

# Kensington Around Town

September 2015



## 48th Annual Labor Day Parade & Festival

The Town would like to thank the community for another great Labor Day Parade & Festival, along with our Parade and Festival Coordinators, Lisa Kelley-Connor and Victoria Randall, and a special thank you to our Grand Marshal, Jack Gaffey. Mr. Gaffey, along with his wife Claudia, have lived in Kensington for 31 Years, and Mr. Gaffey also serves on the Town's Ethics Commission.

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### CALENDAR

#### **Kensington 8K**

Sat., Sept. 19th

[www.Kensington8K.org](http://www.Kensington8K.org)

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#### **Town Council Meeting**

Thurs., Sept. 24th, 7 pm

#### **Traffic Committee**

Tues., Sept. 29th, 7 pm

#### **Greenscape Committee**

Thurs., Oct. 15th, 7 pm

#### **Fall Festival**

Sun., Oct. 18th

11am—4 pm

Howard Avenue

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#### **Town Council Meeting**

Mon., Oct. 19th, 7 pm

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## Parade and Festival Sponsors—Thank you!



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**Mayan Corner**

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## FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



- Special thank you to the Town Staff, Volunteers, Coordinators Victoria Randall and Lisa Kelley Connor, Maier Warner Public Relations, Montgomery County Police Department, Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Grand Marshall Jack Gaffey, and all of the generous sponsors (p. 1) for another fantastic Labor Day Parade and Festival. See below for some of the canines who also came out for the celebration.

- The Town has purchased additional 65 gallon roll-carts for recycling. Should you need a replacement or a second cart, please contact Staff at 301-949-2424 or email Shirley Watson at [shirley.watson@tok.md.gov](mailto:shirley.watson@tok.md.gov).
- The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department continues to raise money for their new ambulance. Thank you to those who have donated. If you have not, please consider doing so at <http://www.kvfd.org/sitecontent/index/page/How%20To%20Donate>. As part of the effort, KVFD has been entered into *Click for a Cause*, a contest on WTOP Radio. Help them win \$10,000.00 from WTOP by going to <http://wtop.com/click-for-a-cause> click on “K” and KVFD logo will show up. Click on the like button. Share this link too on list serves and Facebook because the site with the most “likes” wins. Contest ends 9/25/15.
- Welcome New Residents—We have several new Residents in Kensington. I am happy you are part of the community and welcome your input and participation with Town activities. Please contact me should you have any concerns or questions at [mayor.fosselman@tok.md.gov](mailto:mayor.fosselman@tok.md.gov).
- A reminder that if you plan to have a yard sale, only signs posted on independent stakes, 24 hours prior to the sale are permitted. You may not post them on street signs, utility poles or other public property. Signs are immediately removed 7 days a week and may come with a fine.
- A reminder that vehicles may not be parked on lawns or grassy areas. They must be parked on the street, a parking lot or a driveway.



