

# Kensington Around Town

## April 2023



## Kensington Day of the Book Festival

Sunday, April 23 • 11am - 4pm



## KENSINGTON CAR SHOW CLASSIC & CONTEMPORARY

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 29  
10AM - 4PM**



## Upcoming Events

**Trash to Treasure  
Community Yard Sale**  
Saturday, April 22 • 9am-1pm

**Earth Day Garden Party**  
Saturday, April 22 • 2-4pm

**Kensington  
Day of the Book Festival**  
Sunday, April 23 • 11am-4pm

**Home Tree Care 101**  
Saturday, April 29 • 10am-12pm

**Kensington Car Show**  
Saturday, April 29 • 10am-4pm

**GIGS Courtyard Presents:  
Conor Strong**  
Saturday, April 29 • 6-9pm

**Kensington Art Studio Open House**  
Sunday, April 30 • 1-5pm

**Kensington Dog Parade**  
Saturday, May 13 • 10am-12pm

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
Mondays, April 10 & May 8

[TOK.md.gov/Events](https://TOK.md.gov/Events)

## 2023 Town Election



The 2023 Town Election will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, at Town Hall. The terms of Council Members Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins are set to expire June 30, 2023. 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](mailto:Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov). Nominations must be submitted by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Additional information on Voter Registration, Absentee Ballot, Voter Qualifications, Nominations and Candidate Information can be found at [TOK.MD.gov/town-election](https://TOK.MD.gov/town-election).

# Town Council Summary



## March 13, 2023 Town Council Meeting (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023.
- Approved the Special Town Council Closed Session Minutes of March 6, 2023.
- Acknowledged that a Closed Session was held on March 6, 2023, 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.
- The Council concurred to support and be a signatory on the Town of Chevy Chase's Antisemitism Resolution, which encourages all municipalities within Montgomery County to work together to raise awareness against antisemitism and hate within our communities.
- The Council concurred to hold a public comment session at the April 10, 2023, Council meeting with regards to the proposed sale of 3420 Plyers Mill Road (Joseph Park).
  - *If the Council decides to move forward with the proposed sale of the property, a formal Public Hearing will be scheduled once an Ordinance to sell the property has been introduced.*
- Approved allocating \$25,000 for a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) with the Urban Land Institute to coalesce various concept plans with regards to improving pedestrian and transportation movements along Connecticut Avenue, along with reviewing economic development opportunities within the proposed Summit Avenue Extended project.
- Approved sending a letter to Montgomery Planning in support of the Statement of Justification submitted by 10509 Summit Venture, LLC, to allow 25 live/work units within the proposed redevelopment projects to be used as short-stay hotel units, and to allow for roof-top amenity space.
- Introduced **Ordinance No. O-01-2023** to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 (FY24) 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 10, 2023, 7 pm.*
- Approved **Resolution No. R-05-2023** to approve a Variance at 3418 Oberon Street for an encroachment of one foot, five inches (1'5") into the allowed ten-foot (10') side yard setback in accordance with Section 5-104 (4)(b) of the Town Code.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-06-2023** to install additional 'Do Not Enter, 6:00 am – 9:30 am, Monday – Friday' signs at the intersection of University Boulevard at St. Paul Street (southbound), along with the southbound turn lane from westbound University Boulevard onto St. Paul Street, to reinforce the Town's restriction and alleviate cut-thru traffic along McComas Avenue and the Kensington Heights neighborhood, pending final Approval by the Office of Traffic Safety with the State Highway Administration.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-07-2023** confirming the Mayor's appointment of Martha Deale, Kate DeWitt, and Robin Watson to the Board of Elections Supervisors.

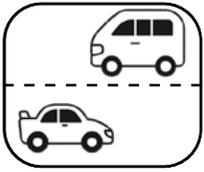
# Building & Town Permits

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.

