



Kensington Around Town

May/June 2023

Town Election Update

It was announced at the May 8th Town meeting that Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins were the only candidates to file for the June 5, 2023, Town Election, and per Article VII, "Registration, Nominations, and Elections", Section 710, "Conduct of Elections," of the [*Town Charter](#), the Town will forgo a formal election, and Mr. Bartram and Mr. Crimmins will be declared elected for the term by the Board of Supervisors of Elections at the June 12, 2023, Town Meeting.

For more information on the candidates and scheduled Meet & Greet with the Mayor and Council - Page 2.

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KENSINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

150th Anniversary Celebration of THE MET

On May 25, 1873, the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad arrived in our town...and we're celebrating!

Join in the festivities at these fun community events!

Through June 15 | **Train StoryWalk®**

Tue, May 23, 7:30pm | **Speaker Event**

Sun, May 28, 12-5pm | **Toasting at BabyCat**

Sun, May 28 & Mon, May 29 | **K-Town**

Art: Paint-Out and Gallery Exhibits

Mon, May 29, 10:30-5pm | **Excursion Train**

Ride & Kensington Train Station Party

Plus: Town Scavenger Hunt!



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KENSINGTON SECOND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



Family Fun
with a Purpose

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 17, 2023
12-4PM**

St. Paul Park | Raindate June 18

Upcoming Events

[150th Anniversary of the MET Events](#)

Details above

[Certified Weed Warrior Events](#)

May 25, June 10 & 22

[KHS Summer Concert Series](#)

Saturdays beginning June 3 • 10-11am

[The British Players Present: Blood Brothers](#)

June 9 - 24 • Various times

[KTown Food Truck Night 3rd Thursdays](#)

Thursday, June 15 • 5-8pm

[Juneteenth Celebration](#)

Saturday, June 17 • 12-4pm

Visit TOK.md.gov/events

Town Election Update

In March 2022, the Town passed a Charter Resolution that amended Section 710 of Article VII to state, “if the number of qualified candidates is not more than the number of seats to be filled, then no election will be held, and the qualified candidates shall be declared elected for the term by the Board of Supervisors of Elections at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Council.” For the first time since passing this Charter Resolution, the Town will not be holding an election as there were two qualified candidates for the two Council seats up for election. **However, it is important for the Town to maintain its annual tradition of a community gathering on the first Monday in June. Please join the Mayor and Council for a meet & greet and ice cream at Town Hall on Monday, June 5th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Invite a neighbor, bring your kids and pets, all are welcome!**



Darin Bartram

I am looking forward to serving on the Kensington Town Council for another term. Through new development and renovations, the Town is undergoing more transformation now than in any previous time that I can recall, and it's important that we remain vigilant in preserving the historic character while creating an active, vibrant core. We need to make sure that our infrastructure—roads, stormwater, other utilities—remains sufficient to handle the increasing pressure of growth that is occurring not just in Town but all around us. The Sector Plan for Kensington has provided a valuable blueprint for new projects. And, I remain a strong advocate for the Summit Avenue Extension—a vital project that will not only provide some relief to gridlock through Town but will also provide pedestrian and bicycle access and spur revitalization in a long-overlooked area of Town.

There are important and exciting efforts to which I remain committed. I want to maintain the historic, residential-focused character of our Town, and I believe this will require the tailoring of efforts to the County and State governments to increase the density of down-county development. I believe those efforts are best centered around major mass transit hubs such as Metro and not the significantly lower levels of service provided by MARC.

Kensington is a thriving town, and I am always amazed to discover how much expertise so many of our residents have. Notwithstanding the fact that this election is uncontested, I continue to want to hear from all of you on issues that are important to you.

You can reach me at Council.Bartram@tok.md.gov or 202-236-6263.



Conor Crimmins

Casey and I moved to Kensington nearly ten years ago in search of a neighborhood with a small-town feel where we could walk to restaurants, shops, and parks as we raised (what would become) our four kids, Fionn, Deaglan, Podgie, and Aoife. What we discovered was far more than a neighborhood, but a community where you know and care for your neighbors, you always have a place to recommend to a friend, and where your friends from around Montgomery County (and Virginia!) now come on the weekends to be part of our shops, restaurants, and events.

One of the most rewarding parts of living in Kensington has been serving on the Kensington Town Council for the past six years. During this time, I've focused my role on expanding our town's business community, fostering appropriate redevelopment, promoting our town festivals, farmers' market, and events, and working to make Kensington an even more fantastic place to live, work or visit. I am thrilled watching new businesses, such as BabyCat Brewery, thrive in Kensington, especially after the nearly two-year effort to make it possible.

