

Kensington Around Town September 2023



Upcoming Events

KHS Summer Concert Series
Saturdays through Sept • 10-11am

BabyCat Brewery Concert Series
Various dates and times

Community Block Party
Saturday, August 26 • 2-4pm

KVFD Summer Movie Night
August 26 • 7-10pm

Paint the Town Art Show & Sale
Sept 2, 3 & 4 • Various times

Annual Labor Day Parade & Festival
Monday, Sept 4 • 10am-2pm

Weed Warrior Events
Aug 24, Sept 9, 24 & 28 • Various times

Kensington Train Show
Sept 9 & 10 • 11am-5pm

Food Truck Night 3rd Thursdays
Sept 21 & Oct 19 • 5-8pm

Kensington 8K Race
Saturday, Sept 23 • 7:45-9:45am
Jubilee Benefit Concert at GIGS
Saturday, Sept 23 • 6-9pm

BabyCat Brewery 5k Race
Sunday, October 8 • 8:30am - 2pm

Visit [TOK.md.gov/events](https://tok.md.gov/events)

Historia Est Magistra Vitae by Dora Patin
Grand Prize Award | Paint the Town Art Show 2022

2023 Paint the Town Art Show

Sponsored by Montgomery Art Association and the Town of Kensington

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPT 2 | 11am-6pm

7 am-3 pm: Plein Air competition
12-5 pm: Food trucks
1-3pm: Artist Demonstration with Dora Patin
6-7 pm: Awards ceremony

SUNDAY, SEPT 3 | 11am - 5pm

11:30 am: Live music by Wilson Jazz Duo
1-3 pm: Artist Demonstration with Jennifer Beaudet

MONDAY, SEPT 4 | 10am - 5pm

11 am-1 pm: Artist Demonstration with Ella Soroori
5-8 pm: Customers pick up purchases

The Montgomery Art Association (MAA) celebrates more than 200 local artists by producing one of the region's longest-running and largest art shows.

Kensington Historic Armory
3710 Mitchell Street

FREE and open to the public

MontgomeryArt.org



Monday, September 4, 2023



- Dance groups
- Marching bands
- Equestrian groups
- Floats
- Ambassadors
- KVFD Fire Trucks

Festival 10am-2pm

- Food Vendors
- Beer & Wine Vendors
- Live Music
- Vendor Booths
- Bounce Houses
- Family Fun!

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Town Council Summary



Monday, July 10, 2023, Town Council Meeting Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023.
- Acknowledged the appointments of Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Auditing Committee.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-13-2023** – Approving a Sign Variance to allow a Limited Duration sign at 10800 Connecticut Avenue to be placed for an Additional 90 Days.

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.

3514 Plyers Mill Road - Fence

10302 Fawcett Street - Fence

10550 Connecticut Avenue - Washington Gas

10620 Connecticut Avenue - ADA Remediation

3503 Farragut Avenue - Driveway

10241 Kensington Parkway - Deck

10610 Wheatley Street - Demolition

3518 Perry Avenue - Pepco

Paid Advertisement



St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
Journeying Together Since 1885

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is looking for new voices! Come join our adult and children's choirs.

Check us out at StPaulsK.org.

For more information about the choirs contact our Director of Music, Tom Pedersen at TPedersen@stpaulsk.org.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church Kensington
10401 Armory Ave. Kensington, MD | 301-933-7933

The Villages of Kensington



Villages of Kensington Members Featured in Village Reels: An Intergenerational Filmmaking Project

During the spring of 2023, the Villages of Kensington (VoK) participated in Village Reels, an intergenerational filmmaking program from Docs in Progress. VoK members and Kensington residents Isabel Langsdorf and Carol Henig were featured in individual documentaries created and produced by teams of Wheaton High School students.

Isabel shared her experience of being born during World War II and being adopted as a child. She shared how members of her family, including her birth mother, were killed in a concentration camp during the Holocaust. Isabel has lived in Kensington for more than 40 years. In her documentary, Isabel shared her story, including visiting Germany as an adult.

