

# Kensington Around Town

March 2014

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## CALENDAR



### **Third Thursday**

Thurs., March 20th,  
5—8 pm  
*Howard Avenue*

### **Town Council Meeting**

Mon., March. 24th,  
7pm

### **Town Council Meeting**

#### **Public Hearing**

FY15 Budget  
Mon., Apr. 14th,  
7pm

### **Day of the Book**

Sun., April 27th

### **Town Elections**

Mon. June 2nd,

### **State Primary**

Tues., June 24th

[www.tok.md.gov](http://www.tok.md.gov)



## **Fiscal Year 2014—15 Budget**

The Town introduced the Fiscal Year 2014—15 (FY15) Budget at the February 24th Town Council Meeting. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 14th, 7:00 pm.

The FY15 Budget is available to view beginning on page 11, along with on the Town's website: [www.tok.md.gov](http://www.tok.md.gov). The **Real Property Tax rate** has been recommended to remain the same at **\$0.136 per \$100 of assessed value**.

If you have any questions about the proposed budget, or would like to comment, and are not available for the Public Hearing on April 14th, please email any questions to the Town Council at [Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov](mailto:Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov), or you may contact Town Manager Daily by calling 301-949-2424.



## **36 Years of Appreciation**

Mayor Fosselman and the Council presented Bob and Jo Ann Orr a proclamation on February 24th for their 36 years of service at the *Kensington Service Center*, as well as their dedication to the Town.

Located at the corner of Armory and Howard Avenue, Bob and Jo Ann have sold the station and will be retiring to Florida. Both were extremely grateful for the proclamation, along with all of the friends they have made over the years here in Kensington. Best of luck, Bob and Jo Ann!



FARMERS' MARKET

FRESH *and fabulous*

## **Kensington Farmers Market**

**Saturdays**

**8 am— 12 noon**

**Howard Avenue Train Station**

**Open year-round**

[www.explorekensington.com/farmers\\_market.php](http://www.explorekensington.com/farmers_market.php)

## FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



- ◇ Three (3) of the **Connecticut Avenue upgrades** will begin in the early spring. This includes new medians with decorative pavers and planting beds. As a result, we must find new homes for the planters all along the Avenue. The Town will relocate or transplant some of them to Town Hall, Town Parks and the new Montgomery Avenue/Kensington Parkway intersection. But many will be left over. The planters originally cost over \$100 each, and are made of high grade plastic and contain a compact Yew in them. The Town will sell them for \$25.00 each. If you are interested in **buying a planter** or two, please contact Jason Swain at 301-949-2424 or [jason@tok.md.gov](mailto:jason@tok.md.gov).
- ◇ With the multiple snow storms this season, we have an excess of salt and sand on our streets and sidewalks. Streets will be professionally swept in the coming weeks. However, the immediate curbs and sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility. **Please clean up the areas in front of your home or business and report any damaged walks or pedestrian hazards** to the Staff at 301-949-2424 or [Town@tok.md.gov](mailto:Town@tok.md.gov).
- ◇ The Town Manager and I continue to work closely with the County on **solutions to the Silver Creek flooding**. We recently met with County Executive Leggett as well as the Department of Environment and shared pictures of the damage and detailed studies of the north and south side issues. **Executive Leggett has promised County assistance** and a plan is in the works.
- ◇ The **1st Annual Potluck Dinner and Chili Cook-off** was held on Sunday, February 9th at the Town Hall with over 200 in attendance. I would like to thank the planning committee members for their hard work and efforts to make this happen: **Barrie Carr, Megan Griggs, Paul Sexton, Dawn Frattarelli, Duane Rollins, Lauren Robinson, Angelika Stablow, Jennifer Beaudet, and Judy Beach-Uhlman. Special thank you to Tracey Furman and St. Paul's Church as well as Jayme Heflin and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department.**
- ◇ We continue to **need volunteers for the new Greenscape Committee**. The mission is "to promote the health, safety, and welfare of those who live, work, and otherwise spend time in the town's outdoor environment." At the moment, volunteers include Tracey Furman, Julie O'Malley, Barbara Scharman, Helen Wilkes, John Bailey, and Karen Sage. If you are interested in serving, please contact me at [mayor.fosselman@tok.md.gov](mailto:mayor.fosselman@tok.md.gov) or 301-949-2424. **Thank you to Barbara Scharman, Tracey Furman and Helen Wilkes** for their months of work on the formation of this committee.
- ◇ A reminder that you **need a permit to place any items ( i.e., structures, plantings, fencing) in the right-of-way of the street**. The right-of-way is the area from the curb of the street that extends a certain distance into your yard. This area is controlled by the Town for street tree planting and sidewalk construction/maintenance; as well as underground utility placement/repair.

