

## Saturdays in September

Your step-by-step guide to a great day in Kensington

- 9am Head to the <u>Farmers Market</u> for a breakfast treat and coffee. There's a delicious Belgian waffle calling your name.
- 10am Stroll across the street and listen to an hour of Free
   Music at Howard Avenue Park. Dance if you'd like.
- 11am Pick out a <u>Unique Gift</u> for youself or a friend at one of the many antique and gift shops that are walkable.
- ◆ 12pm Take in <u>Lunch</u> at a fast casual or full service restaurant that you'll find along your way through town.
- 2pm Get out your cellphone and take a self guided Walking
   Tour to learn about the architecture of homes in Kensington.
- 4pm Hop over to one of Kensington's <u>Seven Parks</u> and take in the beauty of your hometown.













Find all the details on **ExploreKensington.com** and **KensingtonHistory.org** 

#### **Celebrate Local on National Days**

September 22 - National Ice Cream Cone Day

Baskin-Robbins • La Gelatteria • Tea Room Old Town Market • Java Nation

September 29 - National Coffee Day

Car Wash Coffee • Java Nation • Old Town Market La Gelatteria • Dunkin' • Starbucks

October 14 - National Dessert Day

JennyCakes Bakery • Julie's Bakery • Dunkin' La Gelatteria • MASTIHA Artisan Greek Bakery

#### **Upcoming Events**

KHS Summer Concert Series
Saturdays through Sept • 10-11am

Food Truck Night
1st & 3rd Thursdays
through October • 5-8pm

Kensington 8K Race Saturday, Sept 21 • 7:30-10:30am

STEM Smart "Soap Making" Saturday, Sept 21 • 2-3:30pm

Opera in the Circle
••New Date and Time••
Sunday, Sept 22 • 4:30-7pm

Traffic Committee Meeting Tuesday, Sept 24 • 7pm

**AARP Smart Driver Course** Thursday, Sept 26 • 10:30am-4pm

Basic Beekeeping

Saturday, Sept 28 • 2-4pm Family Game Day!

Saturday, October 5 • 3-5pm

**Strutt Your Mutt Dog Walk**Saturday, October 5 • 9am-12pm

**KVFD Open House** 

Sunday, October 6 • 11:30-4pm

Mentalist Alain Nu

Saturday, October 5 • 3-4pm

STEM Smart

"Computer Breakdown!"

Saturday, October 12 • 2-3:30pm

**20th Annual College Fair** Monday, Oct 14 • 6-8pm

**Town Council Meeting**Monday, Oct 7 • 7pm

Pumpkin Rock N' Roll

Saturday, Oct 26 • 2-6pm

TOK.md.gov/Events-Calendar

## From the Mayor

Council Member Duane Rollins and Lattended the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department's (KVFD) ceremony commemorating the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. A solemn annual event honoring the nearly 3,000 victims, including 343 firefighters who died in the World Trade Center, KVFD joined hundreds of other fire stations while responding to the Pentagon. While honoring KVFD's pledge to 'Never Forget', the Town donated funding in 2019 to complete a plague recognizing Flight 93, which crashed into a field in Shanksville, PA. The plaque is included within KVFD's 9/11 Memorial and is the only Fire Station in Montgomery County to have such a Memorial. I would encourage everyone to take the time to visit the 9/11 Memorial at Station 5 and 'Never Forget'.

The Town has completed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Konterra Limited Partnership for the use of the property located at 10450 Metropolitan Avenue as a Dog Park. Considering the property is located between the CSX railroad tracks and Metropolitan Avenue, we believe that the Dog Park will be an ideal location, as it is far from any residential properties. The Town Council approved the purchase of a 6' fence at our August meeting and the staff is currently working with the County on permits. To get the Dog Park opened this fall, we will be placing compacted dust gravel and grass, similar to Dog Parks in Gaithersburg and Rockville, and will also

install 2-3 benches, a trash/recycling station, dog waste stations, and signage/regulations for use of the Park. The Town's Public Works Crew will also provide landscaping upgrades along Metropolitan Avenue. The location does not have enough space for separate large and small dog areas, nor will the Park have water; however, we are very excited to finally find an appropriate location for a Dog Park within our Town. An advisory committee has also been formed to review future upgrades, including art opportunities, shade structure(s), surface material, and agility furnishings.



# Building & Town 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 at 301-949-2424 with any questions.

10606 Wheatley Street - Porch
10327 Summit Avenue - Driveway
3715 Dupont Avenue - Porch
3716 Howard Avenue - Storage Container
3720 Farragut Avenue - Utility

## **2020 Town Directory**

We are in the process of updating the Town of Kensington directory that connects you to your neighbors and community. Once complete, a new directory will be mailed to every town resident.

