



Kensington Around Town

SEPTEMBER 2012

CALENDAR

St. Paul Park Tennis Court Meeting

Sat., Sept. 29th
9:30am
St. Paul Park

Living in Pink Charity Weekend

Oct. 20th-21st
Howard Avenue
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Town Picnic

Sun., Oct 21st 3pm
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Town Council Meeting

Mon., Oct. 22nd 7pm

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Town's website for up
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NOTES FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



Thank You To . . .

All of our sponsors, volunteers and staff who made this year's Labor Day Parade and Festival a big success. Kudos to Council Member John Thompson for his leadership on the Traffic Committee and for his efforts with time restriction enforcement. Thank you to Council Members Tracey Furman and Mackie Barch for a successful first Design Guidelines Task Force Meeting. Council Member Sean McMullen continues his work and guidance on the Town's Budget. Thank you to the Kensington 8K Race volunteers and sponsors. The Race earns thousands of dollars with proceeds going towards our children's schools and education. Much appreciation for the organizers and sponsors of the Train Show earlier this month. Proceeds benefit the Noyes Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society. Gary and Diana Ditto of the Ditto Group were instrumental bringing this event to fruition.

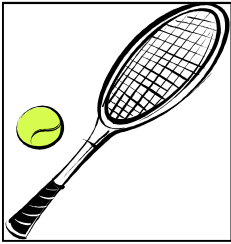
SECTOR PLAN

I testified earlier this month at the County Council in favor of the proposed compromise for Zoning Text 12-06 addressing public amenities with respect to properties adjacent to the MARC Train Station. This proposal is endorsed by the Planning Board and Town Council. I also attended the September 24th PHED Committee Meeting on the ZTA. Council Member Tracey Furman and I attended a Planning Board Meeting where our Sectional Map Amendment was recommended for approval as proposed in the Sector Plan. The next step is the County Council.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

The decorative street tree lights along Antique Row will finally be installed next month. There will be an on-site meeting at St. Paul Park for the proposed tennis court; see page 2. Several streets will undergo resurfacing this fall; see page 2.

TOWN UPDATES



St. Paul Park Tennis Court

The Town will hold an open meeting at St. Paul Park on **Saturday, September 29th at 9:30 am** to discuss the proposed Tennis Court at the Park. The Town received some very valuable feedback during our September 10th Council Meeting, as well as over the last 3 years, as to the location and specs for the court. We hope this informal meeting will answer any additional questions you may have. The tennis court is still in the planning phase as we continue to determine the best location. To summarize the process:

- Posted within the Town Journal (Oct. 2008 - 2012)
 - Discussed at Council Meeting (2009-2012)
 - Created a Sketch plan (2011)
- Applied for and awarded State grant in August 2012
- Staked out possible locations for court's location (September 2012)
 - On-site community meeting (September 29, 2012)
- Final Council discussion will be held on Monday, October 22, 2012
 - Design and Construction

The Town secured the \$83,000 grant last month through the division of Community Parks and Playgrounds of the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources.

Please submit your comments or suggestions to the Town by calling the Town staff at 301-949-2424 or email the Mayor and Council at Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov.



Kensington Street Resurfacing

The Town Council of Kensington unanimously passed Resolution R-21-2012 at the September 10th Council Meeting for the milling and resurfacing of a number of the Town's roads. The paving contract calls for the re-pavement of certain areas of **Detrick Avenue, Dupont Avenue, Frederick Avenue, Kaiser Place, Kent Street, and Wheatley Street**. The Town hopes to have the streets, including curb and gutter repairs, completed by early next summer. For a more detailed listing of the streets, including specifications, please contact the Town staff.

The **Town Picnic** will be held on Sunday, October 21st at St. Paul Park between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. The meeting is an open community event and we hope to see all of you in attendance. If you are interested in helping to coordinate the Picnic, please join us on Tuesday, October 2nd at Town Hall (7:00pm).

