

Kensington Around Town



October 2022



PUMPKIN ROCK N' ROLL

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Kensington's 2nd Annual WALKtober Event!

Enjoy the Town with neighbors and friends, and see why we can still proclaim that Kensington is a town “Where the trains still run and the people still walk (roll and bike)”

This year's event has two parts
- Join us for the whole time or come and go as you need:



Saturday
Oct 29, 2022
1 - 3 pm

Raindate Oct 30

1pm ~ Celebrate the “walkability” of Kensington as we explore the Town on foot. We will meet by the picnic tables at **Reinhardt Park** (next to Safeway) to discuss the Connecticut Avenue segment that passes through Kensington, including reviewing several recommendations from our recent **Connecticut Avenue TLC Study** to see first-hand the areas prioritized for safety, access, and connectivity improvements that will make it easier for us all to walk, roll, and bike through town.

2pm ~ Learn how to do a “Walkability Audit” as we strive to become one of the most pedestrian and bicycling friendly towns in the County. We will return to **Reinhardt Park** where we will train interested volunteers on how to participate in a walkability audit, a bi-annual effort led by the Town's Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group. Volunteers will be trained how to evaluate a selected street segment for such factors as pedestrian and bicycling safety, lighting, availability of sidewalks, tripping hazards, and so on. Actual audits will take place in November and December. The more volunteers the more information we can gather!

Please RSVP to Councilmember Engle (NateEngletok@gmail.com) and Assistant to the Town Manager Alex Marini (Alex.Marini@tok.md.gov) for one or both of these events by October 10 so we can order you a commemorative tee-shirt for participating.



Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

WG co-chairs, Councilmember Engle and Chris Zappi, welcome additional residents to participate in the WG who have a strong interest in these topics and/or have skills to offer that can help with promoting pedestrian and bicycling access and safety. If interested, please send an email to: NateEngleTOK@gmail.com.

Town Happenings

Kensington FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS!

Oct 20 • 5-8pm

Last KTown Food Truck Night in 2022!

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

Sponsored by KBDA

Facebook @KtownFoodTruckNight



Live Music Venue
3782 Howard Ave

GIGSCourtyard.com

Oct 22
Noise in the Village

Nov 5
Spencer Bates

Nov 12
Sean Gaiser



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30
12 - 4pm

Warner Circle Park

PumpkinRockNRoll.com

Join us for the 3rd Annual Paper & Electronics Recycling Event

Hosted by McEneaney Associates Realtors®

Saturday, November 5th | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Town Hall Parking Lot

TOK.md.gov/event/recycling-event-2

Please join us for the second annual Light Up KTown



Friday, December 2, 2022 • 6 - 7 PM
Howard Avenue Park | 3716 Howard Avenue

To kick off the holiday season, please join us for hot adult beverages, hot cider and hot chocolate, s'mores by the fire pits, music, and merry making!

The lighting ceremony will be at 6:15 pm. We will provide a brief announcement about the home decorating award contest categories and rules. Get in the spirit and enter by 12/16 to win the Griswold, Winter Wonderland, It's a Wonderful Life or Traffic Stopper decorating awards! We will also be voting on the best storefront decoration of our cherished Kensington business community. For more information regarding the contest categories and rules, please visit TOK webpage TOK.md.gov/event/light-up-ktown-2022.

Thank you to our sponsors Kyle Richards, Compass for the hot drinks for kids and adults and SW7 for the s'mores kits.

Vote in Kensington Again



2022 Gubernatorial General Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 7am - 8pm

Kensington Town Hall
3710 Mitchell Street
Kensington, MD 20895

Precinct # 13034

Is this your voting place? Visit:

VoterServices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch

Early Voting: October 27 - November 3 Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box Locations:

You may Vote By Mail, in-person at any Early Voting Center or at your assigned Election Day polling place. Puede Votar Por Correo, en persona en cualquier Centro de Votación Anticipada o en su lugar de votación asignado el día de la elección.

