Kensington Around Town

JUNE 2013



CALENDAR



Third Thursday Thurs., June 20th, 6:30 pm *Howard Avenue*

Community Clean-Up for Silver Creek (see Mayor's Report)

> Benefit Concert for Peter Roelvink Thurs., June 27th Town Hall

Town Organizational Meeting Mon., July 1st, 6:30 pm Town Council Meeting will follow at 7:00 pm

Potluck Picnic Tues., July 2nd, 6:30pm St. Paul Park

4th of July Bike Parade Thurs., July 4th, 10 am St. Paul Park

Town Council Meeting Mon., July 22nd, 7 pm

Please visit the Town website for updated and current information. www.tok.md.gov

Public Notice Residential Parking Area Baltimore Street Additional Info on Page 8

2013 Town Election Results

The Town held our 2013 Election on June 3rd for two open Council Seats. Darin Bartram (Farragut Avenue) and Paul Sexton (Summit Avenue) ran unopposed and were officially declared the winners following the 9 pm poll closing. Considering that both Mr. Bartram and Mr. Sexton were running unopposed, turnout was continuous throughout the night with 114 total ballots cast, including 8 absentee ballots.

Both Mr. Bartram and Mr. Sexton will be sworn in during our July 1st Organization Meeting. The Town would like to thank Council Members Barch and Thompson for their service over the years.

Darin Bartram	97
Paul Sexton	104

114 Total Ballots Cast



Leash Law

Please be reminded that the **Town re**quires all pets to be leashed <u>and</u> under the full control of a responsible person when in public recreation areas, per Section 7-502 of the Town Code, A vio-

lation of this law may result in a \$45 citation for the 1st offense, and a \$90 citation for repeat offenses.

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Labor Day Parade & Festival Volunteers Needed—Please See Page 8 for more information.

FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



• Congratulations to **Council Members Elect Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton**. Thank you for your willingness to serve Kensington. Tracey, Sean and I look forward to working with you. The Town Election eve is most enjoyable to me because so many residents come out to vote; it is a true community event.

• Special thank you to outgoing Council Members Mackie Barch and John Thompson. Mackie has served two terms; and John three. Both have contributed an enormous amount of time and true dedication to Kensington. I wish them well in

their future endeavors. They know they will be called upon for advice.

- All Town Residents are invited to join us for a **potluck picnic on Tuesday, July 2** at St. Paul Park at 6:30 pm (This does not replace our traditional Town Picnic in the fall). Ice Cream will be provided courtesy of the Town. Pre-decorating of bicycles for the 4th of July Parade will be underway. Thank you Cyndy Bragg, Barrie Carr, and Dawn Frattarelli for organizing this fun summer occasion.
- Additional renovations have begun on the exterior and interior of the **Warner Circle Man**sion. The house is being prepared to remove the 1950s wing on the south side.
- The Federal ADA compliance project is well underway at **Kensington Cabin Park** on Kensington Parkway. While this is a county park, many Kensingtonians use the facility. A new walking path and play equipment are part of the endeavor.
- The Town Council is shaping a **community clean-up of the brush and overgrowth along Kensington Parkway, adjacent to Silver Creek**. This is Park and Planning property that has endured the downside of budget cuts and very much in need of attention. Details including date and time are to be determined.
- I had the pleasure of spending time with the students at **Rock View Elementary School** last winter. Recently I received a giant homemade Thank You from the students. Each time I visit a school, I learn so much from the children and appreciate our remarkable school system and our educators.
- I hope you consider joining us on **Thursday, June 27th for a benefit concert for Peter Roelvink, honoring his late wife Sharon**. Sharon bravely battled cancer, but lost the fight last year. Peter has been left with an enormous amount of liability associated with Sharon's illness beyond what their insurance would cover. As a result, neighbors came together and approached me about a fundraiser. See more information on page 11.
- Reminder that the Town list serve is separate from the Kensingtown list on Yahoo.com. In order to receive the official messages and important information such as Town events, street repairs, snow removal, and other services, please go to TOK.MD.GOV and click on "Sign Up" in the bottom right corner.

Town Permits

3606 Dupont Avenue Fence

3924 Baltimore Street Interior Permit

10704 St. Paul Street ADA Ramp

10213 Montgomery Avenue ADA Ramp

Do I Need A Permit?

