

Kensington Around Town

April 2019



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Town Meetings

Council Work Session

Monday, April 22 • 7-8pm • Town Hall

Greenscape Committee

Thursday, May 2 • 7-8pm • Town Hall Map Room

Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 13 • 7-8pm • Town Hall

Montgomery Parks Historic Structures Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 14 • 7-9pm • Town Hall

Candidates Forum

Monday, May 20 • 7-9pm • Town Hall

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20 • 2-4pm

The Dish & Dram Present Andrew Gifford

Wednesday, April 24 • 6:30-8:30pm

Paper & Electronics Recycling

Saturday, April 27 • 1-3pm

KVFD Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 27 • 5-8pm

Kensington Day of the Book

Sunday, April 28 • 11am-4pm

GALA Craft Fair

Sunday, April 28 • 11am-4pm

Food Truck Night

Thursdays, May 2 & 16 • 5-8pm

BBQ Fest at Strosnidors

Saturday, May 4 • 11am-2pm

Ladies Night Strosnidors

Monday, May 6 • 6-8pm

Kensington Arts Theatre 'Oliver!'

May 10-26

Dog Parade

Saturday, May 11 • 9-11am

Paper Airplane Day

Sunday, May 19 • 1-3pm

For more info on events go to:
TOK.md.gov/Events-Calendar

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From the Mayor

I would like to acknowledge the 125th Anniversary Committee: Nicole Andrews (Chair); Judy Beach-Uhlman (Co-Chair); Gloria Capron; Dawn Frattarelli; Megan Griggs; Kyle Richards; Angelika Stablow; Katherine Wood; and Council Member Duane Rollins. The Committee did a wonderful job planning this fabulous event and I continue to receive compliments from Residents who have expressed a desire to hold a similar event sooner than later.

If you were not able to attend our formal event on April 6th, the Kensington Historical Society (KHS) will be hosting a 125th Anniversary event for the community at Kensington Cabin Park on Sunday, June 2nd, 1 pm – 4 pm. The details for this event are still being planned, so additional information will be provided within our May Around Town Journal.

There was great representation by Town Residents for the March 28th Community Meeting, which was hosted by the developer for the proposed Kensington Square Self Storage project (10619

Connecticut Avenue). Following the community meeting, the Town Council and I held a separate Listening Session on April 3rd for additional feedback from our Residents on the project. While we are appreciative that the developer, 1784 Capital Holdings, made some significant changes to their original plan, specifically by focusing the first and second floors around a potential restaurant and artist space, the Town Council remains unanimous on our October 8, 2018 position that we will not support this project as a conditional use.

I have informed the representatives for 1784 Capital Holdings that the Town Council and I have not received adequate support for the project following the March 28th Community Meeting, and that we will not be considering the project for further review by our Development Review Board (DRB). If 1784 Capital Holdings wishes to re-submit their revised plan to Montgomery Planning, we will require 1784 Capital Holdings to attend a Town Council Meeting where we will formally reject the proposed plan.

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Conor Crimmins
Bridget Hill-Zayat

Duane Rollins
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Town Minutes

March 11, 2019 Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019 and the Work Session Minutes from February 25, 2019.
- Introduced Ordinance No. O-02-2019 - an Ordinance to adopt the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FY20). The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 8th, 7 pm.
- Approved Resolution No. R-04-2019 - A Resolution confirming the Mayor's re-appointment of David Beudet and Tina Sherman to the Ethics Commission.
- Approved Resolution No. R-05-2019 - A Resolution confirming the Mayor's re-appointment of Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jennifer Smith to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- Approved Resolution No. R-06-2019 - A Resolution amending the schedule of Fees, Charges, and Expenses.
- Approved Resolution No. R-07-2019 - A Resolution to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit along the 3700 Block of Farragut Avenue between University Boulevard and Lexington Street.

Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Furman; Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Hill-Zayat, and Rollins; Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman; and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019 and the Work Session Minutes from February 25, 2019 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Council

Council Member Rollins reported that the Traffic Committee met on February 21st and noted that the Committee recommended the following:

- Reduce the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph along the 3700 block of Farragut Avenue, at the recommendation of the Town's Traffic Engineer, Joe Cutro.
- Proceed with the proposed plug at the intersection of University Boulevard and Farragut Avenue.
- Delay installation of the petition proposed speed hump along the 3700 block of Farragut Avenue to allow the Traffic Engineer to evaluate data following the reduction in the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph; the Town will keep the petition on file for one year.
- Requested that the Council consider a Traffic Warrant to determine if a three-way stop sign was justified at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street, prior to moving forward with option 2 of the proposed bump out.
- Move forward with hiring two part-time Montgomery County Police Officers as Town employees instead of using a rotation of officers to enforce traffic restrictions.
- Have staff work with the Traffic Engineer to draft a letter to the County Department of Transportation requesting a review of the recent traffic calming measures along Summit Avenue.
- Have the Traffic Engineer evaluate the entire Town for crosswalk improvements and installations.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman noted that after the Traffic Committee meeting, the Town's Traffic Engineer, Joe Cutro, stated that prior evaluation of the Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street intersection would not justify a Traffic Warrant for a three-way stop, and recommended that the Council move forward with the bump out option.

The Council discussed the bump out and conducting a Traffic Warrant for a three-way stop and concurred to have the issue for discussion again at the next Traffic Committee meeting. Council Member Bartram asked about proceeding with the proposed plug for the intersection of University Boulevard and Farragut Avenue. Town Manager Daily noted that he would like

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to discuss the project with the State Highway Administration before moving forward.

Mayor Furman reported that the Greenscape Committee met and will once again be hosting an Arbor Day event in coordination with the Day of the Book Festival on April 28th; the Committee recommended contracting Rasma Plato to lay out a preliminary design for Clum Kennedy Park; and discussed creating a banner program along Howard Avenue.

Mayor Furman noted that she and Town Manager Daily met with County Executive Elrich, along with representatives from Montgomery County and the Housing Opportunities Commission to discuss making a portion of the HOC gymnasium available for public use.

Nate Engle asked about the original agreement for public use of the gymnasium and why only half of the gym is being offered; and also requested that the Council be responsive in providing information to the community to include the availability of the facility for public use.

Jennifer Graff suggested that middle school aged children also be considered for activity uses within the gym and suggested that the Town take the opportunity to help find an appropriate use for the facility once HOC has left.

Mayor Furman noted that HOC has taken over half of the gym due to a lack of office space and they may be relocating to a new facility within three years; she suggested creating an ad-hoc committee in the future to review the space if the school system does not use it.

Karin Averbeck requested that the Town fight for the public use of the entire gym and for all ages during daytime use.

Mayor Furman noted that the current parking limitations would prevent most uses during the day.

Public Appearances

Jack Gaffey requested that the Town enforce 'Do Not Block the Box' signs, and noted a number of upcoming astronomical events.

Council Member Bartram stated that the proposed 'Do Not Block the Box' legislation exempts enforcement of left turns, which would not apply to the issue at Connecticut Avenue and Knowles Avenue.

Julie O'Malley clarified that the Greenscape Committee's plan for Clum Kennedy Park is to allow for greater accessibility and use by improving the existing paths and gardens; and noted that the British Player's production of Noises Off was fabulous.

Tim Weir thanked the Town on behalf of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department for contributing the funds for the 9/11 plaque honoring the victims of Flight 93; and thanked Mayor Furman and Council Member Rollins for their attendance.

Leslie Olson asked if the Town would consider offering composting collection and noted that the Pepco facility at Metropolitan and St. Paul was not being maintained.

Council Member Crimmins questioned one of the current compost providers within the Town and if they could handle the volume of customers, as he has encountered service issues.

Council Member Hill-Zayat suggested reminding Residents in the Around Town Journal that they can sign-up for compost collections with Compost Crew; and mentioned that if the Pepco property maintenance issue persists, she can provide contact information for the Public Service Commission.

David Romeo requested clarification on the Shred-It event and what electronic items would be collected; asked if the Town had any regulations pertaining to the size of flags or flag poles; and how Committees and notice of meetings are posted.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated that he

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would review the County's regulations pertaining to flag poles and that Committee information, along with meeting information, is posted on our website.

Helen Wilkes presented the Mayor and Council a letter outlining her goals and vision for the Community with respect to development and design guidelines. Ms. Wilkes noted that the letter was in follow-up to her comments at the previous Council Meeting where she suggested that a townhouse development was not within the vision of Brainard Warner when he designed our 'Garden Community'.

