participate as a Resident.

The Mayor clarified issues related to the Sector Plan that came up during the campaign; stated all Town Committees are open and he will be sending a letter to every Committee member to determine if they are still interested in serving, any open seats will be filled after reviewing interests and qualifications; Jill McCory from Leadership Outfitters, also a Town Resident has offered to hold a pro bono session for the Council on decision making, which could be held in the fall; paperwork is being finalized for the pending state grant for Silver Creek flooding; improvements to Knowles Avenue are being made by SHA; police patrols have been increased; designs for a Howard Avenue Park sign, sketched by Jason Swain, will be in the July newsletter for Residents to vote on; Summit Avenue

improvements are complete; and speed humps have been reinstalled on Kent Street.

Council Member Sullivan reported she attended the Planning Board Transit Task Force Meeting which talked about rapid transit vehicles (formerly bus rapid transit), noted there are concerns about cost and funding, one proposal is special taxing district; attended discussion and fully supports ZTA 12-07 regarding the Costco gas station; and attended meetings on accessory apartments, in which the County wants to have by right instead of special exception, she stated the special exception process should be corrected instead of eliminated.

Council Member McMullen stated the election was a nice gathering of the community and he would like to organize more Town wide events; will find out if any help is needed for Residents displaced from the fire at Kensington House, reminded Residents to be careful for children since school is out; and noted the Kent Street speed bumps still need to be marked.

Council Member Thompson expressed concern over the County Executive's budget which removed overtime funding for Kensington, BCC, and Wheaton Fire Stations, which he stated will result in a tragedy, as all three stations will be understaffed at critical times; attended the Memorial Day Service at Ernest Park; will be organizing a team to participate in a kickball contest with the Fire Department at St. Paul Park in July; the Traffic Committee met and received a response from the Attorney General that local traffic only

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signs can mean whatever the municipality designates, he suggested an ordinance be written on this; purchased cones and will be trying them on Lexington, Perry, and St. Paul streets to discourage cut thru traffic; discussed having grass planted in the gravel/rock area between curb and sidewalk at the new parking lot; noted parking permits are in use; and he will be attending the annual MML conference.

ZTA 12-06, which amends the definition of transit proximity to exclude project sites which are within one mile of a MARC station was discussed. Fred Boyd, from MNCPPC, and Jeff Zyontz from the County Council Staff, were present for questions. The Mayor stated the Council, at the last meeting, supported some credit for MARC, and tonight's discussion was to determine the amount of credit; the handout provided shows two recommendations for level three (3) credits proposed by Park and Planning and Bill Kominers, a local land use attorney; and Council Member Barch, who was not present, does not support ZTA 12-06, but supports the approved Sector Plan which gives MARC credit at a level two (2). Council Member Sullivan stated she supports ZTA 12-06, MARC was never intended to be transit proximity, additional incentive is not needed, and every point given to developers is less public amenities. Residents and Non Residents commented on ZTA 12-06. The Council discussed the impact of bus rapid transit which would change credits to a level two and theoretically negate the currently proposed ZTA. The Council supported Park and Planning's recommendation of credits of 5 for adjacent & confronting, 2.5 for within ¼ mile, and 0 for between ¼ and 1 mile. See Council Actions.

A discussion was held on the Costco gas station proposed for the Wheaton Westfield Shopping Center and ZTA 12-07. Pat Harris, from Lerch, Early, & Brewer, and Erich Brann, Director of Real Estate Development

for Costco, were present and discussed the proposed gas station and answered questions. Residents and Non-Residents commented on the gas station. Elena Sheveiko from Kensington Heights spoke on concerns of her community. Council Member Sullivan stated she does not support the gas station. Council Members McMullen and Thompson concurred not to take a position on the gas station; but send a letter from the Mayor requesting environmental and traffic concerns be addressed. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Daily reported, in response to the Ethics Commission request, ethics training is available at MML conferences, LGIT, ICMA and the state ethics commission is working on developing a program for municipal officials; he will contact ICMA to see if someone may come and provide training; he stated the proposed tennis court, funded by a state grant, would have to be placed on the northern part of St. Paul Park instead of by the horseshoe pits because of a storm drain inlet, this would not interfere with the regulation size of the baseball or soccer field; and WSSC will be renovating water lines on N. Kensington Parkway.

