

Mayor Tracey Furman

**Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Ann Lichter**



**Council Member Nate Engle
Council Member Stuart Sparker**

Released: January 12, 2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

The Town Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. Access to the meeting is also available through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85385169269?pwd=8UOzVVU2kTZTUMCmQTyHekWOblObSk.1>

Meeting ID: 853 8516 9269

Password: 972748

Zoom Camera Use: We ask that if you join the meeting by Zoom, please turn your camera off except when asking a question or speaking.

Or you can attend the meeting by calling: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C) and entering the Meeting ID and Password above.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 10, 2025, Town Council Meeting
January 5, 2026, Special Town Council Meeting

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

(The Mayor and Council may move to close the meeting and may move to reopen the meeting)

1. Acknowledge:

- a. Closed Session - January 5, 2026, Special Town Council Meeting:
 - i. The Town held a Closed Session on January 5, 2026, pursuant to State Government Article §3-305(b)(1)(7), "Closed Session", to consult with the Town Attorney to obtain legal advice.
- b. WSSC Public Meeting – Smart Meter Pilot Program:
 - i. The Town will be hosting a Public Meeting in coordination with WSSC to discuss their Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Smart Meter Pilot Program.

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1. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 7:00 pm, via Zoom only.
- c. WSSC Public Meeting – Silver Creek Sewer Line Project:
 - i. The Town is coordinating an additional Public Meeting with WSSC to discuss the Silver Creek Sewer Line Project. The date/time for this meeting will be announced as soon as the Town confirms with WSSC’S Engineering team.
2. **Montgomery County Public Schools – Board of Education – Woodward Boundary Study:**
 - a. Update on the proposed MCPS Woodward Boundary Study.
3. **Noyes Children’s Library:**
 - a. Update on the Noyes Children’s Library improvement project.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

1. **10415 Montgomery Avenue (M&T Bank):**
 - a. Update on the Town’s acquisition of 10415 Montgomery Avenue.
2. **St. Paul Street (10700 and 10800 blocks) Storm Drain Project:**
 - a. Update on the St. Paul Street storm drain project.
3. **BCTGM v. Town of Kensington (Case No. C-15-CV-25-001743):**
 - a. Update on Case No. C-15-CV-25-001743 (BCTGM v. Town of Kensington).

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS

(Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations to be introduced or adopted following appropriate procedures required by the Town Code; or resolutions that may require discussion by the Mayor and Council prior to approval)

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

(The public is invited to speak on any subject that is not a topic on tonight’s agenda)

ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING(S) OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD:

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Please check the Town Calendar to confirm the Council date and time.



Smarter service is coming to your home!

Congratulations! You've been selected to join WSSC Water's exciting Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) **Smart Meter Pilot**. This is your opportunity to track and manage water use, **helping to reduce your bill and save money**. Conversion to Smart Meter technology is **FREE!**

Benefits of Smart Meter Technology

- Access to daily water usage through a user-friendly portal.
- Ability to receive leak/high water-usage alerts.
- Monthly billing for better budgeting.
- Enhances meter reading accuracy.
- Creates safer work environment for our employees.
- Reduces our carbon footprint.

What to Expect

- A phone call from a WSSC Water team member in the **next few weeks** to schedule replacement of your indoor water meter and installation of transmitter.



Replacement/installation takes about **30 minutes**.
← **Scan** to see the process.

- Someone 18 or older must be home.
- Water will be briefly turned off during replacement.
- Technicians will provide you information on how to access the online portal.

Important Billing Information

- Your first bill from the new meter will arrive around **April 10 - 17**.
- It will include readings from both your old and new meter.
- Your final quarterly bill may **cover more than 90 days** due to the extended billing period.
- Flexible payment plans are available.
- **No late fees** will be charged during pilot.
- Concerned about a change in your billing cycle? Adjust your E-Z Pay/Auto-Pay or call us.
- Following your final quarterly bill, you will be billed monthly (approx. every 26-34 days).
- This is a year-long pilot and will end in spring 2027.
- What happens next? We'll be asking for your feedback throughout the pilot, and we'll share next steps once the pilot concludes.

