46th Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival—Monday, September 2nd

The Parade Route: Starting at 10am at the intersection of St. Paul and Plyers Mill, South along Connecticut, East along Baltimore, Northeast along Carroll, South along Montgomery, East onto Kent, North along Kensington Pkwy (Grandstand) and ending at Howard and Fawcett.

The Mayor and Council would like to thank our many Sponsors:

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Paint the Town
Montgomery Arts Association
Show Dates and Hours
Sat., Aug. 31st – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (Reception held from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Sun., Sept. 1st – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Mon., Sept. 2nd – 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
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• The benefit concert for Peter Roelvink, honoring his late wife Sharon was an enormous success raising over $6,000. Thank you to Town Resident Mark Idler, Rock Creek Neighbor Michael Atkin and Town Council Member Sean McMullen for coordinating the event.

• Reminder that the Town listserve is separate from the Kensington town list on Yahoo.com. In order to receive the official messages and important information such as Town events, street repairs, snow removal, and other services, please go to TOK.MD.GOV and click on “Sign Up” in the bottom right corner.

• Reminder the Town Council is coordinating a fall community clean-up of the brush and overgrowth along Kensington Parkway, adjacent to Silver Creek. This is Park and Planning property that has endured the downside of budget cuts and is very much in need of attention. Details including date and time are to be determined.

• Maryland's First Lady, Katie O’Malley, promotes a wonderful education and nutrition page for kids. Check out this month's recipe as well as the previous postings: http://www.governor.maryland.gov/wellness/chopchop. The O’Malley’s have also released a great cookbook that pairs local Maryland foods with wines: http://mda.maryland.gov/Documents/cookbook13.pdf.

• Special Thank You to Residents Barbara Scharman, Helen Wilkes and Council Member Tracey Furman for assisting me with the new Green Committee (see page 9).

• Thank you as well to Barrie Carr, John Thompson and the KVFD for organizing and sponsoring the August 23rd Town Movie Night.

• Our gratitude to Resident Jill McCrory of Leadership Outfitters for directing and donating her time to our Council retreat; and St. Paul’s Methodist Church for providing the event space.

• The much anticipated phase 2 improvement of the Montgomery Avenue and Kensington Parkway intersection will be delayed until the first week of September. The Council has postponed construction to accommodate the Labor Day Parade.

• Phase 2 of the outdoor tree lighting along Antique Row will be installed later this month. Remaining streets are Montgomery, Fawcett and Armory.

• The Town continues to work with the State Highway Administration on the widening and greening of the Connecticut Avenue median; as well as replacing the fencing on the bridge that crosses the CSX tracks.
From Town Manager Daily

- The Town has finalized our contract with NZI Construction for the milling and paving of Frederick Avenue between Frederick Place and Wake Drive, along with the eastern portion of Frederick Place, and Wheatley Street between Plyers Mill Road and Dupont Avenue. The project will include curb and gutter repairs to be followed by the milling and paving of these streets. We expect the work to begin later this summer or early fall. If you have any questions about the project, please contact me.

- The Town has hired a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to help staff with some of our ongoing Code issues. Mr. Jim Snow, a retired Montgomery County Police Officer, joined the staff on August 5th, and we ask that you please welcome him to our community if you see him around Town.
July 1, 2013 Town Council and Organizational Summary

Organizational Meeting
- Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton were sworn in as Council Members prior to the Organizational Meeting.
- Areas of Interest were assigned as follows: Sean McMullen – Audit Committee and Traffic Committee; Darin Bartram – Ethics Commission, Revitalization Committee, Development Review Board; Paul Sexton – Board of Elections, Historic Preservation, Revitalization Committee, Development Review Board; Tracey Furman – Green Committee, Design Guidelines Task Force.
- Sean McMullen will serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Town Meeting
- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2013.
- Tax duplication was reviewed; Proposed MML legislation on tax duplication will be reviewed at the next Town Meeting.
- Resolution No. R-12-2013 supporting County Bill 14-13 to increase the historic preservation tax credit from 10% to 25% was discussed and tabled until further notice.

July 1, 2013 Organizational Meeting— Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton were sworn in as Council Members prior to this meeting. Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present.

Sean McMullen was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Members were assigned to areas of interest as follows:
- Audit Committee – Council Member McMullen
- Ethics Commission – Council Member Bartram
- Board of Elections – Council Member Sexton
- Green Committee (includes environmental, trees, and parks) – Council Member Furman
- Historic Preservation – Council Member Sexton
- Revitalization Committee – Council Members Bartram (official chair) and Sexton
- Design Guidelines Task Force – Council Member Furman
- Traffic Committee – Council Member McMullen
- Development Review Board – Council Members Sexton (official chair) and Bartram

Town Meetings will remain on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, unless a meeting is not needed.