EARLY VOTING CENTERS

CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA

Burtonsville

- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center

Chevy Chase

- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center

Damascus

- Damascus Community Recreation Center

Gaithersburg

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park

Germantown

- Germantown Community Recreation Center

Potomac

- Potomac Community Recreation Center

Rockville

- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
- Executive Office Building
- Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center

Sandy Spring

- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Station 4

Silver Spring

- Mid-County Community Recreation Center
- Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza
- White Oak Community Recreation Center

Wheaton

- Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center

BALLOT DROP BOXES

BUZÓN DE ENTREGA DE PAPELETAS

Bethesda

- Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
- Walt Whitman High School
- Walter Johnson High School

Brookeville

- Longwood Community Recreation Center

Burtonsville

- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center
- Paint Branch High School

Chevy Chase

- Friendship Heights Village Center
- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center

Clarksburg

- Clarksburg High School
- Wilson Wims Elementary School

Damascus

- Damascus Community Recreation Center
- Damascus High School

Gaithersburg

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park
- Gaithersburg High School
- Montgomery County Board Of Elections
- Quince Orchard High School
- Robertson Park Youth Center
- Upper County Community Recreation Center
- Watkins Mill High School

Germantown

- Germantown Community Recreation Center
- Northwest High School
- Seneca Valley High School

Kensington

- Albert Einstein High School

Poolesville

- Poolesville High School

BALLOT DROP BOXES

BUZÓN DE ENTREGA DE PAPELETAS

Potomac

- Bette Carol Thompson Scotland Recreation Center
- Potomac Community Recreation Center
- Winston Churchill High School

Rockville

- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
- Col. Zadok Magruder High School
- Executive Office Building
- Montgomery County Conference Center
- Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center
- Richard Montgomery High School
- Rockville City Hall
- Rockville High School
- Thomas S. Wootton High School

Sandy Spring

- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department
- Sherwood High School

Silver Spring

- East County Community Recreation Center
- Gwendolyn E. Coffield Community Recreation Center
- James Hubert Blake High School
- John F. Kennedy High School
- Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center
- Mid-County Community Recreation Center
- Montgomery Blair High School
- Northwood High School
- Silver Spring Civic Building
- Springbrook High School
- Wheaton High School
- White Oak Community Recreation Center

Takoma Park

- Takoma Park Community Center

Wheaton

- Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center

Kensington Historical Society



Kensington Historical Society – 45 Years Strong Celebrating our Past – Planning our Future

Kensington Historical Society (KHS) marked its Forty-Fifth Anniversary as a historical society this year. Although plans for an in-person celebration did not come about, KHS is proud to be one of the oldest historical societies in the County. While there is a lot of satisfaction that comes from looking at past accomplishments, KHS is looking forward to developing new ways to continue to serve the Kensington community for the next half century.

Preservation matters continue to be an emphasis for KHS. We can see evidence around us of projects that are in or near the historic district that are making new uses of existing properties. KHS will be part of the effort to make sure that these properties retain their original character while they are being revitalized. In addition to being concerned with the preservation of properties in Kensington, KHS has a board seat on Montgomery Preservation, Inc. MPI and its historical society members look across all of Montgomery County to be sure that properties that are considered to have some historical values are protected as development happens around them.

We are participating in new efforts by several Town organizations to recognize the history of our green space and Champion Trees. Look for more information to come about this initiative.

KHS plans to continue programming that brings local history alive through our speaker series and author talks as well as co-sponsoring other educational initiatives alongside other Kensington organizations. We have developed a hybrid in-person/zoom model that expands the reach of our speaker presentations. We have an excellent relationship with Montgomery Cable to record these talks so that others may view them in the future. KHS also developed a program on Kensington History and took it on the road to present at Silver Creek and Modena so that new residents to those communities would get an introduction to our Town. We anticipate repeating that in other venues.

Our collaborations with other Kensington-based organizations have been particularly satisfying and benefits the community. We are able to leverage resources, expand program content and reach more of an audience through developing co-sponsor affiliations. KHS looks to do more of this in the future as it's a win/win for all.

