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Town of Kensington

# Kensington Around Town July 2023



Get your wheels ready for

## Kensington's 28th Annual 4th of July Bike Parade!

**Be part of the Parade, Tuesday, July 4, 2023!**

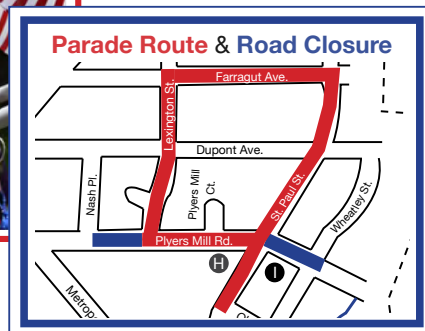
Decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, strollers or anything on wheels.

Roll over to St. Paul Park by 9:45am to participate in the bike parade.

Follow the KVFD Fire Truck through the streets of town from 10-11am.

**Watch the Parade!**

Line up along Lexington Street, Farragut Ave and St. Paul Street.



## Upcoming Events

**Fourth of July Bike Parade**

Tuesday, July 4 • 10-11am

**Certified Weed Warrior Event**

Saturday, July 8 &

Thursday, July 27

**Community Garden Tour**

Monday, July 10

9:30am-12:30pm

**KTown Food Truck Night**

Thursdays, July 20 & August 17

**KHS Summer Concert Series**

Saturdays • 10-11am

**Kensington Farmers' Market**

Saturdays • 9am-1pm



## Town Meetings

**Town Council**

**Organizational Meeting**

July 10 • 5-6pm

**Mayor & Council Meeting with**

**District 18 Delegation**

Monday, July 10 • 6-7pm

**Town Council Meeting**

Monday, July 10 • 7-8:30pm

For more info on events go to:

[tok.md.gov/events](http://tok.md.gov/events)




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## Kensington Celebrates 150th Anniversary of the Met Line



Kensington residents (and visitors to Town) celebrated over Memorial Day weekend in large numbers. A great day was had at BabyCat Brewery. How about that special brew? Over one-half (approx. 400) of all the riders on the excursion train boarded at Kensington Station. Why? Because they understand that Kensington knows how to make learning some history fun. Thank you to all that attended.

Reminder: You can see the wonderful work done by artists who participated in the 'Paint Out' at Chesapeake Framing Co. on Metropolitan Ave. Visit from Monday to Saturday, 10am-6pm through July 20.





# KHS Summer Concert Series

## Summer Concert Series Started

One of the signature events that Kensington Historical Society and the Town put on are the Saturday Morning concerts. Come enjoy the music while you visit the Farmers' Market and catch up with friends.

## KENSINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2023



**Saturdays 10–11 AM**  
**Howard Avenue Park**

(across from the Farmer's Market at the Kensington Train Station)

- Jul 1 **WeaverSmith**: Originals & folk/rock covers that Kensington knows and loves
- Jul 8 **The Porch Delights**: Porch-style Americana w/sizzlin' guitar, mandolin, harmonica & exquisite harmonies
- Jul 15 **Rita Clarke & Mystic Ya Ya**: Exciting modern blend of Soul, Pop, Jazz, R&B, Boogie Woogie, & Rock & Roll
- Jul 22 **Billy Coulter**: 20-time Wammie Award winner's distinctive style blurs the line between roots & pop, blending influences from Dylan to Bowie
- Jul 29 **Take Two**: Lively combination of Top 40, Oldies & Country
- Aug 5 **Spencer J**: Sophisticated, Syncopated, Mystifying, Folk
- Aug 12 **Bethesda Brass Ensemble**: Music from Dixieland to Baroque and beyond
- Aug 19 **Diane Poole**: "The Poole Party" draws from pop, folk, & country—blending voices & playing styles to share their love of music & all things ukulele.
- Aug 26 **Isn't That So**: Mix of Americana—swing, country, blues, R&B, early jazz, & folk-laden gems—that have stood the test of time
- Sep 2 **Shannon Leigh Reynolds**: Acoustic Americana steeped in bluegrass & classic country
- Sep 9 **Silver Strings**: Chesapeake Bay-area folk, bluegrass, blues, traditional, & contemporary music string band
- Sep 16 **Rockville Swing Band**: It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)
- Sep 23 **Keith Grimes & Esther Haynes**: Acoustic American Songbook + popular & vintage swing tunes

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# Town Council Summaries



## June 12, 2023 Town Council Meeting Summary (held by Zoom Video Conferencing and in person)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2023.
- Acknowledged Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins were declared Elected by the Board of Supervisors of Elections in accordance with Article VII, "Registration, Nominations, and Elections", Section 710, "Conduct of Elections", of the Town Charter.
- Held a Variance Hearing for 10800 Connecticut Avenue to allow a limited duration sign to be placed an additional 90 days.
- A Resolution in support of the Variance request will be prepared for the July 10, 2023, Council meeting.
- Approved the proposed traffic island installation for Farragut Avenue at University Boulevard.
- Scheduled the Town Organizational Meeting for Monday, July 10, at 5:00 pm.
- Approved a waiver to allow alcohol at St. Paul Park for the Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 17.
- Approved **Resolution No. 11-2023** - Authorizing a Contract with the Urban Land Institute to establish a Technical Advisory Panel for the strategic review of Economic Development, Connectivity, and Mobility improvements within the Town.
- Approved **Resolution No. 12-2023** - Authorizing the Extension of a Contract with Nazario Construction Corp. for Concrete, Asphalt Paving, Perk-E-Pave, Storm Drain, and related services.