Julie O'Malley stated that the existing townhouses within Kensington look more like houses compared to what was presented within the Knowles Station plan, which were four stories and did not engage the street with a community feel.

Council Member Crimmins reiterated the Council's position of the proposed Summit Avenue Extension project.

Miles Carr noted the importance of having a walkable community with sidewalks and also addressed the Council with respect to his request to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in Town Elections. Mr. Carr stated that Takoma Park passed a similar law in 2013 and the following election in November suggested that only 8.5 percent of eligible voters over the age of 18 voted; while 16.9 percent of registered 16 and 17-year-olds voted. He concluded that lowering the voting age would allow teens to feel like they have a voice and will allow them to gain credibility and would help send a message to other teens in neighboring communities.

Council Member Crimmins questioned if the teen voter turnout has been sustained within Takoma Park elections.

Council Member Hill-Zayat stated it should not preclude Miles from proposing the voter age change and whether or not it has been sustained.

Mayor Furman stated that Mr. Carr's request was

not an Agenda item, so no action could be taken this evening; however, the Council may decide to discuss the issue further at a future Council Meeting.

Karin Averbeck thanked the Council for the 'No Thru Traffic' sign on Washington, in which she believed has made a big difference in making the street safer.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of having a walkable community with a green buffer between the curb and sidewalk.

Miles Carr suggested that a sign be placed on Connecticut Avenue advising drivers of the 'No Thru Traffic' regulations, as he had a negative experience with an officer enforcing the restriction.

Dave Beaudet clarified that Mr. Carr's proposal was only for 16 and 17-year-olds to vote not to hold elected office within the Town.

Mayor Furman stated that the developers for the proposed Kensington Square Self Storage (10619 Connecticut Avenue) project will be holding a community meeting on March 28th, and that the Town is taking no action, as the applicant is hosting the meeting to present a revised sketch plan; noted that the developer for Knowles Station has withdrawn his proposal for phase 3 and 4 of the project; and announced that Wine & Co. will officially open March 13th.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Ordinance No. O-02-2019 - An Ordinance adopting the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 (FY20) and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town was introduced. The Council set the Public Hearing for April 8, 2019, 7:00 pm. See Council Actions.

Mayor Furman stated that the proposed FY20 Budget includes hiring two Montgomery County Police Officers as part-time employees to replace the existing rotational contract with Montgomery County Police, along with funding for a full-time

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Code Enforcement Officer position.

Resolution No. R-04-2019 - A Resolution confirming the Mayor's re-appointment of David Beaudet and Tina Sherman to the Town Ethics Commission was presented. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-05-2019 - A Resolution confirming the Mayor's re-appointment of Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jennifer Smith to the Board of Supervisors of Elections was presented. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-06-2019 - A Resolution amending the schedule of Town Fees, Charges, and Expenses was presented. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Daily stated that the fees are updated yearly for the cost of living; in addition, fees have been added for the small cell ordinance, and Building Permit fees have been amended to reflect construction by the square foot instead of as a total estimated cost, at the recommendation of the Town Attorney.

Council Member Rollins suggested that the storage container regulations should be adjusted to allow for a fee between 30 and 120 days.

Leslie Olson questioned whether a permit and fee would be needed for repairing a driveway.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman stated the storage container increment is written within the Town Code and would require an amendment, and that the Town would not require a permit if a resident is only repairing an existing driveway. However, a new or reconstructed (change in foot print) would require a permit.

Resolution No. R-07-2019 - A Resolution to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit along the 3700 Block of Farragut Avenue between University Boulevard and Lexington Street was presented. See Council Actions.

Council Member Bartram stated that both the Traffic Committee and Traffic engineer recommended the

reduced speed due to the commercial nature of the street, along with a number of other abnormalities along the block including a narrower width.

Mayor Furman swore in David Beaudet to the Ethics Commission.

Council Actions

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019 and the Work Session Minutes from February 25, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Hill-Zayat moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Permits & More

From the Editor

Do you have a favorite Kensington story that you'd like to share? We're looking for stories about: neighbors helping neighbors; living in a small community; shopping or dining in town; experiencing our parks; or anything of interest that comes to mind,

Please share only positive stories as we'd like to give our readers something to smile about and take pride in being a Kensington resident.

We'd like to feature your stories one or two at a time in future publications of the Around Town Journal.

