Kensington Around Town
February 2023

Giraffe Mural
by *Nicole Bourgea*
Blick Building

The Town of Kensington Resident Directory 2023/2024

The Town is in the process of updating the Resident Directory that connects you to your neighbors and community.

Are you new in Town? Has your contact information changed?
Visit *TOK.MD.gov/resident-directory* to enter your information.
The deadline to be added to the directory is June 1, 2023.
Once completed a new directory will be mailed to each household.

If you don't have access to a computer, please call Town Hall at 301-949-2424.

INCLUDE: Full Adult Name(s) Full Street Address Phone(s) Email(s)

Indicate if you prefer not to share your phone and/or email in the directory.

What to Do With All That Snow

The Town requires all of our residents and businesses to clear a path on the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of each snow fall.

If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours, a notice will be sent to the resident or business reminding them that the sidewalk needs to be cleared. If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours of the notice, a municipal infraction will be issued—$65 for residential and $195 for businesses. Please do not pile snow blocking pedestrian walkways at intersections.

Exceptions: residential sidewalks located on Connecticut, Knowles and Summit Avenues, and the 3400 & 3500 block of Univeristy Blvd. will be cleared by the Town.

If you are traveling during the winter months, please make arrangements to have someone clear your sidewalk in your absence.

Greenscape Committee

Kensington Weed Warriors

In and around Kensington, whether you walk, bike, or drive, it is impossible to miss the dense vines that have overtaken the trees and shrubs along our roadsides, creeks, trails, and parks. Now that leaves have browned and fallen the masses of tangled vines choking trees are sadly evident. The stranglehold of English Ivy is obvious now with the evergreen vine spreading across the undergrowth, wrapping up and around trunks, reaching even up through the crowns strangling the trees.

Weed Warrior Event at Kensington Cabin Park

Most of these vines are non native invasives (NNI), killing native plants by out-competing them for light and nutrients, and offering little or no benefit to wildlife. These invasive plants start their growth early in spring, growing quickly and extensively. Many produce prolific numbers of seeds or berries, often early in the season, spreading over huge areas and destroying the natural biodiversity. NNIs prevent new tree saplings from becoming established, they shade young tree canopies, slowing growth, and weigh down branches, putting them at high risk from storm damage.

Weed Warriors are trained volunteers with Montgomery County Parks that help to contain non native invasives, rescuing and restoring native flora and fauna in parklands and stream valleys. Weed Warrior certification requires completion of online courses and supervised outdoor work sessions, as your own schedule allows. The outdoor work sessions are very social, friendly and a lot of fun! You work with a team on removing NNIs, with expert supervisors to guide you and answer questions, and it is a good gentle workout. Once certified, trained Weed Warriors may work unsupervised on removing non native invasives from Montgomery County parkland.

We are building a team of Kensington Weed Warriors for a concerted effort to control non native invasives in Montgomery County parklands in our area. These include Kensington Cabin Park, Kensington Heights Park, Silver Creek Stream Valley Park, Kensington and Frederick Neighborhood Park and Beach Drive, which all lie within the Rock Creek watershed. We plan to have regular work sessions, focusing on specific areas of concern, with emphasis on saving trees. We would love to have you join us!

For more information or to register for certification go to:
MontgomeryParks.org/support/volunteer/weed-warriors

If training is not your thing but you would enjoy helping out at a work session once in a while please get in touch directly. Thank you!

Katherine Wood
Greenscape Committee
woodyoule@gmail.com

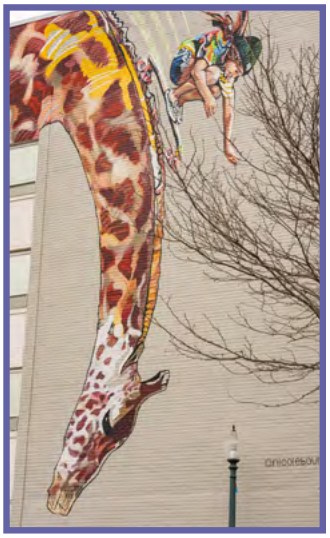
Kensington Art Walk

Kensington is Home to 11 Murals and 8 Carvings. Tour Our ART WALK Today.

