

Kensington Around Town

MAY/JUNE 2014

CALENDAR

Ethics Commission
Thurs., June 12th, 7 pm

Town Council Meeting
Mon., June 16th, 7 pm

Development Review Board
Tues., June 17th, 7:30 pm

State Primary Election
Tues., June 24th

Town Offices Closed
Independence Day
Fri., July 4th

4th of July Bike Parade
Fri., July 4th, 10 am
St. Paul Park
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Town Organizational Meeting
Mon., July 7th, 6:30 pm

Town Council Meeting
Mon., July 7th, 7 pm

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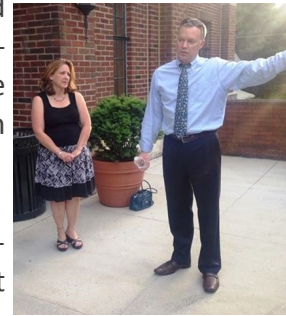
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2014 Town Election Results

The Town Election was held on Monday, June 2, 2014. Mayor Fosselman, along with Council Members Furman and McMullen were re-elected, as all ran unopposed. There were a total of 111 ballots cast, including ten absentee ballots.

The Town will hold its annual organizational meeting on July 7th, beginning at 6:30 pm.



Mayor Fosselman and Council Member Furman



38 Years Along Howard Avenue!

The Mayor and Town Council honored long-time Howard Avenue shop owners, Kurt and Lynn Pritchard of Pritchard's Antiques, at the May 12th Council Meeting for their 38 years in Kensington. Kurt and Lynn have decided to retire, and will be closing their shop; however, they plan to remain active in decorating with their online endeavors.

We thank Kurt and Lynn for being a staple of the Kensington community these last 38 years!

Fiscal Year 2014—15 Budget Adopted

The Town Council unanimously adopted the FY15 Budget at the May 12th Town Council Meeting. The Budget Ordinance may be viewed beginning on *page 6* or at the link below. Any questions or comments may be directed to the Town staff: 301-949-2424.

The FY15 Budget may be viewed on the Town website at:

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

FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



Kensington Residents: Thank you for re-electing me for a fifth term as the Mayor of Kensington. I am deeply honored by the support of the community over these last eight years, as the Council and I have been able to accomplish many of our goals to improve the quality of life within our great Town. While we still have much to improve upon, we have achieved a considerable amount over these last eight years, to include: Amending State Liquor Laws and Article 28 to allow for Quasi-Zoning Authority within the Town; Hiring a Town Manager to oversee day-to-day operations; Instituted a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the repair and replacement of our streets, sidewalks, park equipment, Town Hall, and vehicles; Contracted out our collection services and purchased large wheel-based recycling totes; Improved Communication between our Residents and the Town; Hired a Professional Public Relations firm to help promote the Town economically; Installed new Street Signs throughout the Town; Refurbished the Town's Gateway Entrance signs; Hired a Public Works crew leader; Built a new Retail Parking Lot along Metropolitan Avenue; Established a Design Review Board and a Greenscape Committee; Increased the number of Annual Town Events; and Updated our 33 year old Sector Plan to position us for future Smart Growth.

Over the next 24 months as Mayor, I am excited about the Completion of the Connecticut Avenue Improvements, to include a new median, plantings, and wrought iron fence over the CSX bridge; Sign Ordinance Amendments to help clarify our regulations; the potential for new Development in key areas; Complete a number of Town Hall Renovations; Town Beautification projects; Partnering with the County to restore Silver Creek; Finalize the Design Guidelines Supplement; Complete the Town Map project; and for a new Brainard-Warner Ad Hoc Committee. We will also look to improve parking along our Commercial District and continue to make traffic improvements. I also look forward to continue our sound fiscal stewardship, as we not only budget for today, but tomorrow.

On another note, I recently returned from the Annual Maryland Municipal League Conference where our **Town received the Banner City/Town award for our commitment to educating the community on the importance and value of municipal government.** This is a great honor for the Town, as only 40 percent of Maryland's municipalities received this distinction for 2014.

The Maryland Municipal League requires five criteria to be met in order to be honored as a Banner City/Town, to include: Are recognized among their peers as an active participant in showcasing municipal governments and how it works; Work together as a municipality to help strengthen their membership league; Foster goodwill by educating youth about municipal government; Maximize their MML membership by taking part in League programs and activities; Ensures the voice of their municipality is heard on issues relevant to the membership and in matters of legislative priorities.

