



Kensington Around Town

JUNE 2012

CALENDAR

Annual Council Organizational Meeting

Mon., July 2nd
7:00pm

Town Council Meeting

Mon., July 2nd
7:30pm

Town Blood Drive

Tues., July 3rd
8:00am-2:00pm
Town Hall
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4th of July Bike Parade

Wed., July 4th 9:45am
St. Paul Park

Town Offices Closed

Wed., July 4th

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

ELECTION RESULTS

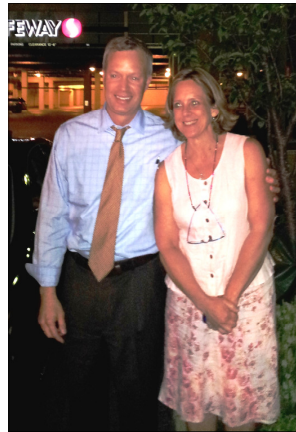
The Town's Board of Elections certified the results following the Election on Monday, June 4, 2012. The official counts are:

Mayor

Peter C. Fosselman 334
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Council

Tracey Furman 336
Sean McMullen 326
Glenn Cowan 277



Fosselman and Furman.
Election night.

Fosselman, Furman, and McMullen will be sworn in prior to the Town's July 2nd Council Meeting (7pm). Thank you to all of the Candidates for their commitment to serve our community.

Town Residents cast 556 ballots, including 87 absentee ballots for a 41% voter turnout rate. This is something that the Town should be quite proud of considering the City of Rockville had just shy of 17% turnout for their contested Mayoral race this past November and the City of Gaithersburg only garnered 13% turnout for their most recent Mayoral race in 2009.



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RESIDENT
PHOTOGRAPHER **KATIE RANGOS** FOR HER MANY
PHOTOS USED THROUGHOUT VARIOUS JOURNALS.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN

Dear Residents,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve a fourth term as your Mayor. I am also thrilled that Sean McMullen and Tracey Furman will be (re)joining the Town Council.

The last two years have been very difficult for the Council and you – for all of us. We have endured excessive legal fees due to multiple Freedom of Information requests, confidentiality leaks, and ethics complaints. The election sent the message that we live in a democracy, we need to work together and the way to advance is to continue the path of compromise. The olive branch has been extended in the past and it will continue to be there.

One of the first measures I plan is an overhaul of the Town committee system. I will be asking all current committee members to express an interest in continuing to serve; and inviting new members where needed. This is a splendid opportunity to have additional participation.

I have great confidence that John, Mackie, Sean, Tracey and I will make a skillful team. I am looking ahead to pleasant meetings, civil discussions, and conciliation again. Please let us know your thoughts and concerns as the five of us persevere to move Kensington forward!

Speaking of moving forward, some **updates** to share:

The improvements to both **Kent and Knowles** Avenues are almost complete. We hope to begin construction on the new St. Paul Park **Tennis Court** in August. Look for **new sign** sketches in the July Journal for Howard Avenue Park; designed by Jason Swain, you will have an opportunity to vote on the sign you like best. The **new bus shelter** on Connecticut Avenue between Knowles and Howard Avenues is finished. The **County Police** have been asked to increase their patrols at late hours to discourage summer misconduct. Town staff is completing the application for state funding for **Silver Creek flooding** from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; new state of the art storm water management has been installed at Westfield Shopping Center to mitigate runoff that contributes to the flooding. The Town Council will be sending a letter of concerns about the proposed **Costco gas station** to the County Council as expressed at the June 11th Town Meeting. In addition, we will also be expressing our proposal to the County Council for development credit under the Sector Plan and CRT Zone with respect to projects adjacent to the **MARC Station**. Safety measures are also finished on **Summit** slowing traffic and adding green space to the avenue.