In most cases, yes, you will need a Town <u>and</u> County permit for any interior or exterior structural changes, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit. Please contact the Town with any questions.



From Town Manager Daily

• The Council approved a Resolution at our June 10th Council Meeting to extend our paving agreement with NZI Construction. The Town will continue to

follow the VHB Engineering report to determine street priority. At this time, we have Frederick Avenue (between Frederick Place and Wake Drive), Wheatley Street (between Plyers Mill Road and Dupont), and the intersection improvements at Montgomery Avenue and Kensington Parkway scheduled within this next contract.

- The Council approved extending our Police Services agreement with Montgomery County, pending a meeting with the Maryland State Police this month. The agreement allows for additional police services within the Town above and beyond our standard level provided by the MCPD.
- The Town is looking into hiring a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to help staff with parking and code violations.

MAYOR

Peter C. Fosselman Mayor.Fosselman@tok.md.gov

<u>COUNCIL</u>

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May 13, 2013 Town Council Summary

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2013.
- Appointed Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.

• Acknowledged a resident petition for Permit Parking on Baltimore Street between Detrick Avenue and Connecticut Avenue; required public notice will be placed in the June Town Newsletter.

• Announced the Candidates for the June 3, 2013 Town Election as Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton; the Candidates Forum will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7 pm.

• Council approved waiving the rental fee for a fundraiser to be held at Town Hall on June 27th.

• Approved Resolution R-08-2013 authorizing the removal of "No Parking Anytime" signs on the west side of Wheatley Street between Oberon Street and Plyers Mill Road.

• Approved Resolution R-09-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract for Auditing Services with Linton, Shafer, Warfield, and Garrett, P.A.

May 13, 2013—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, 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 observed; the Mayor noted Bill Maury passed away and to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers and also to keep Jean Thompson in their thoughts and prayers.

From the Mayor & Town Council – The Mayor, Council Member Furman, and Town Manager Daily met with representatives from SHA to discuss widening of the median on Connecticut Avenue; a wider median to provide green space and a pedestrian haven would be possible because of the current 12 foot wide lanes; trees would not be possible because of new tree standards. Council Member Furman suggested any concrete areas could be stamped to resemble brick and also discussed changing the chain link fence over the railroad bridge to a material that resembles wrought iron.

Council Member Barch requested clarification on whether funds were in the CIP budget for the Montgomery Avenue intersection improvement project; he volunteered to continue to assist with the project after his term; and noted weeds and ivy at Flinn Park needed to be addressed. Town Manager Daily stated the CIP street reconstruction budget includes paving of Frederick Avenue from Frederick Place to Wake Drive, Wheatley Street from Plyers Mill Road to Dupont Avenue, and the Montgomery Avenue intersection improvement project.

Council Member McMullen discussed waiving the drill rental fee for a community outreach fundraiser on June 27th to help Town Resident, Peter Roelvink. See Council Actions.

The location of the path at Kensington Cabin Park was discussed. The Town has reviewed the plan with Brian Lenwandowksi, an engineer with Montgomery County Parks, and the location of the path cannot be changed. Town Manager Daily explained the placement of path was due to the grade, the location of trees, and ADA accessibility requirements.

Council Member Thompson reported the Traffic Committee met on April 23rd to tour Perry and Farragut Avenues for consideration of a side-walk; there are topographical challenges on both streets; funding would have to be determined; and property owners will need to be contacted to determine interest.

Council Member Furman discussed the location of last year's Labor Day Festival; noted the position of the Lions Club bus isolated the rest of

the street and some businesses on Howard Avenue expressed concerns that they were not part of the Festival. Town Manager Daily will discuss the concerns with the coordinators and see if they are available to attend an upcoming meeting.

A petition to establish parking restrictions on Baltimore Street between Detrick Street and Connecticut Avenue was acknowledged. The petition was to prevent non residents from inhabiting the street for long periods of time. The Council discussed the petition. Town Manager Daily stated the required two-thirds of households on the block signed the petition and requested guidance on scheduling the required notice. The Council concurred it was not an emergency and to provide notice that the restriction is under consideration in the next Town Newsletter. Mike Houser requested the Council respect the Residents' petition.

The Mayor announced reappointment of Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.

Town Manager Daily announced two candidates filed for Council, Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton. A Candidates Forum will be held on May 20th at 7 pm.