**Town Permits**

10041 Frederick Avenue  
Shed

10019 Frederick Avenue  
Fence

10608 Lexington Court  
Solar Panels

10211 Summit Avenue  
Washington Gas

**Building Permits**—Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit for any exterior or interior structural changes are needed, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff with any questions.



**From Town Manager Daily**

- ◇ The FY15 Budget will be presented at a Public Hearing on Monday, April 14th, 7 pm. The budget is available to view beginning on page 11 of the Journal. If you have any questions about the proposed FY15 Budget, please feel free to contact me at 301-949-2424.
- ◇ The following streets will be included within the Town’s street paving program this spring: Frederick Place; Frederick Avenue between Frederick Place and Wake Drive; and the Kensington Parkway Access Road.
- ◇ The Town plans significant paving projects later this summer. We will be following the recommendations within the VHB report to determine the next appropriate streets to be paved.
- ◇ Please be reminded that you may sign up for Kensington email notifications by accessing our home page [www.tok.md.gov](http://www.tok.md.gov), and then clicking sign up in the lower left corner.

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# TOWN MINUTES

## December 16, 2013 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2013.
- Reviewed the Audit Committee meeting, which was held prior to the Council meeting, and will provide an official report from the Audit Committee at the January Town meeting.

December 16, 2013—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, 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 to keep John Thompson in our thoughts and prayers for the loss of his mother.

The minutes from November 18, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

**From the Mayor and Town Council** – The Mayor reported he along with Council Member McMullen and Town Staff met with the Audit Committee, the Committee will be providing a report to the Town; attended the Committee for Montgomery Legislative Breakfast; attended the annual staff holiday lunch; thanked volunteers, staff, and KVFDD for the Tree Lighting Event and thanked all the volunteers for organizing the Menorah Celebration on the last night of Hanukkah; attended the Third Thursday event; attended the Kensington Historical Society Christmas Party, thanked the Historical Society and the Andersons for hosting the event; attended the MML Chapter Dinner last week in which priorities for the next legislative assembly were reviewed with members from the general assembly; attended Casa de Maryland holiday party; attended Wheaton Chamber of Commerce holiday event; and attended the

Thanksgiving Eve Charity Event/Concert by the Nighthawks.

Council Member Bartram reported he attended the MML Chapter Dinner which provided an opportunity to interact with other municipalities and legislative officials.

Council Member McMullen reminded Residents that Safety Month was postponed until April and reported on the successful Town sponsored charity dance by the Nighthawks, which received donations for the 20895 Hunger Free Zone; he suggested finding a way to incorporate additional donations of food by Residents unable to attend the dance, and announced a Traffic Committee meeting will be scheduled in January.

Council Member Furman reported she attended the Tree Lighting, MML Chapter Dinner, Committee for Montgomery Breakfast, Kensington Historical Society Party, and the Business Open House.

Council Member Sexton reported on concerns he has heard regarding the brick sidewalks across from Johnson's and suggested the Town or Traffic Committee review them; he also suggested the Traffic Committee review whether the no left turn on to Kent Street is still needed; and suggested the Town have additional business socials. Town Manager Daily will inspect the brick sidewalks across from Johnson's. The Mayor suggested after the Traffic Committee reviews the no left turn on to Kent Street it be added to the February Agenda.

Town Manager Daily reported the intersection reconfiguration at Kensington Parkway has been completed, the cost of approximately \$103,000 was less than anticipated due to there being less curb and gutter work; the Town will continue to proceed with street resurfacing according to the VHB street study

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and add more funds to street reconstruction in the next budget.

**Public Appearances** - Jack Gaffey suggested left arrows prior to the new intersection to alert drivers and suggested reviewing the history regarding the no left turn sign at Kent Street and studying traffic before any changes are made. Al Lacey stated the business open house was a successful event; thanked the Town for replacing the street light on Fawcett; and invited Residents to a pot luck Christmas party for his apartment complex on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Detta Voesar expressed concern over all the sidewalks on Howard Avenue not being cleared after the last snow and suggested the Town remind whoever is responsible to ensure sidewalks are passable. The Mayor suggested delivering a flyer to local businesses reminding them.