Carol shared her experience as a foster parent of many children. During the 1980's, Carol and her husband Les became involved with the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees and ended up become foster parents of a 17-year-old Amerasian girl. More kids followed, some American born, but many not, all with stories of abuse, with racism dominating the narratives. Carol and Les also took in three grandchildren. Children have been a major part of their lives, and the growing of food became vital to the physical and emotional health of these kids. Learning to cook the cuisine of every hurting child to welcome them was vital to show that food was real, accessible, and healthy.

The short documentaries are amazing.

Here is a link to the documentary featuring Isabel: [YouTube.com/watch?v=cLlk2CMLwc8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLlk2CMLwc8).

Here is a link to the documentary featuring Carol: [YouTube.com/watch?v=Og-lwi0AQHU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Og-lwi0AQHU).

The teams from Wheaton included three to four students with each team member leading an aspect of the filmmaking process – story and research, production/camera, or editing/post-production. The student teams were assisted by Village Reels Teaching Artist Jolene Carter on behalf of Docs in Progress, and Wheaton High School teacher Kristen Bouve.

The Village Reels project by Docs in Progress also included three teams of students from Blair High School that produced documentaries of three members of the Silver Spring Village.

On June 13, 2023, all five documentaries were presented to an audience of nearly 100 at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Here is a link to the complete set of documentaries: [YouTube.com/docsinprogress](https://www.youtube.com/docsinprogress).

The Mission of Villages of Kensington is to build a supportive, diverse, intergenerational network of neighbors helping neighbors to remain in their homes and stay engaged in their community.

Docs In Progress is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to educate, inspire, and transform the way people view their world through documentary film. Everyone has a story to tell.

The Villages of Kensington looks forwards to working with Docs in Progress next year to enable more VoK members to share their life experiences.

To get more information on “Living well and aging better in the Kensington community” visit VillagesOfKensingtonmd.org.

Kensington Historical Society



Kensington Historical Society makes a final Toast to the Met 150th-year celebration At the Kensington Train Show

Summer goes so fast. Seems like yesterday it was May and we were toasting the Met at Baby Cat and taking the excursion train ride. As we enter the end of the summer it's time to look forward to the Train Show.

The great thing about the Train Show is that it delivers all the activities we look forward to from year to year – great model trains, music and all sorts of fun. As train enthusiasts gather, KHS will have on hand some of the special exhibits on The Met Line so that you might get a chance to see them again as well as making them available for those that didn't make the 150th events. We will also have the article reprints from the B&O Historical Society as well as the informative book, The Met, on hand.

We look forward to seeing you there as we wrap up celebration of the 150th Anniversary of The Met in Town.



MAKE **K, E, N, S, I, N, G, T, O, N,**
YOUR **#1** DESTINATION FOR
SERVICES, SHOPPING & DINING!

GET OUTSIDE AND EXPLORE KENSINGTON

OUR WALKABLE
SIDEWALKS LEAD TO
SHOPPING & DINING



FOLLOW OUR GOOGLE MAPS
ART WALK TOUR OF
11 MURALS & 8 CARVINGS



TAKE A
SELF-GUIDED
HISTORIC
WALKING TOUR



EAT YOUR WAY THROUGH 20+
VENDORS AT OUR YEAR ROUND
SATURDAY FARMERS' MARKET

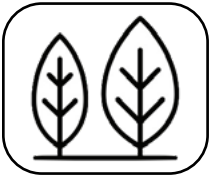


WALK, SIT, SWING &
RUN THROUGH ALL
OUR AMAZING PARKS



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OUT ON THE
NEXT TOWN
EVENT!
SIGN UP FOR
UPDATES AT
[TOK.MD.GOV/
EVENTS](http://TOK.MD.GOV/EVENTS)

EXPLOREKENSINGTON.COM



SAVE YOUR TREES FROM DAMAGE BY VINES!

A number of lovely trees in Kensington are struggling to survive against invasive vines. Many vines, including english ivy and porcelain berry (see pictures below) can smother a tree, damaging its bark and preventing its leaves from receiving adequate sunlight.