Submit your story to Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov

Featured Artist



Thanks to Debra Halprin for the use of her art for this journal. HalprinArt.com

WANTED: Your Art or Photography

If you have art/photos that feature Kensington and would like to share it for future journals, please email Kariann.zentz@tok.md.gov.

Building Permits

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

Town Permits

3716 Howard Avenue - Storage Container

3504 Dupont Avenue - New Home; ROW

3600 Dupont Avenue - Driveway; ROW

125th Celebration



More than 200 residents enjoyed an evening of cocktails, dancing, conversation and a buffet of delicious food at Kensington's 125th Anniversary on April 6 at Town Hall! Sherri Holdridge Photography captured the evening with a fun selection of photos. To view and purchase photos, visit:

SherriHoldridgePhotography.com/p415175524

Crime Prevention Tips - Auto

Crime Prevention Tips from the Montgomery County Police

The Montgomery County Police have asked that we remind residents about the importance of securing both your home and vehicles from potential thefts. The following Crime Prevention Brochures provide tips on how you may protect both your home and vehicles.

Call the Police whenever you have been the victim of a crime or when you see a crime in progress, or when you see something suspicious that you would like the Police to investigate.

View these tips online at tok.md.gov/crime-prevention-tips. For multiple crime prevention brochures go to MontgomeryCountymd.gov/POL/resource/CrimePreventBrochures.

Schedule your home security survey with your Community Services Officer by calling 240-773-6700. Kensington is listed as the 2nd District.

Help Us Prevent Thefts From Vehicles!

In an effort to reduce thefts from automobiles, the Montgomery County Police Department is asking that in the future, please lock your doors and remove all valuables from your vehicle or secure your personal property out of sight in the glove compartment, console or trunk.

What's In Your Car?

Laptop? Key Fob? Cell Phone? Phone Charger?
Briefcase? Purse? iPod? Gym Bag? GPS System?
Wallet? Money? Camera? Garage Opener? CD's?

The 2nd District is increasing police presence in communities, asking citizens to call the police immediately if they see something suspicious occurring, lock their vehicles, remove valuables from their vehicles, leave exterior lights on to enhance community lighting. Neighbors should look out for one another.

If you SEE Something, SAY Something.

We can all help keep our communities safe by paying attention to our surroundings and reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

We all play a role in keeping our community safe.

To report suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement agency. Describe specifically what you observed, including:

- ✓ Who or what you saw;
- ✓ When you saw it;
- ✓ Where it occurred; and
- ✓ Why it's suspicious.

Non-emergency, call 301-279-8000
If there is an emergency, CALL 9-1-1.



Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Police
2ND DISTRICT
7359 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Crime Prevention Tips - Home



Montgomery County, Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Home Security

Safety Tips To Keep Your Home and Valuables Safe



Windows

Windows should have double or triple pane glass to minimize easy breakage.

- ✓ If possible, choose windows with 2 locking devices to help delay entry. Larger windows often have 2 crescent locks or other locking mechanism on the windows.
- ✓ Secondary lock-offs can be used to delay or discourage entry. Some are built into the windows while others are after-market items.

Landscaping

Keeping trees and shrubs properly trimmed will lessen hiding places for a burglar.

- ✓ A deciduous tree should have its lowest limb at 6' from the ground.
- ✓ Shrubs should be maintained at a height of between 2' - 3'.

These recommendations allow a person to be more easily seen due to better visual access.

- ✓ Thorny plants can be utilized in vulnerable locations. Some recommendations are rose, pyracantha, barberry and holly.

What you don't know . . .

The FBI estimates there is a burglary nationally every 15 seconds. This amounts to millions of dollars of YOUR stolen property. Help safeguard your home by making a few worthwhile upgrades.

Did you know . . . ?

- ✓ Most burglars enter the property from the rear of the home. It's more isolated, and they are less likely to bring attention to themselves.
- ✓ Many burglars make entry through hinged doors and operable windows. Sliding glass doors and plate glass windows can be targets.
- ✓ Loud dogs and nosy neighbors can be a significant deterrent.
- ✓ Many burglars will knock on the front door to assess if anyone is home. If you or a latchkey child are home, make your presence known.