Town Permits

10400 Connecticut Avenue
Telecommunications

3509 Frederick Place
Repair

3708 Farragut Avenue
Non-Structural Fire Damage

3708 Dupont Avenue
Washington Gas

3708 Farragut Avenue
Electrical

10630 Connecticut Avenue
Sign

Grants Committee

The Town is looking to fill vacancies within the newly created Grants Committee. This will be an ad-hoc committee that will be charged with researching and reviewing potential grants that relate specifically to the arts, economic development and entertainment aspects of the Town.

We are looking for three to five residents that preferably have grant writing experience that can help lead this new committee. The Committee will be chaired by the Town staff and is expected to meet quarterly.

If you have any questions, or would like to be considered for one of the vacancies, please submit a statement of interest, highlighting your qualifications, to Matt Hoffman at MJHoffman@tok.md.gov, or you may call the Town staff at 301-949-2424.

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TOWN MINUTES

July 16, 2012 Town Council Summary

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2012.
- Approved Organizational Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2012.
- Re-Appointed Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.
- Approved Resolution R-19-2012 extending the contract with Maier Warner for Public Relations.
- Approved Resolution R-20-2012 extending the contract with Montgomery County for Police Services.

July 16, 2012—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. Council Member Barch was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed. The Mayor welcomed Council Member Furman to her first official Town Council Meeting.

Public Appearances - Lorri Simmons noted businesses on Howard Avenue are encroaching on the public sidewalk, thanked Delegate Carr for helping with Pepco on power outages, and stated the relocation of the bus stop at Summit at Cedar Lane has made it dangerous; and John Morris, based on his observations, suggested 8 more spaces be allocated for commuters. The Mayor stated the bus stop is not in Town, but the County will be contacted with concerns; and the staff will review parking to determine if more spaces can be allocated and this will be added to a future meeting's agenda. He also reminded Mr. Morris that the parking lot was built for retail customers, not MARC commuters, and recommended Mr. Morris contact MTA about providing more parking for their customers.

From the Mayor and Town Council - The Mayor thanked the staff and crew for excellent efforts during the storm and power outage; encouraged residents to continue to monitor street trees for any distress; noted the annual picnic will be scheduled in September, chaired by Barrie Carr; a new Grants

Committee will be formed seeking funds for Town endeavors, anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Town; the Town continues to work with SHA on the Howard Avenue intersection, short term solutions include painted lines, new signage, and traffic calming devices - long term solutions include undergrounding Howard Avenue; and he thanked Mark Hudson of McEneaney Associates, Inc. Realtors for all his efforts and sponsorship of the Bike Parade (cancelled this year due to the storm).

Council Member Thompson reported he attended the MML Convention, he is continuing to take courses offered by the Institute for Government Service; suggested the Town acquire an emergency generator for Town Hall, noted Park and Planning has one at Warner Circle that the Town could check on; reported Delegate Carr and Council Member Furman met with SHA regarding painting lines and intersection improvements on Connecticut Avenue; the Reynolds house has finally been demolished; KVFD will be sponsoring a kick ball game and movie at St. Paul Park; and thanked St. Paul's Church and the community for the successful food and water collection for families in West Virginia. The Mayor requested that staff look into the purchasing of the generator from MNCPPC.

Council Member McMullen reported he attended the MML Convention, it was informative and he will be instituting some ideas gained from the conference; he commended the community for how neighborly everyone

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was during the power outages; and suggested taking advantage of the recent trend of exotic foods being sold by food trucks and invite various food trucks on Saturday's to help promote the Town.

The Mayor re-appointed Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations -

Resolution R-19-2012 extending the contract with Maier Warner to serve as marketing and public relations representatives for the Town was discussed. See Council Actions. Kris Warner, Charlie Maier, and Kariann Zentz from Maier Warner Public Relations were present; they explained how they have promoted Kensington and its features through media outreach, the website, and social media. They explained the initiative for the upcoming year includes promoting the Third Thursdays. The Mayor stated the new contract will focus more on economic development, helping current businesses and bringing in new businesses.

Duane Rollins suggested a section on the website to inform potential business owners of vacant properties available in Town.