On behalf of the Town Council and Staff, I would like to express our appreciation to the Kensington community for your continued support of our local government, as we strive to be the best town in Maryland!



Town Permits

10515 Metropolitan Avenue
Interior and Sign Permit

10200 Kensington Parkway
Apron and Driveway Permit

10518 Connecticut Avenue
Interior Permit

10516 Connecticut Avenue
Sign Permit

3912 Baltimore Street
Building and Driveway Permit

3916 Baltimore Street
Building and Driveway Permit

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

Residential Signs—Please be reminded that the Town follows the County's regulations on Signs within Residential Zones. Specifically, the regulations include the following:

- ◇ The number of signs are not limited, however, the total sign area must not exceed ten (10) square feet. For example, a 3' x 3' sign = 9 square feet.
- ◇ A temporary sign must not exceed five (5) feet in height (measured from the ground to the top of the sign).
- ◇ A temporary sign must be set back at least five (5) feet from the property line.
- ◇ No illumination is allowed.

The Town staff, along with our Attorney, are working on changes to our Sign Ordinance and hope to present them to the Mayor and Council this September.

Paving along Frederick Avenue, Frederick Place and concrete work along Plyers Mill Court is expected to begin later this month.

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TOWN MINUTES

April 14, 2014 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2014.
- A Variance Hearing was held with regards to the Town's side-yard setback requirements for a new home to be built at 3912 Baltimore Street. The Council moved to hold the public record (public comment) open through Sunday, April 27th. The Council will vote on the Variance at the April 28th Town Council Meeting.
- The Public Hearing for the FY15 Budget was held. The Council moved to hold the public record (public comment) open until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 7th. The FY15 Budget is expected to be voted on at the May 12th Town Council Meeting.

April 14, 2014—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. Council Member McMullen and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

The minutes from March 24, 2014 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor attended the ribbon cutting for the new coffee shop in Town, Java Nation, which opened behind Hardware City; attended the KVFD dedication for their new pumper truck; and noted the wonderful article on the Town in Bethesda Magazine.

Council Member Bartram stated that he is continuing to review with the Traffic Committee whether local traffic regulations should be exempted within the Town.

Council Member Sexton reported that the upcoming Farmers Market will be featuring Australian meat pies and the Kensington Book Festival will be held on April 27th.

A **Variance Hearing** was held for a new home at 3912 Baltimore Street, formerly the Reynolds property. Luke Olson, GTM Architects, explained the property was originally three lots and was divided into two incongruous lots by the County to preserve the existing street trees. He requested a two foot variance for a proposed bay window due to the lots being divided unequally and the positioning of the homes.

Council Member Bartram clarified the variance process. Assistant Town Manager Hoffman informed the Council proper notice was sent to abutting and confronting property owners along with the required variance sign posted, no comments were received.

Helen Wilkes, Chairman of the Local Advisory Panel (LAP), explained that the entire property was divided into two lots instead of three lots; the property currently has a single ownership with an easement, which allows more of a buffer; a bay window improves the facade and makes it more aesthetically pleasing to the streetscape; and the variance does not undermine the character of Kensington and is complimentary to the historic district. There was no other public comment.

The Mayor noted the reasoning behind the subdivision of the lot, along with its unique situation, HPC support, historic significance, and the agreed upon covenant with the Town not to build more than two single-family homes.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

A Public Hearing was held on the FY15 Budget. Elisenda Sola-Sole, of Kensington Row Bookshop, requested additional funds

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for the Book Festival in the FY15 Budget. There were no other public comments. Council Member Furman questioned the drill floor replacement under capital expenditures; and Town Manager Daily stated he is funding this project each year for a future replacement of the drill hall floor. He also stated that a significant amount was added to the non-lapsing CIP for street resurfacing to complete the recommendations within the 2006 VHB study. He also stated the real property tax rate will remain the same with a slight increase to the personal property and public utility taxes. The public record will remain open until May 7th at 4 pm. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to leave the record open until April 27th on the variance for 3912 Baltimore Street and instruct the Town Staff to prepare a resolution supporting the variance, which will be voted on at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to hold the record open until May 7, 2014 at 4 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 14 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Leash Law—Please be reminded that the *Town requires all pets to be leashed and under the full control of a responsible person when in public recreation areas*, per Section 7-502 of the Town Code. A violation of this law may result in a \$45 citation for the 1st offense, and a \$90 citation for repeat offenses.