If you are new in town, or your information has changed since the last directory, please email your information to Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov.

If you know a new neighbor please share this information with them.

#### Please include:

Full Adult Name(s) • Full Street Address Phone(s) • Email(s)

Please indicate if you don't want your phone and/or email in the directory.

Town of Kensington residents are within the boundary lines of this map.



## **Pet Happenings**

The Town has signed an MOU with a local property owner to use their land for community use as a public Dog Park. The property is located on Metropolitan Ave & Wheatley Street. With the train tracks to the south and Metropolitan to the north, this is the great location away from residential property. Staff has applied for a fence permit with the county and the council approved the purchase of a 6' black chain link fence at our August meeting. To get the park up and running, we'll start with a compacted dust gravel and grass similar to what Rockville and Gaithersburg uses, install 2-3 benches, signage, trash/recycling containers and a waste disposal station. In the fall the crew will do some landscape upgrades along Metropolitan Ave. This park is similar in size to the recently closed Chevy Chase Village (CCV) Dog Park. Like CCV's park, there is no water and not

enough space to provide separate areas for large and small dogs.

We've also put together a small advisory committee that will look at art opportunities, shade options, possible upgrades to the initial ground covering and the addition of agility pieces.

# DC METRO 2019 STRUT YOUR MUTT Help keep dogs out of shelters Strut Your Mutt Dog Walk Saturday, October 5, 2019 9am-12pm Wheaton Regional Park Well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome! Donate or Register yourdogsfriend.org/strut-your-mutt

## Where in Kensington?

A close knit community shares a common history and an interest in each other's lives. It's comforting to talk about familiar topics and share stories with friends and neighbors. The purpose of this column, "Where in Kensington?" is to re-discover all things common and familiar.



## Who is this Dog?

I recently reached out to the Montgomery Art Association to collect Kensington art from local artists. When I received this painting, I knew I found my next "Where in Kensington?" Judy Prevo painted this sweet dog that everyone seems to know in Kensington. This dog spends her days with her owners at their shop, mostly laying outside in front of the shop, and when she was younger on this bench. When it's too hot or too cold, she heads inside for shelter. Who can tell me the name of this dog and her owner's shop?

The first person to email <u>Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov</u> with the address and closest merchant, will receive a \$10 gift certificate from <u>The Dish & Dram</u>. Voting closes on Friday, September 25, 2019. The mystery will be solved in the next journal issue.

## Where is this Kensington Mural?



Last month we asked you where this mural is located in Kensington. Julie M. texted me right away with the correct answer of CAR WASH COFFEE!. Congratulations Julie and I hope you enjoy your \$5 gift certificate.

Watch for a new mural project going up on the Jubilee building in the coming months, but in the meantime, take a moment to smell the coffee and the wall flowers at <u>Car Wash Coffee</u> located at 10700 Connecticut Avenue.

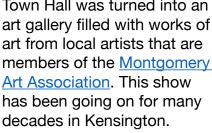
## **Paint the Town**

The Paint the Town Labor Day Show is a three-day event that includes a judged art show of approximately 400 pieces, demos, and a plein air competition.





Town Hall was turned into an art gallery filled with works of art from local artists that are members of the Montgomery Art Association. This show has been going on for many





"Frankly Pizza Magic" The winner of the Bertha Clum Award is Paula Zeller, posed here with her painting.

Rajendra KC won first place for this painting in the Plein Air Competition. He completed two works of art in less than eight hours on Saturday!



Alan Rich gave an art demo.

Paintings, prints and cards were available for sale all weekend.



This Kensington resident delights in recognizing her home in this painting.



## **Labor Day Parade**

The 52nd Annual Labor Day Parade was filled with marching bands, scout troops, politicians, acrobats, dancers and candy!

Mayor Tracey Furman and her little dog Abbey led the parade from St. Paul Park to the Noyes Children's Library.



Numerous scout troops walked by with pride!



Marching bands came from Einstein, Montgomery Blair and Magruder High Schools.



These balloons made us smile, how about you?



It paid off to be quick and tall when candy was thrown to the crowds.



MUM added art with this Warhol soup can.

There was a little Charleston in Kensington, along with a variety of other dance troups.



Stancills floated by with many songs.



IHOP loves to join in the parade every year!!



Mayor and Council had the best seats in the house as they watched the entertainment float by.