Council Member McMullen suggested planning another leadership retreat for the Council with Jill McCrory from Leadership Outfitters.

Town Manager Daily stated areas to focus on in the upcoming year include updating the sign ordinance and changing some language in the Town Code to Town Manager or designee.

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

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

July 1, 2013 Council Meeting— Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed to keep Jean Thompson in thoughts and prayers.

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The minutes from June 10, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

Public Appearances – Julie O’Malley thanked the Town for promoting the Howard Avenue concert series and attending the meeting to discuss shade options for concerts; she will be using an umbrella over the band as a temporary solution to provide shade; Christopher Stevenson, a new resident, introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to being active in the Town; and Cameron Jacobs, from Fit America, presented an idea to have a Mayor’s fitness challenge as a wellness initiative.

From the Mayor & Town Council – The Mayor reported he met with four members of the NIH Camera Club and was presented with fantastic photographs of the Town on DVD along with a letter granting permission to use the photographs, he suggested using the photographs on the website and making a donation to the Club; he attended the MML Conference which was very productive and included many new sessions; and the Town received its first Banner City Award for being an active participant showcasing municipal government and taking part in league programs and activities, a plaque and flag were given to the Town.

Council Member McMullen reminded Residents of the July 4th Bike Parade at 10 a.m., and also suggested a future agenda item to review the parking lot usage for MARC riders; he suggested soliciting input from businesses to determine their need for spaces and whether additional spaces should be allocated for MARC riders.

Council Member Sexton stated he is continuing to work on the Town visitor map.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Bartram and Sexton abstained.

Julie O’Malley clarified that the credit is not just for historic properties but any property within the historic district. She stated the Town’s support was important since it has one of the largest historic districts and she spoke in support of the increase to encourage restoration within the historic district.

The Mayor suggested the Town could publicize information about the historic preservation tax credit on the website and in the newsletter.

Council Actions:
Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Bartram and Sexton abstained.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations – Resolution No. R-12-2013 supporting County Bill 14-13 to increase the historic preservation tax credit from 10% to 25% was discussed. The Council expressed concerns over the fiscal impact and the County’s basis for raising the tax credit to the maximum allowed by the state. The Council discussed sending a letter supporting historic preservation with these concerns but instead decided to table the Resolution. The Resolution was tabled and may be re-introduced if additional information is available prior to the hearing. See Council Actions.
Council Member McMullen moved to table, until further notice, Resolution No. R-12-2013 to support the adoption of County Bill 14-13, which would increase the county historic preservation tax credit from 10% to 25% of improvement costs on historic properties. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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June 10, 2013 Town Council Summary

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2013.
- Recognized Council Members Barch and Thompson for their service to the Town.
- Discussed status of resident petition for permit parking on Baltimore Street between Detrick Avenue and Connecticut Avenue; required public notice will be placed in the June Town Newsletter.
- Discussed whether to move the Labor Day Festival back to Howard Avenue from Armory Avenue; Council Member Furman will survey businesses on Howard Avenue.
- Reviewed code enforcement in Town and discussed hiring a former police officer for parking enforcement.
- Approved Resolution R-10-2013 extending an existing contract with NZI Construction Corporation for the resurfacing of certain Town streets.
- Approved Resolution R-11-2013 approving a contract with Montgomery County for Police Services for one year, subject to seeking additional police services from other providers that may more closely match the Town’s needs.

June 10, 2013—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

From the Mayor & Town Council – The Mayor, Council Members Furman and McMullen, along with Residents thanked Council Members Barch and Thompson for their dedication and hard work for the Town. The Mayor presented them with gift certificates from the Town. The Mayor and Council congratulated newly elected Council Members Bartram and Sexton. The Organizational meeting will be on July 1st.

The Mayor reported ADA upgrades have begun at Kensington Cabin Park and the exterior demolition at Warner Circle is scheduled to begin June 17th.

Council Member Furman reported the draft supplement to the Design Guidelines should be available for review in the fall and she is working with Eli Sola-Sole on developing ideas for a visitor map for the Town, which would also include historical information.

Council Member McMullen reported he will be working with Town Staff on revisions to the sign ordinance.