2015 Labor Day Canines Photo—  
Thank you Judy Folkenberg



## From Town Manager Daily

**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.

### Town Permits

**3404 Ferndale Street**  
Restoration

**10008 Frederick Avenue**  
Interior

**3504 Kensington Court**  
Addition/Deck

**10516 Metropolitan Avenue**  
Addition

**3706 Farragut Avenue**  
Interior

**10106 Frederick Avenue**  
Retaining Wall

**3503 Dupont Avenue**  
Fence

**3703 Dupont Avenue**  
Interior

**3502 Kensington Court**  
Driveway

**10604 Nash Place**  
Fence

**3720 Farragut Avenue**  
Communication Antenna

**3502 Frederick Place**  
Fence

**3504 Frederick Place**  
Fence

**3519 Plyers Mill Court**  
Interior

### MAYOR

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## TOWN MINUTES

### Town Council Summary from the June 8, 2015 Town Meeting

- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to retiring Council Member Sexton for his service on the Town Council.
- The State Highway Administration (SHA) presented plans for sidewalk improvements along Connecticut Avenue between Calvert Place and Knowles Avenue. The work is expected to begin in the fall and will include a grass buffer area between the curb and sidewalk in many areas
- The Mayor acknowledged the results of the June 1, 2015 Town Election from the Board of Election Supervisors.
- The Town Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015, 6:00 pm.
- The Mayor acknowledged the appointment of Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.
- A Variance Hearing was held for the proposed house at 3905 Prospect Street; the prospective owner withdrew the Variance request and will re-design the specifications of the proposed house.
- The Mayor and Council reviewed the Traffic Committee's analysis on parking along Fawcett Street and Howard Avenue; the Mayor and Council decided to designate five (5) spaces at the train station, adjacent to the brick wall, as business permitted spaces, and to adjust nine (9) spaces along Fawcett Street between Howard Avenue and 10419 Fawcett Street from four (4) Hour Parking (9am to 5pm, M-F, except by permit) to two (2) Hour Parking (9am to 5pm, M-F).
- The Council introduced Ordinance No. O-04-2015 - Amending Chapter III, Article 2 of the Town Code to clarify the construction of driveways. The Public Hearing was set for Monday, July 6, 2015.

**June 8, 2015**—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town

Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Fred Sigmon who recently passed away and to keep Anne Marie Turner in our thoughts and prayers.

The review of the Minutes from the May 11, 2015 Town Meeting were postponed.

The Mayor, along with Council Members Bartram, Furman, and McMullen, thanked Council Member Sexton for his service to the community and presented him with a Mayoral Proclamation.

John Gover and Anysha Mookherjee of the State Highway Administration (SHA) were present to discuss the proposed ADA sidewalk improvements along Connecticut Avenue. Mr. Gover explained that SHA will be reconstructing the existing sidewalk to allow for ADA compliance and to create a green buffer of two (2') to four (4') feet between Calvert Place and Knowles Avenue.

Delegate Carr thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting SHA to review the sidewalk project and also thanked SHA for their work throughout the state in complying with ADA requirements.

Peter Bartram spoke in support of the SHA project and the need to provide buffers between the street and sidewalk. Mr. Bartram also requested SHA review additional sidewalks throughout the Town and emphasized the importance of Pepco relocating poles that obstruct certain sidewalks.

Mr. Gover stated that SHA does review the placement of utility poles during the design phase and has them moved when possible.

Kathy Buss stated that she would be willing to relocate the fence along her property on Connecticut Avenue to accommodate a wider

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sidewalk and a retaining wall.

Mr. Gover will inspect the site to determine if it is feasible.

Marshall Presser spoke in support of the buffers and wider sidewalks and asked about the start date.

Mr. Gover stated that the project is fully funded and the project is planned to begin this fall, and should be completed within two months.

Tammy Sufi thanked SHA for their work and asked for clarification on the plans for Armory Avenue.

Mr. Gover explained that the radius inlet at Armory Avenue and Baltimore Street would change to help with a smoother transition upon entering from Connecticut Avenue.

Council Member Furman asked about the replacement of the sidewalks along Knowles Avenue.

Mr. Gover noted that these sidewalks will be included within the MD 547 project scheduled for next year.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Gover and Ms. Mookherjee of the State Highway Administration, along with Delegate Carr, for attending.

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

Mayor Fosselman thanked Cliff Scharman for running for Town Council and congratulated Darin Bartram and Tom Rodriguez; Mr. Scharman will be appointed to a Town Committee following the Organizational Meeting. The Mayor also thanked Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jenny Smith for serving on the Board of Elections.

The Mayor attended the Annual Maryland

Municipal League's "If I were Mayor" essay contest hosted by Governor Hogan; eight 4<sup>th</sup> graders across the state won scholarships for their essays; visited the West Howard Avenue Sidewalk Sale on May 14<sup>th</sup>; attended the Historic Buildings Workshop hosted by the County Parks Department on May 27<sup>th</sup>; attended and spoke at the Candidates Forum on May 28<sup>th</sup>; and thanked Rob Sachs for moderating and Montgomery Municipal Cable for recording the event; and thanked Council Member Furman for the community planting event at Howard Avenue Park on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Mayor stated the KVFD and Town are sponsoring six movie nights throughout the summer, and thanked the KVFD for coordinating the events.

