

Kensington Around Town

October 2015

Leaf Collection Schedule

The Town will conduct our annual leaf collection **Mon., Oct. 26th through Fri., Dec. 4th**. There are no scheduled collection zones, as the Public Works crew will monitor each street on a daily basis.

We ask that you please rake your leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to please refrain from parking your vehicles directly on top of or in front of any piles of leaves.



Place leaves
to the curb



DO NOT place leaves
in the street

Please note that leaf piles should consist of leaves only! By including grass clippings, mulch, twigs, and small branches within the pile, this damages our vacuum and is the number one reason for delays in the collection cycle each year. **If your pile of leaves contains anything besides leaves, your pile will not be collected, and you will be responsible for bagging the leaves on your own.**



The Town requires all of its residents and businesses to clear a path on the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of each snow fall.

If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours, a notice will be sent to the resident or business reminding them it needs to be done. If a path still has not been cleared within 24 hours of the notice, a citation will be issued—\$65 for residential and \$195 for businesses. Businesses are reminded NOT to pile the snow at sidewalk corners or block pedestrian right-of-ways.

Exceptions: residential sidewalks located on Conn., Summit and Knowles Avenues will be cleared by the Town Crew.

If you are traveling during the winter months, please make arrangements before leaving to have someone clear your sidewalk.

CALENDAR

Pumpkin Rock N' Roll

Sat., Oct. 31st

12 noon—4 pm

Warner Circle Park

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Town Council Meeting

Mon., Nov. 9th, 7 pm

Veterans Day

Wed., Nov. 11th

Town Offices Closed

Town Council Meeting

Mon., Nov. 23rd, 7 pm

Public Hearing

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Kensington Town Dance

Wed., Nov. 25th

7 pm—11pm

Town Hall

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Thanksgiving

Thurs., Nov. 26th

Town Offices Closed

American Indian

Heritage Day

Fri., Nov. 27th

Town Offices Closed

Town Christmas Tree &

Menorah Lighting

Sun., Dec. 6th

Town Hall

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2nd Annual Chili Cook-off

& Potluck Dinner:

January 23rd, 2016

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FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



- **Aesthetic Improvements along Connecticut Avenue** by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) continue. Due to weather and staffing issues, the final project may not be completed until early spring.
- **Antiquated pole signs continue to come down** along Connecticut Avenue, Metropolitan Avenue and Perry Avenue. This is a result of our new sign ordinance that went into final effect in September. Businesses may only erect signs no higher than six feet and they must be in a monument-like format. Backlighting, changeable letters and other “carnival”-like qualities are no longer permitted.
- Mark your calendars for the annual **Christmas Tree and Menorah lightings**: Sunday, December 6th (see page 14).
- Mark your calendars for the **2nd Annual Chili Cook-off and Potluck Dinner**: Saturday, January 23rd. This is for Town Residents and their guests only.
- Thank you to the supporters of our **first annual Kensington Fall Festival**; special thanks to Linda Blackburn, Mario Bruno, Al Lacey, Eli Sola-Sole, Duane Rollins, Anne Stone and Dennis McCurdy.
- Thank you to our **Volunteer Fire Department and Sub Urban Trading** for a successful ambulance fundraiser yesterday as well. If you wish to donate to the cause, you may.
- Thank you to the organizers of the **Food Truck Night**; this first season was a huge success bringing hundreds of new people into Kensington; more importantly, the event was a true community occasion. Duane Rollins is credited with the concept; Eli Sola-Sole, Al Lacey, Dennis McCurdy, Mario Bruno, Linda Blackburn, Duane Rollins and Anne Stone deserve huge kudos for running the event all summer long, as well as the merchants and property owners of the Armory Avenue Shops for hosting the event.
- **Kensington is very active in the Maryland Municipal League**. Mr. Daily and I attend many of the conferences and chapter meetings. I serve on the Legislative Committee and I am the President of the Maryland Mayors’ Association. The Town is also participating for the 3rd year in the MML Banner City designation where certain community service goals are achieved.
- I would like to recognize one of our Town Residents who is a diehard Kensington fan and cheerleader. She is an enormous help with all of our events by spreading the word and getting people involved. **Thank you Barrie Carr.**

