

Kensington Around Town

January/February 2020

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The Town of Kensington is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, services and activities.

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Upcoming Events

Noyes Children's Library

Winter Wonderland Ball

Sunday, Jan 26 • 3-5pm

'A Brass Sampler' Concert

Sunday, Jan 26 • 3-4:30pm

**Kensington-Wheaton Annual
Business Networking Expo**

Wednesday, Jan 29 • 5:30-8pm

KTown Ladies Guild

Wine Down Wednesday

Wednesday, Jan 29 • 7-9pm

A Valentines Open House

Friday, Feb 7 • 5:30-8pm

Winterfest 2020

Saturday, Feb 8 • 10am-2pm

Black History Month Celebration

Saturday, Feb 15 • 1-2pm

KAT Presents

'No Sex Please, We're British'

February 21 - March 8

S'mores & More

Saturday, Feb 22 • 12-2pm

Kensington CAN! Tips & Tricks

Thursday, Feb 27 • 6-8pm

Traditional Scandinavian Music

Saturday, Feb 29 • 1-2pm

For more event information go to:

TOK.md.gov/Events-Calendar



Town Happenings

Council Work Session

Wednesday, Jan 22 • 6pm

Town Council Meeting

Monday, Feb 10 • 7pm

Celebrate Local on National Days

Super Bowl Sunday - February 2

Stock up on food at the [Farmers Market](#) on Saturday

Feb 9 - National Pizza Day

[Frankly Pizza](#) • [Continental Pizza](#)

[Kensington Pizza & Kabob](#) • [Manny's Pizza & Sub Shop](#)

Feb 18 - National Drink Wine Day

[Frankly Pizza](#) • [Java Nation, Inc.](#) • [Knowles Station Wine & Co.](#)

[K Town Bistro](#) • [Old Town Market](#) • [The Dish & Dram](#)



Flinn Park Fountain 'Buy a Brick'

Embrace the opportunity to be a part of Kensington's history by purchasing and dedicating a brick that surrounds the fountain.

Visit KensingtonFountain.com to fill out the registration form, or contact Mark Hudson at 301-641-6226 or MarkHudson128@gmail.com.

From the Mayor

The annual Menorah Lighting was once again a wonderful celebration to the start of Hanukkah, and I want to thank Jenn Beaudet, Jon and Susan Gerson, Ann Lichter, Anna Sachs, and Salo and Lisa Zelsermyer for organizing the event. I would also like to thank Temple Emanuel Cantor, Lindsay Kanter, who lead the crowd in song and Donut King for their contribution.

The Town also hosted our first Caroling Around the Fountain at Flynn Park, and I would like to thank the Mark Hudson Group for organizing the event.

I would also like to thank Residents Claudia Gaffey and Chris Kohl for keeping the Town tidy collecting the blown trash during their daily walks.

The Town continues to see interest with redevelopment opportunities as commercial properties come available. I strongly encourage Residents to stay connected with the Town and projects reviewed by the Development Review Board (DRB). All meetings are open to the public and proposed projects are listed on our website: <https://tok.md.gov/redevelopment/>. If you have any comments or questions about a specific project, please send them to Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov. Council Members Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins, Co-Chairs of the DRB, are always happy to discuss proposed projects.

How Does the Development Process Work . . .

the Town is planning to schedule a follow-up to last years Design & Review workshop, which is a great opportunity to learn about the development and planning process and ask questions of the County's Planning staff. We will provide additional information within a future Around Town Journal.

Another great way to familiarize yourself with the redevelopment process is to review the 2012 Kensington and Vicinity Sector Plan: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-2/kensington/kensington-sector-plan>. The Sector Plan is a blueprint as to how and what may develop within our Town.



Menorah Lighting Photo by Phil Magenheim. Pictured: TOK Councilman Crimmins, MD State Delegate Jared Solomon, TOK Mayor Furman, Montgomery County District 1 Councilman Andrew Friedson and TOK Councilman Bartram.

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.