## Council Actions:

Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

## January 13, 2014 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2013.
- Merchant and business owner parking concerns were referred to the Traffic Committee which will meet on February 4, at 7 p.m.
- Acknowledged Receipt of the Town Audit Committee's Report for Fiscal Year 2012-13.
- Discussed the status of projects including a municipal parking district, sign ordinance, Town map, Design Guidelines, Silver Creek, Kensington Parkway Clean Up, Street Lights, and Improvements to Connecticut Avenue median.
- Approved Resolution R-01-2014 opposing the Amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance.
- Approved Resolution R-02-2014 confirming the appointment of Jack Gaffey to the Ethics Commission.
- Approved Resolution R-03-2014 confirming the appointments of Spencer Harrill, Jenny Smith, and Robin Watson to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

## Recycling, Bulk Pick-ups and Trash Collection



**Tuesdays:** Brush, Recycling, Bulk Pick-ups and Trash



**Fridays:** Trash



**Bulk Pick-ups** are for items such as furniture and appliances; **staff notification** is required and there is no fee for these items

January 13, 2014—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member McMullen was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed to keep Jean Thompson and the family of Jack Jones in our thoughts and prayers.

The minutes from December 16, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

**From the Mayor and Town Council – The**

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Traffic Committee meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The Mayor reported he received a letter from the Maryland Historical Trust on their inspection of the Armory and found the property well maintained; the Mayor thanked facilities manager, Shirley Watson, for her care of the building.

Council Member Furman reported that the Design Guidelines subcommittee will meet to review the proposed guidelines before the entire committee meets and reports back to the Council in March, she presented a draft version of the new Town map highlighting businesses, which should be ready for distribution at the Day of the Book; she will be serving on the Day of the Book committee, and will be attending the January 25<sup>th</sup> Ken-Gar Community Center dedication.

Council Member Sexton reported he attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and it was a wonderful event and thanked Dennis McCurdy for encouraging the Holy Redeemer School Choir to perform.

**Public Appearances** – Al Lacey requested the dumpster at Safeway be cleared; George Buckwalter stated the dumpster at Ayoub Carpet is overflowing and needs to be emptied; Sally Shaffer discussed parking concerns of merchants who received warning notices for parking along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street, she explained the merchants have always been able to coordinate parking and manage it themselves, and stated there is a lack of parking spaces for merchants and employees between 3740 and 3748 Howard Avenue; she suggested parking permits similar to the permits Residents receive, and also expressed concern over four hour parking not being long enough for customers to shop and dine; Eric Durland noted the water main break in Wheaton flooded into Silver Creek, which resulted in increased sediment in the Creek; and George Buckwalter stated the flood plain area at Silver Creek is wide enough to have containment ponds.

The Mayor suggested since the issue was not on the agenda, merchant concerns over parking be referred to the Traffic Committee first and then be put on a Town agenda for an upcoming meeting. He requested any concerns or suggestions be emailed to the Town for discussion at the upcoming Traffic Committee meeting.

The Mayor led a discussion on the following topics: **Municipal Parking District** – a concept included within the Sector Plan needs to be further evaluated and researched, as Town Manager Daily stated that there were some obstacles with shared parking agreements; the Traffic Committee will discuss at their next meeting. **Sign Ordinance** – changes have been submitted to Town Attorney Ferguson for review in an effort to clarify the existing regulations; however, changes will be minor as to not hinder the removal of all current pole signs by September 2014. **Silver Creek** – Town Manager Daily will meet with County Engineers to discuss further solutions to the flooding; the Kensington Parkway cleanup will continue in the early spring and will be discussed at a future Council meeting; Park and Planning will be invited to discuss environmental concerns, along with overgrowth at a future meeting. **Green Committee** – continues to be developed and will be tasked with reviewing landscaping, open spaces, and recreation areas; volunteers are still needed. **State Legislation** – Delegate Carr has proposed the County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act to allow local authorities to purchase their street lights; this will be discussed at a future meeting. **Connecticut Avenue** – improvements will continue this summer with the paving of Connecticut between Warner Street and Jones Bridge Road, along with median improvements, to include plantings, decorative pavers, and replacing the chain link fence over the railroad bridge.

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The Mayor acknowledged receipt of the Audit Committee's Report.

Resolution No. R-01-2014 opposing the amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance was discussed. The Mayor noted Resolution No. R-17-2013 was passed on October 21<sup>st</sup> opposing various changes in CRT Zone. Since that Resolution, there have been a few amendments to the CRT, thus requiring a second Resolution to oppose any changes from the approved master plan. An email was acknowledged from Julie O'Malley requesting opposition to Nancy Floreen's proposal, adding additional height to buildings through additional MPDU's, be added to the Resolution. The Mayor and Council concurred it was not necessary to add additional language since the Resolution already opposes any changes. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution R-02-2014 appointing Jack Gaffey to the Ethics Committee was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions. Jack Gaffey was sworn in to the Ethics Commission.