Town Permits

3509 Dupont Avenue
Dormer

3416 Wake Drive
Porch

10535 Wheatley Street
Fence

3906 Warner Street
Fence

10106 Frederick Avenue
Fence

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 Town Council adopted Ordinance No. O-04-2015 at our Sept. 24th Meeting. The Ordinance was adopted to clarify lot coverage for new or reconstructed driveways within the Town. Additional information is available on Page 13, or by contacting the Town.
- A Public Hearing will be held on Nov. 9th to discuss extending a non-exclusive contract with Comcast of Potomac, LLC, within the Town. Additional information is available on Page 13, or by contacting the Town.
- The new brick crosswalk along Kensington Parkway, at Kensington Cabin Park, is scheduled for placement the week of November 9th; the brick crosswalks along Armory Avenue are scheduled for spring 2016.
- November is **Municipal Government Works** month, and we invite you to attend one of our scheduled Council Meetings, Nov. 9th or Nov. 23rd, to learn about municipal government. The Town staff has an open door policy, so please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have relating to the Town.

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Town Council Summary from the August 10, 2015 Town Meeting

- Approved the Organizational Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2015.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2015.
- Approved a driveway reconstruction at 3502 Kensington Court.
- Approved a new driveway at 10200 Frederick Avenue, pending final approval of the site plan by the Department of Permitting Services with Montgomery County, and the Town's Building Inspector.
- Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. O-04-2015 - Amending Driveway and Apron Construction Permits. *The Public Record will remain open until 4:00 pm on Friday, September 11th.*
- Approved **Resolution No. R-07-2015** - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to extend an existing contract with NZI Construction for the resurfacing of certain Town streets.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-08-2015** - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to extend an existing contract with Maier & Warner for marketing and public relations services through June 30, 2016.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-09-2015** - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council to revise, confirm, and re-confirm the membership of the Development Review Board.

August 10, 2015—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. Clerk Treasurer Engels was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for long-time Kensington Resident, Charlie Haughney, who recently passed away.

The minutes from the July 6th Organizational

and Town Meetings were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor reminded Residents of the upcoming 48th Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival; and announced that Jack Gaffey will be the Grand Marshal; the Montgomery Art Association (MAA), along with the Town, will once again host Paint the Town during Labor Day weekend and that the Town will donate \$250 to MAA. The Mayor also announced that the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) and Town will host a Movie in the Park on Sunday, September 6th, and also asked that Residents consider donating to KVFD's ambulance fund.

The Mayor stated he met with the property owner of the Kensington Shopping Center, and also met with the owners of SpiderSmart, a new business offering academic tutoring; thanked the KVFD for sponsoring Movie in the Park, along with all of the volunteers that helped; attended a campaign kick-off for Patrick Wojahn, currently on the City Council of College Park and Mayoral Candidate; met with Secretary of Aging, Rona Kramer, to discuss services that may be helpful to Kensington Residents; met with Town staff to discuss a number of code violations; met with the Maryland Municipal League (MML) staff to discuss agenda items for the Mayor's Association; and met with Town Residents, St. Paul's Church, Council Member Furman, and staff to discuss parking concerns along Fawcett and Mitchell Streets.

Council Member Furman reported she will be attending the Historic Preservation Commission hearing with regards to the Pergola at Howard Avenue Park; reported the plantings and trees at Howard Avenue Park are doing well, along with the boxwoods that were transplanted to Clum Kennedy Park; noted

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posters of the Town Map have been printed and will be for sale during the Labor Day festival, with proceeds going towards Noyes Children's Library.

Council Member McMullen stated that he has been approached by Residents several times about composting within the Town and was asked to look into Howard County's composting program. After discussing the possibility with Town staff, and reviewing Howard County's program, Council Member McMullen suggested that the Town reach out to neighboring municipalities, along with the County, to explore the possibility; and announced that the Traffic Committee will meet the last week of September.

Mayor Fosselman noted that the Town has ordered additional recycling bins and to contact the Town staff if you are interested.