3715 Dupont Avenue - Interior

3509 Farragut Avenue - Washington Gas

10519 St. Paul Street - Washington Gas

3606 Farragut Avenue - Washington Gas

10421 Mannakee Street - Dumpster

10540 Metropolitan Avenue - Demo

3825 Dupont Avenue - Sign

10031 Frederick Avenue - Washington Gas

10033 Frederick Avenue - Washington Gas

10611 Nash Place - Addition and Dumpster

3611 Perry Avenue - Alteration

10540 Metropolitan Avenue - Washington Gas

3701 Calvert Place - Addition

Shop Scoop

Kensington's Newest Shop

Sisters Catherine and Margaret have lived in Kensington for the past 20 years and have always dreamed of opening a shop in their community. In time to ring in the holidays, they opened their shop doors just before Thanksgiving in 2019.

Tucked into Antique Row on Howard Avenue, SW7 is a funky little shop offering work from local artists, small batch designers, contemporary gifts and vintage finds. Energetic and vibrant, this little shop on Howard packs a creative punch. Owned by two sisters with a love of art, design, housewares and fun, SW7 fits it all in. We hope that everyone will stop in to say “hello” and see what’s in the shop today.

3750 Howard Avenue • 202-274-6448 • Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12-5pm

Find them on Facebook @[SW7Kensington](#) • [SW7.Design](#)



La Gelatteria in Bethesda Magazine

La Gelatteria was voted ‘Best Place to Dream of Summer’ in [Bethesda Magazine’s](#) Best of Bethesda 2020. Owner and Kensington resident, Elias Montilla, opened at Knowles Station in May 2019. Bethesda Magazine’s inspiration in placing La Gelatteria in this category comes from the delicious gelato and sorbet, and the inviting indoor wall of greenery that’s embedded with a neon sign that reads: “It was all a dream.” La Gelatteria also features an All-Day Breakfast & Brunch menu to include a great selection of specialty coffee, hot chocolate and cold drinks. Stop by and snap a photo of your favorite person enjoying a gelato while sitting in the swing that is planted along the enchanting green wall!

10404 Detrick Ave • 301-272-2255 • Mon-Thurs 7am-8pm, Fri & Sat 7am-9pm, Wed & Sun 8-8pm

Find them on Instagram @[lagelatteriadmv](#) • [LaGelatteria.com](#)



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.

Where is this Millstone?



This historic millstone was recovered from a private mill located in Kensington. Can you tell me where it is located?

The first person to email Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov with the location will receive a \$10 gift card from [Strosniders Hardware](#). Did you know that Strosniders Hardware can provide keyless entry solutions for 90% of all autos? They also sharpen knives, cut glass, rescreen windows and offer shredding services!

Voting closes on Friday, January 31, 2020.

The Millstone mystery will be solved in the next journal issue.



Answer to 'Where is this Owl'?

Last month we asked you where this owl is located in Kensington. Laura B. was the first to answer with all the correct information and won a \$10 gift certificate to JennyCakes Bakery! JennyCakes carries cupcakes, cookies, bars, muffins and scones on a daily basis and offers cakes and pies by special order. Check out all their goodies at JennyCakesBakery.net!

The owl over the door at The Noyes Children's Library has been there since Noyes was built in 1893, on land donated by Kensington's founder, Brainard Warner. Along with the "NoYes"

lettering, it's one of the storybook touches that makes this historic building so special to children!

Noyes is the oldest public library in the Washington, DC area – older even than the Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress. Noyes was designated as a children's library by Montgomery County Public Libraries in 1972.

More Noyes history can be found at NoyesLibraryFoundation.org/about.

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Noyes Children's Library Foundation

In 2015, MCPL painted the Noyes Library's exterior. The Noyes Children's Library Foundation, a non-profit founded in 1991 to support Noyes' early literacy mission, felt that the owl above the door also needed an update. Artist and designer, Gloria Capron, has lived and worked in historic Kensington for



over 40 years. Her three girls enjoyed growing up and learning to read at Noyes, so she volunteered to paint the owl. The result was a fabulous makeover! After the newly painted owl returned to its perch, the Foundation held a contest to name the owl. The winning name was "Pearl." Pearl was later joined by "Crosby," a carved owl commissioned by a Girl Scout Troop as their Cookie Money project, and created by Kensington resident and artist Jason Swain.



What's Next for Noyes?