Public Appearances – Jack Gaffey suggested during the Labor Day Festival parking the Lions Club bus parallel to Armory Avenue.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations – Resolution No. R-08-2013 authorizing the removal of the "No Parking Anytime" signs on Wheatley Street on the west side between Plyers Mill Road and Oberon Street. Town Manager Daily stated the Traffic Committee met and recommended the removal of the signs due to insufficient parking on the street and he stated the width of the road was sufficient to allow parking. John Bailey clarified the location with the Council. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-09-2013 authorizing a contract with Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett, P. A. to perform the annual audit for the Town of Kensington was discussed. Town Manager Daily stated the contract with our current auditor, Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett, expired and two proposals were received. He stated Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett's price was \$842 higher per year than the other proposal and he recommended a contract be executed with Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett due to their familiarity with our process and records and their past guidance to help improve our accounting controls. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Council Actions:

Council Member Barch moved to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to support the community outreach event for Peter Roelvink and waive the fee for drill hall use provided they have the necessary insurance and alcohol license. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to reappoint Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve Resolution R-08-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to remove the "No Parking Anytime" signs on Wheatley Street on the west side between Plyers Mill Road and Oberon Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve R-09-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract with Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett, P. A., Certified Public Accountants to perform the annual audit for the Town of Kensington for FY 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

April 22, 2013 Town Council Summary

• Approved Town Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2013.

• Council discussed the ongoing negotiations with the Montgomery County Police Department for supplementary patrols within the Town.

• Adopted Resolution No. R- 06-2013 Confirming the Mayor's Appointments to the Development Review Board.

• Adopted Resolution No. R-07-2013 Authorizing the Town Manager to transfer funds within the CIP Budget.

• Deferred discussion and action on Resolution No. R-08-2013 for a future Council Meeting to allow Town staff additional time to research potential contractors for repairing the roof at Town Hall.

• Adopted <u>Ordinance No. O-01 - 2013</u> of the Town Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town.

April 22, 2013—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Town Manager Daily were present. Council Member Barch and Clerk Treasurer Engels were necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed for the recent tragedies in Boston and West, Texas.

From the Mayor & Town Council – The Mayor reported on all the wonderful Town events last weekend including The Day of the Book, Shred it Day, Mutt March, Noyes Library Gala, and April's Third Thursday, and thanked all volunteers and sponsors; he also thanked Senator Mikulski's office for their responsiveness providing possible funding sources for the Town Hall roof replacement; and he attended the installation of Jill McCrory as the new pastor of Twinbrook Baptist Church.

Council Member McMullen discussed the ongoing negotiations for patrols with the Montgomery County Police, noted the importance of having patrols during the summer months, and suggested looking into a private security group.

Council Member Thompson attended the preview event for Costco, attended The Day of the Book, which was very well attended, and the Noyes Library Gala. He reported the Traffic Committee met on April 17th, the Committee discussed the intersection improvement project at Montgomery Avenue and Kensington Parkway and requested review of plans as they are developed; a request was made to allow parking on the west side of Wheatley between Plyers Mill and Oberon; the current police agreement was discussed; cut thru traffic on the north side was discussed; and the Committee suggested reviewing the use of local traffic only signage if adopted by the Council. The Committee will meet again on April 24th to discuss sidewalks on Perry Avenue and Farragut Avenue.

Council Member Furman reported she attended the Noyes Library Gala, The Day of Book, participated in the Mutt Walk and Shred it Day, suggested the Mutt Walk become an annual event; and reported the April 30th Design Guidelines Task Force meeting will be postponed, the draft supplemental design guidelines should be available late May or early June.

Town Manager Daily reported he was deferring discussion and action of Resolution No. R-08-2013 authorizing a contract to replace the roofs on Town Hall to allow review of additional funding sources.

