Help shape the future of biking and walking in Kensington
By: Councilmember Nate Engle

Dear neighbors,

We need to hear your views on potential improvements for walking and biking around Connecticut Avenue in the Town of Kensington!

The Town has partnered with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to secure a grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) program to analyze and propose concrete and innovative improvements in pedestrian and bicycling access and safety. The assessment also aims to improve connectivity throughout Kensington and between the Town and the Ken-Gar neighborhood. The consulting firm selected for this study has completed its initial analysis, and we are seeking your feedback to prioritize the various short-term, mid-term, and long-term improvements under early consideration.

First: Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the online survey here: forms.office.com/r/u6U7CPmr0p. It is also accessible via the QR code on the flyer to the right.

Second: Please plan to attend the public workshop on April 21, 2022, 7:00pm-9:00pm at Town Hall to provide further feedback and engage in discussion with other neighbors around this topic.

To learn more about pedestrian and bicycle improvements within Kensington, please email tok.connecticutavenue@gmail.com or visit tok.md.gov/pedestrian-and-bicycling-safety
The 2022 Town Election will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, at Town Hall. The term of Mayor Tracey Furman, along with Council Members Bridget Hill-Zayat and Nate Engle are set to expire June 30, 2022. All have the option of running for re-election.

If you are interested in running for Town Council, nominations for elective office are available at Town Hall by filing a Certificate of Nomination with the Town’s Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels at Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov. Nominations must be submitted by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 9, 2022.

Additional information on Voter Registration, Absentee Ballot, Voter Qualifications, Nominations and Candidate Information can be found at TOK.MD.gov/town-government/town-elections.

Artist, Debra Halprin, projects her view of the world through her artwork. She works in water media and finds visual excitement through contrast and color. Ms. Halprin enjoys painting still lifes, interiors and landscapes. Her work is representational with an impressionistic flavor.

Debra also works with Kensington Realtors, Gary & Diana Ditto as well as Alexa Goulding, depicting the homes they have helped purchase or have sold. The image of the property is then used in mailings and advertisements throughout Montgomery County, the original artwork is given as a gift to the Buyer or Seller.


In addition to creating artwork, Debra has opened a Fine Art Giclée printing business where she assists other artists in photographing their paintings, creating the digital image and reproducing their works. HalprinArt.com | 301- 910-4750

Our next Town Council Meeting will be a hybrid meeting! The Mayor and Council will convene on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom and in-person at Town Hall. The Agenda and Zoom link information will be posted by 4:00 pm on Friday, April 8, 2022 at tok.md.gov/town-government/council-meetings/.

MAYOR - Tracey Furman
TOWN MANAGER - Matt Hoffman
COUNCIL - Conor Crimmins (Mayor Pro-Tem)
           Darin Bartram
           Bridget Hill-Zayat
           Nate Engle
March 14, 2022 Town Council Meeting (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

• Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022.


• The Charter Resolution will take effect fifty (50) days after its passage unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with §4-304 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, within forty (40) days following its passage.

• Adopted Ordinance No. O-01-2022 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter II, “Government and Administration”, Article 2, “Elections”, Section 2-201. “General Voter Registration” to enable a Non-Citizen who is a lawful permanent resident or is authorized to work in the United States to be eligible to register to vote in Town of Kensington Municipal Elections.

• The Ordinance will take effect on May 3, 2022.

• Introduced Ordinance No. O-02-2022 - An Ordinance to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 (FY23) Budget and to levy a tax on certain Real and Personal Property under the provision of §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.

• The Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022, 7 pm.

• Approved Resolution No. R-04-2022 – A Resolution to confirm the appointment of John “Jack” Gaffey, Jr. made by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

• Approved Resolution No. R-05-2022 - A Resolution to confirm the appointments of Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jennifer Smith, made by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

• Continued Resolution No. R-06-2022 – A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to establish ‘No Parking Anytime’ on the south side of Carroll Place, from the projected west curb line of Hadley Place to a point 50‘ westward; on the west side of Hadley Place, from the projected south curb line of Carroll Place to 40‘ southward; and install a corner clearance prohibition on the west side of Hadley Place, from the projected south curb line of Carroll Place to 40‘ southward.