10616 Connecticut Avenue - Monument Sign  
3714 Farragut Avenue - Pepco

Armory Ave, Detrick Ave, Frederick Ave, and Kensington Pkwy - Washington Gas  
10321 Summit Avenue - Swimming Pool  
3518 Perry Avenue - New Construction  
10800 Connecticut Avenue - Limited Duration Sign  
3929 Baltimore Street - Fence  
10619 Connecticut Avenue - Demolition  
10810 Connecticut Avenue - Interior Alteration  
10605 Concord Street - Interior Alteration  
10605 Concord Street - ROW

# EV Public Charging Stations



## Town of Kensington Installs New Electric Vehicle (EV) Public Charging Stations

Town pursuing green energy actions as part of its push to be a more sustainable community

By: Councilmembers Nate Engle and Conor D. Crimmins

In our pursuit to situate Kensington as a leading “green” community, the Town recently installed several public, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.\* The chargers are located at two station sites within the Town - the MARC station parking south of the CSX tracks and the other in the municipal parking lot at Kensington’s Town Hall. Each station consists of four, level-two EV chargers using the J1772 connection standard.

The stations were installed and are maintained as part of Pepco’s EV charging station program. To facilitate the process, the Town Council approved a License Agreement with Pepco in 2021, which allowed for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the facilities on Town property. The stations, which have been operating for several months now, are part of the Shell Recharge network, a nationwide network of over 2,500 EV charging stations. There is no membership fee to register for Shell Recharge; charging rates of the stations is set by Pepco, and currently runs \$0.17/kwh. Users may download the Shell Recharge app from their preferred app store to use the charging stations.



The new EV charging stations are intended to help Kensington residents and workers transition to an electrified transportation sector, and in so doing, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and save money in avoided fuel costs and maintenance. These stations are part of a growing network of public charging stations across Montgomery County and Maryland. The Town will continue to advocate for additional public charging stations to be added to this network over time as opportunities arise. In addition to public charging stations, the Town encourages residents to consider the installation of at-home charging systems, where feasible. Home charging installation does require a permit be filed with Montgomery County. Any questions about the installation of home-chargers can be answered by contacting the Town staff at [Town@tok.md.gov](mailto:Town@tok.md.gov) or 301-949-2424.

\*Recently, the Town of Kensington established a Sustainable Kensington Team, tasked with identifying and implementing opportunities to improve sustainability of the community, including to seek Sustainable Maryland designation, a statewide certification process supported by a collaboration between the University of Maryland’s Environmental Finance Center (EFC) and the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

# Kensington Historical Society



We've been giving you previews for up-coming Kensington Historical Society events celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Met Line of the B&O Railroad and our own Kensington station. Well – the time is now! We have several events coming up in May that will be of interest to Kensington and area residents and railroad enthusiasts everywhere.

## **Speaker Series – – Susan Cooke Soderberg**

**When - evening of May 23**

**Where - Town Hall in-person and zoom**

**From Corn to Commuters: How the Coming of the Railroad Changed the Way of Life and the Future of Montgomery County**

We are pleased to be able to welcome Susan Cooke Soderberg who is a familiar face in the preservation community and among the historical societies in the region. Susan lives in Germantown and guides the Germantown Historical Society. She received a BA in Art History from the College of William and Mary and MA in American Studies from GW University. She has published a number of books on the Civil War, the history of Germantown and the history of the Met Line. She served with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission where she planned for historic preservation and history in the parks. She recently received an award from Montgomery Preservation, Inc. (where she is on the Board) for her long-time work in historic preservation in the County.

The Met Line changed the face of Montgomery County and was instrumental in the growth of towns along the line like Kensington. Susan will tell us the story of the building of the line itself as well describing the various stations (both those that exist now and those that no longer exist) and their architecture and how this development impacted each town along the line.

Details on time and zoom link will be forthcoming..... Save the Date!!!

## **All Kensington Town Celebration of the 150th Anniversary**

**When: Sunday May 28 – 12:00 -5:00**

**Where: BabyCat Brewery**

In May 150 years ago the Town of Kensington (Knowles Station) welcomed the first train to travel the Met Line on the B&O railroad. What an exciting day that must have been for Kensington.