Working on behalf of our town gives me a deep sense of joy and pride, and I am honored to return to the Council for another two-year term. Thank you!

Council.Crimmins@tok.md.gov (202) 374-9708

Kensington Racial Justice Committee



The Kensington Racial Justice Committee (RJC) and event supporters are busy preparing for the Town's 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, June 17th from 12pm to 4pm at St. Paul Park (rain date Sunday, June 18th). Last year's event drew nearly 1,000 people of all ages to St. Paul Park to enjoy music, poetry, living history portrayals, arts and crafts, local food and beer vendors, and an opportunity to meet with and learn from a variety of civic and history groups. The planning committee, led by Jamie Boston, area resident and founder of Kensington's Juneteenth Celebration, has again embraced the theme of "Acknowledging Our Past and Charting the Future." In describing what makes Kensington's Juneteenth event special, Boston says it's the emphasis on "history and learning and bringing people together through music and the arts." This year's event will again feature performers portraying stories of emancipation, as well as local historians and groups who are examining the history of slavery and emancipation right here in Montgomery County and Maryland. There will also be an opportunity for community members to register with RJC to share their oral histories.

This year's event, co-sponsored by the Town of Kensington and the Kensington Historical Society, promises to feature an even greater diversity of performers and groups. The anticipated musical highlights include a return of the African-American men's a capella group, Reverb (pictured below), Grammy nominated DC-artist Christylez Bacon, In Process..., Herb Scott Quartet, and the Jubilee Voices, an ensemble of the Washington Revels. Of note, the Washington Revels and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture have partnered with the Kensington Juneteenth Planning Committee in an effort to create a week-long regional Juneteenth Celebration, and the 2nd Annual Kensington Celebration is honored to be the lead-off program for events in Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

The planning committee is particularly interested in ways to engage young people, especially teenagers this year. In an effort to foster positive relationships with local police departments, they've added in a pick-up basketball game with local law enforcement officers. And Silver Spring-based dance group, Urban Artistry, will lead dancing in the park. In addition, the RJC is sponsoring a student history competition to engage local students in learning about Kensington's racial history. The winners will be displayed at the Juneteenth celebration. Bring your entire family out to enjoy this special day in Kensington!

The Juneteenth Committee wants to thank M&T Bank and the many individuals and business owners who have provided financial support for this event. A full listing of supporters will be available at the event and in an upcoming Journal.

For more information, visit [TOK.md.gov/event/Juneteenth-Celebration-2](https://tok.md.gov/event/Juneteenth-Celebration-2)



Kensington Historical Society



Celebrating The Met – It Takes a Village (Town)

By the time you read this you might have experienced some or all of the events sponsored by Kensington Historical Society and the Town along with our other partner organizations. KHS believes the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Line of the B&O Railroad has been a great example of how to make learning our history fun and engaging. We are so fortunate to be able to bring our history alive by combining items from our treasure trove of images and memorabilia in the Archives and by bringing experts in with additional knowledge and perspectives.

The important theme of this article is to thank all those organizations and individuals who made all the events happen as well as illustrate how terrific it is when the whole Town pitches in to make an immersive learning experience. It could only happen in Kensington.

Town of Kensington – The Mayor, Town Council and Town Staff for all their support both financial and logistical for all the events.

Kensington Day of the Book Festival - Elisenda Sola-Sole (Kensington Row Bookshop) and the organizers for including the KHS booth which had lots of information on the 150th and all our booth volunteers.

Noyes Library Foundation – For installing a month-long ever-popular StoryWalk® with a train theme in Clum-Kennedy Park.

Kensington Park Library – For sponsoring a Met Line themed exhibit in the library and to the librarians who picked out railroad themed books to highlight for the month.

Gary Ditto & Maryland Train Trackers – For putting together the exhibit at Kensington Park Library and Town Hall and planning a program to be held at Kensington Park Library. The Met will also be featured at the Train Show in September at Town Hall

Kensington CAN! – To our business community for putting together a fun scavenger hunt featuring participating businesses in Town. Scavenger Hunt stops are: **Olive and Loom**, **Frankly Pizza**, **Kensington Row Bookshop**, **Love People Records**, **Potomac Sweets**, **Adah Rose Gallery**, **deliCLUB** and **Bonjour Books DC**.