Julie O'Malley suggested circulating a sketch of the location of the proposed tennis court.

In Public Appearances, Lorri Simmons stated only one person was relocated because of the fire at Kensington House; and Sabina Emerson requested an upcoming agenda address what can be done about people wearing and carrying signs in the public right of way; and stated there are broken signs around Town that need to be repaired including the canopy at the Liberty Gas Station.

Future Agenda items noted were the Rapid Transit Vehicle and fire service changes. The organizational meeting of Mayor and Council was announced and will be on July 2nd at 7 p.m. followed by the Town Meeting.

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Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed 2 to 0. Council Member Sullivan abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt the level three credits for transit proximity for MARC within the CRT Zones as proposed by Park and Planning, which are 5 for adjacent and confronting, 2.5 for within ¼ mile, and 0 for ¼ to 1 mile and requested the Mayor write a letter to the County Council apprising them of this position. The motion passed 2 to 1. Council Member Sullivan opposed the motion.

Council Member Thompson moved to instruct the Mayor to write a letter to the County expressing the Town's concerns with reference to the proposed Costco gas station, specifically environmental issues having to do with storm water management for Silver Creek, air quality, requesting a traffic study for the immediate area including intersections in the Town, and any other concerns that may be raised by citizens. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

July 2, 2012 Organizational Meeting

July 2, 2012—Tracey Furman and Sean McMullen were sworn in as Council Members prior to this meeting. Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present.

Lead Council Members were assigned to Town Committees as follows:

Audit Committee – Council Member McMullen

Ethics Commission – Council Member McMullen

Board of Elections - Council Member Thompson

Green Task Force – Council Member Barch
Historic Preservation/Warner Circle – Council Member McMullen

Revitalization Committee – Council Member Furman*

Special Design Guidelines Task Force – Council Member Furman*

Traffic Committee – Council Member Thompson

*Assisted by Council Member Barch

The Mayor stated the Tree Committee has not been active due to new state laws; currently an arborist inspects a tree for removal and Residents choose from an approved list for replacement. The Council discussed whether there was a need for the Tree Committee and concurred to leave the Tree Committee dormant for now until their role with the new state law is determined.

The Council discussed informing Residents about Town Committees and ways for Residents to submit their interest when a Committee has an opening; and the Council suggested surveying Residents to determine the best means for communication.

The Mayor announced the Special Design Guidelines Task Force which will be led by Council Member Furman. The members include Glenn Cowan, Jodi Longo, Andie Murtha, George Myers, Eli Sola-Sole, Anne Marie Turner and Helen Wilkes.

The Mayor discussed scheduling a professional training session which was offered by Jill McCrory, a Town Resident, from Leadership Outfitters. The Mayor will check with the Town Attorney to see if the training session needs to be open to the public.

Town Meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Tonight's Town Meeting was rescheduled for either July 9th or July 16th.

Council Member McMullen noted some functions overlap between the Mayor and Town Manager and suggested reviewing the form of government in the Charter.

Council Actions

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

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



MontgomeryArt.org Paint the Town Art Show 2012

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 1st:
Noon—4:00pm

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

Sunday, September 2nd:
Noon—4:00pm

Monday, September 3rd: 9:30am—4:30pm



Who knew Kensington is home to 14 beautiful parks? We found every one of them and with lush photos and descriptions, we created a delightful

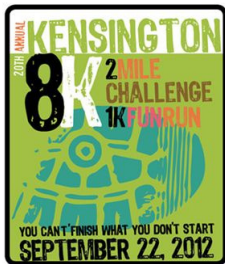
YouTube video to show them off. Presented are the seven Town-maintained parks, and then seven Montgomery County-maintained parks. Spring-time photos show off the lushness of the parks and highlights of each are pictured with brief descriptions and addresses. Join the 1,100 other viewers who have enjoyed our videos at www.youtube.com/explorekensington.