We are grateful to have more of the Town favorite activities take place this year. Recent events like the Train Show and Opera in the Circle were enjoyed by many. Thank you to The Ditto Group for again making KHS a beneficiary (along with Noyes Library) of the Train Show proceeds.

Next year promises to be a good one with some great programming being planned. A highlight will be the 150th year celebration of the B&O Metropolitan Branch of the RR. Our Station will be part of the celebration that will occur along the entire Line.

Please consider being a KHS supporter again next year and, if you're not currently a KHS member, please join our organization.

Become a Member: Fill out and submit the form to the right with payment by PayPal or credit card. Or find the form online at:

KensingtonHistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/KHS-Membership-Form-2022.pdf.

Learn more about KHS:

KensingtonHistory.org

KHS Membership Form

Kensington Historical Society Membership Form

Membership Year January 1 – December 31

Membership: Individual: \$25, Family: \$35, Non-Profit: \$75, Corporate: \$100, Senior: \$20

I am ____ joining as a new member

I am ____ renewing my membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in the following committees: (please circle) Programs •Membership •Social •Archives •Concerts

Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____ for a _____ membership

Please send completed form and check to: KHS, P.O. Box 453, Kensington, MD 20895

The Kensington Historical Society is a 501© 3 Charitable Organization

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

KTown Food Truck Night
Thur, October 20 • 5-8 pm

GIGS Courtyard Concert Series
Saturdays through November

Fitness Festival 2022
Sun, October 23 • 1-4 pm

WALKtober Event
Sat, October 29 • 1-3 pm

Pumpkin Rock N Roll
Sun, October 30 • 12-4pm

NOVEMBER

Paper/Electronics Recycling Event
Sat, November 5 • 10am-12pm

Election Day at Town Hall
Tue, November 8 • 7am-8pm

Town Council Meeting
Mon, November 14 • 7pm

Thanksgiving Town Dance
Wed, November 23 • 7-11pm

DECEMBER

**The British Players present:
Rapunzel: A Tangled Panto**
Dec 2 - Jan 7 • Various Times

Light Up KTown
Fri, December 2 • 6-7pm

Antique Row Holiday Open House
Fri, December 2 • 7-9pm

Christmas Tree Lighting
Sun, December 4 • 5:30 pm

Menorah Lighting
Mon, December 19 • 5-6pm

Caroling Around the Fountain
Wed, December 21 • 7-8pm

For all Town events visit: TOK.md.gov/events

Racial Justice Committee



RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Racial Justice Committee has had a busy few months with community events that support our goals of building community and promoting education and learning.

Nearly a thousand area residents gathered at St. Paul Park on Saturday, June 18th for Kensington's **Inaugural Juneteenth Celebration**. The event brought together families and neighbors for a day of live music, poetry, historical reenactments and presentations, local food and beverages. We were joined by many local civic organizations and were thrilled to have the support of so many local businesses and organizations. You can see video from the event on the Town's website. We hope to see you next year!

2022 Juneteenth Sponsors

LEGACY \$1,500+



FREEDOM \$1,000

UNITY \$500



CONNECTICUT BELAIR SWIM & TENNIS CLUB



KENSINGTON NEIGHBORS



HOPE \$250

Jamie Boston

Darin Bartram

Ann Lichter

Patti Poss



Mark Hudson
301-641-6266



Paul Sexton
301-933-6753



Racial Justice Committee



Local kids busy at one of the arts and crafts tables.



Families enjoying the music and festivities.



DC-based a cappella group Reverb entertains the crowd.

Juneteenth organizer Jamie Boston pours libations to honor ancestors with his daughters.



Photo Credit: Conor Crimmins

On Sunday, August 21st we moved the “**Back-to-School Block Party**” to Town Hall due to thunderstorms. The rain didn’t dampen the spirits of the kids and families that gathered to enjoy games, music, dancing, art, ice cream, snacks, and lots of free prizes, books, and other giveaways. Many thanks to Tyler Whitmore Interiors, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Servpro, Kensington Row Bookshop, Kensington House, and tumbleweed for sponsoring gifts for the kids and to Kensington CAN! for co-sponsoring the event.