Noyes has a fascinating history, but an even more exciting future! The Make MORE Noyes Renovation, planned and funded through a partnership between the Noyes Children's Library Foundation and Montgomery County, will transform the historic one-room Noyes Children's Library into three accessible floors, working within the 1893 footprint to create more space for young patrons and for early literacy programming and training.

After the Renovation, Noyes will become a regional and even national early literacy resource, training librarians, teachers and day care providers through the Jan Jablonski Early Literacy Training Center, while enabling young children to build the foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading.

The Noyes Children's Library Foundation is committed to raising \$1.6 million of the \$3.1 million renovation budget, with Montgomery County funding the balance of the project.

One of the best things about Noyes Library is how it has always brought the community together. Gloria Capron's work in painting the owl is another great example of this, as is the rousing support that the Noyes Children's Library Foundation receives from the Town of Kensington and from so many residents. If you want to be part of the efforts to Make MORE Noyes, please email Sheila Dinn at dinnsofmd8@comcast.net. We would love to hear from people who love Noyes!

Read all about the history of Noyes, the plans for the Make MORE Noyes Renovation, and how you can get involved at NoyesLibraryFoundation.org.



Books and Literary Events

Kensington Park Library

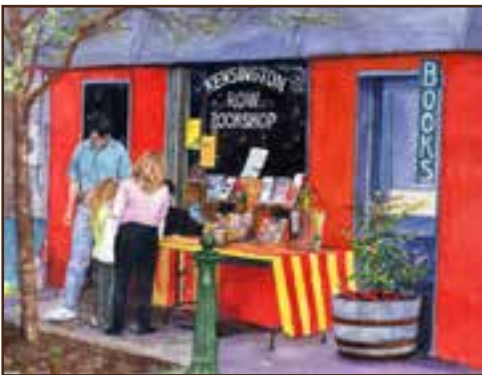
There is something for everyone at Kensington Park Library. Enjoy events in the following categories: Lectures & Discussions, Computer & Tech Skills, Language Learning, Workforce and Job Seekers.

Specific events in these categories include:

- Computer Tutoring
- Play & Learn Coding for Kids, Registration Required
- Video-Production Classes for Middle School
- Storytime: Baby, Toddler & Preschool
- Chess Club
- Author Series
- Bone Building at KP for ages 55+
- The Creative Knitter's Guild
- Homework Help
- Read to a Dog
- English Conversation and Cultural Festivals
- Yoga and Mindfulness for Preschool and Elementary School
- Adult Book Discussion Club

4201 Knowles Avenue • 240-773-9515 • Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm and Fri/Sat 10am-6pm

MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Library/branches/KensingtonPark



Kensington Row Bookshop by Vicky Surles

Kensington Row Bookshop

Love the feel of a good book in your hands? [Our Community Now](#) (OCN, Rockville) recently published the “5 Best Bookstores in Maryland,” and at the top of the list is our very own Kensington Row Bookshop!

Owner Elisenda Sola-Sole opened this two-story bookshop in 2002 on Howard Avenue. It is filled with a variety of used and new books, new journals, vintage books and ephemera, and much more. Stop by to browse and shop, and make sure to check out the Catalan Library upstairs and the children's room in the back.

Many interesting GROUPS are also offered in the bookshop throughout the month.

- Fine tune your poetry at the [First Saturday Poetry Workshop](#)
- Share your poetry at the [Kensington Row Poetry Series](#) on the last Wednesday of the month
- Join the [Erasmus Philosophy Club](#) to discuss philosophical religious issues on the second Wednesday of the month
- Discuss history through all eras and places at the [History Book Club](#) every 2nd Wednesday
- Meditate and write at the [Mindfulness and Journaling Circle](#) every Monday

**Kensington Row Bookshop is also the founder and organizer of the
Kensington Day of the Book Festival**

Save the date for the [15th Annual Kensington Day of the Book Festival](#) on Sunday, April 26. This popular event features books, authors, readings, children's programs, music, food and fun!

3786 Howard Avenue • 301-949-9416 • Monday thru Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 12-5pm

Find them on Facebook @[krbooks](#) • KensingtonRowBookshop.com

Kensington Outdoors

Plant Notes

Written by Alison Openheim, Greenscape Committee

What do gardeners do in the winter? We spend a lot of time browsing through seed catalogues looking for vegetable and flower seeds to grow. If you want to plant lettuce or spinach, the seeds should probably go in the ground in March as these plants stop producing in the hot weather, usually by the middle of May. Some varieties of lettuce to try in this warm climate are: Little Gem, Black Seeded Simpson and Green Salad Bowl.