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## **Labor Day Festival**

Kensington comes alive after the parade with food trucks, music, a wine & beer garden, inflatables, games & activities, and so much fun!



Eleven food vendors were stationed along Mitchell Street and Armory Avenue serving chicken skewers, pizza, ice cream and more.



A Beer & Wine Garden was set up outside Town Hall with plenty of space for a picnic.



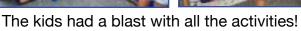
Summer isn't complete until you have a grilled hot dog, a crabcake and a snow cone at the festival!







Thirty nine vendor tents flanked Armory Ave.







Reinhardt Park offered shade and additional fun on this beautiful sunny day.

## **Lock Your Doors**



#### THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON

Invites you to meet with District 2 Commander Sean Gagen and Community Outreach officer, Dana Stroman for a meet & greet at an upcoming Farmers Market in October.

**Howard Ave, Train Station** 



"In District 2 there are 500 to 600 theft from auto cases each year, of which 98 percent of the thefts are from unlocked vehicles!"

"For those of you who have garage door openers, consider replacing the pad openers that come with the unit and replacing it with a key fob opener, a universal key remote available online that can be programmed specifically to your opener."

"Remove the valet key from your glove box. Do not leave the title to your vehicle in the car, just your registration and your insurance card."

Lieutenant Michael Hartnett, Montgomery County Police



#### PREVENT THEFT BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Recently the Washington area has seen an increase of theft from vehicles. The Town of Kensington is working with the Montgomery County Police to provide our residents with information to prevent theft from vehicles before it happens.

It is imperitave to keep your vehicle doors locked, your valuables out of sight and the windows and sunroof closed.

Keep in mind that the glove box, door panels, and center console are usually the first place a thief looks for valuables.

Most thefts from vehicles are crimes of opportunity, as thieves may see something nice, try the door, and take your valuables. While you may not think about locking your vehicle while at home, suburban neighborhoods are targets for thieves looking to steal valuables from unlocked vehicles.

Additionally, to prevent a home invasion, always keep your doors, windows and garage locked when you are at home and away.

#### PREVENT THEFT FROM YOUR VEHICLE



Remove all valuables from seats, dashboard and floor.

- Phone
- Backpack
- Briefcase

- Purse
- Electronics
- Computer

- Wallet
- Money
- Keys











#### KEYS TO SAFETY

- Vehicle doors locked
- Valuables out of sight
- Park in well-lit areas if possible

## Sidewalks for School

A campaign to clear overgrowth obstructing Town sidewalks for the school year



#### **Sidewalks for School**

Please be reminded that Montgomery County Schools are back in session, and school children are once again walking along our sidewalks to bus stops throughout the Town. We have taken notice that there are many areas in Town obstructed by overgrown hedges and shrubs, and we encourage you to take the time to clear the overgrowth obstructing the public sidewalks.

## If your landscaping is only partially obstructing a sidewalk . . .

Now is the time to prune it back. If you wait until the growth continues, you may discover that pruning it back to the edge of the sidewalk exposes bare branches which will not re-grow.

## Don't forget sidewalks to the rear or side of your property . . .

We tend to only pay attention to the sidewalks in front of our homes, and sometimes forget that we have them around the side or rear as well.

## I don't have obstructed sidewalks, but my neighbor does . . .

If you are comfortable doing so, please mention the Sidewalks for School campaign to them. You could also

print a copy of this page and leave it at their door. Alternatively, feel free to contact the Town staff (301-949-2424) and we will be in touch with them.

#### I'm too busy . . .

Keeping the sidewalks clear is both a neighborly thing to do as well as a requirement of the Town Code (section 3-105). When the homeowner maintains their landscaping, it's often done more to their satisfaction than when Town staff is sent to clear the right-of-way.

#### Hey, what about loose bricks or uneven sidewalks . . .

The Town periodically hires a contractor to even out sidewalks that pose trip hazards. Please report your concerns to the Town staff. (301-949-2424)

Thanks, and we apologize for reminding you that your summer vacation is now over.