Council Member Bartram thanked the Residents of the Town for a second term.

A Hearing was held to review the request for the widening of the driveway at 3502 Kensington Court, in accordance with Section 3-203 (a) of the Town Code. The property owners, Joel and Julia Martin, were present and explained that due to the configuration of the lot, the widening of the driveway would be helpful with the parking of their two cars.

Bonita Condon, 3504 Kensington Court, spoke in favor of the request to widen the driveway.

The Town's Building Inspector, along with staff, recommended that the request be approved, and noted no objections to the request had been received. See Council Actions.

A courtesy review was held for the proposed new home at 10200 Frederick Avenue. The Mayor stated that the lot is buildable, and noted that the Town's regulations pertain to

side-yard setbacks only, and all requirements of the Department of Permitting Services with Montgomery County will have to be met prior to final Town approval. The property owners, T.J. and Katherine Monahan, were present and presented a site plan and renderings of the proposed home to the Mayor and Council.

Tim Stelzig, 10119 Frederick Avenue, requested clarification on any tree removal requirements, and welcomed the Monahans to the neighborhood.

Julie O'Malley, 10019 Frederick Avenue, stated the pictures sent through an email to neighbors were not flattering, and mentioned that when you look at the side of the house from Kent Street, it appears massive, and suggested altering the architectural features.

Gay Hardwick, 3505 Kent Street, stated she supports infill development, but does not believe the proposed house meets zoning code. Ms. Hardwick expressed concern over the height of the proposed home and how the calculations were determined within the site plan. She also noted a concern with the placement of the garage on Frederick Avenue and did not believe this met zoning regulations within the County.

Delinda Hanley, 3500 Kent Street, asked about the removal of any large trees and how long the building process may take.

Jeff Hardwick, 3505 Kent Street, asked how the dimensions of the trees were calculated and on any possible removals.

Darin West, 10203 Frederick Avenue, spoke in support of the proposed house and welcomed the Monahans.

Paul Sexton, 10215 Summit Avenue, spoke in support of the proposed house. Mr. Monahan stated he was happy to meet with any of the neighbors to discuss the design of the house

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and he intends to keep as many trees as possible; he also noted that landscaping will help enhance the appearance. Mr. Monahan also mentioned that the front of the house, Frederick Avenue, is eight (8) inches under the height requirements, and the plans propose as much as possible of the house to be below grade. He anticipates construction taking six (6) to seven (7) months once all permits have been approved.

The Mayor requested that an update be presented before the Council once the plans have been finalized and prior to submittal to the County and Town.

A Hearing was held to review the request for a proposed driveway at 10200 Frederick Avenue, in accordance with Section 3-203 (a) of the Town Code. The property owners, T.J. and Katherine Monahan, were present and requested the Town to allow a driveway width of 20 feet. Town Manager Daily noted that the existing law requires that driveway widths be held to 11 feet at the property line; however, Ordinance No. O-04-2015, on the Agenda for a Public Hearing, would allow for a wider driveway to correspond with an existing garage.

Council Member Furman supported a larger driveway due to the configuration of the lot.

Julie O'Malley, 10019 Frederick Avenue, spoke in support of the two car driveway, as it eliminates the blocking of streets.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman explained that within Section 3-203 (a) of the Town Code, certain conditions must be met to allow for a driveway width to be greater than 11 feet. Of the seven criteria, six have been met; however, the seventh would be met if the final site plan (for the proposed house at 10200 Frederick Avenue) submitted to the Department of Permitting Services with Montgomery County was approved. The staff

recommended that the driveway width of 20 feet be approved, pending approval of the site plan by DPS and the Town's Building Inspector.

Follow up -

Council Member McMullen noted that the Town would include the crosswalk at Kensington Cabin Park with the proposed crosswalk enhancements along Armory Avenue at Howard and Knowles Avenues.

Town Manager Daily stated that the crosswalks will be placed once the paving of Armory Avenue has been completed.

From the Public -

Leslie Olson expressed concern over the speed of vehicles traveling along Metropolitan Avenue and asked about two blinking lights at the corner of Metropolitan and St. Paul.

