

Kensington Around Town

March/April 2020

New Bench at St. Paul Park!



Mayor Furman and Jason Swain put their heads together to come up with a family-friendly carving for St. Paul Park. Jason found fallen trees in Town and carved two bears holding a bench. One bear comes from a cherry tree and the other an ash. Carving took just three months and was complete in January, 2020. Most of the carving was done using a chainsaw and the rest with various hand tools. The bench is a piece of oak purchased from Abernathy Sticks.

We like it Beary Much and hope you will too!

JJSwain.com

Upcoming Events

Bunco Night

Wednesday, March 18 • 7-9pm

The British Players present 'The Audience'

March 20-April 4

Meditation in the 21st Century

Wednesday, March 25 • 6:30-7:30pm

Irish Music & Dance Festival

Saturday, March 28 • 1-3pm

Adah Rose Gallery Vernissage

Sunday, March 29 • 12-3pm

Unclutter, Downsize Your Home

Tuesday, March 31 • 10:30am-12pm

Women's Club of Kensington

Friday, April 3 • 10:30am-1pm

Recycling Day

Saturday, April 25 • 9:30-11:30am

Kensington

Day of the Book Festival

Sunday, April 26 • 11am-4pm

GALA Craft Fair

Sunday, April 26 • 11am-4pm

Women's Club of Kensington

Friday, May 1 • 9:45am-2pm

Kensington Spring Crawl

Friday, May 1 • 5-8pm

KAT Presents

'And Then There Were None'

May 1 - May 17

Paper Airplane Day

Sunday, May 17 • 1-4pm

For more event information go to:

TOK.md.gov/Events-Calendar



Town Happenings

Traffic Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 19 • 7pm

Town Council Meeting

Monday, April 13 • 7pm

Public Hearing for the FY21 Budget Ordinance

Celebrate Local on National Days

March 27 World Theatre Day - Book a play today!

[The British Players](#) • [Kensington Arts Theatre](#)

March 30 - Take a Walk Day

Stroll down Howard Ave or in one of [Kensington's ten parks!](#)

April 7 - Beer Day - Nine Choices!

[The Dish & Dram](#) • [KTown Blstro](#) • [Frankly Pizza](#)
[Knowles Station Wine & Co](#) • [Java Nation](#) • [Bamboo Café](#)
[China Gourmet](#) • [Kensington Pizza](#) • [Old Town Market](#)

April 11 - Independent Bookstore Day

[Kensington Row Bookshop](#) • [Bonjour Books DC](#)

From the Mayor

While this winter has been a disappointment for snow enthusiasts anxiously awaiting their next snow day adventure, our mild winter has allowed the Town's Public Works Crew get a jump start on the spring cleanup. The Crew has been busy cleaning and mulching flower beds, laying sod and grass seed, and preparing for the spring mowing season. The Town will also schedule a street sweeping for early April and the Town staff will be circulating information later this month.

The Town's 2020 municipal Election is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020, and I would like to announce that I have formally submitted my nomination to serve as your Mayor for a third term. Nominations to run for Mayor or Town Council are due by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2020. Additional Election information may be found on the Town's website: <https://tok.md.gov/town-government/town-elections/>

The Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) announced last fall that they plan to relocate to Silver Spring in three years. The HOC building is located at the old Kensington Elementary School site (10400 Detrick Avenue) and will return to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) once HOC officially departs. In speaking with

MCPS's Facilities Director, Seth Adams, the current plan is to renovate the facility and use it for Pre-K education while including a recreational component for the community. The concept of keeping the facility with MCPS with a recreational component is great aspect for our Town, as the facility would be available to reserve for events and meetings, while also providing access to the gymnasium.

The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) held their annual Chili Cook-Off on March 7th and I would like to extend a special thank you to Strosnidars Hardware for their sponsorship of the event.



Living Well, Aging Better

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.

VillagesofKensington.org • 301-509-0191

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.