• Approved Resolution No. R-07-2022 – A Resolution approving a one-foot, six-inch (1’6”) encroachment into the required twenty (20) foot sum of the side yard setback in accordance with Section 5-104, “Building Lines”, for 3906 Washington Street.

• Approved Resolution No. R-08-2022 – A Resolution to amend Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY22) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to move $200,000 from the Storm Drain Reconstruction & Renovation Program (PW-005) to the Pavement Management Program (PW-003).
Edith Throckmorton Neighborhood Park Rededication Set for May 7
by Kenna Barrett, PhD, Racial Justice Committee

The newly renovated Edith Throckmorton Neighborhood Park will celebrate its public reopening on May 7, 2022. Visitors to the revitalized site will find expansive views of Rock Creek Park’s hardwood forest to the north. An accessible walkway takes pedestrians over the Rock Creek Stream Valley watershed, forming a connection between Hampden Street and Mertford Street.

Redesigned by Montgomery Parks, the park incorporates a naturalistic approach to its architecture, with herbaceous ground cover, a play area with logs from Rock Creek, and newly-planted cherry trees. The landscape “echo[es] the Rock Creek environment surrounding the park,” said Ching-Fang Chen, PLA, LEED-AP, Landscape Architect with Montgomery Parks, and the project manager. “We wanted to bring something wonderful for the neighborhood.”

Edith Throckmorton, an educator, spent the first half of her career teaching in segregated schools, rising through the ranks to become principal at Emory Grove Consolidated Colored Elementary School (now Longview Elementary), a school for African American pupils in Gaithersburg. After school integration—despite having played a key role in the desegregation battle and the complex process of integrating two school districts—Throckmorton was passed over for the principal position at the integrated Longview in favor of a white colleague.

Throckmorton’s subsequent resignation from the school system led to the second portion of her illustrious career: her presidency of the Montgomery County chapter of the NAACP, from 1962-1978. Throckmorton helped secure voting rights, the county’s 1967 fair housing law, as well as the county’s human relations commission, and organized buses to head to Martin Luther King, Jr.’s March on Washington in 1963.

The re-imagining of Edith Throckmorton Neighborhood Park was a years-long collaboration between neighborhood residents and county planners. Chen, the landscape architect, noted that the park’s new design doubles the square footage of program space, by terracing the sloping ground. Designed for multigenerational families, the park has new play areas, garden-like green spaces, community open space with a labyrinth, and even a ping-pong table.

“The space is for everybody,” said Chen. “We wanted to make the most out of it.”

Edith Throckmorton Neighborhood Park will officially reopen in a ceremony from 11 am - 1 pm on May 7, 2022. The rain date is May 14.

For more in-depth coverage, see the April issue of Kensington Neighbors Magazine.
Kensington Historical Society - Behind the Scenes

There are many events and activities that are associated with the Kensington Historical Society (KHS). A lot goes on behind the scenes that we want to highlight to show you how your membership dues are supporting KHS and benefiting the community.

Did you enjoy the WETA If You Lived Here show featuring Kensington? KHS collaborated with WETA by providing many of the historical images of iconic buildings and people of Kensington. The images came from our Archives which is a treasure trove of photographs, documents, oral histories and other items of interest going back to the earliest days of Kensington.

The Archives are used in many ways. Just recently historical data was made available to the County to facilitate review of an historic district. If you haven’t done so already, you should check out the archives to see what images are there for your home, particularly those in the historic district. It’s fun to see pictures of your house over time.

Our Archives are tended by a dedicated group of KHS volunteers lead by Julie O’Malley, Mary Buckingham and Sigrid Doherty.