Things to look out for: Winter aconite blooms, pictured at right, in late winter and can often be seen as early as January. There's a huge patch of winter aconite on the west side of the Circle Manor grounds.

What to do with your amaryllis: It's worth a try to get these to come back next winter, although this doesn't always work. Leave the leaves alone, cut back the finished flower stalks to the base, and put the plant in the pot in a cool place. Water it once a week but don't let it sit in water. In late April you can take the whole pot outside and put it somewhere in the shade. In the fall, in mid to late October, cut the leaves back to the base and bring the pot back inside to a cool place. In about mid-November give it a little water and a green shoot should soon appear. Now bring it up into a sunny window and it should bloom.

Snow on Kensington Cabin Park



This month's featured art is a photograph taken by Town resident, Phillip Baker. Mr. Baker has lived in the Town of Kensington for more than 50 years! Digital Photography has been a hobby that he has enjoyed for a long time. He used to take Diva, his greyhound, for walks around town and often took pictures of interesting scenes during their travels. This photo was taken during a lovely winter snowfall several years ago, before the cabin was renovated.

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers."- Kahlil Gibran

What to Do With All That Snow



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

If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours, a notice will be sent to the resident or business reminding them that the sidewalk needs to be cleared. If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours of the notice, a municipal infraction will be issued — \$65 for residential and \$195 for businesses. Please do not pile snow blocking pedestrian walkways at intersections.

Exceptions: residential sidewalks located on Connecticut, Knowles and Summit Avenues, and the 3400 & 3500 block of Univeristy Blvd. will be cleared by the Town.

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

Kensington Updates

Kensington Listserv

The Town of Kensington has a new listserv hosted by Google Groups, which allows residents to share discussions and communicate with the community. Those who were already signed up in the Yahoo Group have received an email from Darin Bartram to make the switch.



The new Google Group can be found at Groups.Google.com/d/Forum/Kensington. Please send posts to group members at Kensington@GoogleGroups.com.

If you would like to join the Google Group, please visit Groups.Google.com and search for Kensington. There will be a link to create an account. In the pop-up box, enter your name, address and phone number as confirmation that you are a Town resident.

Just to emphasize, although the Town's Mayor and Council Members are members of this group, the listserv is not an official feature of the local government. The most efficient way to bring concerns to the attention of the Town staff is to communicate with them directly. Town staff can be contacted by phone 301-949-2424, email town@tok.md.gov, or preferably through the Town website service request TOK.md.gov/service-request.



A Farewell to Sanford Daily

Mayor Tracey Furman and Town Staff met in Town Hall in December for a farewell retirement breakfast for Town Manager, Sanford Daily.

Mr. Daily joined the Town as Manager on April 1, 2008 and retired on December 31, 2019. Matt Hoffman, Assistant Town Manager, will take over the position in 2020.



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for this wonderful
addition to Kensington.

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Suffrage 100 years

“Votes For Women!!”

‘Votes For Women’ – the prevalent rallying cry by suffragists during the Women’s Suffrage movement will once again be a common theme this year. The Town of Kensington, along with the Law Theater Project, and the Bethesda Writer’s Center, will celebrate the Centennial of Women’s Suffrage through the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution (August 18, 1920). In celebration of the anniversary of Women receiving the right to vote in all elections within the United States, Project 2020: Votes For Women, will provide educational related forums, along with stage play events.

Calls for Plays and other Creative Works are hereby issued!!

In preparation of the anticipated stage events, we are looking for volunteers, actors, playwrights, writers, artists, and participants to help bring these events to fruition. If you are interested in helping celebrate and honor the Women’s Suffrage movement, please email Town@TOK.md.gov.

The House of Representatives passed the Amendment on May 21, 1919 and the Senate followed on June 4, 1919. Women’s Suffrage formally became a Constitutional Right under the Nineteenth Amendment when Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the Amendment on August 18, 1920. However, many women were still prevented from exercising their newfound Constitutional Right until 1965 due to voter suppression, when the Voting Rights Act was signed into law on August 6, 1965 prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.