Town Manager Daily stated that Metropolitan Avenue does not meet the criteria for speed cameras and that the Town staff would look into the blinking lights.

Mayor Fosselman stated he would discuss additional traffic calming devices with the State Highway Administration.

Sabina Emerson expressed concern over the smell of the dumpster within the Safeway garage along Armory Avenue.

Town Manager Daily stated he would contact Safeway's manager.

George Buckwalter stated that the exhaust fans within Safeway's garage do not work; requested an update on parking along Fawcett Street, and noted that the street is still missing signs.

The Mayor stated an additional part time Code Enforcement Officer had been hired to help with enforcement during off-hours, and

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the Town would verify what signs were missing and have them replaced.

Alice Kessler expressed concern that there is no crosswalk between Flinn Park and Clum Kennedy Park.

Town Manager Daily stated the Town will research the issue and see if a crosswalk is feasible.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

A Public Hearing was held for Ordinance No. O-04-2015, amending Chapter III, “Streets, Sidewalks, Maintenance and Use of the Public Rights of Way”, to repeal Section 3-202, “Driveway Construction Permits”; to Repeal, renumber and reenact Section 3-204, “Construction and Maintenance of Driveway Aprons”, and to renumber Sections 3-205 “construction of new streets”, 3-206 “Bonds required” and 3-207, “Penalties”, and amending Chapter V “Housing and Building Regulations” to repeal and reenact, Section 5-102 “Town Building Permit Required” and to enact Section 5-107, “Driveways and Parking Surfaces.

Leslie Olson requested a summary of the Ordinance.

The Mayor explained that the intent of the Ordinance is to prevent people from paving their entire front yards and turning them into parking lots.

George Buckwalter questioned who is responsible for maintaining driveway aprons.

The Mayor and Town Manager explained it is the responsibility of the property owner; however, the Town will include aprons within any street reconstruction project.

The Public Record with regards to Ordinance No. O-04-2015 will remain open until the close of business on Friday, September 11th.

See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-07-2015 – A Resolution amending a contract for street improvements and repairs was presented. Town Manager Daily stated the CIP Budget was approved to include an additional \$350,000 for street resurfacing. There was no public comment.

Resolution No. R-08-2015 – A Resolution to extend a contract with Maier Warner Public Relations to serve as the marketing and public relations representative for the Town was presented. See Council Actions.

Eli Sola-Sole commended Kariann Zentz, Maier Warner, for the work she does with the businesses, and suggested including within the scope of work for Maier Warner the promotion of the Day of the Book Festival, Kensington Car Show, and Fall Festival.

The Mayor recommended the staff update Maier Warner on events sponsored by the Town.

Jack Gaffey suggested that the promotion of the Model Train Show be included within the scope of work.

Julie O’Malley asked when the Town Map poster would be available.

Council Member Furman confirmed that it will be distributed during Labor Day weekend at Paint the Town; the cost will be \$5 with proceeds benefiting Noyes Children’s Library.

Resolution No. R-09-2015 – A Resolution to revise the membership of the Development Review Board and to reconfirm appointments. Town Manager Daily stated this resolved the issue of the Revitalization Committee being dissolved, and allows for Council appointments to coincide with their elected terms.

Julie O’Malley stated that the Revitalization Committee was a group of volunteers from

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the community, which started in the 1990's, and was intended to work on projects such as Howard and Metropolitan Avenues. Ms. O'Malley questioned if the DRB would serve the same purpose.

Mayor Fosselman explained that the Development Review Board (DRB) is an ad-hoc committee similar to the Revitalization Committee and all meetings are open to the public.

