

# Kensington Around Town



## April 2026



District Café by Madeleine Greenwald

## 2026 Town Election



The 2026 Town Election will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, at Town Hall.

The terms of Mayor Tracey Furman and Council Members Nate Engle and Ann Lichter are set to expire June 30, 2026. 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).

### Candidate Qualifications

- Must reside in the Town for at least one year preceding their election
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be qualified to be a registered voter of the Town
- Must maintain permanent residence in the Town during their term of office

### Notable Deadlines:

- Candidate nominations are due Monday, May 11, 2026 by 4pm.
- Please fill out the Certificate of Nomination Form and return it to Susan Engels at Town Hall prior to the deadline.
- County voter registration for the Town election closes on Monday, April 27, 2026.
- Voter registration for Town elections only closes on Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 4pm.

Please contact Town staff with any questions at 301-949-2424 or [Town@tok.md.gov](mailto:Town@tok.md.gov).



**KTOWN COMMUNITY EVENT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18 9am - 1pm**

**TRASH TO TREASURE**

**Details and MAP: [TOK.md.gov/event/trash-to-treasure-2026](https://TOK.md.gov/event/trash-to-treasure-2026)**

# Kensington Home & Garden Tour



## KENSINGTON HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

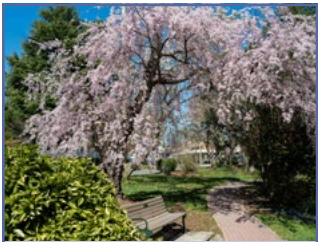
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

By the time you read this we will be at T-day minus 60 days (or so) and a LOT is happening behind the scenes. Here is a quick up-date of some key Tour features along with tips for Kensington residents on how to contribute to its success while enjoying yourself.

**Buy a Ticket (or two/three etc.)** – The success of the Tour and corresponding donation to Noyes Children’s Library Foundation (NCLF) is directly proportionate to the amount of tickets sales. Proceeds are not divided equally among the various Tours, rather the proceeds are tied to each Tours ticket sales. Buying tickets for the Kensington Tour supports Noyes. We hope everyone will be here to enjoy the Tour but, if not, a ticket purchase supports the NCLF so buy one, do good for Noyes and gift the ticket to a family member or friend.

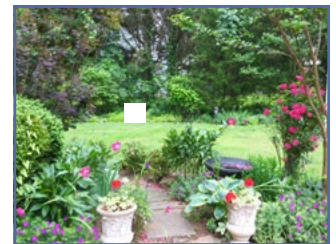
There are features of the Tour that will only be accessible to ticketholders. So, as well as one might know the Town there will be locations and exhibits that will be available for the first time. So, buy a ticket(s) and enjoy aspects of the Tour that you haven’t experienced and support Noyes. Tickets are available at [MHGP.org/kensington](http://MHGP.org/kensington). We would be remiss not to note that there are some fabulous other Tours this year so check them out and enjoy another slice of Maryland history and preservation.

**Private Home Tours** – An important part of the Tour is being able to tour private homes and gardens. A number of Town residents have graciously agreed to support Noyes by opening their homes. Please give a big thank you to the following group. Better yet, support them by signing up for a shift as a docent. Sharing the Kensington story will be enriching for tour goers.



### Feature Homes and Gardens:

Storer	10234 Carroll Place
Capron	10304 Montgomery Ave (garden)
Hur/Longo	10304 Kensington Parkway
Schwabe	3930 Washington Street
Cabron/Carola	3940 Washington Street
Engles	3929 Baltimore Street
Willimann	3924 Baltimore Street
Speallman	3940 Baltimore Avenue (garden)
Oppenheim	10312 Armory Avenue (garden)



# Kensington Home & Garden Tour

**Stops of Interest to Town Residents** – We are developing several fun stops that Kensington residents will particularly enjoy, Details later on so you can plan your day.