Thank you!



Learn more, visit
wsscwater.com/smart-pilot
or scan this QR code.

You can also call us,
301-206-4001
Weekdays, 8 am – 6 pm



If you do not want to participate in the Smart Meter Pilot, please scan and complete the form.

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January 9, 2026

Ms. Grace Rivera-Oven, President
Montgomery County Board of Education
850 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850

Dr. Thomas W. Taylor
Superintendent Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Charles W. Woodward High School Boundary Study – Round Three Options Feedback

Dear President Rivera-Oven and Dr. Taylor:

On behalf of Kensington's Town Council and residents, I am writing to provide feedback on the Round Three options (E, F, and G) for the Charles W. Woodward High School boundary study, released in late December 2025. This letter follows our previous correspondence dated July 14, 2025, and November 14, 2025.

Continued Appreciation for Community Cohesion

We are pleased to note that all seven options now under consideration (A through G) maintain the cohesive articulation of the Kensington community, keeping our entire municipal boundaries together as our students progress from Kensington Parkwood Elementary School to North Bethesda Middle School to Walter Johnson High School. The consistency across all seven current options (A through G) addresses our primary concern about maintaining community bonds and relationships that define our town, and reflects MCPS' responsiveness to community input regarding neighborhood cohesion and stability.

Outstanding Questions Remain Unanswered

Despite our appreciation for the outcome regarding Kensington's assignments, we remain concerned that the substantive issues raised in our two previous letters have not been addressed. To our knowledge, MCPS has not provided any written response to our correspondence. We respectfully reiterate the following requests, with the first being our most pressing concern given the imminent decision timeline:

1. Comprehensive programming information remains our most critical unaddressed request. With boundary decisions potentially affecting access to Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate programs, arts offerings, music programs, magnet programs, and athletic

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opportunities, families still lack essential information to evaluate how these options might affect their children's educational opportunities. This information is essential for families to understand the educational implications of different boundary scenarios and is critical for our community to understand the rationale MCPS is using to make its boundary decision. As we see varying capacity utilization across options that could affect program availability, families need detailed information on which programs will be offered at each high school once the new boundaries take effect. Without this clarity, families cannot offer fully informed feedback on boundary alternatives.

2. Comprehensive data about transportation impacts, including estimated route times, bus utilization rates, transportation costs, and walkability assessments for each boundary option.
3. Detailed explanation of how MCPS will integrate multiple FAA (Facility Adequacy Assessment) factors to select among these options, given the significant utilization variations across the seven options.
4. Confirmation that Options A through G represent implementable scenarios rather than theoretical models, with explanation of the criteria used to develop each option.

Continued Process Concerns

We understand and appreciate that the Superintendent has articulated in numerous interviews and presentations to the Board of Education and PTA groups that the boundary study must be coordinated with the regional high school programming analysis because each informs the other—school assignments and populations directly affect programming decisions, and programming decisions influence the desirability and implications of various boundary options. We do not dispute this reasoning.

However, precisely because these analyses are intertwined, families are having significant difficulty fully evaluating the boundary study options without knowing what programs will be assigned to which schools. Specifically, families cannot meaningfully assess the impact of boundary changes without understanding which schools will offer Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, which schools will host magnet programs or other offerings that require lottery-based enrollment and impact school utilization, and how regional programming will operate between schools. If the boundary and programming decisions are to be made together, families need programming information now—before the February recommendation—to provide informed input on the boundary options before them.

Conclusion

The Town of Kensington appreciates that all current options preserve our community's school assignment continuity and articulation pattern. We remain committed to constructive engagement throughout this process. However, with the Superintendent's recommendation and Board decision now imminent, we respectfully request written responses to the questions posed in this letter and our two previous letters, to enable meaningful community evaluation before final decisions are made.

We appreciate your consideration of these concerns and requests and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Tracey Furman
Mayor, Town of Kensington

Cc:

Montgomery County Board of Education
County Council, Montgomery County
Kensington Town Council