3940 Washington Street - Deer Fence

10311 Detrick Avenue - Fence

10329 Summit Avenue - Demolition

3501 Kensington Court - Fence

Book Festival

Kensington Day of the Book Festival



Sunday, April 26 • 11am-4pm

The Kensington Day of the Book Festival is a family friendly street festival spanning three blocks of Howard Avenue in the heart of historic Kensington. Meet more than 100 local authors, poets, children's authors, and literary and community organizations. But that's not all!

This is not your average book festival!

Enjoy Two New Programs!

Catalonia on Stage - Celebrating the origins of the 'Day of the Book'

Veteran Writers - "Writing our Way Home"

All this and more!

La Rambla Stage Special Guest Speakers - With Steve Piacente and Music by Eli August

All the Imagination Can Hold - Nancy Naomi Carlson, Reuben Jackson & Special Guest Poets

Magic, Music Art and Dragons! - Children's programs

From Book to Plate - Food Talk with Jonathan Bardzik and Friends

"A Moveable Feast Food Court" with food trucks to satisfy tummies of all sizes.

Live Music Rocks the Town on five stages, from root rock to Gypsy fusion.

MAYOR

Tracey Furman

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Bridget Hill-Zayat

Duane Rollins

Mayor.Council@Tok.md.gov



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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 Structure?

This historic I Beam was recovered from New York City. Can you tell me where it is located in Kensington?

The first person to email Kariann.Zentz@tok.md.gov with the location will receive a \$15 gift card from [Knowles Station Wine & Co.](#) Stop by and enjoy one of their 20 local draft beers or 22 wine by the glass selections.

Voting closes on Friday, March 20, 2020.

The mystery will be solved in the next journal issue.

Answer to 'Where is this Millstone'?



MILLSTONE FROM ALFRED RAY'S PROPERTY
THE MILLSTONE IS FROM A PRIVATE MILL WHICH WAS
LOCATED ON THE STREAM ALONG KENSINGTON PARKWAY
THE HOME WAS LOCATED SOUTH OF SAUL ROAD

Last month we asked you where this millstone is located in Kensington. Trevor C. was the first to answer with all the correct information and won a \$10 gift card to [Strosniders Hardware](#)! This is the first time Trevor ever won anything! Strosniders Hardware can provide keyless entry solutions for 90% of all autos. They also sharpen knives, cut glass, rescreen windows and offer shredding services!

The granite grinding stone now located in Clum Kennedy Garden came from Highland Farm owned by Alfred Ray who lived from 1825-1895. His mill was located along Kensington Parkway on what is now called Silver Creek, just south of Saul Road. Between 1664 and 1925 there were more than twenty mills along Rock Creek and its tributaries. Most mills produced flour while others milled wood, plaster, wool, bone and lime.

This particular grinding stone is the "runner" or upper stone of a pair. It measures 47" in diameter, 6-7" thick with a 10" center hold which allowed the wooden axle from below to support and turn the "runner." This upper stone rotated against the fixed bottom stone.

Dr. Jim Bullard, a descendent of Alfred Ray and relative of Kensington Historical Society's own Edith Ray Saul, donated the grinding stone to Kensington. It's a powerful reminder of our area's agrarian past for which we are grateful.



Kensington Historical Society

HOW KHS BEGAN

A small group of residents of the Town of Kensington gathered in 1977 with the common interest of safeguarding and promoting the heritage of the Community of Kensington. They established the Kensington Historical Society (KHS) to do this. This society led the local residents in creating one of the earliest designated Historic Districts in the County (National Register 1980). Fast paced development was threatening the character of the Town. In 1986 the County created Chapter 24A of the County Code with the Historic Preservation Commission as a tool to protect all Historic Districts in the County. Through the years, the Society has worked to educate residents about the value of being the stewards of these early homes.