Resolution R-20-2012 extending the contract for police services was discussed. Town Manager Daily explained the current police agreement ended June 30, 2012 and is renewable for successive one year periods at the option of Town with the acceptance of the County. See Council Actions. Town Manager Daily stated he is the contact person for any concerns regarding the enforcement. The Mayor clarified that contracting with the police is for extra service for things unique to the Town, such as time restrictions, above and beyond regular patrols already paid for through tax dollars.

Duane Rollins suggested signage to stop overnight parking and enforcement by the police at the new parking lot. Town Manager Daily explained the current signs indicate no overnight truck parking and it has not been determined whether to enforce cars that may be left there overnight during travel.

The Traffic Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, July 19th at Town Hall.

Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed 2 to 0. Council Member Furman abstained.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2012 Organizational Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution R-19-2012 extending the contract with Maier Warner to serve as marketing and public relations representatives for the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt R-20-2012 extending the contract with Montgomery County, Maryland for police services for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



TOWN MINUTES

August 13, 2012 Town Council Meeting

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2012.
- Reviewed and Supported Mark and Patience Ball's Appeal Case at 10202 Kensington Parkway.

August 13, 2012—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed for Mike McCurry's father; Andre Dubois; and Edith Meyers who passed away.

Public Appearances – Jack Gaffey stated a hazard exists where Howard Avenue narrows abruptly at Armory Avenue and suggested reflectors or a diagonal arrow on the pavement; Al Lacey stated at a previous meeting a comment was made indicating there wasn't appropriate walking space on Howard Avenue, he measured the walking space and it is at least 40 inches; and Lorri Simmons stated there are still intrusions on the sidewalks which are obstacles and visually unappealing.

From the Mayor and Town Council – The Mayor thanked Dave Beaudet, Jack Gaffey, and Dave Weeda, for all their volunteer time working with the Town Attorney to develop the Ethics Procedures; and he stated on September 23rd he will be hosting with others in the County and the Town of Kensington a Marylanders for Marriage Equality Event which will include a viewing of the film Gen Silent, it will be a public event, tickets are \$100 each.

Council Member Barch requested the Town Manager address the overgrowth on the small piece of property used to access Flinn Park.

Council Member McMullen stated MML is requesting the State return highway user

money to municipalities from casino revenue if approved, he suggested drafting a letter on behalf of the Town supporting MML's request; and he will be drafting a letter for the Town supporting removal of the provision that permits Pepco to recover for the time it does not provide power in outages.

Council Member Thompson noted he was not supportive of casinos and did not want a letter written in support of MML's proposal. The Council concurred to wait until after the General Assembly takes action on casinos to decide whether to send a letter.

Council Member Thompson reported the Fire Department's Kickball game and Town Movie night was successful and suggested the Town hold regular movie nights and possibly even purchase a screen; he suggested the Town continue looking into obtaining Park and Planning's generator which may be available at little or no cost; the Traffic Committee met on July 19th with the Town Attorney and discussed the State Attorney General's opinion on local traffic only signs, he will be meeting with county police to discuss a way for cars to have an identifying sticker; he is still monitoring the completion of the curb cut at Concord and Plyers Mill Road; although he had concerns over the County Executive's cut on overtime for career firefighters, volunteer personnel have stepped up and it seems to be working out; and he suggested a future agenda item to discuss using the Armory garage as a museum.

Council Member Furman stated the first meeting of the Design Guidelines Task Force will be on September 11th at 7 p.m., it will be open to the public with no public comment.

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Duane Rollins suggested using Kelly Generator if the generator from Park and Planning needs work; Lorri Simmons reported people do not stop at the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Kensington Parkway. The Mayor stated phase two of the intersection improvement needs to be completed.

Mark & Patience Ball's Montgomery County Board of Appeal's Case A-6386 on 10202 Kensington Parkway was discussed. They added an addition, a swimming pool, and a fence and received HPC, County, and Town permits. Revisions were made to the location and height of the fence; they received County and Town permits but did not get HPC approval for the changes. The Mayor stated the Town Attorney recommended the Town send a letter to the Board of Appeals either supporting, opposing, or staying neutral since the Town is a party of record to the case.