Resolution R-03-2014 appointing Spencer Harrill, Jennifer Smith, and Robin Watson to the Board of Supervisors of Election was presented. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

### **Council Actions:**

Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-2014 opposing the amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County

Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resolution No. R-02-2014 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Jack Gaffey to the Ethics Commission for a two year term. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to approve Resolution No. R-03-2014 confirming the Mayor's appointments of Spencer Harrill, Jenny Smith, and Robin Watson to the Board of Supervisor of Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **February 10, 2014** **Town Council Summary**

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2014.
- Presented a proclamation to Bob and Jo Ann Orr for their 36 years of service.
- Representatives from M-NCPPC discussed the Silver Creek Restoration project.
- Reviewed proposal for a new home at 3607 Farragut Avenue.
- Approved Resolution R-04-2014 to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Highway Administration for maintenance of plantings in the median of MD Route 185, and a fence over the CSX railroad tracks.
- Approved Resolution R-05-2014 to support House Bill 729 to assist local governments in purchasing street lights from utility companies.



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February 10, 2014—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The minutes from January 13, 2014 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

### **From the Mayor and Town Council –**

Mayor Fosselman thanked the potluck and chili cook-off committee for organizing the event and also noted the great turnout and how successful the event was. He also thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department for judging the chili cook-off and St. Paul's Church for their help. **Silver Creek** – met with County Executive Leggett with regards to funding a study for evaluating the flooding issues with Silver Creek. **Summit Avenue** - sent a letter to Executive Leggett and the County Council requesting funding for the extension of Summit Avenue in the County's 2015-2020 CIP. **Maryland Mayor's Association** - attended the annual meeting and reported that the State has secured an additional \$16 million for localities through Highway User Revenues. **Green-scape Committee** – is a new committee that will encompass landscaping, parks, public areas, and trees; the committee is still looking for volunteers.

Council Member Bartram attended the MML Chapter meeting held at the Town in January and also attended the re-dedication of the Ken-Gar Community Center.

Council Member McMullen held a Traffic Committee meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss parking concerns along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street with the merchants; the Committee does not have a recommendation at this time. The Committee also discussed adding an

additional no left-turn sign at Perry Avenue on to Lexington and recommended installing another sign with the current restrictions. Discussed the no left-turn sign at Kensington Parkway and Kent; the Committee tabled the topic for a future meeting to research the issue. The Committee also tabled the topic of adding parking along Armory Avenue at Reinhardt Park for a future meeting. Council Member McMullen also attended the Town potluck and Chili Cook-off.

Council Member Furman attended the MML Chapter meeting held at Town Hall and also attended the re-dedication of the Ken-Gar Community Center. Council Member Furman noted the turnout at the Traffic Committee meeting and thanked everyone for coming to the potluck dinner.

Council Member Sexton thanked the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce for their efforts over the last few months to become more involved with the business community.

Mayor Fosselman presented a Proclamation to Bob and Jo Ann Orr for their 36 years of service at the Kensington Service Center. Bob and Jo Ann sold their business and will be retiring to Florida. Bob thanked his customers, employees, and the Town for 36 great years.

**Silver Creek** – Mike Riley, Deputy Director with M-NCPPC, presented an overview of the Silver Creek restoration project, which is a cooperative effort between the Parks Dept., the Town and Eric Arai – a Boy Scout who will be helping to organize a portion of the project in conjunction with his Eagle Scout project. The objective of the project is to restore the existing rip-rap, remove invasive plants (mostly bamboo), and to plant new trees along the creek bed. Mr. Riley acknowledged that the watershed management of Silver Creek is mostly dependent on containing the existing runoff; however, this project would be helpful for the overall health of the creek.



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John Thompson spoke about the project and stated that this will be a multi-year project.

Barry Peoples asked Mr. Riley about the maintenance of Silver Creek and specifically about the vines and invasive plants currently present within the creek. Mr. Riley mentioned the County's Weed Warrior program for volunteers above and beyond the County Parks maintenance schedule. Mr. Peoples also thanked Jennie Gurney for her testimony with regards to the renovations at Kensington Cabin Park, and asked if the Town could look into reassessing the street pavement list. Town Manager Daily stated that the Town is working off of the current list and will continue to evaluate each street for repairs.

Yvonne Gurney asked Mr. Riley about possible renovations at Kensington Cabin Park and also asked the Town to look into purchasing a less harmful material to clear ice and snow.

Bonita Condon discussed the removal of invasive plants and particularly the bamboo; and also asked about joining the Weed Warrior program.

John Bailey asked if the Greenscape Committee would be involved with the Silver Creek project; Mayor Fosselman stated that the Greenscape Committee will not be involved at this point with Silver Creek. Mr. Bailey also mentioned a number of dead fish within Silver Creek at the bridge across Kensington Parkway.