**Lunch by Marathon Deli** – We are so pleased that Marathon Deli (just now opened) agreed to provide the pre-ordered lunch to be picked up and eaten at Town Hall or taken to one of our parks. Lunch pre-orders can be placed at the same time as tickets are ordered at [MHGP.org/kensington](http://MHGP.org/kensington). We had to sample their offerings to curate the lunch options (hard duty) and we can guarantee it's delicious. So welcome Marathon to Kensington with a lunch order. Marathon has made their support extra special by donating a portion of their proceeds to Brookewood School. Of course, everyone on the Tour will be provided information on all of our Kensington restaurants so they can enjoy a stop or late day snack or dinner.

**Volunteer** – We are using the easy to navigate Sign-up Genius to facilitate organizing our volunteers. We will list all the sites that need support along with the shifts. This will be publicized further but you can reach the volunteer sign-up system by emailing [info@noyeslibraryfoundation.org](mailto:info@noyeslibraryfoundation.org). Indicate your interest and you will be provided the link for signing up. A perfect day would be to take a volunteer shift for a few hours and then have the rest of the day to enjoy the Tour yourself. No-one is better to speak about Kensington's history than those of us who live here and love our Town.

**Marketing** – Our social media machine is running with weekly posts highlighting aspects of the Tour. Look for a cover article in Kensington Neighbor magazine and a feature article in Bethesda Magazine. Press releases are going out to all media and calendar listings.

You can do your part to promote the Tour. Tell your friends and family. We have posters and cards about the Tour so if you know of a location that needs a poster or where some rack cards could be displayed, please let us know and we will get you some to distribute. Posters will be distributed to Kensington businesses so you will see a lot of them around Town.

There will be additional marketing and signage as we get closer to the Tour date. In addition to our marketing the Tour will be advertised around the State by MHGP and the MD250 Commission.

**Town-Wide Tour Support** – We are working with a Steering Committee made up of representatives from all sectors of the Kensington Community. Every time we talk to someone about the Tour we get more great ideas. If you have an idea that you would like to bring to our attention, please do so. Our Kensington Tour is different from most other Tours over the course of history of the MHGP in that people are visiting our entire Town and we have the whole Town behind the Tour. This is in contrast to most Tours that travel from one site to another throughout a County. So, this is our chance to show visitors from around the State what it is like when a Town puts it mind to doing something special.

**Town Organizations** – If you work with an organization in Town that serves the community of Kensington and would like to have your material available for residents who take the Tour as well as visitors from elsewhere in MoCo, please let us know as we are having a table in Town Hall for that purpose.

Stay tuned.

Carrie Storer | Kyle Richards | Kate DeWitt

## New Antique Row Sign



At the November 2025 Town Council Meeting, the Council voted unanimously to refurbish the "Antique Row" sign at the corner of Connecticut & Howard Avenue. Originally installed in the early 2000s using a state grant, the sign had begun to show its age.

The refurbished sign will now feature the Town's "Explore Kensington" branding. Additionally, the project includes a second sign highlighting Kensington's shopping, dining, and art—all of which have grown significantly since the original installation.

We anticipate that the refurbished signs will be installed in May.

## Town Street Signs

The Town recently completed installation of the new street name signs and will be selling the old street name signs to interested residents for \$25 each. All proceeds will be donated to the 20895 Hunger Ministry. The sale of the old street name signs will be conducted via a lottery, similar to the Howard Avenue benches, in which residents will be required to enter their names for a specific street. The lottery will be limited to one entry per household.

If you would like your name included in the drawing for a street name sign, please send your name, address, and requested street sign to Alex Marini at [alex.marini@tok.md.gov](mailto:alex.marini@tok.md.gov) by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 1. We will complete the drawing soon after, and our Public Works Crew will deliver the signs to the selected residents' front door. Please contact Alex Marini with any questions.



# Kensington Juneteenth Celebration



## Kensington Juneteenth Celebration Marks 5 Years of Community, History, and Unity

By: Ty Robinson, Kensington Juneteenth Planning Committee Member

What began as a simple backyard gathering to teach two young daughters about their history has grown into one of Kensington's most meaningful and well-attended community traditions. Now celebrating its 5th anniversary, the Kensington Juneteenth Annual Celebration stands as a testament to the power of community, education, and shared purpose.