The Mayor addressed some comments relating to communication that were asked during the Candidates Forum: 1) Residents have the option of choosing which type of electronic communication they receive from the Town when they sign up for e-notifications on the website; 2) The Mayor and Council personally respond to all emails that are sent directly to them; staff responds to all other inquiries; and Coffee with the Mayor, along with Public Appearances during the Council Meetings, are used to help with communication; 4) beginning in July, the Council Agenda will include a 'follow up' to questions asked during Public Appearances to address concerns; 5) Town Minutes are not released to the public until they have been approved publicly by the Council; however, a summary of the meeting, along with an audio recording, are available the following business day through our e-notification system.

Council Member Sexton thanked Julie O'Malley and the Kensington Historical Society for the Summer Concert Series at Howard Avenue Park; thanked everyone involved in making 'Food Truck Thursday' come to

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fruition; and thanked the residents and business community for making it a wonderful two years on the Town Council.

Council Member Furman stated the Green-scape Committee would convene tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.; the Committee has installed a number of gardens at Howard Avenue Park, along with two redbud trees and a Princeton elm. Council Member Furman thanked Eric Durland for designing the gardens, and noted that the Committee will be reviewing possible shade structures and will have additional information during the July Council meeting.

Council Member McMullen noted a Traffic Committee meeting was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Town Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Snow, presented information collected through the radar recording device.

Council Member Bartram thanked Residents for the opportunity to serve a second term on the Town Council.

The Mayor acknowledged the results of the June 1, 2015 Town Election from the Board of Election Supervisors.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee, and thanked them for their past work on the Committee. Ms. Olson was present and sworn in by the Mayor.

A Variance Hearing was held for 3905 Prospect Street. Dean Packard, PG Associates, along with Richard Cantor, Hemingway Homes, were present to request the variance of two (2) feet on each side of the proposed new home. Mr. Cantor explained the requested variance was necessary due to the size and topography of the lot and the desire to maintain the character of the historic district.

The Council discussed the necessary criteria within Section 5-104 (d) of the Town Code and questioned whether the variance request could meet the uniqueness criteria relating to the historic district.

### **Public Comment:**

Wendy Lesko, 3909 Prospect Street, stated that she and her husband initially supported the variance request; however, upon receiving the site plan and realizing the proximity the proposed home would be to their home, along with a concern over the removal of a number of trees, she and her husband were no longer in support of the variance request.

Jack Gaffey, 10105 Frederick Avenue, spoke in opposition to the requested variance, as he stated a variance should be rare and only for unusual situations; a new house can be built within the confines of the code, and referenced 10109 Frederick Avenue as an example with a narrow lot.

Julie O'Malley, 10019 Frederick Avenue, stated that there are similar to smaller sized lots within the Town and emphasized the Town is only deciding on the variance and whether a specific problem exists that other fifty (50) foot lots do not have; she noted that she had also expressed concern to the Historic Preservation Commission and received comment from HPC through a staff report.

The Mayor and Council asked Mr. Cantor if he has spoken to HPC and if he had received any comment.

Mr. Cantor stated that he had not received comments from HPC, but did receive a forwarded letter from Ms. O'Malley outlining a number of concerns with the proposed project.

Kathy Buss, 3908 Baltimore Street, spoke in opposition to the requested variance, as she

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believed the spacing between the houses was important; she noted that she did support the building of a house within the appropriate setbacks.

Larry Ott, 3911 Prospect Street, spoke in opposition to the variance and stated that it was important to preserve the original intent of a garden setting community, and a new structure should respect the ten (10) foot setback requirement.

Marshall Presser, 3927 Prospect Street, spoke in opposition to the variance, citing the HPC provisional report showing a 6,000 square foot house, which he believed to be too large for the lot; maintained that setbacks are there for a reason and should require a strong over-riding condition.

Steve Cohen, 10205 Connecticut Avenue, spoke in opposition to the variance, and noted that the character of Kensington be maintained; believed the house should be appropriately balanced for the lot.

Mr. Cantor stated that his initial design was based on setback information he received from the County, and he realized after speaking with the Town staff that the setbacks were different from the County's. He noted that the proposed house only covered 28 percent of the lot, which does not exceed Code, and said he wished to accommodate the Town and withdrew his variance request. Mr. Cantor will redesign the house and will present it to HPC and the Town at a later date.