19th Annual 4th of July Bike Parade

The 19th Annual Bike Parade will be held on Friday, July 4th at 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 kids, and 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 McEneaney Associate Realtors for his continued coordination and sponsorship of this event.



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TOWN BUDGET

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2014—Adopted May 12, 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

\$ -

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

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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 HAPPENINGS



Kensington Farmers Market Introduces Summer Vendors

The Town of Kensington's Farmers Market is proud to welcome seven new vendors for the 2014 Summer Season, bringing flavors from around the globe to the shopping bags of area residents.

Held year-round on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the historic Kensington Train Station on Howard Avenue, the Farmers Market showcases a curated selection of merchants that reflect the community's diverse and inclusive nature. From olive oils, handmade soaps and local honey to paella, Maryland crab cakes and seasonal produce, the range of products offered at the bustling market makes it a Saturday morning destination for foodies and convenience shoppers alike.

"Kensington's weekly farmers market is an integral component of our walkable, friendly community," said Town Mayor Pete Fosselman. "Its merchants add to the energy and vibrancy of our streets and provide an enhanced quality of life for Kensington residents and visitors alike."

New vendors include Karlacá Coffee Company, Magnet Earth Gourmet, Ms. Curry, Orchard Breeze Farm, Rocklands Farm Winery, Southern Cross Bakery and Wollam Gardens.

The Farmers Market also proudly welcomes back returning vendors All Things Olive, Cara Mia Bakery, Falcon Ridge Orchard, Geppetto Catering, Great Harvest Bread Co., Les Caprices de Joelle, Mystic Water Soap, Pataki Perennials, Phil's Dills, Pinch Chinese

Dumplings, Rabbit Hill Farm, Richards Farm, Stonyman Gourmet Farmer, Vera's Bakery and Vigilante Coffee Co.

Also returning for the summer season, representatives of **University of Maryland's Master Gardeners Program** will be on hand on the second Saturday of each month to answer gardening questions and educate residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices.

Explore Kensington

Since 1894, the Town of Kensington has been a wonderful place to live and an interesting place to explore. Our residents love living in a small town that offers the best of modern living — great shopping and dining in Town, yet easy access to the large metropolitan areas of Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Annapolis. Whether you are interested in antique shopping, taking in a show, or visiting one of our renowned parks you'll find what you are looking for in Kensington. To learn more, visit www.ExploreKensington.com.



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, Lisa and Victoria, at:

LaborDay@tok.md.gov

We are also looking for sponsorships that range from \$100 to \$2,500. Additional information about sponsoring the Labor Day Parade & Festival may be found on our website at:

COMMUNITY

The British Players Present

Under the Distinguished Patronage of Lady Kensington

The
BRITISH PLAYERS

present
**THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY**

**OLD TIME
MUSIC
HALL**
JUNE 13-28, 2014

Co-Directed by
Albert Coia &
Malcolm Edwards
Produced by Kim Newball
TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT
www.britishplayers.org or call
301-838-0042
KENSINGTON TOWN HALL
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

The British Players is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organisation.

The BRITISH PLAYERS annual production of *Music Hall* transports you back in time to an era when theatre ruled as the entertainment choice of the working and middle classes in Britain. Each year our show features a selection of the most popular songs that defined the era, together with soloists and comedy acts that bring back to life the humor that inspired a nation and kept morale alive through two world wars. Every music hall cast comprises featured soloists, the Edwardians (chorus), and the Bow Bells (dancers), all kept in line by Mr. Chairman.

Performances:

June 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28
@ 8:00 pm
June 21, 22, 28
@ 2:00 pm

www.BritishPlayers.org

The 2014 Kensington Historical Society Summer Concert Series

Please join the Kensington Historical Society on Saturdays, 10 am, at Howard Avenue Park, across from the Train Station, for their Summer Concert Series.

Schedule

June 7th ~ Scrub Pines

June 14th ~ Dixieland Express

June 21st ~ Rita Clarke & The Naturals

June 28th ~ Janine Wilson & Max Evans

July 5th ~ Esther Haynes & Keith Grimes

July 12th ~ Ellen Cherry

July 19th ~ David Meredith & Friends

July 26th ~ Scott and Cindy

Please check the Town's Calendar for the complete Summer Concert schedule.

tok.md.gov/calendar



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