The Ball's were present and explained they inadvertently did not seek approval from HPC for changes in the fence. They did however receive approval for the changes from the County and the Town. They discussed their retroactive appeal and compromise to change part of the fence height.

Courtney Thornton, the neighboring property owner, spoke in opposition to supporting their appeal and compromise. She stated she did not have a problem with the original approved HPC plan and when the location and height of the fence was changed it was not behind the rear plane of the addition and it blocked her window.

Jodie Longo suggested the Town remain neutral, questioned what went wrong in the permitting process, and stated HPC had clearly documented what it wanted the property owners to comply with.

Yvonne Gurney suggested the case is so complicated that the Town should be neutral.

Assistant Town Manger Hoffman clarified that the Town's building permit form already has a place to designate if a historic permit is needed and the Town does not approve permits until they are approved by the County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS). He said in this case, an administrative error was made between DPS and HPC.

After discussion, the Council concurred to support the Ball's appeal since the Town did issue a permit, the fence was not blocking the historical asset, and thought the Ball's acted in good faith and did not intend to circumvent HPC requirements. Council Member McMullen noted the Town did not make an error issuing a permit because it is not something in our building permit process that is checked. See Council Actions.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Town Manger Daily reported he is looking into the Town purchasing a new Ford F-550 truck to replace the two older dump trucks, he will be getting prices and checking on the County contract; he received an inquiry from MARC on leasing parking spaces from the Town for train riders; in reviewing the tennis court specifications, the tennis court will not be able to be positioned the recommended north/south orientation, he suggested initially wiring the lights for the court but not installing them or if they are installed adding a metering system; and he suggested for the next Community Parks and Playground Grant applying for replacement of mulched paths in Clum Kennedy with concrete and brick. The Council recommended to continue to use the normal permit process already established for the parking lot and not lease spaces to MARC and concurred with the Town Manager's recommendations for the tennis court and grant application for Clum Kennedy.

Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to instruct the Mayor to send a letter in support of Mark and Patience Ball's Appeal Case No. A-6386 for 10202 Kensington Parkway stating that there are two opposing views of Town residents, the Town did issue a permit and is standing behind the permit, the Ball's acted in good faith, the Town supports their seeking retroactive approval, and also found the Ball's compromise to be worthy of consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

September 10, 2012 Town Council Meeting

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2012.
- Discussed and heard public comment on the proposed tennis court at St. Paul Park.
- Approved Resolution R-21-2012 extending an existing contract with NZI for resurfacing additional Town streets.
- Approved Resolution R-22-2012 authorizing the purchase of a Ford F-550 Dump Truck and the sale of the existing dump trucks and leaf boxes.

September 10, 2012—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

The Mayor explained the detailed and open process of the tennis court which started back in 2008 when there was first interest in a tennis court by Residents. He stated the grant

was applied for three consecutive years and awarded in August 2012; he appreciates all input and opinions positive or negative; there are currently no plans available to view; possible locations at St. Paul Park were staked out so it could be visualized; and the next steps are to have an onsite meeting for anyone interested to discuss locations and then to put it on a Town Meeting Agenda.

Town Manager Daily explained the grant does not include maintenance but is for the construction of the tennis court; fencing, and lighting. He suggested three locations, two on north side of St. Paul Park and one on the south side, which would require the existing storm drain to be relocated.

Public Appearances - Michele Bruggeman, Laurel Shanks, Aaron Field, Emily Alcroft, Mark Wilson, Ellen Woodward, John Bailey, Stowe Teti, Amy Lindsey, Jen Beaudet, Mark Wegner, Barbara Scharman, and Jerry Weed all expressed concerns over the tennis court, which included the location, fencing, lighting, and use of limited green space which is currently used for children to play and for multiple soccer teams. Although these concerns were raised, most of the Residents were less opposed to locating the tennis court in the southern part of the park behind the backstop without lights and one Resident who spoke supported one of the northern locations without lights.