The Mayor requested a ten minute break in the meeting, which resumed at 9:05 p.m.  
**From the Town Manager and Staff**

The Mayor reviewed the Traffic Committee's parking analysis for Fawcett Street and Howard Avenue and identified the following changes:

- Designate five (5) spaces at the train station, adjacent to the brick wall, as business permitted spaces only; and
- Adjust nine (9) spaces along Fawcett Street between Howard Avenue and 10419 Fawcett Street from four (4) Hour Parking (9am to 5pm, M-F, except by permit) to two (2) Hour Parking (9am to 5pm, M-F).

Additional measures will be taken for a long term solution by contacting a professional engineer to propose new parking options, along with reviewing a parking district. The Mayor explained that an adequate parking plan is necessary to fuel economic growth; otherwise, residential taxes would need to be raised each year to keep up with the loss of revenue. He stated numerous studies have been done over the years and we only have a perceived parking problem in certain areas.

The Mayor also addressed speeding concerns along Howard Avenue and stated that the recently purchased radar recording device, which has been monitoring motorist speeds, indicated that there is no real speeding concern along Howard Avenue. Speed humps or a three way stop at Fawcett Street had been requested.

Shirley Watson stated that the permitted business spaces at the train station should have signage advising of the Farmers Market on Saturday; she also noted that overnight parking has been a concern in the past, and that appropriate signage is important.

Sally Shaffer stated merchants do not park at the train station on Saturdays during the Farmers Market.

Town Manager Daily confirmed the two hour business permit spaces should only be in effect from Monday through Friday, 9 to 5, because of the Farmers Market.

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### From the Public –

Peter Bartram requested the Town Election ballot state “vote for no more than two” instead of “vote for two.”

Julie O’Malley thanked the Town for the continued work at Howard Avenue Park, and suggested the proposed Kensington Parkway sidewalk/crosswalk be placed on a future agenda.

Town Manager Daily and Council Member McMullen explained a preliminary plan was sent to the County to reconstruct the crosswalk at Kensington Cabin Park from the middle of the block to the intersection of Frederick Avenue. Once the County reviews the plan and makes additional suggestions, the proposed design will be placed on the Agenda.

Jack Gaffey suggested the crosswalk be placed after observing how people use the existing crosswalk and intersection.

Eric Durland stated he has enjoyed working with the Greenscape Committee on the Howard Avenue Park project; and mentioned he visits Kensington Cabin Park often and that the drainage ditch was placed in an undesirable location, but believes the location of the crosswalk is okay, despite being located between intersections. Mr. Durland suggested larger stop signs or a speed hump to help slow traffic.

Leslie Olson thanked the Town for responding to a number of maintenance issues and expressed concern over the speed on Metropolitan Avenue.

Town Manager Daily stated he would contact the Montgomery County Police and will have Code Enforcement Officer Snow obtain speed statistics for Metropolitan Avenue.

Dr. Campbell spoke in support of the existing

crosswalk at Kensington Cabin Park and suggested it be upgraded to brick like pavers; and questioned the necessity of moving the crosswalk to the intersection of Frederick Avenue from its current location. Dr. Campbell also suggested having the County police watch the stop sign at Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place during the height of the morning rush hour – 7:30 to 7:45.

Eric Durland supported the police enforcing the stop sign and also suggested evening hours.

### Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

The Town Council introduced Ordinance No. O-04-2015, Amending Chapter II, “Streets, Sidewalks, Maintenance and Use of the Public Rights of Way”, to clarify the construction and permitting of driveways. A Public Hearing was scheduled for July 6, 2015 (subsequently changed to July 20, 2015).

### Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to introduce Ordinance O-04-2015 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 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 5-202 “Town building Permit Required” and to enact Section 5-106, “Driveways and Parking Surfaces” and schedule a public hearing for July 6, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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**July 6, 2015—Organizational Meeting 6:35 p.m.** Council Members Bartram and Rodriguez were sworn in prior to the Organizational Meeting by Mayor Fosselman.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Furman, McMullen, and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Bartram was necessarily absent.

Tracey Furman was nominated to serve as Mayor Pro Tem by the Council. Please see Council Actions.