WHAT KHS OFFERS

- **Speaker Programs** Quarterly with a broad view of local history
- **Oral History Program**
- **Public Archives** in the Town Hall holding newspaper clippings, photos, information on homes, and details on the development of the Town from before its incorporation in 1894.
- **Saturday Summer Concert Series** from June through September
- **Walking Tours** of Kensington, mobile friendly, with history and information

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER OR JOIN

The KHS has survived the first 43 years because of the dedicated members who volunteer to support the mission of our non-profit Society. Monthly Board Meetings produce many great ideas but there are not enough volunteers to follow-up and execute. New and active volunteers and members are always welcome to keep the Society strong. Please contact info@KensingtonHistory.org with questions about how to volunteer, and any suggestions!

LEARN MORE ABOUT KHS

Facebook [@KensingtonHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/KensingtonHistoricalSociety) • Website KensingtonHistory.org

Without historic designation, these historic homes have been lost.



3717 Dupont Avenue



58 St. Paul Street



10033 Frederick Avenue



10400 Armory Avenue

Shop Scoop

Playa Bowls Opening Soon!

Playa Bowls is a slice of summer, anytime! They use only the freshest and highest quality ingredients serving delicious açai, pitaya and coconut fruit bowls, delightful fruit smoothies and offer an appetizing juice bar: All while we keep sustainability and community in mind! Welcome to Pineappleland! Opening soon next to Knowles Station Wine & Co. and La Gelatteria.

10414 Detrick Avenue • Sunday-Thursday 8am-8pm, Friday & Saturday 8am-9pm

PlayaBowls.com



MASTIHA Greek Bakery Walk-In Hours

Founded on a deep appreciation for heritage, culture and scratch made goodness, MASTIHA Artisan Greek Bakery specializes in assorted Greek pastries, savory rustic phyllo pies, authentically crafted pita bread & small batch dips. Quality ingredients and old-world craftsmanship you can taste.

MASTIHA is based in Kensington and services the greater metropolitan area by way of farmers markets and retail partnerships. You may shop directly from our bakery kitchen every Saturday 8am-1pm where you will find a full range of scratch made goods like baklava, cookies, cakes, spanakopita and other savory pies, fresh pita bread and more. To pick up on weekdays, or to place a large order for your next gathering, online pre-order is required. We are delighted to share our craft with you!

10560 Metropolitan Ave • 301-648-1403 • Every Saturday 8am-1pm

Find them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mastihabakery) & [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/mastihabakery) @mastihabakery • MastihaBakery.com



Shop Scoop

tumbleweed - Voted One of the Best!

Tumbleweed were featured in Bethesda Magazine's Editors' Pick for the 'Best of Bethesda' and voted one of 'Best Fresh-Faced Gift Shops.'

As you enter the store, you'll understand how they got this vote. You'll find unique rustic and elegant gifts made by small artisan vendors from around the world. They carry a variety of Stationary, Candles, Bags, Jewelry, Food, Entertaining and Baby items.

10506 Connecticut Avenue • 240-558-3433 • Tuesday - Saturday 10am-5pm

Find them on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) @tumbleweedrustic • tumbleweedrustic.com



GALA is Closing Their Doors

Unfortunately for Town, GALA's last day at Armory Avenue is March 31. They want to thank you for supporting them for the past seven and half years and they told us, "We have loved every minute of it!" Please stop by on Saturday, March 14, between 1 pm and 3 pm to say goodbye to Linda and Anne.

Featured Artist - Jennifer Kahn Barlow



"Baklava Couture," 2017
30x30, oil on canvas

Jennifer Kahn Barlow paints food. She is inspired by vibrant, texturally dynamic, and unique cuisine, which leads to much of her subject matter being confectionary, the gooier and more colorful the better.

Jennifer shows her work throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Her 2016 solo exhibition, "Capital Palette" at Strathmore (Rockville, MD), focused on DC's fabulous dining scene and its notable landmarks. Her paintings reside in the collections of The District of Columbia, Cookology Culinary School (Arlington, VA), along with numerous private collections.

Jennifer's painting at left is from Baklava Couture, a Kensington bakery with the new name of MASTIHA Artisan Greek Bakery.