Much appreciation for your confidence,
Pete Fosselman

Town Permits

10600 St. Paul Street
Addition

10005 Frederick Avenue
Fence

Fawcett Street
Pepco

Detrick Avenue
Pepco

3702 Dupont Avenue
Addition

3401 Ferndale Street
Addition



Labor Day Parade

The Town is looking for VOLUNTEERS and VENDORS for our 45th Annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering, participating, or being a vendor, please contact Kara Sherrill at 301-385-2864 or karalsherrill@gmail.com



4th of July Bike Parade

The Town will be holding its 17th Annual 4th of July Bike Parade on Wednesday, July 4th at 9:45am. This event allows every Kensington child to decorate their bike, scooter, wagon or stroller and line up at St. Paul Park at 9:45 a.m. Come follow the KVFD fire truck and pedal through the streets of Kensington, returning to St. Paul Park where more fun awaits. Free ice cream will be provided. The Town would like to thank **Mark Hudson of McEneaney Associates Realtors** for organizing this event.

MAYOR

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TOWN MINUTES

April 23, 2012 Town Council Summary

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2012.
- Approved Resolution R-17-2012 establishing 4 hour except by permit spaces in certain Town parking lots.
- Held the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and held the record open until the close of business on May 11th.

April 23, 2012—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. Council Member Sullivan was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed for Daisy Whittemore's parents, Helen and Reed Whittemore.

The Mayor thanked Elisenda Sola-Sole and all her volunteers for the Day of the Book Festival, thanked Harley Higgins for the recent document on Town history; noted the crosswalks and stop bars in Town have been painted; thanked the Town Ethics Commission for their time spent working on ethics issues and establishing an ethics procedure; attended the Noyes Library Fundraiser and thanked the Noyes Library Committee; attended the Grace Episcopal School Auction; and announced he will be running for a 4th term as Mayor.

Council Member McMullen commended the Town Crew under Jason Swain's leadership for how well the Town looks; he stated the Town budget is much clearer than prior years; and he would like to continue to work with the Town Manager on longer range planning in the budget.

Council Member Thompson attended the Noyes Library Fundraiser, requested the staff continue pursuing SHA for the curb cut needed on Plyers Mill Road, and requested traffic cones be purchased for use on time restricted streets.

In Public Appearances, Jack Gaffey thanked Elisenda Sola-Sole and Al Lacey for the Day of the Book Festival and noted the importance of having a viable business district; Elisenda Sola-Sole and Al Lacey thanked each other, the Town, volunteers, and sponsors for the Day of the Book Festival; Diane St. Clair suggested forming a grant committee to work on grants for the Town; and Julie O'Malley questioned whether there was a tree protection plan for street trees during construction and noted her concern about the tree on Frederick Avenue.

Town Manager Daily discussed Resolution R-17-2012 to designate approximately half of the four hour parking spaces to four hour, except by permit. Based on parking surveys, he recommended issuing annual parking permits for \$180 for up to 15 spaces at the 10450 Metropolitan lot, for up to 8 spaces along the south side of the railroad tracks and for up to 11 spaces at the 10524 Kensington Parkway lot. Residents would be allowed to park in the spaces with residential parking permits.

Julie O'Malley suggested finding unique parking signs for the Town; Duane Rollins suggested adding language to allow the Town to cancel permits if the Town's needs change and questioned enforcement; John Morris shared the new draft MARC schedule, which shows two additional trains and suggested signage for merchant parking; and Elisenda Sola-Sole stated parking behind the yellow building cannot be used because it is private parking.

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Town Manager Daily stated that if circumstances change, the permit would not be renewed. Council Member McMullen suggested adding language in the parking permit agreements to address this.

Town Manager Daily stated he is waiting for guidance from the Town Attorney on the storm drain easement at 10714 St. Paul Street and he received the bridge report for Frederick Avenue, which shows approximately \$30,000 worth of maintenance needed including guard rails approaching the concrete wing walls.

A Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget was held. Town Manager Daily stated the tax rate, except for the utility rate, was kept the same, funds were added to CIP budget, \$15,000 was put in commercial revitalization for work on the Design Guidelines and \$15,000 was put in contingency non-departmental. The Mayor stated the proposed budget leaves an appropriate amount of approximately \$500,000 in the unreserved surplus, suggested adding \$500 in for the Day of the Book Event, and questioned whether Council Members (only) compensation should be increased.

Elisenda Sola-Sole suggested funds be put in the budget to encourage others to start similar community events like Day of the Book. Julie O'Malley stated a new wooden sign was needed for Howard Avenue Park and questioned why the detailed fiscal year 2012 budget is different from the original budget adopted last year. Town Manager Daily explained the adopted general government and public works amounts did not change, but some line items in the public works detailed budget were changed for hiring the public works supervisor. Council Member McMullen recommended holding the record open until May 11th. See Council Actions.

Council Member Thompson informed Residents of a potential concern. He explained the County Executive has proposed reducing overtime at Kensington Station 5, Wheaton Rescue Squad, and BCC Rescue Squad which would leave three close stations understaffed during two critical hours per day.

Council Actions:

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-17-2012 authorizing the Town Manager to establish four hour, except by permit spaces in certain Town parking lots. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to hold the record open on the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget until May 11th at the close of business. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

May 14, 2012 Town Council Summary

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2012.
- Approved Resolution No. 18-2012 requesting Maryland Transit Administration to alter the new proposed changes for MARC service in Town.
- Adopted FY 2013 Budget (Ordinance O-02-2012).

TOWN MINUTES

May 14, 2012—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. Council Member Sullivan was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

The Mayor reminded Residents of the Candidate Forum on May 21 at 7 p.m. and the Town Election on June 4 from 6 to 9 p.m., thanked the Candidates that have filed; taught a third grade class for the day at North Chevy Chase Elementary School, he thanked the school and the Montgomery County Education Association which sponsors the program; attended the NAACP Annual Dinner for Montgomery County; attended the Annual Jubilee Roast, which serves the autistic and special needs community and is located in Town; and noted Summit Avenue and Cedar Lane improvements, to deter speeding and improve pedestrian safety, have begun.

Council Member McMullen reported Kent Street was paved and the speed bumps will be reinstalled.

Council Member Thompson attended the Kensington Communities Forum, he recommended the Town obtain the informative power point which Park and Planning showed on the steps involved in the development approval process; he is continuing to monitor the County Executive's proposal to reduce critical overtime staffing needed during the transition between volunteer and career shifts for fire and rescue services; and a Traffic Committee will be held tomorrow night.

Resolution R-18-2012 requesting the Maryland Transit Administration to eliminate the proposed 6:25 AM stop of MARC Train P890 and retain the stop of MARC Train P876 at 7:38 AM at the Kensington Station was discussed. John Morris, a Town Resident spoke in support of the Resolution. See Council Actions.

Jack Gaffey informed Residents of a new business in Town; Sabina Emerson questioned whether the Town would be taking a position on the Costco gas station, questioned how many meetings a

Council Member can miss, and stated an audio of every Town Meeting is available on the internet; Al Lacey thanked the Town for the Mayoral proclamation; Julie O'Malley stated business is not transparent and stated the last meeting minutes Residents have is February 13th; and Lorri Simmons informed Residents of the Roscoe Nix and Neal Potter Awards, expressed concern over the ambulance fee, and invited all to the Memorial Day observance.

Mackie reminded Residents with the summer season approaching to be alert for theft and vandalism and report all incidents to the police.

Town Manager Daily stated no comments were submitted on the Town Operating and Capital Budget Ordinance O-02-2012 for Fiscal Year 2013. Council Member McMullen stated the proposed budget keeps the tax rate the same, projects a half million in reserves, and is a reflection of successful efforts of outsourcing trash and an improved work force. See Council Actions.

The Mayor noted the Town has received preliminary approval for \$83,000 from the Department of National Resources Community Parks and Playground Program for a tennis court at St. Paul Park.