## **Upcoming Events**

Kensington Historical Society's

#### **Summer Concert Series**

Saturdays • 10-11am through Sept. Howard Avenue Park



#### KensingtonHistory.org

Sept 21 Silver Creek Sept 28 SmithJackson



#### Saturday, September 21 8K Race, 2 Mile Challenge, 1K Fun Run

Benefits Kensington Parkwood, North Bethesda, Silver Creek & Walter Johnson Schools Sign-Up or Volunteer <u>Kensington8k.org</u>



#### **EVENTS**

#### STEM Smart for girls and boys aged 10-14

Soap Making - Sept 21 • 2-3:30pm

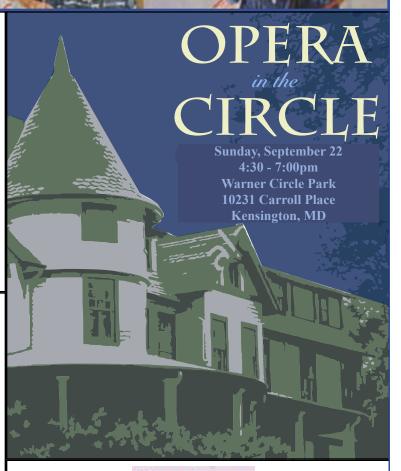
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AARP Smart Driver Course aged 50+

Sept 26 • 10:30am-4pm

**Basic Beekeeping** 

Sept. 28 • 2-4pm



## Kensington FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!

## Thursdays October 3 & 17

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



Sponsored by KBDA

Facebook.com/KtownFoodTruckNight

## **Upcoming Events**





#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 2 - 6 PM

- Pumpkin Roll Derby Race
   Live Music
- Inflatable Attractions
- Costume Parade
- Food Trucks

- Hay Maze
- Prizes
- Craft Tables

Howard Avenue will be transformed into a full-blown Halloween extravanganza!

PumpkinRockNRoll.com

Kensington Park Senior Living **Presents** 

FIRE SAFETY HOUSE - STATION TOURS

APPARATUS DEMONSTRATIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

301-929-8000

## Mentalist

Alain Nu, The Man Who Knows



https://www.themanwhoknows.tv/

**Saturday** October 5, 2019 3:00 PM

**Gilver Creek Middle School** 3701 Saul Road Kensington, MD 20895

For more information **Contact Betsy Davis at** 301.946.7700 bdavis@kensingtonsl.com

Tickets: \$20 **Available Online** 

https://kpslalainnu2019.bpt.me

All proceeds benefit









Saturday, October 5, 2019 3 pm - 5 pm

\$5 per person / max \$20 per family

**Kensington Town Hall** 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD



Join us for Kids Bingo, crafts, a Story Corner, other family-friendly games, and more!

All ages are welcome, but activities are geared to children ages 2-8.



RSVP AT FACEBOOK.COM/MAKEMORENOYES

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## **Community Resources**



#### PLUMBING

Serving the Greater Washington Area since 1949

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- 💑 Lifetime Parts Warranty
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- Available When You Need Us
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## Neighbor To Neighbor Living Well, Aging Better

For details, more events, and general info, check our website!

Villagesof Kensington.org

301-509-0191

#### **Featured Artist**



Thanks to Lily Kak for the use of her art for this month's journal. "Kensington Concert Friends" is a painting that Lily created this year featuring the Blue Book Value Band at the Historical Society's Summer Concert Series in Howard Ave Park.

You can find more of Lily's art at LilyKakArt.com





And proud to have lead the Fountain Committee for this wonderful addition to Kensington.

MarkHudsonGroup.com

## **Community Resources**

The KTown Ladies
Guild aims to improve
the lives of Kensington
residents through
social interaction, neighborhood sharing and
community support.

**New Neighbor Welcome Baskets** are filled with gift cards and coupons for local services, along with helpful information about the town.

**Wine Down Wednesdays for** You to discover everything that Kensington has to offer.

Wine Down Wednesdays For <u>Your Business</u> to showcase your products and services, and attract new clientele.

If you are interested in donating to the welcome basket or hosting/attending Wine Down Wednesdays, email Angelika Stablow at *info.ktownladies@gmail.com.* 

Facebook.com/KTownLadiesGuild



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#### **Branch Team**

Julie Bishop

Sr. Branch Office Administrator

Why not get a review? I am happy to come to you.

## **Kensingtown Listserv & FB**

The Kensington community hosts a listserv where neighbors can share information and exchange ideas. This is purely a neighborhood connection and is not affiliated with the Town of Kensington Government. Below are the steps to join. If you have any questions please contact Darin Bartram at <a href="mailto:drb3515@gmail.com">drb3515@gmail.com</a>. Please feel free to share this with anyone who is new to town and who may not already be a member.

There are two steps to join the (unofficial, Yahoo-based) listserv.

- Send a blank email (from the email account they would like subscribed) to kensingtown-subscribe@yahoogroups.com/
- 2. They will receive an auto-generated email asking for the name and address, to confirm they live in town. If they don't receive that email (checking spam folders first), they can contact me for help.