Find her work at JKB-Art.com
Instagram @[JKB.Art](#) & Facebook @[JenniferKahnBarlowArt](#)

Town Minutes Summary

February 10, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020.

Approved the Special Town Meeting Minutes and Work Session of January 22, 2020.

Introduced Ordinance No. O-01-2020 – Introduction of an Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council Amending Chapter VI, Article I, “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 Public Hearing was set for March 9, 2020, 7:00 pm.

Adopted 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 Ordinance will be effective March 1, 2020.

Adopted Resolution No. R-01-2020 – A Resolution approving the appointment of Matt Hoffman as Town Manager with terms and conditions.

March 9, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020.

Approved sending a letter to Montgomery Planning in support of the proposed Residences at Knowles Station – Phase I (4000 Knowles Avenue) townhome project.

Held a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. O-01-2020 - an Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council Amending Chapter VI, Article I, “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 Public Record will remain open until 4:00 pm on Friday, April 10, 2020.

Introduced Ordinance No. O-02-2020 – An Ordinance to appropriate and adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-21 (FY21) Budget and to levy a tax on certain real and personal property. The Public Hearing was set for Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00 pm.

Adopted Resolution No. R-02-2020 – A Resolution confirming appointments made by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

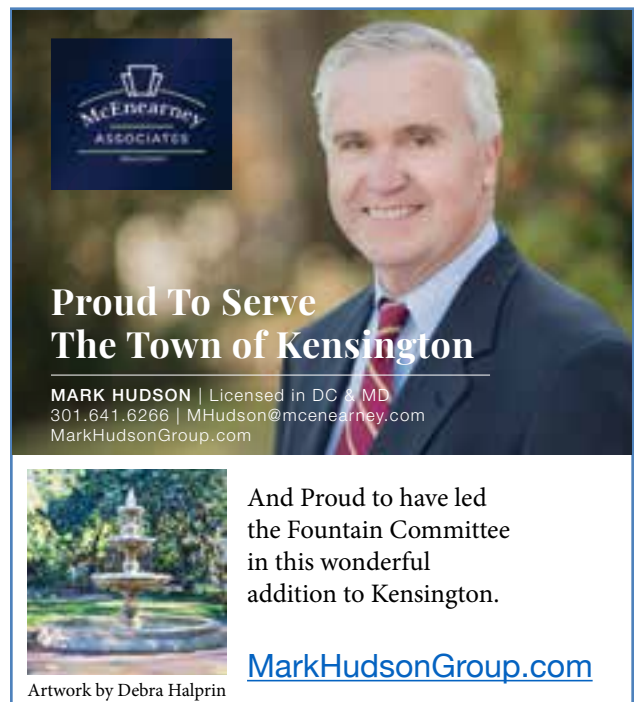
Adopted Resolution No. R-03-2020 – A Resolution confirming appointments made by the Mayor to the Town Ethics Commission.

Town Meeting Minutes

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

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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The Town of Kensington**

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MarkHudsonGroup.com

And Proud to have led the Fountain Committee in this wonderful addition to Kensington.

MarkHudsonGroup.com

Artwork by Debra Halprin

Upcoming Events

Bunco Night! with KTown Ladies Guild



March 18
7-9pm
Town Hall

[Facebook.com/KTownLadiesGuild](https://www.facebook.com/KTownLadiesGuild)

Craft & Art Fair

Sunday, April 26, 2020
11am - 4pm

Old Town Kensington * Armory Avenue

Handmade Gifts by Local Artists

In Conjunction with Day of the Book Festival
dayofthebook.com

2nd Annual Paper & Electronics Recycling Event

Hosted by McEneaney Associates Realtors®
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 • 9:30-11:30AM
TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

The AUDIENCE

written by Peter Morgan



directed by Peter Harrold

produced by
Chrish Kresge and Caroline Gelb

March 20 – April 4, 2020

Kensington Town Hall
3710 MacCall Street, Kensington, MD 20895
www.britishplayers.org • Tickets: 240-600-1780

Kensington FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS!