We look forward to celebrating the Centennial of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, while reflecting on the hard-fought achievement for all Women as they strived to receive recognition of their right for equal participation in Federal, State, and local political elections through the social process.



SAVE THE DATE ★ AUGUST 23, 2020 ★



To recognize and celebrate the ratification of the 19th Amendment, join the Town in a rally and reenactment at Warner Circle Park on Sunday, August 23. High Tea will be served and a program will commence after a short march to Town Hall.

Organized by The Kensington Ladies Guild

Upcoming Events

THE NOYES CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESENTS

The Winter Wonderland Ball

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 • 3PM - 5PM

KENSINGTON TOWN HALL
3710 MITCHELL ST.
KENS, MD

\$7 PER PERSON OR
\$25 PER FAMILY
@MAKEMORENOYES



Space is limited - purchase your tickets in advance!
Registration opens 1/6/20 at Facebook/makemorenoyes.

NoyesLibraryFoundation.org

FREE!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Kensington - Wheaton 4th Annual Business Networking Expo



Meet local businesses at their information tables in a casual setting, and discover the many products and services that they offer.



**FREE Food Tastings,
Drinks & Doorprizes!**



Wednesday, January 29, 2020

from 5:30 - 8:00 PM

at the
Kensington Town Hall

3710 Mitchell Street
Kensington, MD 20895

WKChamber.org



Find something special

from the heart
a valentines open house

Howard Avenue
Kensington

February 7
5:30-8pm

shop small for all
your Valentines.

in the shops along Howard Avenue

WINTERFEST 2020



- CRAFTS
- FACEPAINTING
- MOONBOUNCE
- STORYTIME
- KIDS ZUMBA
- PHOTODUOTH
- GAMES
- TAE KWON DO
- FOOD & BAKESALE
- & MORE!

Online ticket auction open Feb. 1st-8th



\$15 ADVANCE ADMISSION FEE

\$18 AT THE DOOR/ 10AM-2PM

THE LEARNING CENTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church
10123 Connecticut Avenue Kensington, MD 20895
FOR MORE INFORMATION 301.348.2833 / LCYCPSCHOOL.ORG

Kensington Arts Theater Presents:



Performance Dates:

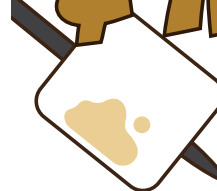
Feb 21- March 8

Fri/Sat 8:15pm

Sun 2pm

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S'mores & More



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Spend a sweet afternoon
with Montgomery Parks!

Saturday, February 22 • 12-2pm
Warner Circle Park

Town Minutes Summary

December 9, 2019 Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019.
- Reviewed the proposed Alcohol Legislation bill (MC 15-20) to amend the Town's Alcohol laws with certain conditions. The Council will provide additional comments to Town staff by December 18, 2019.
- Acknowledged receipt of the Audit Committee's Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (FY19).
- Accepted the Development Review Board (DRB) Guidelines as a formal document.
- 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. The

Council will provide additional comments to the Town staff by December 18, 2019 for review at the January 13, 2020 Council Meeting.

- Introduced Ordinance No. O-04-2019 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter VII, "Public Health, Safety, and Conduct", Article 5, "Animals", by repealing and re-enacting Section 7-502, "Owners Responsible for Curbing of Animals", and Section 7-503, "Control of Vicious Animals"; and by adding Section 7-504, "Unwanted Contact", Section 7-505, "Animal Noise", Section 7-506, "Dangerous Animals", and Section 7-507, "Dog Exercise Area", and otherwise make conforming changes. The Public Hearing was set for January 13, 2020, 7:00 pm.

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, Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov.

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Featured Vendor!!

Roy & Rt's Kitchen & Garden features Indonesian inspired cuisine, including vegan and vegetarian, using thier own home grown vegetables. Try their popular chicken curry combo that comes with sweet potatoes, noodles, kale curry, rice, red beans and choice of tofu or chicken.



OPEN YEAR ROUND!

Every Saturday 9am-1pm
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Kensington, MD

ExploreKensington.com/farmers-market