MURALS

Butterfly

Book Plants



Giraffe

View all 11 Murals at
TOK.md.gov/art-walk-murals

CARVINGS

Bear Bench

Ernest the Eagle

David Gregg

Hawk Island

View all 8 Carvings at
TOK.md.gov/art-walk-carvings

Kensington has many works of commissioned art located in public places throughout Town. Murals and carvings are located in parks and on buildings large and small. Put on your walking shoes, grab your bike, or drive your car to take in all the culture.

Art Walk Map:
TOK.md.gov/art-walk-map

KENSINGTON ART WALK

MURALS

A	1894	M&T Bank Building 10420 Montgomery Ave
B	BABYCAT	BabyCat Brewery 10241 Kensington Pkwy
C	BOOK PLANTS	Kensington Row Bookshop 3786 Howard Ave
D	BUTTERFLY	Jubilee Ass'n of America 10408 Montgomery Ave
E	DOG COLUMNS	Dog Run Park 10450 Metropolitan Ave
F	EYES OPEN	Frederick Avenue Bridge Near 10251 Frederick Ave
G	GIRAFFE	Blick Building 3720 Farragut Ave
H	HOLD YOUR LIGHT	Summitt Avenue Bridge Near 4000 Howard Ave
I	MUSICAL	GIGS Studio 3762 Howard Ave
J	SILVER CREEK	Silver Creek Apartment 3910 Knowles Ave
K	SUMMER DAYS	Old Town Market 10251 Kensington Pkwy

TOK.md.gov/art-walk-murals

CARVINGS

St. Paul Park 3500 Plyers Mill Rd	BEAR BENCH	1
Noyes Library 10237 Carroll Pl	CROSBY	2
Reinhardt Park 10400 Armory Ave	DAVE GREGG	3
Ernest Memorial Park 10301 Connecticut Ave	ERNEST THE EAGLE	4
Hawk Island Fawcett St & Carroll Pl	HAWK ISLAND	5
Kensington Dog Run 10450 Metropolitan Ave	HOWLING DOG	6
Clum-Kennedy Park 10207 Kensington Pkwy	NEIGHBORHOOD BIRDS	7
Kensington Park Library 4201 Knowles Ave	WIZARD OF OZ	8

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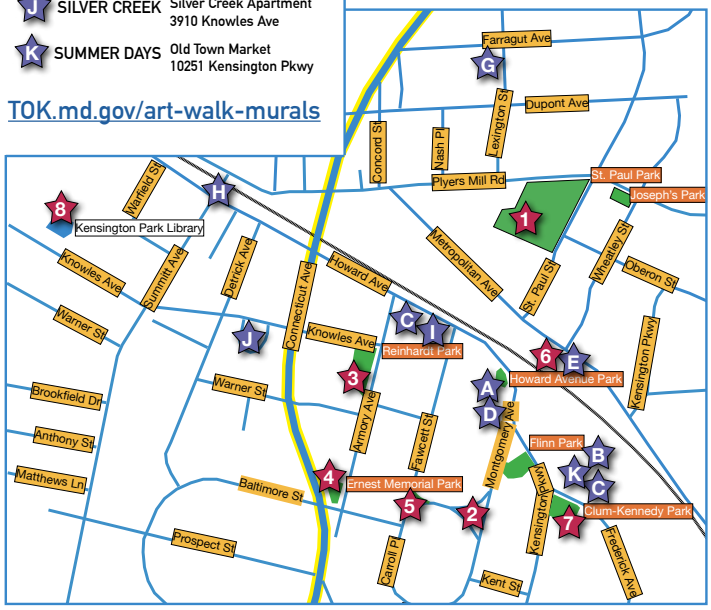

In Memoriam: Jack Gaffey

The Town of Kensington lost a long-time Town resident in November. Jack and Claudia moved to Kensington in 1984 and have been active in all aspects of Town life since then.