**3607 Farragut Avenue Courtesy Review –** Chuck Krockner, representing the Davidson family, presented a review for the new home to be built at 3607 Farragut Avenue. Mayor Fosselman stated he had received a few emails of concern with the trees located within the public right-of-way and possible runoff issues. Mr. Krockner addressed the

concerns and stated that both issues will be taken into account through the permitting process and that they did intend to remove the one public tree and that it will be replaced. The Mayor informed Mr. Krockner that the tree being removed needs to be replaced at a 2-1 ratio of inches and the Town is interested in offsite placement. Council Member Bartram asked about the projection of the fireplace into the side-yard setback, and Mr. Krockner stated he was unsure and would need to research the matter. There was no public comment on the courtesy review.

### **Public Appearances –**

Jennie Gurney discussed her and Barry Peoples testimony at the County's FY 15-20 proposed CIP budget presentation.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations -**

Resolution No. R-05-2014 pertaining to House Bill (HB) 729 was discussed. This bill will allow Maryland localities to purchase street lights and street lighting equipment from private entities at a fair market value for the purpose of obtaining alternative and more efficient ways to provide street lighting. Council Member McMullen stated that this has been an ongoing effort between the Town, Del. Carr, and Maryland localities. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-04-2014 was discussed. This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Town with regards to the maintenance and upgrades to the median along Connecticut Avenue, along with the bridge over the CSX tracks; the agreement will take hold following the completion of the project, which is scheduled for summer 2014. Town Manager Daily reminded the Mayor and Council that the Town will be responsible for the new fencing along the bridge. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

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## Council Actions –

Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resolution No. R-05-2014 supporting House Bill 729, to Assist Local Governments in purchasing street lights from the utilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve Resolution No. R-04-2014 for a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Highway Administration for maintenance of plantings in the MD Route 185 median and a fence over the CSX Tracks. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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## Home Energy Audit

*By Darin Bartram*

Every month or so, I receive a report from Pepco that compares my home electricity usage to that of my neighbors, and I am consistently on the high end. Like many of us, I have heard about the home energy audits and finally decided to give one of the companies, Energy Efficiency Experts, a call. The cost of the energy audit is \$400, but Pepco covers \$300 of that through the “EmPower MD” charge located on your bill. Thus, by taking advantage of the rebates offered, you are simply getting a return on the fee Pepco is already charging.

I chose Energy Efficiency Experts ([www.epower3.com](http://www.epower3.com)) because of their ratings in Consumer Checkbook, and also because I wanted a company to perform the audit which does not also perform the suggested improvements. The audit took about 3 ½ hours and was very thorough. The inspector installed a blower at my front door that measured how many “volumes” of my

home’s air are exchanged each day. For good ventilation, you want 8.4 volumes; my house was drafty, at 16.4 volumes.

During the inspection, a thermal scanner was able to measure the amount of warm air that was being pulled into my house from the attic, through bathroom vents, the furnace returns, and a recessed lighting fixture. Additionally, the audit cited large gaps within my ductwork and made suggestions about improvements that I could make. For example, the copper lines to my outside air conditioning compressors had long ago deteriorated. Replacing the rubber insulation was a matter of taking a quick trip to Hardware City. The report was about 12 pages of very useful information.

The report prioritized repairs, some of which I could do myself, and others which would require a contractor. For my house, it identified fixing leaky ductwork and sealing the attic from the main part of the house as the two priorities.

To address the leaky ductwork, I hired Atlantic Duct Cleaning to perform an “Aeroseal” remedy, which is a process that injects an adhesive vapor into the ducts, with the adhesive material finding the leaks. The Aeroseal costs \$1,545 per furnace system, plus an additional \$395 if you need your ducts cleaned. The duct sealing work was eligible for a rebate of up to \$250, which I expect will bring my total cost down to \$1,690.

My family and I noticed the improved airflow immediately as we were getting a stronger airflow into rooms that had previously been cold in the winter and warm in the summer. The other major recommendation was to have the attic sealed and insulated. I hired DeVere Insulation for this at a cost of \$2,400. However, this work is eligible for a 50% rebate from Pepco; providing that a subsequent blower-door test demonstrates a 20% reduction in air infiltration into your house.

After completing the various improvements, I feel that my home is more comfortable, and I am glad I went through the process. Because I already have been paying a monthly surcharge on my Pepco bill to fund this program, I’m more than willing to recoup some of that money through the rebate program.