New visions are coming to Kensington with the introduction of two exciting new businesses that we featured in an eblast. *Sogo* offers a comfortable working space away from home and work, and *Foundations* will feature local, live music and art. A second eblast was sent to accompany the “Kensington Parks” video, featuring four of the parks. Chosen for the eblast were parks with four different features. Kensington has parks for relaxing, listening to music, playing sports, picnicking and more. There is park that fits every body and soul.

We are gaining great momentum with our Explore Kensington social media campaign, securing 249 fans on Facebook with the addition of 30 new “likes” this month. Our posting for Noyes Library reached a record 347 people. ExploreKensington.com received more than 52,000 hits to the website, and each eblast sent obtained a 30 percent mail open rate.

Residents can skip the mall and do their clothes shopping in Kensington. In August we have a video and accompanying eblast about Kensington clothing merchants, featuring ten merchants in Kensington who help keep us all in fashion. Those merchants will be added to our photo albums with detailed descriptions of each store.

And look out Dupont Circle! Third Thursday in Old Town Kensington is going to give you some competition as we help to recruit more merchants, music, and recognition for this monthly event. Life is happening in Kensington and we are spreading the word.



19th Annual Kensington 8K Race

Don't miss this year's 19th Annual Kensington 8K Race, 2-Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run on Saturday, **September 22nd**. This year's race again will benefit the Town's three public schools: Kensington Parkwood E.S., North Bethesda M.S. and Walter Johnson H.S. Race start times are 7:45 am for the 2-Mile, 8:30 am for the 8K and 8:35 am for the 1K Fun Run. Please join the race and support your local schools -- we hope to see many new runners this year!

You can register by going to www.kensington8k.org and from there you can either register online or you can register by mail by clicking on "Download a printable application here" in the lower left-hand corner.

To volunteer, please email Lauren Holtzaple at tlholtz1@verizon.net.

Please be aware that for a short time on the morning of the race there will be no parking and no vehicular traffic on the race route (which includes some of the town's streets.) Accordingly, some homes on or near the race route may be impacted.

To see a map of the route, please go to the website at www.kensington8k.org.



Once Upon a Time . . . Children's Story and Character Workshop Third Thursday Event

Aug. 16th 6-8pm
3786 Howard Avenue

Children are taught how to write a story and create characters for a book. They are shown how to develop a story and the characters for that story through drawing. They are taught all the steps to creating characters and skills that make a character come to life. Ages 6 to 16 years old.

Ms. K. Michael Crawford has been creating magical art and whimsical writing for Children's Books since once upon a time. Michael's latest drawing books, *The Mystery of Journey Crowne*, *The Island of Zadu*, *Batty Malgoony's Mystic Carnivale*, *Professor Horton Hogwash's Museum of Ridiculous*, and *One Whimsical Zoofari* are part of a drawing series that get children to use their imagination, teaches them how to figure things out and lets them make choices. Ms. Crawford has won a number of awards for her art and books.

Mark Hudson

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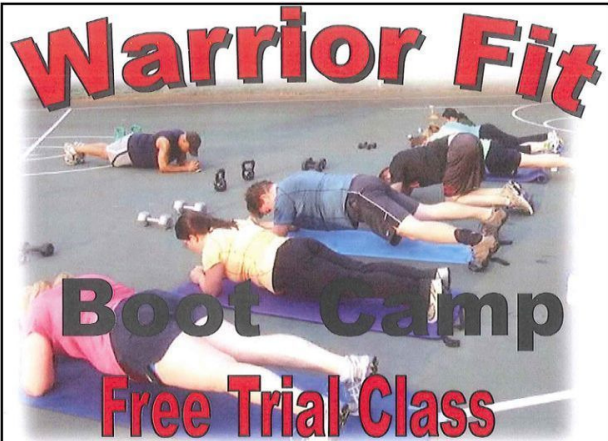
You Are Needed

Meals on Wheels has a critical shortage and is seeking new volunteers to deliver food to frail, disabled and home-bound people in the community.

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For more information, please visit:

Thursday, August 16th

month for great specials.

Please join the businesses along Howard Avenue the Third Thursday of each

THIRD THURSDAY!



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