A long-time colleague of Jack's on the KHS Board recalls: "Jack will be remembered for his decades of service to the Town and KHS. His friends, old and new, could always count on being greeted by Jack with a warm, welcoming smile followed by an engaging conversation about some goings-on about town or the latest scientific book tucked under his arm. As a long- standing KHS board member, Jack's contributions will be missed as one of the Society's staunchest supporters and best cheerleaders. Never short of a good word or a good idea, Jack got things done. No one was better at wrangling local businesses for the KHS's annual calendar advertisements or just spreading the word about the Society's good works. Jack's contributions will be missed and will always be remembered for his kind, gentlemanly ways and the generous contributions he was always ready to provide to the Society and the Town."

Jack received his PhD in plasma physics and had a distinguished career in both academia and government sectors. He had a life-long interest in science and astronomy. He loved train travel and all things related so we will particularly miss him when we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Met Line of the B&O Railroad.

New KHS Board Member: Olwen Logan

KHS is pleased to announce our newest Board member. Olwen joined the Board last month and is eager to share her talents with the community through KHS.

Olwen moved here with her husband Nigel from southern Connecticut in late 2018 to be closer to her four children and grandchild -- now grandchildren! She has enjoyed a number of careers in the areas of efficiency, audit, accounting, public relations, journalism and marketing, working variously for several multinational companies, a small-town newspaper, and a fine arts college. Before she moved to the US from her home in England, she had also set up and run her own management consultancy. Her overriding passion, however, is community news to the extent that she is still publishing the online, local newspaper for the town in CT where she used to live! Once she had settled into Kensington, that deep interest in everything local led her rapidly to the KHS and she is honored now to have been invited to join the board.

Welcome Olwen.

New Director of Communications/Marketing and Adm: Jill Gallagher

Jill will begin to add her talents to the KHS Team after the first of the year. Her roll will be to support all KHS activities by using her extensive expertise and experience in all aspects of marketing and communication to reach KHS members and the community at large to promote specific programs and the organization as a whole.

Jill has extensive communications, public relations, graphic design and administrative experience, having worked at a variety of trade, training and professional organizations, as well as in the corporate world. Currently, she works at a University of Maryland environmental organization, after having worked for the Wild Bird Centers of America, the International Center for Journalists and as an editorial and graphic design freelancer, among other roles. Jill has lived in the Kensington area since 1992, first in Capitol View Park and now in Rock Creek Hills, where she served on the RCH community board for five years and was the RCH representative for the Coalition of Kensington

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Communities. She has also volunteered her graphic and editorial services to school publications and fundraisers and community initiatives, including the Villages of Kensington. "I love Kensington's small-town feel and the care the community takes to appreciate and protect its history," Jill said. "It's really a gem in the larger DMV, with its proximity to everything you need from the post office, hardware store and grocery store to the many other quirky, funky and fun businesses. We love it here." Welcome Jill.

150th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Line (Met Line) of the B&O Railroad:

Planning work for this Anniversary celebration is in full swing. Kensington is part of a working coalition of other Towns with stations along this line to make this celebration a County-wide one. All the Towns and Historical Societies along the line are working under the auspices of Montgomery Preservation Inc to make this celebration memorable. Join in the fun by volunteering your time and talents.

Kensington Speaker Series:

KHS is in the process of firming up speaker plans for the first half of the year. We will be giving the "Welcome to Kensington" presentation to the new residents at Silver Creek in January. We are getting dates set for a speaker in February (hybrid presentation) and will support the Day of the Book with an activity in the Spring. In May we will have some programming on the history of the Met Line in Montgomery County. Stay tuned.

Did you miss attending our 2022 events live (in person or zoom)? Our wonderful partner, Montgomery Municipal Cable, filmed these events (and made them better with excellent editing) so they can be viewed if you missed them the first time. This is the link that has the recordings of all the programs - *YouTube.com/playlist?list=PLZ00XPsfuz1k8WgsP-EROAPCu3-yl-LkG***.** In the future we will have a link from the KHS WEB site. Enjoy!!

Become a Member:

Find the form online form at:
KensingtonHistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/KHS-Membership-Form-2022.pdf

Learn more about KHS at *KensingtonHistory.org*

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.