3rd Thursdays
May - Sept • 5-8pm

Enjoy dinner with your community from a variety of food trucks at 10417 Armory Avenue.



Artwork by Karen Martin

May 21
June 18
July 16
Aug 20
Sept 17

Sponsored by KBDA • Facebook @KtownFoodTruckNight



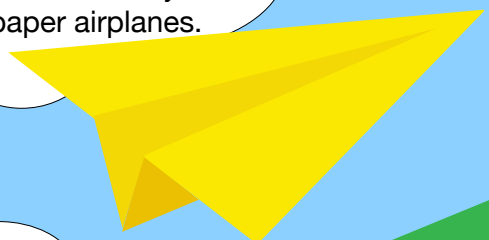
Presents:

PAPER AIRPLANE DAY

At Saint Paul Park

Sunday
May 17
1-4 pm

All materials and instructions will be provided for kids to build, decorate and fly their own paper airplanes.



Town Announcements

COVID-19 Alerts & Links

With the latest global health crisis comes uncertainty. If you need more information on the Coronavirus, please go to one of the websites listed below.

The State of Maryland Health

[PHPA.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx)

Human Services, Montgomery County Health & Human Services

MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/HHS/RightNav/Coronavirus.html

Centers for Diseases Control

CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html

You can link to all three sites by going to the Town's webpage: TOK.md.gov

TOK Compost Program



There are currently 29 Kensington households that are registered in a composting program offered by Compost Crew. Learn more about this program and how to sign up at CompostCrew.com, or on the Town's website at TOK.md.gov/trash-brush-recycling.

The current rate for the Town's 29 residents that have signed up is \$22/month. Let's try to get to 75 residents!

25-34 registrations: \$22/month • 35-49 registrations: \$20/month
50-74 registrations: \$18/month • 75+ registrations: \$16/month



Kensington Dog Run

Let's Play!! The Kensington Dog Run is officially open for you and your best buddy to roam free! Your dog will get a little cardio while you get some fresh air and meet up with other dog lovers in the community. Coming soon agility equipment, a shade structure and benches.

Save the date for the Dog Run Grand Opening during the 2nd Annual Dog Parade starting at Flinn Park on May 16 at 9:30am. This parade is sponsored by McEneaney Associates.

As the warm weather approaches, enjoy watching local artists using their creative expression in painting the concrete pillars on the south side of the park.

- Located at 10450 Metropolitan Ave.
- Please make sure your dog has current rabies vaccination
- Dogs older than 6 months must be spayed/neutered
- Bring your own water for your pet
- Park hours are from dawn to dusk
- Use dog waste bags and dispose of them properly
- Dogs and children must be supervised at all times



Town Announcements

Runaway Shopping Carts

The Town has reached an agreement with Safeway's management team to allow their employees to retrieve shopping carts off their premises along the south side of town. Abandoned shopping carts have been an ongoing issue within the Town, along with the region, for a few years, and appreciate Safeway's cooperation in helping to resolve this concern. A cart-locking system has also been discussed with Safeway and the Kensington Safeway has requested this type of system from corporate. If you see an abandoned Safeway shopping cart, please contact the Town Office and we will alert Safeway's management team, or fill out a general service request at tok.md.gov/service-request/general or call 301-949-2424.



2020 Town Elections



The Town Election will be held on Monday, June 1, 2010 at Town Hall (3710 Mitchell Street). Voting hours are from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Terms of Mayor Tracey Furman and Council Members Bridget Hill-Zayat and Duane Rollins are set to expire June 30, 2020. The Mayor and both Council Members have the option of running for re-election.

If you are interested in running for Mayor or 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 11, 2020. Please contact Susan.

Engels@tok.md.gov for additional information, or you may visit our TOK website: TOK.MD.gov/town-government/town-elections.

WJ Mulch Madness 2020!

Walter Johnson is hosting a Mulch Drive on Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18. Enjoy free mulch delivery by Walter Johnson Students if you order at least 10 bags of mulch. You can pick up any number of bags at Walter Johnson that weekend.