In its very first year, the vision was modest—an intimate gathering of 100 to 150 people. Instead, Kensington showed up and showed out in a powerful way, with approximately 1,000 attendees coming together to honor Juneteenth and its significance in American history. That overwhelming support set the tone for what was to come.

Each year since, the celebration has continued to grow (estimated):

- Year Two: 1,300 attendees
- Year Three: 3,400 attendees
- Year Four: 4,000 attendees

Even as the world faced uncertainty and challenges, Kensington remained committed—steadfast in celebrating unity through our diversity, uplifting one another, and honoring the truth of our shared history.

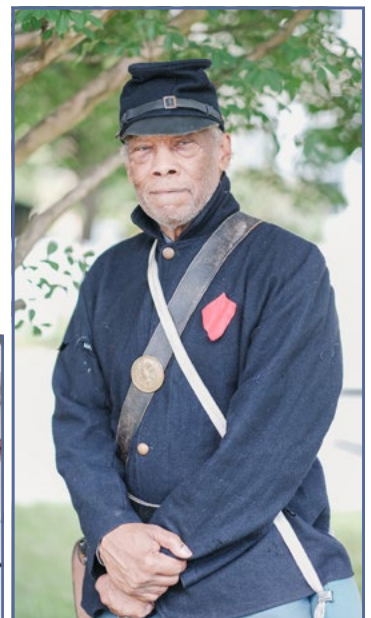
As the event has expanded, so too has its mission. What started as a personal effort has become a collective movement rooted in education, connection, and community pride. Through every year, the goal has remained the same: to create a space where people can come together, learn, reflect, and celebrate.

This year's celebration holds even deeper meaning. As the nation, the State of Maryland, and the County of Montgomery mark 250 years, Kensington joins in that broader reflection—recognizing not only the country's history, but also five years of coming together to commemorate Juneteenth as a united community.

Because if there's one thing this journey has proven, it's this: there are no neighbors like Kensington neighbors.

With gratitude for five incredible years, the Kensington Juneteenth team looks forward to welcoming the community once again.

**Jamie Boston along with Kensington Juneteenth Celebration team welcome everyone to join us at St. Paul Park on June 13, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, as we celebrate, reflect, and continue this powerful tradition—together.**



# MCPS Offices to Replace HOC on Detrick

In December 2025 the Board of Education approved MCPS's request to move forward with reclaiming the old Kensington Elementary School on Detrick Avenue for staff offices. This opportunity became possible after the Housing Opportunities Commission transitioned to their new offices in Silver Spring. While there had been some speculation that MCPS would use the building for pre-k there is no specific line item to operate this facility as a school or early childhood center. While there is a potential use of the facility in the years to come for early childcare, MCPS immediate need is for staff offices.

Andrea Swiatocha, MCPS Deputy Chief of Facilities Management has confirmed that the gymnasium was removed from the Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) list this winter while HOC started their transition. It is MCPS's intent for the facility to go back online through CUPF. While there is no specific date at this time, they hope to be back online in the coming months and will coordinate with CUPF. The field, playground and Skate Park remain available to the public and will officially become the responsibility of MCPS on April 1st.

## What's New in Kensington?

**Breads Unlimited and Pizza** will open it's new location at 10303 Kensington Parkway on Saturday, April 11 at 9am. Their Bethesda Breads Unlimited was founded in 1981, then expanded with Edith's Pizza in 2022. The Kensington location will offer a variety of baked goods and piizza.

Read more about it from the MoCoShow:

[MoCoShow.com/2026/03/19/breads-unlimited-and-pizza-announces-kensington-opening-date/](https://www.mocoshow.com/2026/03/19/breads-unlimited-and-pizza-announces-kensington-opening-date/)

Visit the shop: [BreadsUnlimited.com](https://www.breadsunlimited.com)



**Marathon Deli and Grill**, with their slogan 'Home of the Best Gyros,' will soon be announcing their April grand opening date at 10619 Connecticut Avenue. The original location was founded in 1972 at their location in College Park, Maryland, where it became a landmark for Maryland students, faculty, and local residents.