**TOWN BUDGET**  
**ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2014**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AND LEVYING A TAX ON ALL ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for the 2015 Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 must be submitted to the Town Council on or before the third Monday in April; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget ordinance must be introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to allow for timely notice as required by the Town Charter and establish a public hearing on said Budget Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget provides a complete financial plan, including anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures, for the fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, in public meeting assembled, that the budget for the Town of Kensington for Fiscal Year 2014, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, be and it is hereby introduced and to be adopted as follows:

**ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Local Taxes	\$ 898,689
Shared Revenues	\$ 558,500
Licenses & Permits	\$ 40,200
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 189,959
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 72,104
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 62,000

**ANTICIPATED OPERATING REVENUE**

Grants - County & State

\$ 1,821,452

\$ -

**TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE**

\$ 1,821,452

Re-appropriation

\$ 680,034

**TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$ 2,501,486

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURES**

General Government	\$ 775,701
Public Works	\$ 721,081

Public Safety, Parks & Non-Departmental

\$ 264,704

**OPERATING TOTAL**

\$ 1,761,486

Capital Improvements Budget

\$ 740,000

**TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES**

\$ 2,501,486

## TOWN BUDGET

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all of the sums set forth herein under the heading "EXPENDITURES" be and hereby are appropriated.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that there is hereby levied on all of the assessable real property within the Town a tax at the rate of:

***Real Property: Thirteen and 6/10 Cents (\$0.136)*** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value of said property.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** and there is hereby levied a tax on all personal property subject to taxation by the Town, at the rate of:

***Personal Property: Sixty-two cents (\$0.62)*** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value on the following personal property subclasses as authorized in § 8-101 of the Tax- Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland: stock in business, distilled spirits, operating personal property of a railroad and all other personal property directed by said article to be assessed, with the exception that there is hereby levied a tax of **Two dollars and eighty cents (\$2.80)** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value on the following personal property subclasses as set forth in § 8-101 of the Tax- Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland:

1. operating personal property of a public utility that is machinery or equipment used to generate electricity or steam for sale; and
2. all other operating personal property of a public utility; and
3. machinery and equipment, other than operating personal property of a public utility, that is used to generate electricity or steam for sale or hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Council hereby adopts the imposition of a full year, one-half year, three-quarter year and one-quarter year tax levies authorized pursuant to §§ 10-102, 10-103, 10-104 and 10-105, Tax Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington, consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Town Council may from time to time transfer funds by Resolution within the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget categories.

**ADOPTED** by the Town Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**PETER C. FOSSELMAN, MAYOR and  
President of the Council**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Town Council in public meeting assembled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Susan Engels, Clerk- Treasurer

# TOWN BUDGET

## TOWN OF KENSINGTON BUDGET DETAILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

ANTICIPATED REVENUE	Proposed Budget 2014-15	Amended Budget 2013-14	Actual Revenue Received 01-31-2014
<b>LOCAL TAXES</b>			
Real Property Tax	0.1868	652,283	646,278
Personal and Ordinary Tax Business	0.62	91,344	96,900
Personal Property Tax - Utilities	2.80	155,062	138,449
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>898,689</b>	<b>897,631</b>	<b>721,959</b>
<b>SHARED</b>			
Admissions and Amusements Tax		500	362
Income Taxes		558,000	318,919
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>558,500</b>	<b>311,281</b>
<b>LICENSES</b>			
Building Permits		5,000	7,807
Traders' Licenses		10,000	853
Cable Franchise Tax		24,000	18,286
Parking Permits		1,200	4,580
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>40,200</b>	<b>28,526</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENT</b>			
County Tax Duplication Payment		125,000	157,325
State Highway User Tax		62,653	47,925
Bank Shares		4,226	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>189,959</b>	<b>185,448</b>
<b>FINES AND FORFEITURES</b>			
Speed Camera Revenue		71,104	0
Code Infractions		1,000	128
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>72,104</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>OTHER</b>			
Interest		10,000	5,409
Town Hall Rentals		40,000	26,000
Municipal Events		9,000	9,623
Miscellaneous		9,000	5,969
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>62,000</b>	<b>47,001</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,821,452</b>	<b>\$1,819,896</b>	<b>\$1,289,343</b>
<b>GRANTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>			
CPP Grants		0	0
<b>TOTAL GRANT REVENUE</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING &amp; CAPITAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,821,452</b>	<b>1,819,896</b>	<b>1,289,343</b>
<b>UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS</b>	<b>680,835</b>	<b>210,680</b>	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE REVENUE</b>	<b>2,501,486</b>	<b>2,030,576</b>	<b>1,289,343</b>