The Mayor and Council discussed Town Committees and areas of interest. The following areas of interest were assigned:

Audit Committee – McMullen  
Board of Elections – Furman  
Ethics Committee - Bartram  
Greenscape (Parks and Trees) – Rodriguez and Furman  
Development Review Board – Rodriguez and Bartram  
Design Guidelines Task Force – Rodriguez and Furman  
Historic Preservation – McMullen and Furman  
Traffic – McMullen and Bartram

The following Committees were disbanded by the Mayor and Council:

Green Task Force  
Revitalization  
Warner Circle

Council Member McMullen suggested a Council Retreat with Jill McCrory, similar to previous years. The Council agreed and Mayor Fosselman stated he would contact Ms. McCrory.

The Council discussed printing and

distributing the Town Map during the Labor Day Parade.

### Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to nominate Council Member Furman to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 6:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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### Town Council Summary from the July 6, 2015 Town Meeting:

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015.
- Approved a Red Cedar Pergola for Howard Avenue Park.
- Announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-04-2015 has been rescheduled for August 10, 2015.
- Extended the Contract with Maier Warner through August 10, 2015. A Resolution extending the contract through June 30, 2016 will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

**July 6, 2015—**Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Furman, McMullen, Sexton, and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member Bartram was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for the victims of the Charleston shooting.

The minutes from May 11 and June 8, 2015 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

**From the Mayor and Town Council –**

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The Mayor reported that he, along with Council Members Furman and Rodriguez, attended the annual MML convention; updated the status of the Silver Creek project, which continues to remove invasive plants, and will be planting an additional ten to twelve trees in the fall; thanked Mark Hudson, Val and Martha Deale, Doug and Jenny Smith, Duane Rollins, Town staff, and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department for a successful July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade; noted that the parking signs along Fawcett and at the Train Station will be installed; a 90 day trial period will follow to determine if the business spaces are being utilized; the Town will purchase seven tables for the K-Town Food Truck Night events; and stated that he had been elected President of the Maryland Mayors Association.

Council Member McMullen stated that after discussing the proposed crosswalk alteration at the intersection of Kensington Parkway and Frederick Avenue with County Parks, they have determined that the project is not feasible due to a number of factors; the Town will be improving the existing crosswalk with brick pavers later this summer, along with placing additional signage to help with visibility.

Council Member Furman attended the annual MML Convention and found it constructive to speak with other elected officials from around the State; noted that the Greenspace Committee discussed three different Pergola options for Howard Avenue Park, and decided on a Western Red Cedar Pergola with a green canvas shade; the Pergola, including installation, will cost \$14,271.72; a HAWP will be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for approval.

Yvonne Gurney, Greenscape Committee, explained that the Red Cedar was more fitting with the garden and historic nature of Howard Avenue.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked the Residents of the Town for electing him to the Town Council; attended the annual MML Convention and took part in a number of the workshops, to include: Improving Community Health, Economic Development, along with a roundtable on improving communication; thanked Al Lacey and Eli Sola-Sole for the library box outside of 10411 Fawcett Street.

### **From the Public –**

Eli Sola-Sole thanked the Mayor and Council for the purchase of seven tables for the K-Town Food Truck Night events; she also stated that she supports the Pergola at Howard Avenue Park and asked about the utility markings along Howard Avenue, and if the Town was planning to plant flowers within the tree boxes on Howard Avenue. Ms. Sola-Sole also requested if additional vendors or music could be placed on Howard Avenue during the Labor Day Festival.

Town Manager Daily stated that he would look into the utility markings along Howard Avenue.

Mayor Fosselman said he would speak with the KVFD about placing their Safety House along Howard during the Festival.

Town Manager Daily asked the Council about relocating the grandstand from Montgomery Avenue to Howard Avenue.

The Mayor and Council asked Town Manager Daily to look into placing the grandstand within the parking inlets in front of the Train Station along Howard Avenue.

Dr. Campbell thanked the Mayor and Council for the pending crosswalk improvements at Kensington Cabin Park, and requested that an ordinance be introduced enforcing the clearing or removal of grass clippings from public sidewalks.