Order Online by Friday, April 10 at WJMulchSale.com

Need help spreading your mulch? You are in luck! The WJ Football team is offering spreading services at an additional charge of \$5 per bag with a minimum of 5 bags. Simply order this service when you order your mulch.

Walter Johnson will deliver to the following areas: 20814, 20817, 20852, 20895 and 20896.



Budget Details FY21

Proposed Budget 2020- 21	Adopted Budget 2019-20	Projected 6/30/2020
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REVENUE FUND

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

	Rates			
Real Property Tax	0.1312	792,594	\$763,592	\$763,592
Personal Property Tax - Utilities	5.0000	432,983	\$432,983	\$432,983
Personal Property Tax - Business	0.8000	120,084	\$93,580	\$120,307
SUBTOTAL		\$1,345,661	\$1,290,155	\$1,316,882

OTHER TAXES

Income Taxes		668,825	618,345	784,428
Admissions and Amusements Tax		250	250	250
SUBTOTAL		\$669,075	\$618,595	\$784,678

LICENSES & PERMITS

Town Building and Sign Permits		12,000	5,000	12,000
Parking Permits		6,000	5,270	8,000
Cable Franchise Fees		27,558	29,008	29,474
Traders' Licenses		9,000	9,000	9,000
SUBTOTAL		\$54,558	\$48,278	\$58,474

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

County Tax Duplication		176,213	156,806	156,809
Highway User Funds		105,069	102,453	103,029
Bank Shares		4,226	4,226	4,226
SUBTOTAL		\$285,508	\$263,485	\$264,064

FINES AND FEES

SafeSpeed Camera Program		3,000	18,327	3,554
Parking & Municipal Infractions		1,000	1,000	1,328
SUBTOTAL		\$4,000	\$19,327	\$4,882

OTHER

Town Hall Rentals		30,000	30,000	30,000
Park Rentals		2,500	500	2,180
Municipal Events		13,500	13,500	14,525
Interest		30,000	30,000	40,000
Miscellaneous		5,400	7,900	8,431
SUBTOTAL		\$81,400	\$81,900	\$95,136

GRANTS

	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,440,202	\$2,321,740	\$2,524,115
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	662,726	\$765,666	
TOTAL REVENUE INCLUDING UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLU	\$3,102,928	\$3,087,406	\$2,524,115

Budget Details FY21

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	501,132	481,734	463,392
Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes	37,498	36,980	35,856
Workers Compensation Insurance	4,934	9,292	9,292
Health, Life, and Employee Benefits	61,201	43,991	42,554
Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan	40,911	40,273	42,457

SUBTOTAL **\$645,675** \$612,270 \$593,551

OPERATING EXPENSES

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor and Council Compensation	24,000	24,000	24,000
Mayor and Council Legislative, Education, Travel	15,200	13,680	13,680

SUBTOTAL **\$39,200** \$37,680 \$37,680

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Town Attorney	50,000	40,000	50,000
Audit	10,700	10,700	10,700
Other Professional Services	53,800	40,865	30,865

SUBTOTAL **\$114,500** \$91,565 \$91,565

TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Town Hall Maintenance	45,700	42,615	42,615
Town Hall Utilities	41,000	49,387	32,265
Town Hall Equipment	6,000	8,000	8,000
Economic Development & Commercial Revitalization	120,000	95,075	95,075
Office Expenses	28,350	27,874	31,660
Office Equipment/Furniture	2,000	500	0
Insurance	21,000	21,000	15,409
Municipal Dues, Memberships and Fees	10,485	9,797	9,722
Conferences, Training, & Travel	6,500	7,850	500
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	1,000

SUBTOTAL **\$284,035** \$265,098 \$236,246

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES \$1,083,410 \$1,006,613 \$959,042