Potomac Sweets – For the donation of delicious cookies to passengers getting on at Kensington so they were able to be on a sugar high for the trip.

B&O Railroad Historical Society – For putting together the informative exhibit panels describing the evolution of the Met Line and for permitting us to reprint the feature article on The Met from their magazine, *The Sentinel*.

Susan Cooke Soderberg – For sharing her knowledge of The Met and County History at our Speaker Series Lecture and for permitting us to provide her book, *The Met: A History of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad, It's Stations and Towns*, for sale.

Montgomery Preservation Inc and other Historical Societies along the Met line – MPI led the combined efforts of all the still-existing six stations and historical societies to create a County-wide event with a myriad of activities going on throughout the year in all the communities. MPI was the driving force in arranging the Excursion Train and handling central publicity and ticket sales.

150th Anniversary Train Excursion– MARC and CSX for being open to running an excursion train (no easy feat); Heritage Montgomery, Montgomery County and the Rail Road Historical Society for their support of the excursion train.



Kensington Historical Society

Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – For providing volunteer EMTs to ride the Train Excursion.

Montgomery Municipal Cable – MMC has been with the celebration all the way filming various events as they happen along the line. These are available individually on YouTube and will be put together for a consolidated program at the end of the celebration which will be shown on MMC and provided to schools and other venues for viewing in the future.

Montgomery Art Association – For all their wonderful artists who took the opportunity to participate in the Paint Out so people could enjoy watching them work while visiting the 150th events.

BabyCat Brewery – For hosting our celebration on the 28th by providing the location, entertainment and other fun elements including a special brew in honor of the 150th!! If you didn't take advantage of the offer from BabyCat Brewery by joining KHS in the month of May – you missed the best membership perk ever. They also treated all disembarking passengers to the opportunity for the special brew when getting back from the Excursion Train ride.

Josh Cantwell & Capital Accord Singers – For providing musical accompaniment at BabyCat Brewery and at the Station.

Jason Swain – For the wonderful train photo op that will be on display in Clum-Kennedy Park through the summer.

Chesapeake Framing Co. – For hosting shows for Montgomery Art Association artists and their Paint Out work at their galleries on June 22 – July 20.

Adah Rose Gallery – For the show, *Carte Blanche*, and the art talks over the Memorial Day weekend.

John Morris – For his passion for the Met Line, the Kensington Station and for being our honorary Station Master.

Kensington Historical Society Volunteers – For putting all this together and coordinating all the moving parts with our partners and, of course, bringing items from the Archives and manning the KHS tables..... Special shout out to: Katherine, Jill, Olwen, Mary, Sigrid, Von, Leslie, Patti and Detta.

So, please thank our volunteers when you see them and patronize our supportive merchants!

For more information about the Kensington Historical Society, visit **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.

10329 Summit Avenue - Solar Panels

3807 Calvert Place - Covered Deck

10000 Kensington Parkway - Washington Gas

10605 Concord Street - Antennas

3512 Decatur Avenue - Demolition

3514 Decatur Avenue - Demolition

3417 Plyers Mill Road - Alteration

10592 Metropolitan Avenue - Limited Duration Sign

10101 Hadley Place - Fence

3418 Oberon Street - New Construction

10518 Detrick Avenue - Wall Sign

3511 Farragut Avenue - Fence

3720 Farragut Avenue - Antennas

10220 Carroll Place - Fence

Town Council Summaries



April 10, 2023 Town Council Meeting (held in person and by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023.
- June 5, 2023, Town Election:
 - Nominations are due by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 8, 2023, for two Council Member positions. Council Members Bartram and Crimmins have the option to run for reelection.
 - A Candidate Forum will be held on May 22, 2023, at 7:00 pm, if Nominations exceed the number of Council positions requiring an Election, per the Town Charter.
- Held a public comment session for the possible sale of Joseph Park.
- Held a Public Hearing on **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 will be left open until 4:00 pm on Friday, May 5, 2023.*
- Approved **Resolution No. R-08-2023** authorizing a Contract with Brudis & Associates, Inc., for Design Engineering and Project Management Services for the Rehabilitation of Three Town Bridges, as amended.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-09-2023** confirming the Mayor's appointments of Mark Hudson and Leslie Maxam to the Development Review Board (DRB).