Jack Gaffey thanked volunteers and staff for the Labor Day Parade and Train Show.

Delegate Carr reminded Residents of the upcoming election on November 6th and that they would be voting in two different locations because of redistricting. He stated he is working on trying to get the whole Town back to voting in one location. He can be contacted at Alfred.Carr@house.state.md.us or 301-858-3638 for any questions or comments. He also

reminded Residents to update their voter information, which can be done online, if they have moved.

From the Mayor and Town Council - The Mayor and Council thanked all the volunteers, coordinators and staff for the Labor Day Parade and Festival; thanked the Montgomery Art Association and their volunteers for the Paint the Town Event; and thanked Gary and Diana Ditto and their volunteers and sponsors for the Train Show.

The Mayor reminded Residents there will be a public meeting at the County Council Office Building tomorrow at 1:30 addressing ZTA 12-06 which was supported by the Town and County Council Staff, it adds a third category of transportation and parking requirements to the zoning ordinance; Jill McCrory, from Leadership Outfitters, also a Town Resident, has volunteered her professional services to the Town, she will be holding a professional retreat for the Mayor and Council focusing on conducting meetings and communication, it will not be open to the public but the formal agenda will be published and reported on at the following Town Meeting; and the generator at Park and Planning has been looked at and it does not have capacity for the Armory, there may be some grant money available from MEMA for a generator.

Council Member Barch noted there were red utility markings on the new island at Montgomery Avenue and requested the Town Manager to check on this.

Council Member McMullen thanked Jill McCrory for volunteering her time for the upcoming training session; stated he will be waiting to send a letter regarding the use of revenue from casinos until after the general election; and noted by having a Town tennis court we would be in control of it and be able to provide a quick response to any problems.

Council Member Thompson stated he is still working on the new curb cut on Plyers Mill Road; under review is whether the Town should hire police as part time employees or continue contracting with the County for off duty police; the Annual 8K Race will be on September 22nd; he expressed appreciation for the official collared shirts for the Council; and noted several paintings from the art show are displayed in the Armory and the brick wall on Howard Avenue has been repaired at a reasonable cost.

Town Manager Daily stated Delegate Carr had informed him that cameras are being used to enforce height restrictions in Baltimore City and suggested requesting Delegate Carr to support statewide legislation to allow cameras to enforce time restrictions in Town.

Council Member Furman thanked Elisenda Sola-Sole for setting up a table with business cards and brochures at the Train show to promote businesses; suggested reviewing the festival location for next year to incorporate the businesses on Howard Avenue which did not get included in the festival atmosphere this year; the first meeting of the Design Guidelines Task Force will be tomorrow at 7 pm; and she will be attending the Marriage Equality Event on September 23rd and hoped the Council and others would attend and support the Event.

Town Manager Daily explained the festival location was changed a couple weeks before the parade to accommodate vendor preferences, concerns over the amount of time Howard Avenue is closed, and to accommodate Safeway employees exiting from the garage. He explained the Armory and Howard Avenue businesses should have been consulted and next year input will be solicited from the businesses.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations -

Town Manger Daily discussed Resolution R-21-2012 to extend an existing contract with NZI not to exceed \$400,000 for resurfacing additional Town streets. The existing contract in place would be extended with the asphalt prices amended to use the same bid as Prince Georges County. Streets to be resurfaced include Kent, Dupont, Detrick and Warner. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Daily discussed Resolution R-22-2012 to purchase a new Ford F550 with a landscape body and snow plow equipment. He stated the Town will be utilizing a bid the City of Aberdeen received from Apple Ford. The two older dump trucks, which are in poor condition and expensive to maintain, along with the leaf boxes will be sold. The new truck will be an automatic and a diesel, will not require a CDL to drive, and allow easier maneuvering on narrow streets and hills. See Council Actions.

Council Member Barch questioned whether there was equipment available for a heavy snow such as a front end loader; and he also suggested having a snow plan meeting to discuss parking during snow removal and other snow related issues. Town Manager Daily stated he is reviewing a contract for backup snow removal help.