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Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Minutes from the July 6, 2015 Organizational Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Bartram abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to approved the Minutes from the July 6, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Bartram abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to accept the Staff recommendation regarding 3502 Kensington Court for the driveway width expansion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the driveway at 10200 Frederick Avenue pending final approval of the site plan by the Department of Permitting Services with Montgomery County; meeting the seven conditions in the Town code, and approval of the Town's Building Inspector. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to hold the record open through 4:00 pm on Friday, September 11, 2015 for Ordinance No. O-04-2015 Amending the Driveway and Apron Construction Permits. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution R-07-2015 to amend the contract for street improvements and repairs

with NZI Construction for an additional \$350,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve R-08-2015 to extend the contract with Maier Warner from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve R-09-2015 to revise the membership of the Development Review Board and Confirm/Re-Confirm Appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Council Summary from the September 24, 2015 Town Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2015.
- Discussed providing a grant fund for activities held within the public right-of-way that will require an insurance endorsement; Town staff will review and present at the October Council Meeting.
- Approved the closure of Howard Avenue for the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 18, 2015 and for the Day of the Book Festival on Sunday, April 24, 2016; requested that the Town staff work with the Coordinator of the Kensington Car Show to determine if an alternative date and location is feasible before committing to Howard Avenue. The Town staff will report findings at the October Council Meeting.
- Adopted **Ordinance No. O-04-2015** - An Ordinance amending apron and driveway regulations and permitting requirements. *The Ordinance will take effect on October 14, 2015.*
- Approved **Resolution No. R-10-2015** - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council to

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exercise a one (1) year extension with Unity Disposal and Recycling through December 31, 2016.

September 24, 2015—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Rodriguez, Town Attorney Ferguson, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Town Manager Daily was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Resident Lola Miles, who recently passed away.

The minutes from the August 10th Town Meeting were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor thanked staff, volunteers, coordinators Lisa Kelley-Connor and Victoria Randall, Maier Warner, the Montgomery County Police, KVFD, Grand Marshal Jack Gaffey, and all the generous sponsors of the successful Labor Day Parade; thanked the Montgomery Art Association for another great Paint the Town event and for the art they provide at Town Hall; thanked volunteers and sponsors of the Model Train Show, especially Gary and Diana Ditto; thanked Council Member Furman for initiating the sale of the Town maps; thanked the 8K race organizers and volunteers; and thanked the KVFD for their successful movie in the park series, and mentioned their fundraiser, along with Sub*Urban Trading Co., on October 18th for a new ambulance.

The Mayor informed Residents that additional recycling bins are available if a replacement or a second one is needed; he met with Council Member Furman, Maier Warner, and Town Manager Daily to go over services in the new contract including minor improvements to signage, kiosk improvements, and modernizing the Town logo; and as part of the

public amenity agreement with Safeway, the Town will be reaching out to businesses, schools, and organizations to decorate the windows facing Armory avenue; announced the MML Legislative Committee met and set priorities as highway revenue fees and program open space; and the Maryland Mayor's Association had its first board meeting and supported the MML legislative priorities.

Council Member McMullen announced a Traffic Committee meeting will be held on October 13th, 7 pm, to address time restrictions due to the new school start time and to discuss the crosswalk at Frederick and Montgomery Avenues; thanked the KVFD for clearing a large tree limb along Frederick Avenue; and mentioned he attended a phenomenal book event at Kensington Row Bookshop, which has many outstanding author events.

Council Member Furman thanked Paint the Town organizers who were a great help with the Town map poster sales; announced the Greenscape Committee will meet October 15th, 7 p.m.; and suggested informing Residents of the process in which trees within the public right-of-way are removed and replaced.

Council Member Rodriguez attended the Friends of the Library event on July 21st, where Karen Johnson gave a wonderful presentation on her literary themed sustainable garden plan for the Kensington library; anyone interested in serving on the committee is encouraged to contact Friends of the Library; and also noted that the Stephen Knolls School will be having their 50th Anniversary on September 26th.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated NZI paving had been completed, and striping was scheduled for the following week. The proposed crosswalks at Armory and Howard Avenues, along with Frederick Avenue, are scheduled to be installed the first week of

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November.

The Council discussed the Town's policy of requiring block parties to obtain general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 in order to close down Town streets. The Town staff initiated the policy following the recommendation of the Town's insurance provider, Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). The Town's Attorney, Suellen Ferguson, stated that the Town already requires liability for the Town's facilities (Resolution R-16-2013), and that staff was applying this principle to activities held within the public right-of-way. Ms. Ferguson noted that the reason LGIT had recommended liability insurance for block parties, or activities held within the public right-of-way, is because individuals or organizations are not covered under the Town's insurance, and this may allow for unnecessary claims against the Town.