EXPENDITURES

PUBLIC WORKS

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	341,878	320,770	251,931
Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes	25,290	24,406	19,373
Workers Compensation Insurance	16,972	23,256	23,526
Health, Life, and Employee Benefits	68,989	70,292	65,424
Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan	27,743	24,490	24,629

SUBTOTAL **\$480,871** \$463,214 \$384,883

Budget Details FY21

OPERATING EXPENSES

OPERATING SUPPLIES

Conferences, Training, and Travel	500	500	0
Drug Testing	1,000	1,000	250
Uniforms, Gloves, Vests, Boots, and Shirts	3,000	2,000	2,000
Small Equipment Purchases	12,000	7,500	7,500
Vehicle Fuel Expenses	8,000	9,000	7,265
Small Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	3,500	5,000	5,000
Vehicle Repairs	20,000	20,000	20,000
Shop Supplies and Tools	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	500	509

SUBTOTAL	\$52,000	\$48,500	\$45,524
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TRASH, BRUSH, RECYCLING, AND LEAF COLLECTION

Trash, Brush, and Recycling Collection	164,720	167,401	154,708
Leaf Collection and Other Disposal Fees	18,000	15,500	15,500

SUBTOTAL	\$182,720	\$182,901	\$170,208
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INFRASTRUCTURE

Street Sweeping	8,000	8,000	4,000
Street Maintenance	24,000	24,000	24,000
Snow Removal	8,500	8,500	8,500
Sidewalk Repair	12,000	20,000	20,000
Storm Drain Maintenance	6,000	20,000	20,000
Landscaping Vegetation Management	25,000	40,000	50,000
Landscaping Street Trees Maintenance and Planting	75,000	40,000	50,000
Garage Maintenance, Miscellaneous & Utilities	13,700	8,422	8,422

SUBTOTAL	\$172,200	\$168,922	\$184,922
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TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES	\$887,791	\$863,537	\$785,537
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PUBLIC SAFETY

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	152,307	143,290	101,819
Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes	11,429	11,013	7,912
Workers Compensation Insurance	9,347	10,389	10,389
Health, Life, and Employee Benefits	10,053	11,216	9,134
Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan	5,298	5,263	4,978

SUBTOTAL	\$188,434	\$181,171	\$134,232
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OPERATING SUPPLIES & SERVICES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Building Inspector (Moved to Prof Serv)		\$4,200	\$4,000
Parking Lot Lighting (Metropolitan)	2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Public Street Lighting	56,000	\$56,142	\$50,929
Traffic Enforcement MCP Contract (Deleted)		\$0	\$8,538
Traffic Control & Engineering	12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	\$500	\$500

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	SUBTOTAL	\$72,000	\$74,842	\$77,967
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES		\$260,434	\$256,013	\$212,199

PARKS & RECREATION

FACILITIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

Park Utilities		1,750	1,803	1,803
	SUBTOTAL	\$1,750	\$1,803	\$1,803

OPERATING SUPPLIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Small Equipment Maintenance and Repairs		5,000	15,000	15,000
Equipment Purchases		10,000	4,000	4,000
Landscape Architecture Services		3,000	0	750
Miscellaneous		1,000	750	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$19,000	\$19,750	\$19,750

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping and Vegetation Management		5,000	0	0
Parks and Town Hall Landscaping		25,000	30,000	30,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

TOWN MUNICIPAL EVENTS

Municipal Events - Labor Day Parade and Festival		29,500	\$22,740	\$20,870
Municipal Events - Other Municipal Events		21,000	16,290	16,290
	SUBTOTAL	\$50,500	\$39,030	\$37,160
TOTAL PARKS RECREATION EXPENSES		\$101,250	\$90,583	\$88,713