Visit the shop: [MarathonDeliMD.com](https://www.marathondeliMD.com)

**ARC Rug Gallery by Kami**, (formerly ABC Rug Outlet), has moved to a new location at 4208 Howard Avenue. **The Tyler Whitmore Interiors Collection** will be offering designer assistance and custom designed throw pillows that coordinate with selected rugs.

Visit the shop: [ARCRugGallery.com](https://www.arcruggallery.com)



# Town Resident Turned 100 on March 9!

Mayor Tracey Furman

On March 8th, I had the pleasure of attending Washington Street resident, Evelyn Ullman's 100th birthday celebration at Kensington Baptist Church. Surrounded by her children—Eloise, Patricia, and Stephen—as well as friends and neighbors, Evelyn glowed as she moved through the room greeting her many admirers with her big smile.

It is truly a milestone to reach such an age while retaining both mental clarity and health. While she has slowed down a bit, we all hope to age with the same grace and joy that Evelyn exemplifies.

As a 70-year resident of the Town of Kensington, Evelyn has witnessed the circle of life of our community. She has seen long-time neighbors move away and new families arrive, watching as one generation of parents becomes grandparents while a new generation of homeowners begins their journey here in Kensington.

Below is an excerpt taken from Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter....Summer of 2025

by Antoinette Kranenburg

Evelyn and Jerry married in 1948 and lived in D.C. until 1950 when they moved to a rental in Garrett Park. In 1951, when expecting Patricia, they bought a house in the new Twinbrook community in Rockville. Jerry rode the train to work in Washington, D.C. past the Kensington train station, and would think "If I lived here, I'd be home!"

In 1956, when their children Eloise, Patricia, and Stephen, were seven, five and two years old, Jerry and Evelyn Ullman bought their home on Washington Street in Kensington, where the children grew up. They attended Kensington Elementary, Kensington Junior High, and Einstein High Schools.

Evelyn recalls a visit years ago from Mary Hall, whose father had built the house in the early 1900s. Mary's family lived in Silver Spring, so her father built a small shack at the back of the lot to stay in while building the Sears kit home. Each section of the house was shipped by train, loaded onto a horse-drawn wagon, and delivered to the site on Washington Street. When a section was completed, the next section would be shipped. The date etched into the bricks of the fireplace is 1909, possibly the year construction began.



# Assistance to KVFD Members



The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department is proud to recognize three outstanding members who received tuition assistance through the Town of Kensington's 2025 Scholarship Program.

Established in early 2025 through KVFD's longstanding partnership with the Town of Kensington, the program was developed in collaboration with Mayor Tracey Furman, along with Town Manager Matt Hoffman, and approved unanimously by the Kensington Town Council, as part of the Town's FY26 Budget. The initiative provides tuition assistance to active volunteers committed to continued service, helping ease the financial burden of higher education while making it more manageable to balance academic responsibilities with emergency response duties.

## 2025 Scholarship Recipients

Sofia Monticelli, Charge EMT  
Biology Major, University of Maryland, College Park

Eric Cary, Firefighter and EMT  
Nursing Prerequisite Student, Montgomery College

Ishara Rajapakse, Firefighter and EMT  
Biology Major (Pre-Med Track), University of Maryland, College Park

Many KVFD volunteers, including this year's recipients, are pursuing careers in healthcare and public safety.

The Town of Kensington's support reflects a shared commitment to developing future healthcare and public safety professionals while ensuring strong emergency services for local residents. By supporting student volunteers, the Town is directly investing in the next generation of community leaders and emergency responders.

KVFD is grateful for its continued partnership with the Town and for its commitment to the volunteers who answer the call every day.