Duane Rollins inquired on the number of trucks available for snow removal. Town Manager Daily explained there would be a total of three, the two F250's and the new F550.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed and Town Meetings were scheduled for September 24, October 22nd, and November 19th.

Council Actions:

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution R-21-2012 to authorize the Town Manager to extend an existing contract with NZI Construction Corporation not to exceed an additional \$400,000 for resurfacing additional Town streets. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to adopt Resolution R-22-2012 to authorize the Town Manager to purchase a Ford F550 Dump Truck from Apple Ford, Inc. and to sell the two existing dump trucks and leaf boxes. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

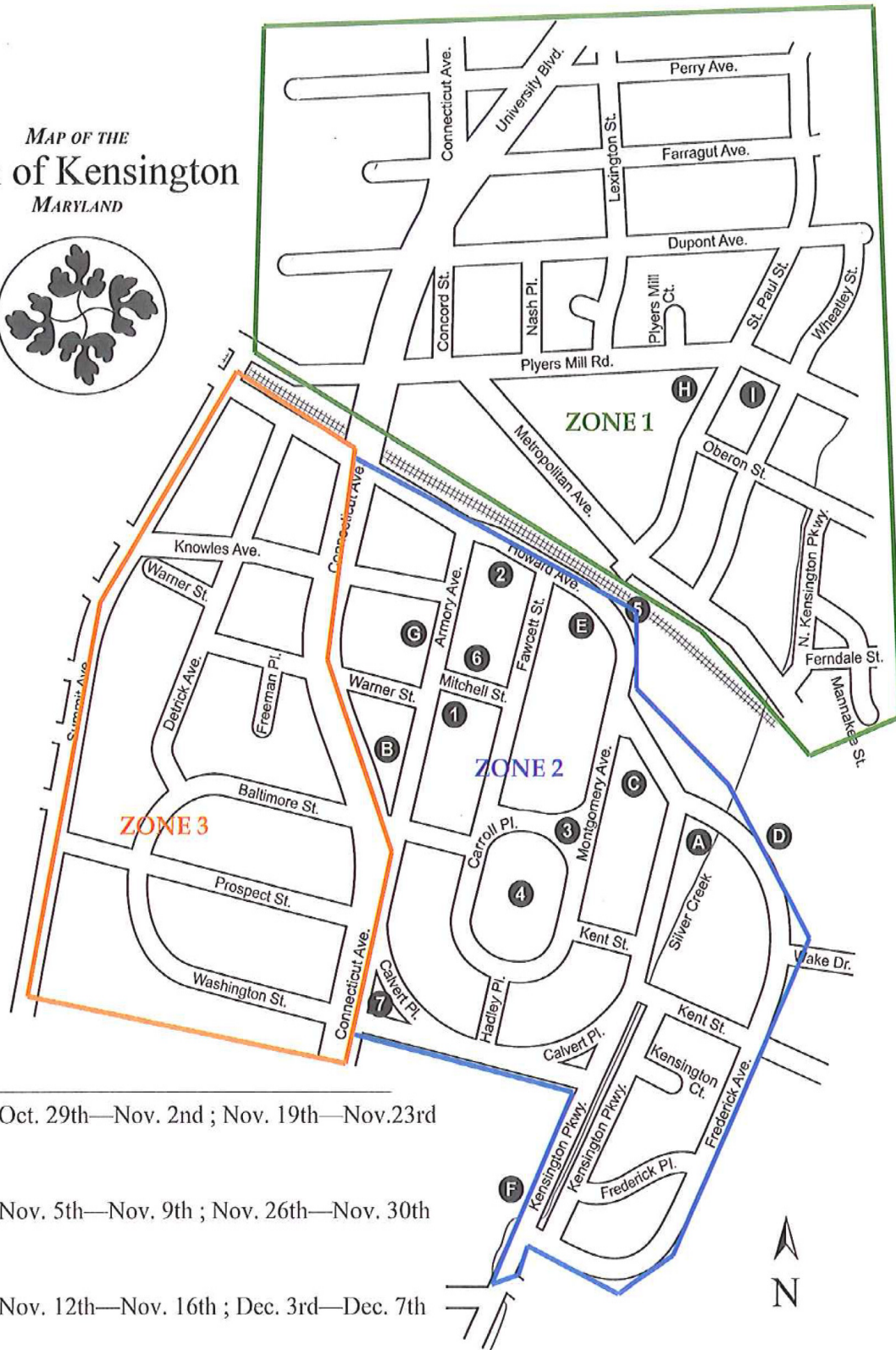


Please join the shops of Kensington Antique Row on **Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st** for the Living in Pink Charity Weekend. The shops will be helping to raise funds for the Living in Pink Charity that helps benefit Breast Cancer Research.

Please visit
www.LivingInPink.com
 for more information.

2012 TOWN LEAFING SCHEDULE

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Town of Kensington
MARYLAND



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LEAFING SCHEDULE



The Town will begin its 2012 Leafing Schedule on Monday, October 29th. The Town has been divided

into three zones that are depicted on **page 11** of the Journal to help you determine when you should expect to see your leaves collected. The Public Works Crew will begin each day in the designated zone for that week and will move to the other two zones each day, if time permits.

Therefore, it is possible that your leaves will be collected outside of your designated week; however, the zones are specified to allow for you to gauge when best to begin raking your leaves to the curb for pickup.

If you wish to bag your leaves, please place them in a standard yard-waste bag prior to our weekly brush collection on Tuesdays. If you decide to use a container to place your leaves out for brush pickup, please clearly mark the container as yard trim. Do not place your leaves into trash bags.

Finally, we ask that you do not rake the leaves directly into the street, but rather, as close the curb as possible. Do not park adjacent to the piles of leaves as this makes it very difficult for the Crew to get to them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town staff at 301-949-2424.