More recently, on September 21st we had over 100 people gather (in person and on Zoom) to listen to nearby resident **Robert Engelman** present “**Slavery Where I Grew: An Exploration of Place and Past in Montgomery County.**” Engelman shared what he learned from an extensive project researching the history of enslavement in the area where he was raised, Rock Creek Woods, just north of Kensington. Thank you to Kensington Historical Society and the Villages of Kensington for co-sponsoring the event.

We also partnered with the Town of Kensington and Kensington CAN! to create 200 “**Welcome Bags**” to deliver to apartment residents who have recently joined our community. The bags included information about the Town and how to get involved in the community, as well as gifts from local businesses.

To get involved with the Kensington Racial Justice committee please e-mail:
KensingtonRacialJustice@gmail.com.

KTown Ladies



Happy October, Kensington! Here's an update on fall happenings from the KTown Ladies.

The KTown Ladies kicked off the season with a Sip 'n Paint event at Girls Who Paint on September 14. Girls Who Paint co-founders and artists Sarah Renzi Sanders and Angie Meche Kilcullen hosted KTL in their beautifully renovated studio/gallery in the heart of historic Kensington and walked us through a fun and creative paint/decoupage project (champagne bottles were involved – right up our alley)! A huge thank you to Girls Who Paint for hosting one of our favorite KTL events so far. And deliCLUB across the street provided a charcuterie spread that was as beautiful as it was delicious – thank you!



In October, the KTown Ladies will host a “Fall into the Season” Wine Down Wednesday at Knowles Station on October 19 at 6:30pm. KTL will provide light snacks, and Knowles Station’s full menu will be available for purchase. Join us in your fall best - we want to see tall boots, cozy sweaters, fall colors! We’ll even have a special seasonal prize for the best fall-themed ensemble. Please RSVP on our website at [Ktownladies.org/upcoming-events](https://ktownladies.org/upcoming-events) if you can join us.



The KTown Ladies look forward to seeing many of you at our events for the rest of 2022. Stay tuned for more information about the second annual Light Up KTown event this December! We’re also still interested in hosting more home events. If you’d like to open your home to host the KTL, please shoot us an email and let us know.

For more details, follow along with the KTown Ladies on our website and on social media: KTownLadies.org; Facebook: [@KTownLadiesGuild](https://www.facebook.com/KTownLadiesGuild); Instagram: [@ktownladies](https://www.instagram.com/ktownladies).

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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.

3915 Baltimore Street - Dumpster
3612 Dupont Avenue - Alteration
3906 Washington Street - Addition

10537 Wheatley Street - Storage Pod
10800 Connecticut Avenue - Limited Duration Sign
4000 Knowles Avenue - Limited Duration Sign
10109 Kensington Parkway - Storage Pod
10310 Freeman Place - Shed
10115 Connecticut Avenue - Fence
3401 Ferndale Street - Dumpster
3415 Plyers Mill Road - Addition
3414 Dupont Avenue - Egress Windows

Fall Leaf Pick-up Schedule

The Town will begin its annual leaf collection Monday, November 7 and it runs through Friday, December 16. There are no scheduled collection zones, as the Public Works Crew will monitor each street on a daily basis.

Gather leaves inside the curb as shown.

Please do not include grass clippings, mulch, twigs, or small branches within leaf piles, as this may damage our leaf vacuum. If your leaf pile contains any materials besides leaves, the Crew will not collect your pile, and you will be responsible for bagging the leaves on your own.



Leaf Composting!



As an alternative to bagging up your leaves or piling them at the curb, consider using a mower to chop up the leaves and either leave them on your lawn or move them to your garden to nourish the soil. You can also put the leaves in your garden beds to insulate perennials and provide an important habitat for pollinating insects through the winter.

