

Learn about our local history!

*Kensington Historical Society, and
Racial Justice Committee present:*



A History of School Segregation in Montgomery County and its Rosenwald Schools

With a Special Presentation about the KenGar School Building

October 8, 2022 at 2 pm

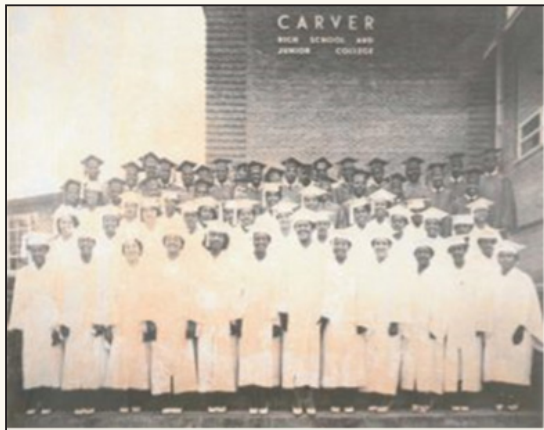
At the Leonard D. Jackson Community Center
4111 Plyers Mill Rd in KenGar

Ralph Buglass, local historian with Montgomery History, will share the history of school segregation in Montgomery County. The county did not provide public education to African American children until a decade after it was instituted for white children, and then only in segregated schools until integration began in 1955. A number of the segregated school buildings for African American children still exist in the county, including several erected through a partnership between Booker T. Washington and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald that helped improve black education all over the South.

One of the former Rosenwald schools is located in KenGar, a historically black community between Kensington and Garrett Park. The building is now the Leonard D. Jackson Community Center, and it has a rich history of providing education and bringing people together. **Karen Jackson-Knight**, the daughter of the Center's namesake, will speak about the history of this important building to the community.

Join us to learn about our local history. A special invitation is extended to anyone with stories or memories of the KenGar school building. The presentations will last about 90 mins with time for questions and sharing. Light refreshments will be served.

Carver High School Class of 1954



KenGar Community Schoolhouse

Image from the Towne newspaper, August 1994



This event is free of charge. Questions? Contact info@kensingtonhistory.org.