May 8, 2023, Town Council Meeting (held in person and by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023.
- Town Election:
 - Announced that Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins were the only candidates to file for the June 5, 2023, Town Election, and in accordance with Article VII, "Registration, Nominations, and Elections", Section 710, "Conduct of Elections", of the Town Charter, Mr. Bartam and Mr. Crimmins will be declared elected for the term by the Board of Supervisors of Elections at the June 12, 2023, Town Meeting.
- Adopted **Ordinance No. O-01-2023** - An Ordinance to appropriate and adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-24 (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.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-10-2023** - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council declaring the first Friday in June (Friday, June 2, 2023) to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Kensington to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a Country must do more to reduce gun violence.

FY24 Budget Ordinance



Budget Ordinance No. O-02-2023

Introduced: March 13, 2023

Public Hearing: April 10, 2023

Adopted: May 8, 2023

The Mayor and Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Budget Ordinance at the May 8, 2023 Town Council Meeting. The Detailed Budget may be viewed at the following link:

TOK.md.gov/town-budget

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.

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FY24 Budget Ordinance

ANTICIPATED REVENUE					
	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	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE					\$4,147,164
	Re-Appropriation		\$	972,962	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE					\$5,120,126
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES					
	General Government		\$	1,344,725	
	Public Works		\$	1,085,399	
	Public Safety		\$	315,843	
	Parks & Recreation		\$	203,400	
	Non-Departmental		\$	25,000	
					\$2,974,367
	Capital Improvement Budget		\$	2,145,759	
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES					\$5,120,126

SECTION 1:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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.



FY24 Budget Ordinance

SECTION 4:

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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:

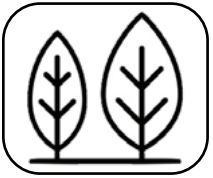
- (1) If any part of provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part of provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and
- (2) This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day 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 8th day of May, 2023.

EFFECTIVE the 1st day of July, 2023.

Greenscape Committee



Enhancing Kensington's Tree Canopy

It is easy to think of our neighborhood in terms of its individual components; houses, streets, businesses, parks, and open space. Yet it is the combination of all these elements, and more, that make our community of unique value. Trees are a vital element of neighborhoods, old and new. Trees on private property can define the view for the homeowner and the neighborhood, help manage run-off, provide shade and a space to play, lock in carbon, offer food and shelter to wildlife, and feature in landscape design. Older large trees are our quiet environmental champions and the many benefits and beauty of large trees on private property increase home values.

Homeowners have the largest impact in saving and restoring green cover. The Town of Kensington and Montgomery County Parks are doing their part improving the tree canopy for our parks and streetscapes but the majority of our tree canopy is on private property.

Planting a tree that is native to the Chesapeake Bay watershed has the biggest environmental impact. For example, a chestnut oak, at 50-80' tall, is highly valuable to wildlife, with flowers in May and acorns in late summer, and when mature will intercept more than 3,000 gallons of stormwater, sequester 869 pounds of carbon dioxide, and provide an environmental and economic value of about \$250 per year. For smaller yards, the silky dogwood at 6-12' tall, is also highly valuable to wildlife, with white flowers in spring and blueberries in August, and will intercept over 70 gallons of stormwater, sequester 28 pounds of carbon dioxide, and is valued at \$15 annually.

In our warming climate, our tree canopy helps reduce temperatures by providing shade, deflecting sunlight and releasing moisture. A recent heat mapping study shows clearly how vegetation and tree canopy match the cooler areas in our county. The Town of Kensington runs hot! You can learn more here:

[Storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/389babe7ce654fdd87701488ae72e8b6](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/389babe7ce654fdd87701488ae72e8b6)

There are so many wonderful tree species for us to enjoy in our area, but getting advice before choosing a new tree can save a lot of headaches later. Before shopping for a tree, there are a few basic questions to have in mind:

- What type of tree do I want?
- How big will the tree get?
- How much water will it need?
- What is the best time of year to plant the tree?
- How long will it take for the tree to mature?
- What are the tree's soil requirements?

Proper care for the first few years after planting can set the tree up for a century of good health! Most nurseries will provide good advice on tree selection and there are many online resources available to help make tree planting a success:

For free shade trees and care advice: TreeMontgomery.org

For free shade trees for fall 2023 planting: [Bit.ly/3oox8X6](https://bit.ly/3oox8X6)

For coupons up to \$75 off native trees: [Bit.ly/41owtUm](https://bit.ly/41owtUm)

For advice on planting and maintaining trees on private property:

Extension.umd.edu/resource/planting-tree-or-shrub

Greenscape Committee

What about a dead or dying tree on your property, or a tree that has outgrown its space? Trees have long lifespans and undergo cyclic periods of crown regression and growth. An arborist can guide homeowners on appropriate care as well as recommendations for removal if that is appropriate. Please call the Town to make sure that the tree is within your property. Removal of dead trees by a certified arborist is recommended, even for small specimens. You do not need a permit to remove a tree on private property UNLESS you are disturbing more than 5000 square feet of canopy or soil, or you live in the Historic District: KensingtonHistory.org/historic-district

Historic Districts, recognizing how important trees are for the community, regulate tree removal and encourage the care and maintenance of large trees. If you live in an historic district, live trees larger than 6" in diameter cannot be removed without cause. For tree removal, review by a registered arborist is required prior to applying for an Historic Area Work Permit. The HAW permit is submitted electronically by the homeowner for review by the Historic Preservation Commission of Montgomery County. The HPC are always happy to talk with home owners ahead **of permit submission and to work together** to find a solution for problem trees. Contact HPC by phone at 301-563-3400 or email:

MCP-historic@mncppc-mc.org.

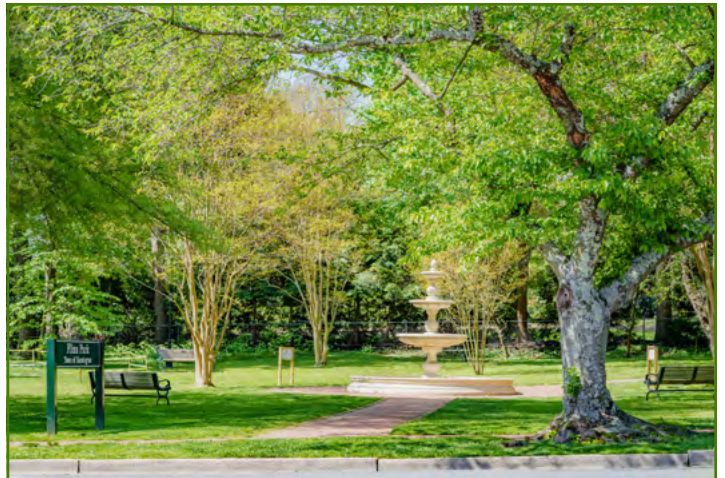
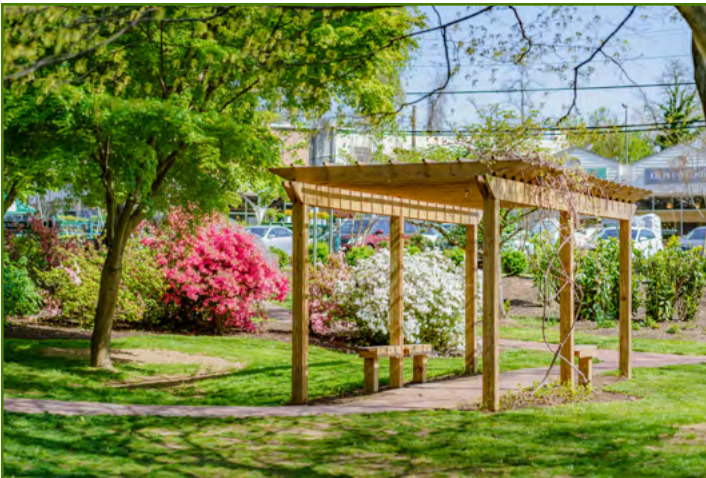
Do you have a wonderful tree on your property that you would like to tell us about? Whether small, large, new or old, we would love to hear your stories and see pictures of trees in Kensington that are extra special to this community. Send your pictures and comments to me at woodyoule@gmail.com as we build an album of Kensington Tree Champions for sharing.

Looking forward to learning about the trees you all love!

Katherine Wood
Greenscape Committee

Kensington Parks

Take time to stroll through our beautiful parks this spring. Below are photos of Clum-Kennedy and Flinn Parks. To find Kensington's seven Town Parks, visit TOK.md.gov/parks.



Kensington Around Town

May/June 2023



3710 Mitchell Street Office: 301.949.2424
Kensington, MD 20895 TOK.md.gov

To:

Kensington Historical Society
Summer Concert Series
Saturdays 10-11 | June through September
Howard Avenue Park



KENSINGTON



FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday | 9am - 1pm
3701 Howard Avenue

ExploreKensington.com

KENSINGTON FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS ARE BACK!

3rd Thursdays

May - Oct • 5-8pm

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



May 18
June 15
July 20
Aug 17
Sept 21
Oct 19

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