Council Members Barch and Thompson thanked the community for the opportunity to serve Kensington during their terms. Council Members Barch and Thompson also both spoke about the importance of the passing of the Sector Plan, the importance it will have on the future of Kensington and how our new blueprint will allow Kensington to attractively adapt to our ever changing environment. Council Member Barch reiterated that future development will be a long process but the plans have been set to move Kensington in the right direction. Council Member Thompson concurred and stated he looks forward to the possibility that he and other Residents will be able to retire in Kensington with a greater assortment of housing options where they will no longer have yard maintenance.
From Town Manager and Staff – The location of the Labor Day Festival was discussed. Council Member Furman will survey businesses on Howard Avenue to find their preference for Howard Avenue and Town Manager Daily will arrange a meeting with the Labor Day coordinators. Eli Sola-Sole spoke in support of the festival returning to Howard Avenue. Jack Gaffey suggested parking the Lions Club bus parallel to the street during the festival.

The status of the Resident permit parking petition for Baltimore Street was discussed. Before the Council considers the petition thirty days notice, per Town Code, will be given to all Residents in the June newsletter. Sharon Bartram questioned the location of the proposed parking restriction and whether problems were different on that street than other streets in Town, such as Warner Street. Town Manager Daily clarified the petition was only for a section of Baltimore Street and permit parking restrictions already exist on Warner Street. The Mayor stated the Town is reviewing ways to enforce parking restrictions. Council Member elect Bartram noted the Code allows council members to serve as code enforcement officers, if necessary.

Review of code enforcement in the Town was discussed. Town Manager Daily stated code violations in Town are being enforced and explained the difficulty in enforcing parking restrictions. He is pursuing hiring a retired police officer experienced with parking enforcement to provide random enforcement throughout the Town. The Mayor noted an area in need of enforcement is the intersection of Howard and Armory; vehicles are parking too close to the corner and impairs visibility for vehicles turning onto Howard Avenue.

Council Member McMullen suggested a future agenda item to allow for revisions to the Town Code to help with enforcement issues.

Public Appearances – Jack Gaffey thanked the Town for reconfiguring the curb along Howard Avenue at Armory Avenue, and suggested moving the directional sign in front of the telephone pole; Julie O’Malley thanked the Town for improved landscaping at Howard Avenue Park, stated the Historical Society is reviewing other possible options for shade over performers such as a sail, and she requested information on the playground plans for Kensington Cabin Park. Town Manager Daily will provide an electronic version of the plans. Eli Sola-Sole noted graffiti in Town and the importance of removing it quickly as a deterrent. Hussein Ali, a journalism student at Georgetown, informed Residents he has been given the assignment of Kensington and looks forward to speaking with them.

Council Member Barch stated weeds at Flinn Park needed to be addressed.

An informal clean up of Silver Creek along Kensington Parkway was suggested.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations – Resolution No. R-10-2013 extending an existing contract with NZI for resurfacing additional Town streets was discussed. Town Manager Daily explained the existing contract, amended last year, would be extended to include an additional appropriation of $210,000, authorized in the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget along with any remaining funds in the current CIP street reconstruction and renovation budget. Streets would include: Frederick Avenue from Frederick Place to Wake Drive, Wheatley Street from Plyers Mill Road to Dupont Avenue, the intersection at Montgomery Avenue and Kensington Parkway and if funds permit, the Kensington Parkway access road. The Mayor suggested reviewing a section of Frederick Place while Frederick Avenue is being done if funds permit. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-11-2013 approving a contract with Montgomery County, Maryland, for police
services for one year was discussed. Town Manager Daily explained the Resolution gives authority for the contract to be signed by June 30th subject to the outcome of the upcoming meeting with State police. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Council Actions:
Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve Resolution No. R-10-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to extend an existing contract with NZI Construction Corporation for resurfacing additional Town Streets, and not to exceed the additional appropriation of $210,000 authorized in Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget together with any unexpended funds in the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Account. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-11-2013 to approve a contract with Montgomery County, Maryland for police services for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

When exploring Kensington, one can always find something new and exciting right around the corner. The announcement of Frankly Pizza restaurant coming to Armory Avenue was great news to those that enjoy Frank’s pizza at the Kensington Farmers Market. More than 1,500 people visited our Facebook posting announcing the news about Frankly Pizza, and many of which shared the news to their Facebook page.

Explore Kensington has been on top of posting all the Town happenings: the Summer Concert Series is in full swing at the Howard Ave Park, Acanthus Antiques is moving to a large showroom on Howard Avenue, Foundations Gallery is busy with concerts and art showings every week, and the Noyes Library is celebrating their 120th year.

Third Thursday has been enjoyable and a few merchants put forth a lot of effort to attract customers into their shops. The monthly event, however, is not drawing enough people to the shops to continue with the entertainment at the Howard Avenue Park. Merchants may continue to stay open late and we will post that information.