We are also always looking to acquire historic items so if you have documents, images or other items that may enhance our Archives, please contact KHS. We are very aware that 125 years from now people are going to be interested in the history that we are making today. To that end, we will be starting to emphasize the recording and preservation of what is currently happening in Town. Additionally, to see that our Archive records can be used and enjoyed in the future, we are embarking on a multi-year project to better organize and preserve our current and future records.

Are you looking forward to the Summer Concert Series on Saturday mornings? Aren’t we all ready to spend the classic Kensington Saturday morning strolling the Farmers Market and listening to some good music? Well, this doesn’t happen magically on its own.

The Concerts, presented with the support of the Town of Kensington, require lots of planning. KHS goes into empresario mode for the up to 18 summer concerts and this year’s concert team, comprised of Leslie Olson, Joette Alkire and Mike Landis, is starting to create the schedule, book the bands and do all those things necessary to prepare for a show. The day of the Concert also requires a group of volunteers to set up umbrellas, make sure the stage is ready, and offer any assistance needed as the musicians prepare.

That’s a lot of volunteer effort but it is one of the things that KHS does that reaches the most residents and visitors to Kensington. Be sure to come by and enjoy the variety of music KHS will present this year and, if you aren’t a KHS member, think about joining so KHS can continue to provide these experiences. And, FYI, KHS can offer SSL credits for volunteers still needing them for their high school graduation.

We also rely on volunteers to help with the Speaker Series, our participation in Gary Ditto’s Train Show, Opera in the Circle and many other programs. We will feature some of these activities in the next Journal.

Save the Date – July 17 gala celebration of the 45 years of KHS. Come to see old friends and meet new ones. There will some great multi-media presentations of KHS history and good food and drink. Planning for this has been going on for some time. Details to come but this is another reason to keep your membership current.
The KTown Ladies have kicked off the spring season – we are enjoying warmer temperatures, and we’re busy planning a full slate of events for the rest of the year.

In March, the KTown Ladies hosted our first event of the year, a pre-St. Patrick’s Day celebration – Baileys & Bonfires! – at Kyle Richards’ home. We lucked out with beautiful spring weather, and gathered outdoors to celebrate all things Irish, with snacks, hot drinks around the fire pits, and beautiful flowers from Petals to the Metal. It was so nice to catch up and enjoy each other’s company (and Kyle’s excellent hosting, as always) after a long cold winter.

On April 30, local realtor Kyle Richards and the KTown Ladies will host the Town’s annual Trash to Treasure event, where Town of Kensington residents can sell or freecycle things that you no longer use but someone else would love. Please send an email with your name and TOK address to Kyle at initiatives@ktownladies.org to register.

Next up, in May, the KTown Ladies will host a Sip ‘n Shop at one of Kensington’s newest boutiques, Olive & Loom. If you haven’t heard yet, Olive & Loom opened recently on Kensington Parkway, and they carry Mediterranean-inspired hand-made towels, beachwear, accessories and more. We’re looking forward to doing some Mother’s Day and other shopping at the boutique, and we hope everyone can join us!

For more details, follow along with the KTown Ladies on our website and on social media: www.ktownladies.org, Facebook: @KTownLadiesGuild, Instagram: @ktownladies

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, 2022, and end on June 30, 2023; 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:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this _____day of May, 2022, 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023, 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, 2022, 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 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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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, 2022, by the Kensington Town Council that the transfer of funds by Resolution within the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget may occur.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this   day of May, 2022, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-201 et seq. of the 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 1st day of July, 2022, 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 14th day of March, 2022.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the day of May, 2022.