Well, we're going to try and top that! With our wonderful sponsors and partners we are throwing an epic party for kids of all ages. BabyCat (who we are sure knows how to throw a party) is hosting the event at the brewery. We will have music and activities for kids and, we're told, a special brew (for the non-kids)! Food trucks will be there as well as train photo ops and other fun activities.

The Town of Kensington and merchants are adding to the festivities. Look for a train-themed trivia quiz to open up for May (details later) that you're sure to want to win! We are expecting Noyes Library to have a railroad/train themed story walk and the Montgomery Arts Association to host a plein air day at the train station and a show of their work. Kensington Park Library is looking at creating a special exhibit of railroad/train books during May. Expect to see 150th themed happenings throughout Town.

Details to come on all the events described above. Not enough you say? Well, check out Montgomery Preservation Inc website at [MontgomeryPreservation.org](http://MontgomeryPreservation.org) to see what other events are planned at communities along the Met Line in Montgomery County. We are working on an exciting addition to this celebration which we hope to be able to announce soon. We will keep you posted as this and other events as they are firmed up. See you on May 28!!

# Kensington Historical Society

Support these events and more by joining or renewing your membership at KHS. You can do this through our WEB site at [KensingtonHistory.org](https://KensingtonHistory.org). If you think it would be fun to volunteer for some of these events contact us through our e-mail on the KHS website.

## Other 150th Happenings:

**Calendar:** If you don't have your 2023 calendar, you're missing some great images of our Train Station since it was built. Renew/become a member and get yours or you can purchase one through KHS.

**Day of the Book:** KHS will be there with a special exhibit on the history of the 150th anniversary and some Met Line literature.

**Train Show:** We will be bringing in some 150th anniversary-themed elements to the Train Show in September.

**Concert Series Coming Soon!** This popular summer staple will start up soon. We can't wait and we bet you can't either.

Learn more about KHS at [KensingtonHistory.org](https://KensingtonHistory.org).

## Town Maintenance



### Utility Pole Cleanup

By Darin Bartram

It seems that the cable utilities have become lax about maintaining wires hanging from utility poles. Pictured below are two examples in Town. Cable utilities such as Comcast and Verizon are regulated by Montgomery County, and the Office of Broadband Programs receives and processes complaints about loose wires. In a recent meeting with the head of that office, we learned that the utilities often leave old wires in place in the hopes that a new customer will sign up for service. However, in an era of increased cord-cutting, we are seeing increased numbers of unused wires.

We would encourage residents who notice wires in need of clean-up to report the pole locations to Town staff, with a photo, if possible. You can do so by calling the Town office at 301-949-2424, or filling out a general service request at [TOK.md.gov/service-request-form](https://TOK.md.gov/service-request-form). We will forward the request to the County, and our Code Enforcement officer will follow up to ensure a response. The county is supposed to send a right-of-way inspector to review the exposed wires, and the normal expected response time is 30-45 days. In our experience, these requests require follow-up and sometimes escalation. In the case of a public safety risk, the utility is expected to secure the wires within 72 hours.



# Greenscape Committee



## Street Trees of Kensington

Trees link our streets, offering shade to pedestrians and vehicles, reducing urban noise, increasing energy efficiency of nearby buildings with sun and wind protection, providing a protective barrier between street and sidewalks and extending the lifespan of pavements.

Trees offer us a living green streetscape that keeps us connected to nature, all while helping to reduce pollution and climate warming.

Many trees planted when the town was first established have died. Storms, the end of natural lifespan, disease, and accidental damage have taken a terrible toll on our town's street tree canopy over the last decade. The Town of Kensington is working hard on our behalf to restore much of the tree loss of the past decade, especially after the derecho of 2012, with new street tree plantings. Managing trees in the public right of way is a highly regulated process and our town does a superb job navigating the rules.

The public right-of-way is an area dedicated for public use and the State of Maryland controls use and maintenance by delegation to the town. A permit from the Department of Natural Resources is required before the town, or a utility company, plants, removes or prunes a tree. The Maryland Public Service Commission is the State regulatory authority for all public utilities and sets the standards for vegetation management in the public right of way, such as requiring a certain amount of clearance around power lines. Electric utility companies are required to submit plans of action to address trees affecting power lines, and then the town independently assesses and approves these plans before any street tree removal or pruning may begin.