Town Attorney Ferguson mentioned that the Town's insurance provider, LGIT, currently offers a Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP) to assist individuals and organizations in obtaining liability insurance for their event. Ms. Ferguson explained that the Town does not require that the liability insurance be purchased through TULIP, as it may also be purchased through an existing homeowners' policy, or other insurance carriers. Currently, the policy price for a block party (street closure) through the TULIP program is \$190.

Val Deale, Washington Street Block Party, explained the history of the "Pitchfork" block party he organizes each year, and the importance of the event to him and his surrounding neighbors. Mr. Deale stated that he currently does not collect enough funds to cover the cost of the required insurance, and had it not been for a generous offer to off-set the cost of the insurance liability, they would not have been able to cover the costs of the block party and would have to reconsider.

Julie O'Malley stated there are not that many block parties held, and suggested a grant from the Town to cover the costs of the insurance.

Duane Rollins spoke in support of the block parties and agreed that the Town provide some type of grant to help cover the insurance costs.

The Council agreed on the importance of requiring additional liability insurance for events held within the public right-of-way, and were open to providing a grant program to reimburse the associated costs.

Council Member Bartram questioned how effective the insurance would be in an unlikely event occurring.

Town Staff will discuss the effectiveness with LGIT and report at the October meeting.

The Council tabled the discussion until the October Town Council Meeting.

The Mayor and Council discussed the requests to close Howard Avenue for three separate events: 1) The 1st Annual Kensington Fall Festival; 2) The Annual Day of the Book Festival; and 3) The 3rd Annual Kensington Car Show.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman reported that the Town received a number of calls and emails with regards to the closing of Howard Avenue for the events, to include: eight (8) emails or calls, seven (7) of which were from businesses along Howard Avenue, opposing the closing of Howard Avenue; and thirty-eight (38) calls or emails in support of closing Howard Avenue, in which six (6) were from Town businesses, twenty-six (26) from Town Residents, and six (6) from individuals from outside the community. Within the support for closing Howard Avenue, the Town received a letter the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce, in addition to support from the

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Executive Director of the Prevention of Blindness Association.

Linda Blackburn (Kensington Fall Festival); Liz Brennan; Mario Bruno (Kensington Car Show); George Buckwalter; Joseph Campbell; Connor Crimmins; Jennifer Fulton; Jack Gaffey; Julie O'Malley; Duane Rollins; Ann Stone; and Eli Sola-Sole (Day of the Book) all spoke in favor of the events and for closing Howard Avenue.

Doug Meyers (Modern Mobler) and Margaret Goldsborough (Goldsborough Glynn), Howard Avenue business owners, stated they were both in favor of the events; however, they were against closing Howard Avenue, as their businesses had suffered greatly during past events.

Mayor Fosselman questioned whether the date or location of the Car Show could be moved to prevent Howard Avenue from being closed twice during the month of April.

Mario Bruno, Coordinator of the Kensington Car Show, stated he would discuss the possibility with the Town staff.

The Council spoke in support of the festivals, but also noted the importance of adhering to the wishes of many of the business owners along Howard Avenue, as to help mitigate the impact the businesses face during the closing of the street. The Council agreed that the Day of the Book Festival belongs on Howard and would remain, and considering the approaching date of the Fall Festival, it may be held on Howard Avenue this year as well. The Council asked that Mr. Bruno work with Town staff to identify a possible alternative date and/or location for the Car Show. See Council Actions.

From the Public –

Liz Brennan, President of Friends of the

Library, stated that the library will be closing October 10th for renovations; and that an Authors event will be held on September 30th at Town Hall.

Jack Gaffey informed Residents that a total lunar eclipse will occur Sunday, September 27th.

Julie O'Malley questioned why the Town meeting was being held on a Thursday evening.

Mayor Fosselman stated that it was due to a scheduling conflict with the Council.

Joseph Campbell requested a special street cleaning along Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place following the leakage issue with the trash trucks.