Vacations and Holidays

Burglaries can occur while you are out of town. To help minimize your chances take the following into consideration:

- ✓ Decide whether to stop the mail or newspaper. Ask a trusted neighbor to gather them for you. Cancelling service can signal your absence.
- ✓ Have a neighbor park in your driveway or in front of your home.
- ✓ Timers on lights at night tuned to your normal schedule can show the appearance of your typical routine.
- ✓ Free papers and flyers may still be left at residence.

Alarms

Audible alarms notify the burglar. Monitored alarms notify the police. Very often an alarm system will limit the time a burglar is in a home, limiting the amount of property stolen.

Safes

A safe can be very useful to safeguard your items. Research the type of safe you need. A burglar safe keeps someone from breaking in, but often does not keep an item from charring in a fire. A fire safe can keep documents from burning, but may be easily opened.

- ✓ Most burglars do not want a confrontation and may not carry a weapon.
- ✓ Most burglars want easy-to-carry items, such as electronics, jewelry, cash.
- ✓ Alarms may not deter a burglar, but it does limit the time a burglar is in the home.

Doors

Good quality doors and locks along with proper installation can mean the difference between an attempted burglary and a successful burglary.

- ✓ Doors should be solid material – wood, steel or fiberglass.
- ✓ If there is decorative glass in the door or windows adjacent to the door, be sure it does not allow access to a lock if the window is broken OR have other safety measures in place – glass film, polycarbonate material or double cylinder locks (where code allows).
- ✓ Deadbolt locks should have at least a 1" throw (the bolt) to fit solidly into the framing.
- ✓ The strike plate (the brass plate at the door frame) should have 4 screws, preferably each being 4" long, to ensure it is firmly attached to the trim and framing.

Each of these components plays an important role. When used together properly, it could prevent a burglary.

Home Inventory

A home inventory of valuables can be extremely important in retrieving your property and closing a case.

- ✓ Make a list of property to include the make, model and serial number.
- ✓ Include portable devices and kids' game consoles and items as well.
- ✓ Take pictures of jewelry while wearing it to show scale. Keep any appraisals with the inventory list.
- ✓ Keep the list in a secure location.

Schedule your home security survey with your Community Services Officer.

Important Numbers

| District Community Service Officers | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st District | 240-773-6070 |
| 2nd District | 240-773-6700 |
| 3rd District | 240-773-6800 |
| 4th District | 240-773-5500 |
| 5th District | 240-773-6200 |
| 6th District | 240-773-5700 |
| Central Auto Theft | 240-773-6370 |
| Police Emergency | 301-279-9111 |
| Non-Emergency | 301-279-8000 |



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Villages of Kensington



The Villages of Kensington: Enhancing Community in Greater Kensington, One Neighbor At A Time!

By Tamara Rickman

We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results. – Herman Melville

Villages — local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations — foster social connections through activities and events, and coordinate volunteer help at home using a neighbor-helping-neighbor model.

Did you know there is a “Village” that is in – and yet bigger than – the Town of Kensington? The Villages of Kensington (VoK) is a nonprofit organization of neighbors in ZIP code 20895 organized around the theme of mutual support and connection, and dedicated to helping our seniors remain in their homes as long as possible. VoK is part of the Village Movement sweeping the country and is one of more than 30 in our County. Montgomery County is a World Health Organization certified “Age-Friendly Community for a Lifetime” in part because of the proliferation of Villages organized to help older residents age in the homes and communities they love. According to recent census data, more than 17% of the population in the Kensington ZIP code is age 65 or older.

As we age, some of our network and support system is lost to relocation, retirement, death, or just plain busyness. The Village Movement uses a more-formal structure to build on the ideal of keeping neighbors in touch with one another for fun and mutual assistance.



We offer various social activities each month. We invite all of our Members to get together for our monthly LunchAround, and any of our Full Members can get a ride with one of our vetted Volunteers – to healthcare and other appointments, shopping, worship services, social gatherings, concerts, or museums. We even have a group that knits and crochets blankets for Project Linus! Our Volunteers also help Members with light chores, and they stop by to visit. Villages are thriving all over the country using this model.

Villages of Kensington was started less than three years ago by a small group of caring neighbors. At last count we boasted 65 Full and Social Members as well as a roster of 38 trained and vetted

Volunteers who stand ready to provide a helping hand and a friendly smile to our neighbors. VoK embraces the Town’s philosophy of “creating a strong sense of community” and extends it to all who live in 20895.