*Illustration of Right of Way.*

*The set back from the street to the property line varies.*

Kensington has earned a Tree City, USA, designation and our town staff and community volunteers work diligently to maintain this status with a financial commitment to community tree planting, an Arbor day observation and proclamation, and a tree care ordinance. Alex Marini, Assistant to the Town Manager, is now a certified Roadside Tree Care Expert, which allows for efficient processing of permits for tree management. We should be very proud of how the Town of Kensington is actively working towards cleaner air, shadier streets and beautifying our neighborhood by managing our streetscapes.

Using a list of trees ideal for our area and taking into consideration their final size, and growth rate, the Town planted 40 trees last year, and another 41 trees in the last two months.

The lists of recommended street trees are:

### UNDER POWERLINES:

- Dogwood - Kousa
- Eastern Redbud
- Golden Rain Tree
- Honey Locust
- Japanese Lilac - Ivory Silk
- Paperbark Maple
- Trident Maple
- Yoshino Cherry

### OPEN SITES:

- Black Tupelo
- Bald Cypress
- Ginkgo Tree
- Japanese Pagoda Tree
- Japanese Zelkova
- Little Leaf Linden
- October Glory Red Maple
- Princeton Elm
- Red Oak
- Red Sunset Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Willow Oak

# Greenscape Committee

## What may town residents do to help?

If you have any concerns about a street tree, contact the town to let them know! You may contact the town about having a new tree planted in the right of way in front of your home. The Town typically conducts 1-2 large plantings in December or January, when deciduous trees are in their dormant season. The town staff coordinate with homeowners to select an appropriate tree and planting location based on numerous criteria, such as proximity to utility and power lines. The Town's Public Works Crew regularly waters new trees once they begin to develop foliage each spring.



*Newly planted Kousa Dogwood trees on Carroll Place*

To care for street trees, please avoid running the mower over roots and if you mulch around a street tree do not form mulch volcanoes! Piling mulch around the trunk retains moisture against the bark causing rot, promotes fungal growth, and causes improper root formation. Water street trees during dry periods just as you would trees and shrubs in your own yard.

Contact Alex Marini with any street tree questions.

301-949-2424 or

[Alex.Marini@tok.md.gov](mailto:Alex.Marini@tok.md.gov)

You can find more about correct mulching around trees and shrubs here: [Bit.ly/3xWzFcw](https://bit.ly/3xWzFcw). Perhaps most important of all, next time you are walking around town, take a moment to appreciate our Kensington streetscapes, enjoy the diversity of trees, and take a cleansing breath!

Katherine Wood

*Greenscape Committee*

## Home Tree Care 101



Saturday, April 29 • 10am - 12pm  
Clum-Kennedy Park, 10280 Frederick Avenue

Join other community members for a Home Tree Care 101 class! This is an outdoor class presented by Conservation Montgomery. A Conservation Montgomery arborist will walk around to do onsite tree assessments and conduct hands-on demonstrations of tree pruning and other tree care. We will talk about a variety of ways to keep trees healthy on home lots. This free class is limited to 25 people.

Reserve your spot at:

[Bit.ly/3JEeMcM](https://bit.ly/3JEeMcM)



**OLD SMOKEY BBQ**  
has returned to the  
**Kensington Farmers' Market!**



**AWARD WINNING BBQ**  
[ExploreKensington.com/farmers-market](https://ExploreKensington.com/farmers-market)

# FY24 Budget Ordinance



The Public Hearing for FY24 Budget Ordinance will be held April 10, 2023, 7:00 pm.  
FY24 Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2023 is available at the following link:

[TOK.md.gov/town-budget](https://TOK.md.gov/town-budget)

**Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2023**

**Introduced: March 13, 2023**

**Public Hearing: April 10, 2023**

**Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF KENSINGTON TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 (FY24) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