Town Council Summary



August 8, 2022 Town Council Meeting (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022.
- Approved the Town Organizational Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022.
- Approved the Town Work Session Minutes of July 26, 2022.
- Acknowledged the appointment of Leslie Olson to the Auditing Committee.
- Approved an Alcohol waiver for a Kensington Can! event at Flinn Park.
- Concurred to draft a letter with comments on County Bill 18-22, Noise Control – Leaf Removal Equipment. The draft letter will be reviewed at the September Town Meeting prior to submission for the County hearing on September 20.
- **Approved Resolution No. R-21-2022** – A Resolution authorizing a contract with Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLC, for Consulting Engineer and Project Services for the rehabilitation of three Town bridges.
- **Approved Resolution No. R-22-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to accept a proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting of Delaware and Maryland to remove certain sidewalk and trip hazards within the Town.
- **Approved Resolution No. R-23-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to accept a proposal from Shorb Landscaping for hardscape and planting improvements at Clum-Kennedy Park.

September 12, 2022, Special Town Council Meeting (Closed Session) Summary (held in person)

- Held a Closed Session meeting pursuant to State Government §3-305(b)(ii)(3), “Closed Session”, to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice pursuant to Article §3-305(b)(ii)(7).

September 12, 2022 Town Council Meeting (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022.
- Held a Variance Hearing for 10025 Frederick Avenue in accordance with Section 5-104, “Building Lines”, of the Town Code.
- A Resolution in support of the Variance request will be prepared for the October 11, 2022, Council meeting.
- Approved sending a letter to the County Council commenting on **County Bill 18-22**, Noise Control – Leaf Removal Equipment for the County Hearing on September 20.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-25-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to accept the proposal from Rippeon Equipment Company for the purchase of a Kubota V-Series RTV under Sourcewell Quotation #2447851.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-26-2022** – A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to accept the proposal from Contracting Specialists Incorporated for certain brick repointing within the portico at the Kensington Town Hall.

Labor Day Parade 2022

The Kensington Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival, held on September 5, 2022, was well-attended by residents of Kensington and visitors from the nearby community.

The Parade featured more than fifty local groups, including marching bands from Einstein, Magruder, and Montgomery Blair High Schools, politicians, a variety of businesses, and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department. The Parade was led by Spencer Harrill, a longtime Kensington resident, who was selected to be the Grand Marshal (pictured right).



More than twenty vendors lined Armory Avenue and Mitchell Street for the Festival, selling food, drinks, and ice cream, and inflatable obstacle courses occupied the many children in attendance. The event drew a large crowd consisting of people of all ages, and fun was had by all!

Kensington's Newest Mural

Mayor Furman and the council are very pleased with the final design of Kensington's newest mural and anticipate it will quickly become a familiar Kensington landmark.

Artist and local resident, *Nicole Bourgea* is currently working on her 7th mural in the Town. The Town provided a community arts grant to the owner of the building at 3798 University Boulevard, John Blick. John worked with Nicole on the design.

When completed, the Town will have 11 murals and 6 wood carvings.

The Town will launch an online **Kensington Arts Tour** next year on our Explore Kensington and Town of Kensington websites. The tour will include photographs with information about each artist and their mural/carving. There will also be a map locating each work of art for a walking, biking or car tour.



Photo Credit: Nancy Pearson

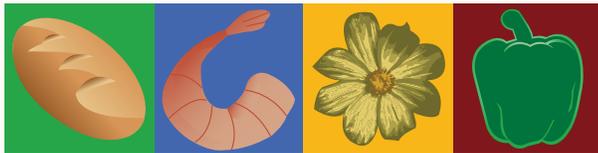
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FARMERS' MARKET

OPEN YEAR ROUND!

Every Saturday 9am-1pm
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21+ Vendors

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Remove all valuables from seats,
dashboard and floor.

- Phone
- Backpack
- Briefcase
- Purse
- Electronics
- Computer
- Wallet
- Money
- Keys



KEYS TO SAFETY

- Vehicle doors locked
- Valuables out of sight
- Park in well-lit areas if possible