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Mayor Fosselman thanked Dr. Campbell for the information that he presented with regards to grass clippings and stated that he had spoken to Town Attorney Ferguson about the request, and that the Town has the authority under the existing regulations to enforce this matter. The Mayor suggested, however, that the Town remind residents through the Around Town Journal and an official notice to violators first, prior to enforcing the clearing of grass clippings with a municipal infraction.

Council Member McMullen stated that a new ordinance is not necessary, as the Town already had the means to enforce obstructions within the public right-of-way.

Council Member Furman mentioned that general reminders for greenery obstructing the public right-of-way are also necessary.

Yvonne Gurney mentioned that the walkway within Flinn Park is covered with mud, and the steps into Clum Kennedy need attention.

Mayor Fosselman thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County for helping with the storm drain issue on Montgomery Avenue.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –**

The Town Council announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. O-04-2015 was postponed until the August 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to accommodate State legal proceedings.

Town Manager Daily requested that the Council remove the Resolution to extend public relation services with Maier Warner until a new scope of work could be reviewed. See Council Actions.

### **Council Actions –**

Council Member McMullen moved to

approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Rodriguez abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to approved the Minutes from the June 8, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Rodriguez abstained.

Council Member McMullen motioned to approve Town Manager Daily to purchase the Red Cedar Pergola from Walpole Outdoors, in an amount not to exceed \$14,271.72, as dated June 29, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen motioned to extend the existing contract with Maier Warner for public relations services through July 2015, until a Resolution with a new scope of work could be presented at the August 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **Did you miss a Town Meeting . . .**

A recording of each Town Council meeting may be found on our website:

*<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/>*

Additionally, a brief summary of any actions taken during a Council Meeting is sent out through our email notification system the following day. If you would like to receive this notification, please join our email list at [www.tok.md.gov](http://www.tok.md.gov)

## COMMUNITY



**Sunday, October 18th, 11 am—4 pm  
Howard Avenue**

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*Mix one gallon of vinegar, 2 cups of Epsom salt, and 1/4 cup Dawn dish soap. Pour in a sprayer and spray on weeds. It will kill them as well as Roundup does.*

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### **Kensington 8K Race**

The 8K Race's challenging route is famous for its fast start in Old Town

Kensington, commencing at Warner Circle, past Town Hall, and along Antique Row. After a long straight-away down Kensington Parkway, runners enter Rock Creek Park for a beautiful run on Beach Drive. But not too fast, as you must save some energy for the infamous E. Bexhill hill, followed by a relieving downhill sprint before finishing back in Old Town to the cheers of hundreds of spectators in Reinhardt Park.

While the Kensington 8K has grown in size and stature over the past two decades, the event continues to highlight Kensington's unique small-town feel and family-friendly community.

The **2 Mile Challenge** and **1K Fun Run** are perfect for families and younger runners to enjoy, working their way up to the longer 8K course in future years. Race proceeds go to support three local public schools serving the Kensington-Bethesda communities: Kensington Parkwood Elementary, North Bethesda Middle, and Walter Johnson High Schools. Funds raised through sponsors and race entry fees support both academic and extracurricular activities at the schools. Event organizers, sponsors, and volunteers are a blend of parents and supporters with ties to these wonderful schools and communities. We encourage all students, parents, teachers, staff, and alumni from these schools to come out on race day, join the fun, and embrace the community spirit that is the Kensington 8K.

***Kensington8K.org***

## COMMUNITY



### Understanding Social Security

Please join *Paul Sexton, AAMS*, for an Educational Seminar—where you'll learn key facts about the Social Security program, including:

- How benefits are calculated
- Full retirement age and choosing the right time to file
- Receiving benefits while working
- Provisional income and tax implications
- Options for spouses and ex-spouses

**Monday, September 28th**

6:30—8:30 pm

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### Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series

*Howard Avenue Park @ 10 am*

**September 19 ~ Janine Wilson & Max Evans**

**September 26 ~ Angie & Carlos Munhoz**

**October 3 ~ Scrub Pines**

**October 10 ~ 2nd Story Band**

**October 17 ~ Ellen Cherry**

*kensingtonhistory.org*





## 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

**September 2015**

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