Residents of Kensington could survive without ever leaving their community. They enjoy good clothing stores, bookstores, banks, restaurants, fitness clubs and more! This month we discovered ten clothing stores around town and profiled them for our newest *YouTube* video, "Explore Kensington Clothing."

Labor Day weekend was filled with lots of excitement in Kensington. We featured all of the Labor Day events plus the upcoming Train Exhibition in an eblast. Earlier in the month, we sent out an eblast titled, "Kensington Outfits the Whole Town," to accompany our clothing video. And we are climbing the social ladder with 266 "likes" on our *Facebook* page. Our most popular posting this month was for Rock Creek CrossFit, reaching 276 fans.

If the upcoming elections are stressing you out, take out your frustrations at one of the six fitness clubs around town. In September we created a YouTube video and accompanying eblast featuring the fitness facilities of Kensington, called "Explore Kensington Fitness".

What's next? We have recruited 21 merchants to participate in Third Thursday Night Out in Kensington on September 20. Check out all the promotions and events on Explore-Kensington.com. We hope to see you there!

The Town would like to say a very special **Thank You** to Kensington Resident **Hannah Meyer** for raising over \$500 for the Noyes Children's Library during the Train event earlier this month. Hannah has been making her Own Chocolates since over the summer in an effort to raise money for Noyes.

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Labor Day 2012

I ride this hot Labor Day on the St. Paul's float; a different perspective from past years when there was the ability to walk the entire route.

Many things have changed in our town and a celebratory spirit is in the crowd and embraces the participants who also seem to be more ebullient and catching the fervor of re-birth.

We are going from being a small town to a community of care for one another. Grasp ahold of this change my friends; do not be afraid to take hold . . . This perhaps is what we as the citizens have long yearned for in our hearts and spirits!

Starting out on one small street, a mill, a church and just a hand full of families. The Wheatley family and Warner family being our catalyst. Escaping the clutter and heat of Washington and Georgetown to grow us into brothers and sisters who can through having different ideas and thoughts can help us become a town of possibilities; not just numbers and names in ledgers and rolls.

~

Richard H. Rice
Town Poet Laureate



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Thursday, October 18th!

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THIRD THURSDAY!



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