Ride the wave of the future and volunteer with and/or become a member of VoK, so that it will be a vibrant feature of Greater Kensington for many years to come! Adults of all ages are welcome. Check out VoK’s website at VillagesofKensington.org.

Tamara Rickman is a Town resident as well as a Board member, Treasurer, and general booster of Villages of Kensington.

Election Information

2019 ELECTION

The Town Election will be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at Town Hall (3710 Mitchell Street). Voting hours are from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The terms of Council Members Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins are set to expire June 30, 2019. Both Council Members have the option of running for re-election.

NOMINATIONS

If you are interested in running for Town Council, nominations for elective office are available at Town Hall by filing a Certificate of Nomination with the Town’s Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels. Nominations must be submitted by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 13, 2019. Please contact **Susan Engels** at Engels@tok.md.gov for additional information, or you may visit our TOK website: TOK.MD.gov/town-government/town-elections.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents must be registered prior to the election in order to cast a ballot in a Town election. If you are not registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, please fill out the Registration Form (available on TOK website) and return it to Town Hall. If you are not sure if you are registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, please contact Susan Engels or call 301-949-2424.

Please note: you must be registered by the County with a Town address. Town residents who do not wish to register to vote with the County, but wish to vote in a Town election, may register with the Town by visiting the Town Offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- County Voter Registration Closes Monday, April 29th. *Town of Kensington Election Only
- Town Voter Registration Closes Tuesday, May 28th at 4:00 pm

ABSENTEE BALLOT

If you cannot be present at an upcoming Town election and will require an Absentee Ballot, please fill out the Absentee Ballot Application (available on TOK website) and return it to the Town Offices (3710 Mitchell Street). You must fill out the Absentee Ballot Application in order to receive an Absentee Ballot.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Every person who is a citizen of the U.S., at least 18 years of age, has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days, and is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter shall be a qualified voter of the Town and shall be entitled to vote at any or all Town elections.

NOMINATIONS

Persons may be nominated for elected office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination, (available on TOK website) along with a financial disclosure, (available on TOK website) at Town Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 — the end of the nominating period.

TOK.MD.gov/town-government/town-elections

Community Resources

Pick up your free Kensington brochures in Town Hall!

Explore KENSINGTON
SHOP • DINE • EVENTS • ART

Artwork by Vicky Surles

Celebrate the 14th Annual Kensington Day of the Book Festival
April 28 • 11 am to 4 pm

| 2019 Events Calendar | | |
|---|---|---|
| Every Saturday Year-Round • 9am-1pm Farmers Market At the Train Station | May 11 • 9-11am Kensington Dog Parade Finn Park | July 4 • 10am 24th Annual Children's Bike Parade St. Paul Park |
| April 27 • 1-3pm Shred It! Electronics and Paper Kensington Town Hall | May 19 • 1-3pm 3rd Annual KTown Paper Airplane Day Kensington CAN! St. Paul Park | July 20 • 6pm Opera in the Park Warner Circle Park |
| April 28 • 11am-4pm 14th Annual Kensington Day of the Book Festival A literary celebration | June 1 - September 28 Every Saturday 10-11am Kensington Historical Society Summer Concert Series Howard Avenue Park | August 31 - September 2 Paint the Town Art exhibition |
| April 28 • 11am-4pm Gala Craft Fair In conjunction with the Day of the Book Festival | June 2 • 1-4pm Community Celebrates Kensington's 125th Anniversary Kensington Cabin Park | September 2 • 10-2pm 52nd Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival Celebration and festivities |
| 1st & 3rd Thursdays May - October • 5-8pm KTown Food Truck Night Armory Ave | June 7 - 22 The British Players "Old Time Music Hall" | September 7 & 8 • 11-5pm Model Train Show Music, stories and more! |
| May 10 - 26 Kensington Arts Theatre "Oliver!" | June 30 • 10am-1pm Cycling in the Circle Warner Circle Park | September 15 • 10-4pm Kensington Car Show Classic and Contemporary |
| | | September 21 • 7:45am Kensington 8K Race Races and fun for all! |

Go to ExploreKensington.com/Events for more information
Event times/dates are subject to change.