Mayor Fosselman stated that the Town's contractor, Unity, responded in a timely manner and has addressed the problem. The Mayor stated the Town staff will contact Unity about cleaning the streets.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Ordinance No. O-04-2015 – an Ordinance amending Chapter III , “Streets, Sidewalks, Maintenance and Use of the Public Rights of Way”, to repeal Section 3-202, “Driveway Construction Permits”; to Repeal, renumber and reenact Section 3-204, “Construction and Maintenance of Driveway Aprons”, and to renumber Sections 3-205 “construction of new streets”, 3-206 “Bonds required” and 3-207, “Penalties”, and amending Chapter V “Housing and Building Regulations” to repeal and reenact, Section 5-102 “Town Building Permit Required” and to enact Section 5-107, “Driveways and Parking Surfaces was presented to the Council for approval.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated that the Public Hearing was held on August 10, 2015, and that the public record remained

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open through September 11, 2015. No comments were received.

Town Attorney Ferguson stated that the purpose of the amendments were to clarify the Town's requirement with regards to driveway widths, and to relocate the provisions within the appropriate Section of the Town Code. Ms. Ferguson noted that an additional amendment was added to the Ordinance to coincide with Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, which limits driveways to 35 percent or 320 square feet of surface area, and a maximum width of twenty (20) feet. The new regulations would not allow a driveway to exceed eleven (11) feet in width, in the front plane of the house (front yard), unless it corresponded with a garage opening, not to exceed twenty (20) feet. The law would not apply to any driveway already permitted within the Town and only applies to single-family (R-60 zoned) properties. There were no public comments on the amendment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-10-2015 – A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling for an additional year, providing the same terms and conditions of the existing contract.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated that Resolution No. R-10-2015 would exercise the final one year renewal options within the contract, and would require the Town to rebid collection services next year. Mr. Hoffman also stated that contract for Calendar year would be \$120,000, which includes twice a week trash collection, once a week recycling and brush collections, and bulk pick-up as needed.

Council Member McMullen stated he was very pleased with Unity's service, as they have been very responsive, and we have had few issues besides the recent leakage on Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place.

Jack Gaffey stated he was pleased with Unity, but suggested the Town consider a second brush collection during peak times of the year. See Council Actions.

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Council Member McMullen moved to approve the Minutes from the August 10, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the closure of Howard Avenue for the Fall Festival on October 18, 2015, and requested issues brought to our attention regarding access, signage, and parking be addressed. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to defer the decision on closing Howard Avenue for the Car Show to allow the Town staff to discuss a possible alternative to the requested date and location. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve the closure of Howard Avenue for the Day of the Book Festival on April 24, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Ordinance No. O-04-2015 amending driveway and apron construction permits. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-10-2015 authorizing the Town Manager to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling for an additional year, providing the same terms and conditions of the existing contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordinance No. O-05-2015

The Mayor and Town Council introduced Ordinance No. O-05-2015 at the October 19th Council Meeting. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015, beginning at 7:00 pm. If you wish to comment on Ordinance No. O-05-2015 and are unable to attend the Public Hearing, please send your comments to the following:

Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov

Ordinance No. O-05-2015 of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington granting a non-exclusive cable franchise upon certain conditions and authorizing a franchise agreement between the Town of Kensington and Comcast of Potomac, LLC.

The Ordinance may be viewed at Town Hall or at the following link:

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

Ordinance No. O-04-2015 Adopted

The Mayor and Town Council adopted Ordinance No. O-04-2015 at the September, 24, 2015 Council Meeting. A Public Hearing was held on August 10, 2015.

Ordinance No. O-04-2015 of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington amending Chapter III, "Streets, Sidewalks, Maintenance and use of the Public Rights of Way", to repeal Section 3-203, "Driveway Construction Permits", to repeal, renumber and re-enact Section 3-204 "Construction and Maintenance of the Driveway Aprons", and to renumber Sections 3-205, "Construction of New Streets", 3-206 "Bonds Required" and 3-207, "Penalties", and amending Chapter V, "Housing and Building Regulations" to repeal and reenact, Section 5-102 "Town Building Permit Required" and to enact Section 5-107, "Driveways and Parking Surfaces".