EFFECTIVE the 1st day of July, 2022.
Explore Kensington

New Shop

**OLIVE & LOOM**

Olive & Loom is a Mediterranean Lifestyle store where you can find unique, Mediterranean inspired gifts and home goods.
10305 Kensington Parkway
OliveAndLoom.com

New Shop

**TYLER WHITMORE INTERIORS**

unique furniture boutique

Open three days each month, offering furniture, florals, decor and gifts.
4208 Howard Avenue
TylerWhitmoreInteriors.com

New Shop

**Love People Records**

DJ owned record store that buys and sells new, used and rare music.
3758 Howard Avenue
LovePeopleRecords.com

New Shop

**BABYCAT BREWERY**

Kensington is getting a brewery!! Scheduled to open in November 2022!
10241 Kensington Parkway
BabyCatBrewery.com

New Location

**Vintage+vernacular & Urban Picker**

Two shops in one, shop for home furnishings, original artwork, vintage posters and rare collectibles at their new location on West Howard.
4140B Howard Avenue
FB @ktownurbanpicker

New Location

Russia Online, Inc., a foreign language bookstore, has moved to Fawcett Street!
10425 Fawcett Street
Russia-on-line.com/en/

Shop Update

**HomeWorks**

HomeWorks has a new website where you can order online! You’ll find a mix of modern and vintage home décor in store and online. Also, now offering lamp repair services.
3740 Howard Avenue
ShopHomeworks.com

Mother’s Day | Sunday, May 8

**Unique Gifts | Something Sweet**

**Spa Treatments | Delicious Meals**

**Jewelry | Local Gift Cards**

And Flowers, of course!

You can find it all in Kensington!

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**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.

- 3740 University Blvd. W - Monument Sign
- 3740 University Blvd. W - Wall Sign
- 3607 Perry Avenue - Washington Gas
- 3716 Howard Avenue - Sign
- 10516 Connecticut Avenue - Washington Gas
- 10225 Frederick Avenue - Washington Gas
- 10512 Connecticut Avenue - Washington Gas
- 10514 Connecticut Avenue - Washington Gas
- 10516 Connecticut Avenue - Washington Gas
- 10531 Summit Avenue - Washington Gas
- 10414 Detrick Avenue - Wall Sign
- 10414 Detrick Avenue - Wall Sign

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**Town Happenings**

**TRASH TO TREASURE**

**HOW IT WORKS**
Looking for a way to sell or donate things without the hassle of planning your own yard sale or curb alert? Kyle Richards and The KTown Ladies are sponsoring a town wide Trash to Treasure Day, complete with a "treasure map" of the town with participating homes to make it easy for you to sell or freecycle what you no longer use but someone else would love. You can do a yard sale, part yard sale/part free at the curb alert or total curb alert.

**PORCH PIT STOP**
Stroll through the Town for treasures and make a pit stop along the way for refreshments and neighborhood socializing. 12:00 to 2:00PM at the home of Kyle Richards at 10310 Fawcett Street.

**TO PARTICIPATE**
Please send an email with your name and address to Kyle at initiatives@ktownladies.org to register your house. An interactive map will be advertised via the Kensington community listserv, Explore Kensington email and KTown Ladies and Kensington Facebook pages. Kyle Richards will provide yard sale signs. Some families will be making monetary donations from proceeds to local charities.

**RAIN DATE:**
SUNDAY, MAY 1

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**GIGS Courtyard**

**Saturday, April 30 6-10:30pm**

GIGS Courtyard is incredibly proud to be bringing live music to KTown. Show your support for this exciting new hometown venue by coming out to their spring opener - Sean Gaiser, live in concert on April 30th! Sean will be performing with three distinctive bands, covering five albums worth of original creative work spanning back to 2006.

Tickets are $30 and grant admission to the show. Food and beverages (beer, wine, seltzers, and mixed drinks as well as non-alcoholic beverages) will be available for purchase inside the venue. Must be 21+ to attend.

Tickets are available at gigscourtyard.com/seangaiser/

Follow us on Instagram: @gigscourtyard

Save the Date Juneteenth Event - Saturday, June 18 at Saint Paul Park.
Kensington Around Town
April 2022

To:

New Kensington Farmers’ Market Vendor!
FRANK’S BURGER PLACE

Every Saturday
9am - 1pm
3701 Howard Avenue
ExploreKensington.com