NON DEPARTMENTAL

Contingency		10,000	10,000	0
TOTAL NON DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,342,885	\$2,226,746	\$2,045,491
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM	\$760,043	\$860,659	\$860,659
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TOTAL CIP BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	\$760,043	\$860,659	\$860,659
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TOTAL OPERATING & CIP EXPENDITURES	\$3,102,928	\$3,087,405	\$2,906,150
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Total Fund Balance 6/30/19	3,062,693
Reserved for Prepaid Expenses 6/30/19	(26,823)
Non Lapsing Assigned & Committed Fund Balance for CIP 6/30/19	(1,607,478)
Use of Fund Balance for FY2020 Budget including addition to CIP	(765,666)
Projected Unassigned Fund Balance 6/30/20	662,726

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DRAFT Budget Ordinance No. O-02-2020

Introduced: March 9, 2020

Adopted:

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021 (FY21) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, §5-205 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, authorizes the Mayor and Town Council to provide for the control and management of its finances and expend money for any public purpose and for the safety, health, and general welfare of the Town and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), grants authority to municipal corporations to levy a tax on personal property, land, and improvements thereon, within the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, “Finance”, Section 801, “Fiscal Year”, of the Town Charter states that the Fiscal Year of the Town shall begin on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 802, “Proposed Budget”, of the Town Charter states that the Town Manager shall submit to the Council prior to the third Monday in April, a Budget of anticipated revenues, proposed operating expenditures, and proposed capital project expenditures, along with a written financial plan for the succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 803, “Adoption”, of the Town Charter states that prior to adopting the Budget, the Council shall hold a public hearing following due notice and a favorable vote of at least a majority of the total elected membership of the Council shall be necessary for adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington does hereby adopt the following Budget Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021 (FY21) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

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ANTICIPATED REVENUE			
	General Property Taxes	\$	1,345,661
	Other Taxes	\$	669,075
	Licenses & Permits	\$	54,558
	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$	285,508
	Fines & Fees	\$	4,000
	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	81,400
	Grants - County & State	\$	-
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE			<u>\$ 2,440,202</u>
	Re-Appropriation	\$	662,726
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE			<u>\$ 3,102,928</u>
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES			
	General Government	\$	1,083,410
	Public Works	\$	887,791
	Public Safety	\$	260,434
	Parks & Recreation	\$	101,250
	Non-Departmental	\$	10,000
			<u>\$ 2,342,885</u>
	Capital Improvement Budget	\$	760,043
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES			<u>\$ 3,102,928</u>

SECTION 1:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this _ day of May, 2020, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-205 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, that the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same hereby is appropriated and adopted.

SECTION 2:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this _____ day of May, 2020, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of One thousand, three hundred

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twelve ten-thousandths cents (**\$0.1312**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Kensington.

SECTION 3:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this _____ day of May, 2020, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of eighty cents (**\$0.80**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable personal property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Kensington.

SECTION 4:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this _____ day of May, 2020, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §8-101 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of five dollars (**\$5.00**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable personal property set forth by §8-101 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended):

1. Operating personal property of a railroad;
2. Operating personal property of a public utility that is machinery or equipment used to generate electricity or steam for sale;
3. All other operating personal property of a public utility; and
4. Machinery and equipment, other than operating personal property of a public utility, that is used to generate electricity or steam for sale or hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

SECTION 5:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this _____ day of May, 2020, by the Kensington Town Council, hereby adopts the imposition of a full-year, one-half year, three-quarter year, and one-quarter year tax levies, authorized pursuant to §10-102, 10-103, 10-104, and 10-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington, consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ____ day of May, 2020, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-201 *et seq.* of the

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Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VI, "Powers of the Council", Section 601, "General Powers" of the Town Charter that:

(1) If any part of provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part of provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This ordinance shall take effect on the ____ day of May, 2020, provided the following:

(a) Posted at Town Hall by the next business day following introduction; and

(b) Posted on the official Town website; and

(c) Sent to those persons listed on the official Town email list/mail subscription service; and

(d) Published once prior to the public hearing in the Town newsletter or sent by substitute regular mail to newsletter circulation addresses.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the ____ day of March, 2020.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the ____ day of May, 2020.

EFFECTIVE the ____ day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

By: _____
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer

Tracey C. Furman, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney

Kensington Around Town March/April 2020



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