Public Appearances – Al Lacey reported on the The Day of The Book which was a huge success and thanked all involved. Jack Gaffey stated the reason for parking only being

permitted on one side of a street was due to the narrowness of the street; explained how speed bumps have been successful in eliminating cut thru traffic and speeding on Frederick Avenue; suggested considering speed bumps for Montgomery Avenue; and stated he supports the intersection improvement but other priorities should be considered first. Martha Deale thanked Al Carr and the Delegation for success in re-establishing one polling place for all Town Residents. Al Strasser suggested the Town continue to explore the cost savings of solar power for Town Hall, which may be able to be added in an unobtrusive way to comply with historic restrictions, and offered his continued assistance.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations -Resolution No. R-06-2013 confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Development Review Board was discussed. The Mayor explained the makeup of the Board and the valuable attributes of each member. The Mayor also explained the structure of the Board which provides for input from the Local Advisory Panel (LAP) for a project in the historic district or adjacent to the historic district. The meetings of the Board were discussed and they will meet initially to review the Sector Plan and then meet when projects arise. Council Member McMullen noted marketing or promotion of the Town would be the role of the Revitalization Committee not the Development Review Board. Pending development includes the Antique Village area and a development firm and a legal firm that are interested in properties from Connecticut Avenue and Plyers Mill Road down to the Konterra site on Metropolitan Avenue. Jack Gaffey stated he supports the makeup of the Development Review Board and suggested properties across from historic districts also be considered for LAP input.

Resolution R-07-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to transfer funds in the current CIP Budget was discussed. Town Manager Daily explained the purpose of the transfer was to fund a new roof for Town Hall in the current fiscal year instead of delaying it until funding is added in the Fiscal Year 2014 capital improvement budget; if a grant is obtained for the roof the funds can be adjusted; and most of the transfers will be replenished in the Fiscal Year 2014 capital improvement budget. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

Ordinance O-01-2013 adopting the Town operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2014 was discussed. No comments were received since the public hearing held on April 8th. Town Manager Daily stated the budget needs to be adopted as amended to reduce grant revenue by \$28,830 for the Clum-Kennedy brick pathway and the respective expenditure since the grant was not awarded and to adjust the capital expenditure allocations to offset the transfers in the current fiscal year for the Town Hall roof. See Council Actions.

Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed 2 to 0. Council Member Furman abstained.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve Resolution R-06-2013 confirming the Mayor's appointments for a two year term for Council Member Furman; Darin Bartram, a representative from the Town Revitalization Committee; Van Franke, a representative who is a professional architect; Brain Hak, a Town Resident; and a three year term for Matt Hodgson, a representative from the Town business community; T. J. Monahan, a representative who is a professional architect; and Martha Deale, a representative from the Town Revitalization Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve R-07-2013 to transfer funds in the current capital improvement budget, as read by the Mayor, authorizing the Town Manager to transfer \$15,000 from brick imprinted crosswalks, \$14,000 from park improvements-play areas, \$30,000 from vehicle, equipment & capital,

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\$25,000 from town hall renovations, \$12,000 from bridge renovation and repair, \$12,000 from storm drainage to Town Hall – roof and gutter replacement; and \$40,000 from intersection safety to street construction and renovation program. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Ordinance No. O-01-2013 adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and levying a tax, .136 for real property, .57 for personal property, \$2.50 for public utility personal property, on all assessable property within the Town as amended with Revenue and Expenditures of \$2,030,576. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Labor Day

The Town is currently looking for volunteers to help with our Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival. If you are

interested in helping out, please contact our Coordinators, Kara and Lisa, at:

LaborDay@tok.md.gov

We are also looking for sponsorships that range from \$150 to \$1,500. Additional information about sponsoring the Labor Day Parade & Festival may be found on our website at: **tok.md.gov/events/**



The Mayor and Town Council of Kensington are in receipt of a petition to designate a residential parking area along both sides of the 3900 Block of Baltimore Avenue (Connecticut to Detrick). The petition, signed by the required two-thirds (2/3) of the households on the block per Section 4-208 of the Town Code, formally requests that parking restrictions be established to resolve problems due to non-resident vehicles "... inhabiting the street for long periods of time."

If designated, only permit holders would be able to park at any time in the residential parking area. Council review of this petition for the designation of the residential parking area will occur at the July 22, 2013, Mayor and Council meeting. If the designation is granted, only the residents of the 3900 block would be able to purchase a permit to park along that part of Baltimore Street.

If you have any questions or comments prior to the Council's review on July 22, 2013, please contact Town Manager Daily at <u>SWDaily@tok.md.gov</u> or <u>301-949-2424</u>



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COMMUNITY



No need to travel far for art, music and theatre. *ExploreKensington.com* is keeping up with all the events in entertainment, so you can find

what's going on all in one place. We have announced art exhibitions at The Chesapeake Framing Company, Adah Rose Gallery, Weisser Glass and Foundations.