## Fireworks

### Public Fireworks

**Mid-County Sparkles** will be held at Albert Einstein High School on Saturday, July 1 starting with concerts by Ocho de Bastos and Earth Wind and Fire Tribute Band at 6pm and fireworks at 9:15.

[montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/calendar.html?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D166365522](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/calendar.html?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D166365522)

**Rockville** is celebrating at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park in King Farm on Tuesday, July 4 with live music by Under the Covers at 7pm and fireworks at 9:15pm.

[Rockvillemd.gov/663/Independence-Day](http://Rockvillemd.gov/663/Independence-Day)

# Greenscape Committee



We know from the town survey done by the Sustainable Kensington Committee that Town residents are interested in native plants, rain gardens and the health of local waterways. This month we are providing information about two programs active in Kensington that provide information about these and other related issues.

## Master Gardeners

Montgomery County Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by the University of Maryland Extension to promote safe, research-based and sustainable horticultural practices. Programs include education, horticultural therapy, demonstration gardens (near Kensington at the National Library of Medicine, Walter Reed Hospital and Nature Forward), various youth programs and plant clinics at public libraries, Brookside Gardens and other sites.

## Kensington Farmer's Market Plant Clinic

The "Ask a Master Gardener" Plant Clinic at the farmer's market just expanded to two Saturdays a month, the second and the fourth, 9 am - 1 pm, with three master gardeners on site. Beginning and experienced gardeners are welcome to bring questions about particular plants or their yards in general, from choice of plants to disease and pest questions. While we won't always know the answer, we have been trained to know where to look it up and will help you get further information.

## Bay-Wise

A group of county Master Gardeners have had additional training in addressing environmental topics that affect the quality and quantity of water in Maryland and ultimately in the Chesapeake Bay. We can answer questions about how the home gardener can help protect the Chesapeake through wise plant choices and controlling water passage through their yards. Other areas include erosion control, composting, and creating wildlife habitat. Information about Bay-Wise is available at our plant clinics and a Bay-Wise-trained gardener is often present.

We can help you evaluate your landscape to see if it is Bay-Wise and certify it. If you're not ready for certification but want to know more about how to address these topics in your yard you can request a free consultation. Two Bay-Wise Master Gardeners will visit your property and discuss options with you. For more information go to [extension.umd.edu/baywise](http://extension.umd.edu/baywise) or write to [mcmgbaywise@gmail.com](mailto:mcmgbaywise@gmail.com).

# 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.

3817 Calvert Place - Addition

3611 Perry Avenue - Fence

10208 Carroll Place - Washington Gas



# Juneteenth Sponsors

We want to thank our Juneteenth 2023 Sponsors for a successful event!



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# Upcoming Labor Day Events

## Paint the Town Labor Day Show • September 2-4, 2023

### Kensington Historic Armory

Join us for one of the biggest local celebrations of local artists in the DC region: the three-day Paint the Town Labor Day Show & Sale. This is one of the longest-running and largest art shows in the area, with hundreds of works by local artists, all members of MAA.

[Montgomeryart.org/laborday](http://Montgomeryart.org/laborday)



## Labor Day Parade & Festival • September 4, 2023

### Parade at 10am

Enjoy marching bands, equestrian show groups, dance groups, floats and ambassadors. The parade starts at St. Paul Park and ends at the grandstand next to Noyes Children's Library.

### Festival 10am - 2pm

As the parade moves through Town, Armory Avenue comes alive with food trucks, vendors and activities.

[TOK.md.gov/event/kensington-labor-parade-2023](http://TOK.md.gov/event/kensington-labor-parade-2023)



# Curb Your Dog



## Section 7-502 states the following: "Owners Responsible for Curbing of Animals"

Pet owners shall clean up and properly dispose of their pet's excrement when it is deposited on public property where people walk or congregate or on private property other than that of the owner.

Town provides dog waste bags and receptacles in and around our Town parks to help residents dispose of their pet's waste.

# Kensington Around Town

## July 2023



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Kensington, MD 20895 [TOK.md.gov](http://TOK.md.gov)

To:



## Living Well, Aging Better

Villages — local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations — foster social connections through activities and events, and coordinate volunteer help at home using a neighbor-helping-neighbor model.

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