Explore Kensington is getting recognized by more and more people every month. More than 200 people visit the website every day for updates on events and promotions, as well as learning about shopping, parks, history and art.

We look forward to next month, promoting the many events in town, including Paint the Town and the Labor Day Parade.
Montgomery County
Historic Tax Information

On July 16, 2013, the Montgomery County Council passed Bill 14-13, which amended the tax law (Chapter 52, Article VI) related to the percentage of improvement costs on a historic property from 10% to 25% for eligible work completed after July 1, 2013. Eligible work includes repairs, restoration, or preservation of exterior features of designated structures. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- Painting
- Repairing roofs or windows or replacing them in-kind
- Repairing architectural trim or ornament
- Uncovering and repairing original siding
- Repointing brick or stone foundations or chimneys
- Restoring a documented feature such as a dormer or porch that was previously altered or removed
- Repairing and maintaining outbuildings such as barns and garages

For addition information, please call Historic Preservation at 301-563-3400 or visit:
http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/contact.shtm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW GREEN COMMITTEE

Mayor Fosselman is seeking volunteers for the new Green Committee, formally known as the Tree Board. The revised committee will assist the Council and Staff by providing recommendations for, and oversight of, the Town’s trees, shrubs and other plantings; paving in right-of-ways and parks; and any other aspects of the town’s landscape in need of such attention. The Committee will identify replacement and maintenance priorities for trees, shrubs, and other planted landscape elements; plan and design for new street tree placement to provide more order and aesthetic coordination in the design of streetscapes; and plan and design for more consistent quality and harmony in the pedestrian experience throughout the town. This will help ensure that the town government remains aware and informed of landscape planting and infrastructure maintenance needs; follows a coherent plan for tree removal and replacement; and educates and informs the citizenry of ways to assist in maintaining the health and well-being not only of the town’s trees, but of trees on their own property as well. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Mayor at Mayor.Fosselman@tok.md.gov or call 301-949-2424.

3rd Annual Model Train Show

Please join the Town, along with Gary and Diana Ditto in hosting the 3rd Annual Model Train Show on September 7th and 8th from 11 am to 5 pm (Town Hall). The Train Show will once again benefit two local institutions: the Noyes Children’s Library Foundation, and the Kensington Historical Society.

Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for children, a maximum of $10 for a family, and free for service members with an ID.

Additional info may be found on our website:  http://tok.md.gov/calendar/
Please join us for the Kensington Farmers Market every Saturday between 8 am–12 noon at the Howard Avenue Train Station. The Market is open year-round and has over 20 vendors during the summer months.

GROWS, the Grassroots Organization for the Well-being of Seniors was the crystallization of efforts begun many years before by people prescient about the future. An association of over 200 senior service providers, it focuses on advocacy, education, and community outreach. Monthly meetings the first Thursday of the month draw upwards of 150 participants, usually at Holiday Park Senior Center. GROWS also does two major networking events in March and October, a silent auction in June, movie month in July, jazz cooler in August, and the annual Holiday Breakfast at Ring House in December.

Poor balance and falls continue to be the greatest risk to the aging population. With frequent power outages which increase the fall risk, GROWS put over 1000 flashlights into the hands of at-risk seniors, many of whom are fixed budgets and have to chose between medication and food. Such safety essentials are often beyond their financial reach. GROWS has also donated funds to the MC food bank (Manna) and continues its efforts to educate the community on a variety of topics through monthly speakers and the July movie focusing on topics of professional interest: the need for retirement communities sensitive to the LGBT community, driving, and most recently, aphasia, loss of language – not intellect. GROWS continues to grow and welcomes new members – you need not be a senior service provider nor a MC resident –
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**You Are Needed**

Meals on Wheels has a critical shortage and is seeking new volunteers to deliver food to frail, disabled and home-bound people in the community.

Help is needed Monday through Friday packing and delivering food. Come and make a difference by helping others at our Kensington, MD location.

Please call us at 301-942-1111.

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**THANK YOU**

THANK YOU RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON FOR YOUR COMPASSION, GENEROSITY, SPIRIT AND SUPPORT.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY INDEBTED TO

The Mayor
and the Town Council

FOR THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

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WE RAISED OVER $6500 FROM THE Nighthawks/Melonheads Benefit Concert.

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To Kensington Residents

New in Town? Or do you know of a new neighbor? Please let the Town Staff know of any new residents so we may welcome them with a hospitality package.

301-949-2424 or mjhoffman@tok.md.gov

July/August 2013