We were pleased to have performers from Kensington Arts Theatre's production of Ragtime join us on *Third Thursday* last month to sing at Howard Avenue Park. And Foundation Gallery, also home to musical live performances, occasionally teams up with GIGS for children's venues. *Explore Kensington* will keep you updated on the Summer Concert Series held at the Howard Avenue Park every Saturday morning. You don't need to travel into DC for live entertainment if you keep up with Kensington!

A gentleman who attended Third Thursday told us that as he was walking through town, he realized that Kensington would be a great place to shop for furniture for his new home. After visiting the various antique furniture stores, he made a final purchase at The British Pine Mine, spending more than \$10,000. His eyes were also opened at Kensington Clock Repair, where he had several old clocks put back on time.

Explore Kensington's Facebook has more than 400 fans and is reaching thousands of people each month with informative postings that range from events, things to do, sales and shopping tips.

Look for our Father's Day eblast that will feature some great ideas for Dad's for his special day.



Please join us for the Kensington Farmers Market every Saturday between 8 am– 12 noon at the Howard Avenue Train Station.

We are open year-round and have over 20 vendors during the summer months.

Kensington Historical Society Free Summer Concert Series

Saturday's, 10 to 11 am, across from the Farmers' Market.

June 15—Scrub Pines ~ Traditional Americana

June 22—Esther Haynes & Keith Grimes ~ Vintage Jazz, Swing, and Blues

June29—*Rita Clarke and the Naturals* ~ *Rhythm* & *Blues*

July 6—Know 1 ~ Folk/Americana

July 13—Scott and Cindy ~ Classical Guitar & Violin Duo

July 20—Janine Wilson & Band ~ Rock/Roots/ Blues

Please visit *www.tok.md.gov/calendar/* for more info and additional concerts through the summer.



Landscaping Tips: Watering Your Lawn

True, water is essential to lawns. But too much or too little can harm them.

Running the sprinkler all night wastes a precious resource and sets up the right conditions for disease. Frequent, light watering sets your lawn up for trouble in hot weather. Here are a few easy pointers for correct watering.

You want deep, infrequent watering that get into the root zone. That means at least half an inch twice a week, or an inch once a week as a rule of thumb.

Early in the morning is the ideal time to water for most lawns. There's less wind, less hot sun, and your lawn has a full day to dry. Watering at night invites mildew and fungus. In the hot afternoon, much of your water can be lost to wind and evaporation. If you live in the dry southwest, though, the rules are different. There, watering in the evening or night causes less evaporation.

You can water carefully and properly, but if the water isn't absorbed, your efforts are wasted. The only way to tell for sure whether the water is soaking in is by testing. Stick an 8-inch screw-driver into the ground after watering. If it goes in 6 inches, you've watered well.

Sprinklers are ornery things. They don't always put water down equally. To make sure water is going where it's supposed to, place a few empty soup cans around your lawn, and run your sprinkler for about 20 minutes. If water collects evenly in the cans, you know your sprinkler is doing its job.

How do you know how much you've watered unless you've measured? That's what's nice about water gauges. At a glance, you can tell how much water has gone on your lawn - either from your sprinkler or rain. You'll find gauges at most lawn and garden centers.

Source: www.scotts.com

18th Annual 4th of July Bike Parade

The 18th Annual Bike Parade will be held on Thursday, July 4th St. Paul Park. The



Bike Parade begins at 10 am and the Town asks that those wishing to participate begin lining up by 9:45 am. This event is open to all those young at heart that wish to decorate their bike, scooter, wagon or stroller and follow a Kensington Volunteer Fire Department truck through the streets of Kensington. The Town would like to thank **Mark Hudson of McEnearney Associates** Realtors for his continued sponsorship of this event.



Mid-County Sparkles

Please join Montgomery County on July 4th for Entertainment,

Fireworks, and Fun! Einstein High School (11135 Newport Mill Rd, Kensington) will be hosting the Independence Day celebration beginning with live music at 7:30 pm and Fireworks for 9:15 pm.

Shuttle buses will be available from Westfield Wheaton Plaza. For more information, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec



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New in Town? Or do you know of a new neighbor? Please let the Town Staff know of any new Residents so we may welcome them to Kensington with a hospitality package. 301-949-2424 or mjhoffman@tok.md.gov



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To Kensington Residents