Council Actions:

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to approve Resolution R-18-2012 urging the Maryland Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation to alter their new proposed changes for MARC Train Service at the Kensington Train Station. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve Ordinance O-02-2012 adopting the FY 2013 Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Maier & Warner

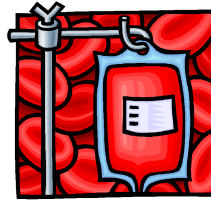
Public Relations/Marketing

Some of Kensington's best features can now be seen on a new video posted on the Explore Kensington *YouTube* channel. The video showcases Kensington's history through detailed photos and interesting facts about the Town's homes and businesses and follows the Kensington Historical Society's *Walking Tour of Kensington* brochure. To date, this is the most popular video with more than 175 views.

The Explore Kensington eblast series continues to feature the Town's art, parks, history and shops. An eblast entitled, "Explore Kensington's History," an accompaniment to the Kensington Walking Tour video, was very well received by the town's visitors and residents. Our second eblast in May focused on the variety of delicious items available each Saturday at the Farmers Market.

We are happy to report that the Explore Kensington social media campaign has succeeded in securing 200 fans on *Facebook*, more than 850 video views on *YouTube* and more than 50,000 monthly hits to the website.

What next? In June, in addition to our regular business postings and eblasts, we will bring attention to all of the wonderful parks in Kensington with dedicated eblasts, videos and online photo albums.



BLOOD DRIVE

In cooperation with the American Red Cross, the Town will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, July 3rd from 8:00am—2:00pm. Additional details will be available on the Town webpage in the next week.

Community v. Kensington VFD Kickball

Team now forming to play ball with the Firefighters and EMTs for a day of fun!

July 28, 2012, St. Paul Park

Call to sign up at 301-929-8000 or send email to KVFDKickball@yahoo.com

Cheering crowd welcome



MacBride and Gill Falcon Ridge Farm is back at the

market with fresh sweet cherries, over 16 varieties of homemade jams and jellies, dried fruit and a variety of baked goods. **New this year are frozen fruit ices!!!** For you hot sauce lovers, **Infusion Hot Sauce Co.** is a new vendor that will be at the market every other Saturday with their 4 hot sauces: Dragonfire, Firepower, Hypernova and Mango Bango. Each sauce is made from 3 kinds of chilies using a process invented by Alan. They will also have Dr. Dread's Jamaican jerk sauce and dry spice rub.



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERENCE

I stand this cool early
afternoon, the wind at
my back

Warmed by sun and thanking for our
brave

Soldiers and sailors from Kensington who
courageously fought for our country's
freedom and liberty. Their memories, hopes,
dreams, shadowed by magnolias, shag bark,
flowers and trailing yew. Silently meditating
by Jason Swain's 'Raising' my soul gives
thanks for their bravery, courage and
unbridled strength. Some never came back
home, others lived in their private shadows;
yet they selflessly gave that we today can be
free and live in Holy liberty. May their
strength inspire us today to honor them and
pass on the mantle for future generations.

Richard H. Rice
Town Poet Laureate

Mark Hudson

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the Queen's
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Shared Office Space for Rent in Kensington



To get a tour of the newly renovated office space
for rent in Kensington, contact
Ebony Montgomery at (301) 949-8628 x101 or
emontgomery@jubileemd.org.

Newly renovated shared office space is avail-
able on the first floor at 10408 Montgomery
Avenue in Kensington. Features include: easy
access to public transportation and MARC
Transit, state-of-the-art furniture, a beautiful
conference room that renters may reserve from
their computers, 24/7 electronic security, off-
street parking, and MORE! See our website for
more information and our ad on Craigslist:

[http://www.jubileemd.org/2012/05/office-
space-for-rent/](http://www.jubileemd.org/2012/05/office-space-for-rent/)



Thursday, June 21, 2012

Please join the businesses along Howard Avenue the Third Thursday of each month for great specials.

THIRD THURSDAY!



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To Kensington Residents