# TOWN BUDGET

## EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### PERSONNEL SERVICES

	Proposed Budget 2014-15	Amended Budget 2013-14	Actual Expenditures/ Encumbrances 1-31-2014
Salaries	297,736	283,888	168,163
Payroll Taxes	22,888	23,961	13,453
Health/Life/Disability Benefits	6,234	37,288	21,670
Workers Compensation Insurance	37,327	7,357	6,316
Pension Contributions	56,330	42,583	8,991
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>420,515</b>	<b>395,078</b>	<b>218,593</b>

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

##### ELECTED & APPOINTED EXPENSES

Mayor and Council Compensation	22,000	22,000	13,000
Mayor/Council Legislative, Education, Travel	13,180	12,800	4,338
Training/Seminars for Staff	10,350	10,350	2,663
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>45,530</b>	<b>45,150</b>	<b>20,001</b>

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Town Attorney	40,000	40,000	8,629
Audit	10,500	14,000	10,500
Other Professional Services	27,444	26,444	18,079
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>77,944</b>	<b>80,444</b>	<b>29,208</b>

#### TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Town Hall Repair and Maintenance	36,665	30,288	16,976
Town Hall Utilities	49,368	46,850	23,679
Town Hall Equipment	10,500	10,500	7,904
Economic Development & Commercial Revitalization	70,000	69,300	42,350
Office Expenses	22,347	22,307	10,200
Office Equipment/Furniture	3,000	3,000	0
Insurance	27,673	27,673	14,895
Dues and Fees	9,660	9,460	8,887
Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500	2,124
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>231,713</b>	<b>221,798</b>	<b>125,495</b>

<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>775,702</b>	<b>742,470</b>	<b>393,297</b>
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## EXPENDITURES

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### PERSONNEL SERVICES

	Proposed Budget 2014-15	Amended Budget 2013-14	Actual Expenditures/ Encumbrances 1-31-2014
Salaries	216,515	177,221	105,167
Payroll Taxes	16,842	15,051	8,156
Workers Compensation Insurance	20,439	32,147	18,404
Health/Life/Disability Benefits	60,107	70,688	52,701
Pension Fund	37,949	29,433	3,533
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>351,653</b>	<b>324,550</b>	<b>167,961</b>

# TOWN BUDGET

## OPERATING EXPENSES

### OPERATING SUPPLIES

Training/Seminars	500	500	0
Drug Testing - Drivers	1,000	1,000	225
Uniforms, Gloves, Vests & Shirts	2,000	2,000	605
Small Equipment Purchases	7,500	7,500	1,286
Vehicle Expenses Fuel - Gas & Diesel	10,000	10,000	5,035
Small Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	2,500	2,500	1,711
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	20,000	20,000	12,796
Shop Supplies/Tools	2,500	2,500	1,757
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>23,415</b>

## REFUSE, RECYCLING & LEAF COLLECTION

Refuse, Recycling, Yard Waste Contract	115,000	115,000	76,626
Leaf Removal & Disposal Fees	13,000	12,000	3,481
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>127,000</b>	<b>80,107</b>

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Street Sweeping	16,000	16,000	3,050
Street Maintenance, asphalt, street name signs	24,000	24,000	5,776
Snow Removal, salt and contracted services	5,000	5,000	0
Sidewalk Repair & Replacement	25,000	25,000	11,206
Storm Drain Maintenance	20,000	10,000	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>20,032</b>

## OTHER EXPENDITURES

Street Tree Maintenance and Other Landscaping	100,000	100,000	35,606
Garage Maintenance & Utilities	4,428	5,000	3,216
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>105,428</b>	<b>106,000</b>	<b>38,822</b>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES</b>	<b>721,081</b>	<b>683,550</b>	<b>330,397</b>
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries	40,176	25,000	7,377
Payroll Taxes	3,105	2,663	807
Workers Compensation Insurance	3,793	2,500	0
Health/Life/Disability Benefits	1,000	1,000	0
Pension Fund	1,843	900	157
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>50,717</b>	<b>32,063</b>	<b>8,421</b>

## OPERATING SUPPLIES & SERVICES

Building Inspector	4,000	4,000	2,000
Parking Lot Lighting	2,000	2,000	404
Street Light Lighting	56,142	56,142	32,100
Traffic Enforcement [Mont Co Police]	35,000	35,000	6,455
Traffic Control & Engineering	12,000	12,000	959
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>109,142</b>	<b>109,142</b>	<b>42,938</b>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES</b>	<b>159,859</b>	<b>141,285</b>	<b>50,459</b>
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## PARKS & RECREATION

### OPERATING SUPPLIES & SERVICES

Park Lighting	1,045	900	441
Park Equipment and Maintenance	20,000	20,000	5,986
Park Landscaping	30,000	30,000	8,006
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>51,045</b>	<b>50,900</b>	<b>14,513</b>

### ANNUAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Municipal Events	23,000	22,450	15,156
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>22,450</b>	<b>15,156</b>

<b>TOTAL PARKS RECREATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>74,045</b>	<b>73,350</b>	<b>29,669</b>
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## NON DEPARTMENTAL

Contingency	30,000	20,000	0
<b>TOTAL NON DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>1,761,486</b>	<b>1,660,575</b>	<b>803,822</b>
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<b>TOTAL CIP BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>370,000</b>	<b>313,337</b>
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<b>TOTAL OPERATING &amp; CIP EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,501,486</b>	<b>2,030,575</b>	<b>1,117,159</b>
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# TOWN BUDGET

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXPENDITURES

	Additions to CIP Budget 2014-15	Estimated Total Available CIP Funding of 7/1/2014
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
Town Hall Renovations - Lighting, Kitchen & Drill Floor Renovation	25,000	36,922
Town Hall - Roof & Gutter Replacement	95,000	202,210
Town Hall - Drill Floor Replacement	5,000	10,000
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
Vehicle, Equipment & Capital Replacement Fund Contribution	15,000	87,726
Public Works Garage Land & Construction	25,000	40,000
Street Reconstruction & Renovation Program	500,000	500,000
Bridge Renovation & Repair Program	25,000	53,000
Storm Drainage Reconstruction & Renovation Program	25,000	53,000
Flood Plain Protection & Land Acquisition	25,000	35,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
Brick Imprinted Crosswalks	0	29,378
Street Light Acquisition & Replacement	50,000	134,958
Intersection Improvements	Close	Close
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>		
Park Play Area Improvements	10,000	51,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>740,000</b>	<b>1,233,194</b>

Unreserved Fund Balance 6/30/2013	1,762,570.00
Cumulative Assigned Fund Balance for Capital Expenditures 6/30/13	(437,031.00)
Projected Use of Fund Balance FY2014 Budget (includes \$370,000 CIP)	(210,600.00)
Projected Unreserved Fund Balance 6/30/2014	1,114,939.00

## 2013 Tax Returns

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN		
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		2009, ENDING
SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)		
City or Town	State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)	Maryland County	City, town or taxing area

The Town's **largest revenue source** is a repayment of the State's income tax to the municipality. In order for the Town to acquire its share of the income tax and to continue to help fund the services the Town provides, it is necessary the Town's name is filled out, **Town of Kensington**, in the appropriate box. A sample of the form is shown above with the appropriate box labeled.

## Town Elections

The Town Election will be held on Monday, June 2nd between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The term of Mayor Peter Fosselman, along with Council Members Sean McMullen and Tracey Furman are set to expire this June (2014). All have the option of running for re-election.

### Nominations:

Persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination at Town Hall by 4:00 p.m. on or before the second Monday in May – Monday, May 12, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town's Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels, at Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov, or at 301-949-2424.

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

## COMMUNITY



### Thursday

The shops of Old Town Kensington will once again be holding *3rd Thursday on March 20th*. Please join them in an effort to shop and buy local to support our local businesses.

#### Participating Shops and Restaurants:

5:00 pm—8:00 pm

*A&L Nail Salon*

*Country Cupboard Tea Room*

*Frankly... Pizza (Weather Permitting)*

*GALA Artisan Jewelry and Gift*

*Jenny Cakes*

*Kensington Row Bookshop*

*K-Town Bistro*

*Sage Style and Consignments*

*And More . . .*



### Weed Warriors

The Montgomery County Parks Department is offering Certified Weed Warrior training on April 23rd and April 28th. The program is designed to help fight the battle against invasive plants, and they need a helping hand! Please join them for one of the invasive plant pull projects located at various M-NCPPC parklands. With the help of your muscle power and hand tools, we will manually remove non-native vines and shrubs and save the mature trees and native plants.

If you are interested in becoming a Weed Warrior, please visit [www.weedwarrior.org](http://www.weedwarrior.org) for additional information and how you may sign up for Certified Weed Warrior training.



### The British Players Presents



#### Evening Performances

Thursday, April 10 at 8:00 pm

Fridays, March 28, April 4, April 11 at 8:00 pm

Saturdays, March 29, April 5, April 12 at 8.00 pm

#### Matinee Performances

Sat. & Sun. March 30, April 5, 6, 12 at 2:00 pm

#### Ticket Price

\$20 each

Group discount - \$15 for Groups of 8 or more

#### Kensington Town Hall

3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

Additional Information, including ticket information, may be found at the British Players' website:

[www.britishplayers.org](http://www.britishplayers.org)

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