Shopping & Dining Guide

Explore KENSINGTON
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- The 2019 Events Calendar is a reminder of upcoming events and will look great on your refrigerator!
- The Shopping & Dining Guide lists all merchants by area: Old Town; Kensington North; and West Howard.
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Restaurant Guide

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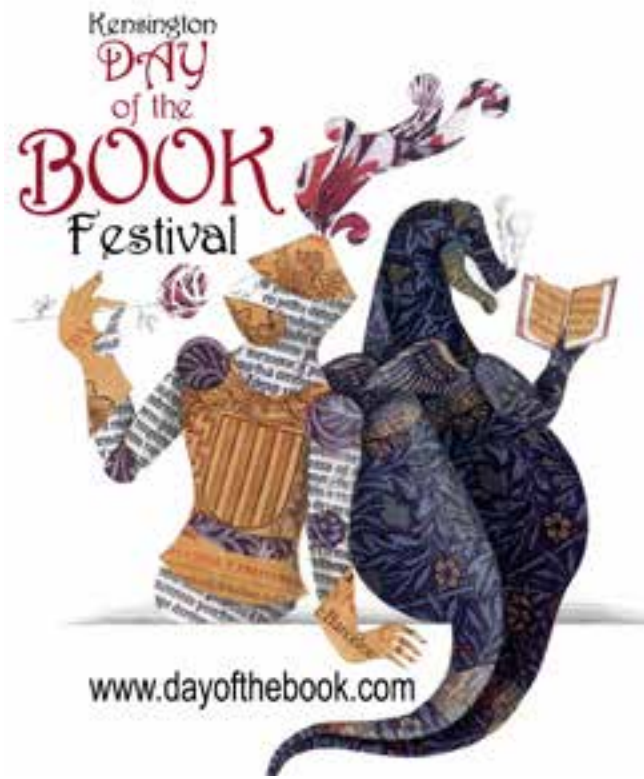
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Upcoming Events



Kensington Day of the Book Festival

Sunday, April 28 • 11am-4pm

DayoftheBook.com

This street festival celebrates the International Day of the Book. Over 100 authors, poets and other participants line Howard Ave. Enjoy live music, children's programs, author readings, food trucks and more!

Gala Craft Fair

Sunday, April 28 • 11am - 2pm

GalaArtisans.com



In conjunction with Day of the Book, enjoy an interesting collection of art and craft vendors.



TheDishAndDram.com

Literary Libations and a Celebration of Books - The Dish & Dram celebrates books in April! Enjoy cocktails and bar bites with a whimsical take on books such as *The Adventures of Huckleberry Gin* and, *Are You There God? It's Me, Margarita*. On April 24 meet author Andrew Gifford who wrote, "We All Scream: The Fall of the Gifford's Ice Cream Empire."



1st Annual Recycling Event
SATURDAY, APRIL 27th 1-3PM

Saturday, April 27 • 1-3pm

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3710 Mitchell Street

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Upcoming Events



Performance Dates

Friday - Sunday May 10 - 26

Fridays & Saturdays • 8:15pm
Sundays • 2pm

KATOnline.org

Kensington FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!

Thursdays, May 2 & 16
5-8pm

Enjoy dinner each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month through October when food trucks gather on Armory Avenue.



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TOWN OF KENSINGTON

Kensington CAN! Presents: Paper Airplane Day
Sunday, May 19 • 1-3pm
St. Paul Park



Ladies' Night

Monday, May 6
6:00pm - 8:00pm



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EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20 • 2-4pm

KensingtonParkSeniorLiving.com



Save the Date: Sunday, June 2 • 1-4pm
Celebrate Kensington's 125th Anniversary
Enjoy music, hot dogs, picnic, crafts, neighbors and more at Kensington Cabin Park

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FARMERS' MARKET

Featured Vendor!!

Stonyman Gourmet Farmer offers premium farmstead cheeses and farmhouse savories.

Cheese - Cow's milk, goat's milk and sheep's milk make strong cheeses from aged blues to hard and semi-soft mountain tommes, to mild and creamy cheeses.

Savories - Pates & Terrines, quiches, savory tarts & meat pies, soups & stews, biscuits, apple strudel, fromage blanc cheesecake and more!

Tastings - Visitors are encouraged to taste as many cheeses as it takes to arrive at the ideal cheese board.

SATURDAYS
9AM - 1PM

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Howard Avenue Train Station
Kensington, MD

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Kensington Around Town April 2019



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