The added weight of vines can make a tree more susceptible to wind damage. You can prevent the loss of a tree in your yard by removing vines before they wind their way up into the canopy and cause permanent damage.

The best strategy is to periodically remove new vines from the base of your trees, including the vines' root system. If the vines are thick and have already wound their way up the trunk, you can use loppers or a small hand saw to cut the vines, taking care not to damage the trees' bark. (The tip of a hefty screwdriver can be shoved between the vine and the tree bark allowing you to pull the vine away from the trunk for ease of cutting.) If the vine has grown up into the tree above where you can reach safely, simply cut a "window" in the vine from the base of the tree to the highest point you can reach; the vine above that point will die without access to its root system.

KENSINGTON WEED WARRIORS:

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS TO COMBAT INVASIVE VINES IN KENSINGTON!!

Kensington's volunteer Weed Warrior crew works with Montgomery County Parks to remove invasive vines and plants that are overtaking our park trees including those along Silver Creek. You are welcome to join us for one of our upcoming workdays scheduled for the dates below:

Thursday, August 24 | 9 am - 11 am

Saturday, October 7 | 1 pm - 3 pm

Saturday, September 9 | 10 am - 12 pm

Sunday, October 15 | 10 am - 12 pm

Sunday, September 24 | 10 am - 12 pm

Thursday, October 26 | 9 am - 11 am

Thursday, September 28 | 9 am - 11 am

Our Kensington crews are usually accompanied by trained Montgomery Park staff or volunteers who provide removal tools plus tips for identifying the most harmful invasives and how best to remove them. Contact Katherine Wood (woodyoule@gmail.com) for more information and to learn the meet-up location for a given workday. [TOK.md.gov/event/weed-warrior-event-7/2023-08-24](https://tok.md.gov/event/weed-warrior-event-7/2023-08-24)

English Ivy



Vines Overtake Trees



Porcelain Berry



Town Happenings

The Kensington Historical Society
presents

The 2023 Summer Concert Series

Saturdays 10 - 11a.m. Howard Avenue Park
(across from the Farmers' Market)



August 26 Isn't That So
September 2 Shannon Leigh Reynolds
September 9 Silver Strings
September 16 Rockville Swing Band
September 23 Keith Grimes &
Esther Haynes

KensingtonHistory.org

Kensington FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS

Sept 21 & Oct 19 • 5-8pm

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

Sponsored by KBDA - Facebook @KtownFoodTruckNight

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY & Back-to-School Celebration!

Come out and meet your
neighbors and have fun!

Everyone welcome. All ages!

Bienvenidos Todos! Todas las edades!

Saturday, August 26, 2023 • 2-4pm

Kensington House Lawn, 10225 Frederick Ave

Rain location: Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St

**DJ • Food • Ice Cream Truck
Dancing • Games • Art • Soccer**



Race Day

Saturday, Sept. 23

Festival | 7:45-9:45am
2M Challenge | 7:45am
8K Run | 8:30am
1K Fun Run | 8:35am
Awards | 9:30am

Kensington8k.org



Jubilee Benefit Concert at GIGS Courtyard - Free!

Saturday, September 23 • 6 - 9pm

The Kensington Train Show

September 9 & 10 • 11am-5pm
Kensington Town Hall

KensingtonTrainShow.com



**5K Race for every
breast cancer survivor.**

Sunday, October 8
8:30am - 2pm

BabyCatBrewery.com/events

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Kensington, MD 20895 TOK.md.gov

To:

KENSINGTON



FARMERS' MARKET OPEN YEAR ROUND!

Every Saturday 9am-1pm

Howard Avenue Train Station

20+ Vendors

Pets Welcome!

ExploreKensington.com/farmers-market

The NIH Blood Bank is in Critical need of B+, and A+ blood donors!

If you are a donor with either of these types,
please consider helping with a blood donation in
support of our NIH Clinical Center patients!

Scan the QR code below or call 301-496-1048 to
schedule an appointment to donate!



Help Save a Life, Donate Blood Today!

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