In addition, there is a Facebook group, which they can ask to join as well. Again, they will be asked for their address to confirm residency within the town. <u>Facebook.com/groups/kensingtown/</u>

Just FYI, the listserv and Facebook group membership is open to current and former TOK residents, residents of Ken-Gar, and local elected representatives who would like to stay up to date on issues in the Town.

To join the official TOK email notice list, there is a link at the bottom of TOK.MD.GOV



The Kensington Connection



#### **MAYOR**

Tracey Furman

Mayor.Tracey@tok.md.gov

#### COUNCIL

**Darin Bartram** (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Conor Crimmins** 

**Bridget Hill-Zayat** 

**Duane Rollins** 

Mayor.Council@Tok.md.gov



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Kariann Zentz, Communications & Marketing Specialist

Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov

**Annie Thoopsamoot, Code Enforcement** 

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Jason Swain, Joe Natali, and Pablo Oliva, Public Works
Jamie Simms, Facility Maintenance

## **Town Minutes Summary**

#### **August 12, 2019 Town Council Meeting Summary**

- Held a Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and to consult with the Town Attorney to obtain legal advice.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2019.
- Continued Ordinance No. O-03-2019 An Ordinance Amending Chapter VI, Article 1, "Signs and Solicitors", Sections 6-101, "Signs"; 6-102, "Town Sign Permit Required"; 6-103, "Signs in the Public Right of Way"; 6-104 "Signs on Private Property CRT, CRN and Industrial Zones"; and 6-106, "Enforcement and Penalties" to identify the types of signs that are authorized and are required to be permitted; expand the prohibition on pole signs; to regulate limited duration signs on private property; to clarify that all illuminated signs are regulated in the same manner and to make conforming changes. A Council Work Session will be announced to further discuss the proposed Ordinance.
- Adopted Resolution No. R-16-2019 A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington to approve a grant of easement and temporary construction easement with Konterra Limited Partnership for the use of certain property located at 10450 Metropolitan Avenue as a Dog Park and to authorize the purchase and installation of a fence

- from Capital Fence, Inc., for the purpose of enclosing the Dog Park subject to final approval by the Town Attorney.
- Approved Council Member Bartram to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.
- The Mayor and Council discussed areas of interest and were assigned to the following Committees:
- Auditing Committee (Council Liaison) Crimmins and Hill-Zayat
- · Board of Elections (Council Liaison) Hill-Zayat
- Ethics Commission (Council Liaison) Bartram
- Greenscape Committee Furman
- Development Review Board Bartram and Crimmins
- · Traffic Committee Bartram and Hill-Zayat

#### **Town Meeting Minutes**

Complete Minutes, along with an audio recording from past meetings, are available on the Town's website at the following link:

https://tok.md.gov/town-government/council-minutes-recordings/

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Town Meeting Minutes, please contact Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer, at 301-949-2424, <u>Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov</u>.





#### A Farm to Fork Restaurant & Cocktail Bar

"Drams" of Whiskey \* Creative Cocktails \* Local Tap Beer

Join the Kensington Wine Club Wine vs Beer Dinner, Oct 21, \$85 (all included) \* kwc@thedishanddram.com

Happy Hour & Bar Bites: Tues to Fri 3p to 6:30p, Sat 11:30a to 6:30p Lunch and Dinner: Tues to Sat 11:30a to 9/9:30p(ish); Sun Brunch 10a to 3p

We cater! In your home, office or favorite event space

The Washington Post calls us a "Model Neighborhood Restaurant" with "one of the best cheeseburgers in the DMV for under \$15."

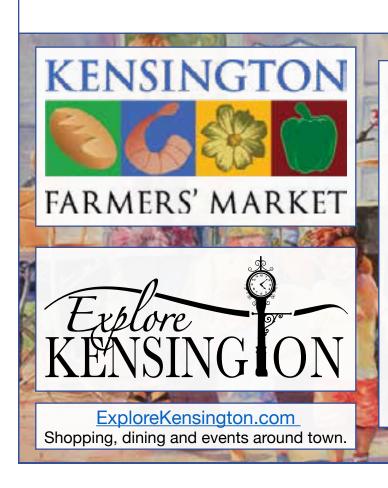
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# **Kensington Around Town September/October 2019**



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To:



### **Featured Vendor!!**

**Plant Masters** grow specialty cut flowers, herbs and flowering plants on their family flower farm in Laytonsville, Md. Stop by for a bundle of sunhine.



#### **OPEN YEAR ROUND!**

Every Saturday 9am-1pm Howard Avenue Train Station Kensington, MD

ExploreKensington.com/farmers-market