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, 2023, and end on June 30, 2024; 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:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 (FY24) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

# FY24 Budget Ordinance con't

<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>					
	General Property Taxes			\$	1,527,388
	Other Taxes			\$	800,500
	Licenses & Permits			\$	42,310
	Intergovernmental Revenues			\$	430,273
	Fines & Fees			\$	1,000
	Miscellaneous Revenue			\$	197,500
	Grants - ARPA			\$	1,148,193
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>					<b>\$4,147,164</b>
	Re-Appropriation			\$	972,962
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>					<b>\$5,120,126</b>
<b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>					
	General Government			\$	1,344,725
	Public Works			\$	1,085,399
	Public Safety			\$	315,843
	Parks & Recreation			\$	203,400
	Non-Departmental			\$	25,000
					<b>\$2,974,367</b>
	Capital Improvement Budget			\$	2,145,759
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>\$5,120,126</b>

## SECTION 1:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this day of May, 2023, 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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.

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## SECTION 4:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this day of May, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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 13th day of March, 2023.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the day of May, 2023.

**EFFECTIVE** the 1st day of July, 2023.

# KTown Ladies



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

On March 15th, the KTown Ladies gathered at the home of Kyle Richards for a pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration – our second annual Baileys & Bonfires! While it was a chilly evening, we gathered outdoors to celebrate all things Irish, where we enjoyed light snacks and warmed up with hot drinks around the fire pits. It was so nice to catch up and enjoy each other's company after a long cold winter. Thank you so much to Kyle for her wonderful hosting, as always!



Next up – the KTown Ladies will gather at new neighborhood hangout BabyCat Brewery for a “hoppy” hour on April 20th at 6pm. We're so happy to have BabyCat in Ktown, and we're excited to host our April event there!



Finally, start your spring cleaning for our Trash to Treasure event, which will be held this year on April 22. This annual event, sponsored by local realtor Kyle Richards and the KTown Ladies, provides Town of Kensington residents an opportunity to sell or freecycle things that they no longer use but someone else would love. Please send an email with your name and TOK address to Kyle at [KyleRichardsRealty@gmail.com](mailto:KyleRichardsRealty@gmail.com) by April 12 to register and be listed on the event's “treasure map.” On April 22, after setting out your own items, be sure to stroll through the Town to browse the wares and make a pit stop for refreshments and neighborhood socializing between 12:00pm and 2:00pm at Kyle's home

(10310 Fawcett Street).

The KTown Ladies look forward to seeing many of you in April 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](http://KTownLadies.org); Facebook: [@KTownLadiesGuild](https://www.facebook.com/KTownLadiesGuild); Instagram: [@ktownladies](https://www.instagram.com/ktownladies).

# In Memoriam

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Jayne Harper Plank, who passed away on February 23, 2023.

A long-time Town of Kensington resident, Mrs. Plank and her husband, William Plank raised their 5 sons on Frederick Ave. In 1967 Mrs. Plank was elected to the Town Council. In 1974 Mrs. Plank became the first women to be elected Mayor of the Town of Kensington, serving 4 terms. In 2018, after years of dereliction, the Kensington Cabin was restored and renamed the Mayor Jayne H. Plank Kensington Cabin. After her service to the Town, Mrs. Plank continued to serve our country, joining the Reagan administration while maintaining her firm connections with the Town.



Mayor Jayne H. Plank  
Kensington Cabin

Washington Post:

[Legacy.com/us/obituaries/washingtonpost/name/jayne-plank-obituary?id=48438058](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/washingtonpost/name/jayne-plank-obituary?id=48438058)

Congressional Record:  
[Bit.ly/3ZZ6Bh8](https://www.congress.gov/records/Bit.ly/3ZZ6Bh8)

Mayor Jayne H. Plank Kensington Cabin Park:  
[HMDB.org/m.asp?m=195211](https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=195211)

# Kensington Around Town

## April 2023



3710 Mitchell Street    Office: 301.949.2424  
Kensington, MD 20895    [TOK.md.gov](http://TOK.md.gov)

To:

## 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](http://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.*