10635 Connecticut Avenue - Alteration
10800 Connecticut Avenue - Fence
10123 Connecticut Avenue - Solar Panels
3714 Farragut Avenue - New Construction
10730 Connecticut Avenue - Limited Duration Sign
10004 Frederick Avenue - Addition and Alteration
3714 Farragut Avenue - Washington Gas
10635 Connecticut Avenue - Wall Sign
10635 Connecticut Avenue - Monument Sign
10237 Carroll Place - Pepco
10616 Connecticut Avenue - Limited Duration Sign
10616 Connecticut Avenue - Limited Duration Sign
10616 Connecticut Avenue - Canopy Sign
10616 Connecticut Avenue - Canopy Sign
10616 Connecticut Avenue - Canopy Sign
10314 Armory Avenue - Washington Gas

KTown Ladies

Here's an update on winter happenings from the KTown Ladies!

After co-sponsoring Light Up Kensington in December, the KTown Ladies enjoyed some downtime at the start of this year. Now we're excited to jump back into our community events, starting in February. KTL is hosting a Charcuterie Board class with CheezMD on February 11 at 2:30pm. Join us at the home of Nicole Andrews on Washington Street to learn how to construct a beautiful (and delicious!) charcuterie board, just in time to enjoy for the big game the next day.

The class fee includes instruction to prepare one tray filled with fine cheeses, charcuterie, and additional accompaniments to create a beautiful and mouthwatering charcuterie board guaranteed to delight you and your guests. The class is limited to 20 attendees, so don't wait to register! Registration and payment is required in advance – please see our website at *KTownLadies.org/upcoming-events* for more information on how to register!

The KTown Ladies look forward to seeing many of you in February and at our events for the rest of 2023. We're still interested in hosting more home events, so 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*; Instagram: @*ktownladies*.

2022 Holiday Decorating Winners

The Traffic Stopper Award
10206 Kensington Pkwy

It's A Wonderful Life Award
3912 Baltimore St

The Winter Wonderland Award
3925 Washington St

The Griswold Award
10310 Freeman Pl

Best Window Display for Business
M.O.B. Vintage | 3758 Howard Ave.

Kensington Day of the Book

Kensington's Literary Celebration is back!

Sunday, April 23, 11-4 on Howard Avenue

We are happy to announce that plans are underway for the 16th Annual Kensington Day of the Book Festival after a 3 year pandemic break! Hurray!

All of this popular street festival's favorite programs and features will be back as well as new experiences for the whole family. Mark your calendars for Kensington's own literary extravaganza!

Author and participant registration, and more information, will be coming soon at *DayOfTheBook.com* (in process).

We are now forming our festival teams, and need volunteers to help with all facets of planning and organizing program teams to help with logistics and scheduling. We also need business sponsors as we have to raise over $25,000.

Please join us.... It takes a community to put on a book festival!

Elisenda Sola-Sole
Festival Founder and Organizer
2023kensingtonbookfestival@gmail.com

Town Minutes Summary

Monday, December 12, 2022 (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022.
- Concurred to have the Town staff draft an RFP for a feasibility study to analyze the impact on traffic and safety for certain traffic improvements along Connecticut Avenue between the University Boulevard split and the intersection of Plyers Mill Road and Metropolitan Avenue.
- Adopted **Resolution No. R-06-2022** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington authorizing the Town Manager to establish a corner clearance prohibition at the following locations: 1) the south side of Carroll Place, from the projected west curb line of Hadley Place to a point 30' westward; 2) on the west side of Hadley Place, from the projected south curb line of Carroll Place to 40' southward; and 3) on the south side of Montgomery Avenue, from the projected east curb line of Hadley Place to a point 25' eastward.

Monday, January 9, 2023 (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Aproved the Town Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022.
- Adopted a Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for the Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group (PBASWG).
- Approved **Resolution No. R-01-2023** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the donation of a surplus vehicle, 2008 Ford F-250 (1FTNF21558EE35864) to the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-02-2023** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Revising the Town's Policy with regards to installing or replacing fencing on private property that is adjoining or abutting Town Property, Parks, or a Pedestrian Easement as amended.

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