Halloween Safety Reminders

As families in Montgomery County are making their plans for Halloween, the Montgomery County Police Department would like to offer the following important safety reminders. Minimizing safety risks will help ensure a Happy Halloween for everyone.

1. "trick-or-treat" only in neighborhoods and at homes known to your family.
2. A parent, other familiar adult, or responsible older sibling should always accompany younger children.
3. Older children should plan out a trick-or-treating route with their parents, wear a watch, carry a cell phone and return home at an agreed upon time.
4. Children should never approach a home without lights.
5. Children should not eat any collected candy until an adult has inspected it.
6. Any unwrapped or partially wrapped candy should be thrown away.
7. Keep yards clear of items such as ladders, and hoses that could trip young children.
8. Battery jack-o'-lantern candles are preferable to using a real flame.
9. If you do use candles, place the pumpkins away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
10. Keep paper or cloth yard decorations away from burning candles.

Children should carry a flashlight when trick-or-treating. They should walk on sidewalks where available, cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk. Also wear brightly-colored, or reflective costumes that won't cause tripping. Face make-up is preferable to wearing a mask, but if a child is wearing a mask, it should not impair the child's vision.

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Join us this Halloween for a spooky afternoon of music, games, food, and fun at the first ever **Pumpkin Rock N' Roll!** On Saturday, October 31st, Warner Circle Park in Kensington, MD will be transformed into a full-blown Halloween extravaganza. Participate in a fun costume contest and parade, and enjoy family-friendly attractions including festival-style musical performances, food trucks, inflatable rides and slides and a rock wall. Don't miss the main event: The Pumpkin Roll, a derby race of Halloween pumpkins-turned-boxcars.

www.pumpkinrocknroll.com

Town Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting

The **Menorah Lighting** will be held on Sunday, December 6th, beginning at 5:30 pm.

The **Christmas Tree Lighting** will be held on Sunday, December 6th, beginning at 6:30 pm. The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, along with Santa Claus, will arrive at 7:00 pm.

Cookies and Cider will be at both events!



The Town will once again be a Toys-for-Tots drop-off location this season. We ask that you please consider bringing a new, unwrapped, toy on December 6th.



12th Annual Kensington Town Dance

Please join the Town, along with The Nighthawks, for the 12th Annual Kensington Town Dance to benefit Bethesda Help and the 20895 Hunger Free Zone, on Wed., Nov. 25th, 7 pm—11 pm.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, along with a donation of non-perishable food items and/or a \$10 Giant/Safeway Gift Card.

Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to the event.

***This is a non-alcoholic event**

Kensington Historical Society Displays

Ever wonder what happened to the toys from the Isabelle Barr Collection? Did you know that at one time the Town had a museum on the main floor where the elevator, lobby and bathrooms now exist? The museum was a display of toys used in the Barbelle Creative Center for Children which closed in the late seventies. Isabelle Barr donated some of her collection to the Town and the museum was created. When an elevator was required for accessibility, that area of the Town Hall had to be reconstructed and the museum space vanished. The toys were then put into storage by the Town and later given to the Kensington Historical Society. Since that time Society members have been culling the collection to make displays for the Noyes Library as well as the Kensington Park Library.

More recently, Mary Buckingham and Sigrid Doherty have been creating **delightful scenarios in a display cabinet in the Town's lobby** to the left of the main entrance. Please make it a point to stop in and enjoy them anytime the Town Hall is open: 8:00 to 4:00, or during evening meetings.

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PERFORMANCE DATES

October: 30, 31;
November: 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21

Fri. & Sat. 8:15 pm // Sun. 2:00 pm

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Recycling, Bulk Pick-ups and Trash Collection

Tuesdays: Trash, Brush, and Recycling

Fridays: Trash

Bulk items are collected on Tuesdays only and include items such as appliances, power equipment, or any metal items. Bulk items must be reported to the Town staff by calling 301-949-2424 by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the Tuesday collection date.

Kensington Around Town

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