To learn more about volunteering opportunities, visit [kvfd.org/join](https://kvfd.org/join) or email [recruiter@kvfd.org](mailto:recruiter@kvfd.org).



# Messages from WSSC



## Stay Connected, Stay Informed

For a quick guide to access WSSC Water communication tools, visit [WSSCWater.com/connect](https://www.wsscwater.com/connect). There are a variety of ways to stay up-to-date with WSSC Water emergencies, projects, events and more!

*[Visit WSSCWater.com/connect](https://www.wsscwater.com/connect)*

- CNS (Email/Text alerts)
- WSSC Water Customer Connect
- Customer Advocates Map
- H2O Alerts Map
- In your Neighborhood Construction
- Sewer Service Alerts Map
- Reach WSSC Water Mobile
- WSSC WATERshed App
- Water Holiday Schedule
- Issue Tracker

## Keep Wipes Out of Pipes

**NO TRASH  
NO WIPES  
NO DIAPERS  
NO PADS/TAMPONS**



**Toss 'em!**



**Don't flush 'em!**

**Only Flush the 3 Ps  
Pee Poop & toilet Paper**



## EMERGENCY CUSTOMER RELIEF FUND

Effective December 1, 2025



One-time assistance up to

**\$750**

A helpful credit for eligible customers struggling to pay past-due water/sewer bills.

**FUNDS ARE LIMITED → ACT NOW**



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## Emergency Customer Relief Fund

Eligible customers may qualify for a one-time bill assistance payment of up to \$750. The total fund exceeds \$2 million, but less than half remains. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

# Kensington Historical Society



## Speaker Series Updates:

Here is what is on the schedule now. Stay tuned for additional programs as they are added.

**April 16 | Town Hall 7pm in person and by zoom | Overview of Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Past and Present | Eileen McGuckian, President,**

### Montgomery Preservation

KHS continues its exploration of Montgomery County (MoCo) history as the County celebrates its 250th year. In April we will learn about the work that's been done to preserve important sites in MoCo as well as looking at the preservation challenges ahead. Montgomery Preservation, Inc (MPI) is a leader in this work. Eileen's talk will be a preview of the paper she is writing for Montgomery History "Unfinished Revolution" project (see below).

Our speaker, **Eileen McGuckian** MPI's President, is a former teacher with graduate degrees in Liberal Arts and American Studies. Previously she guided Peerless Rockville to rescue and protect city landmarks and promote its heritage. She is the author of six books on Rockville history, including *Rockville: Portrait of a City*. Eileen led the creation of the preservation commissions in Rockville and Montgomery County, chairing both in their early years, and continues to assist efforts at local and state levels. Eileen also helped oversee the restoration of the historic B&O Railroad Station in Silver Spring. She currently serves on the boards of non-profit associations that promote preservation, govern burial sites, and protect historic places.

One way that MPI supports preservation work is through the **Wayne M. Goldstein Preservation Action Fund**. MPI created the Fund with donations in memory of former MPI president Wayne Goldstein to support efforts for research, historic designation, restoration, preservation, and responses to legal challenges related to Montgomery County historic sites. Wayne Goldstein was a Kensington Heights resident and very active in civic and preservation communities.

Individuals with a connection to historic properties should be aware of this fund. Proposals for grants for up to \$7,500 will be accepted until June 30, 2026 for this grant year. Projects must be completed within one year; budgets must show a match of funds and/or in-kind. More information and the grant application may be found at: [MontgomeryPreservation.org/the-wayne-m-goldstein-preservation-action-fund/](https://MontgomeryPreservation.org/the-wayne-m-goldstein-preservation-action-fund/).

**Sept 23 | Montgomery Montage | A 250-year tapestry of Time, People and Place with Ralph Buglass**

**November 5 | Preservation updates in Montgomery County with Rebecca Ballo, Historic Preservation Division Chief**

**Montgomery History and the 250th:** In advance of the county's 250th anniversary in 2026, Montgomery History has undertaken an ambitious project to create new historical content for Montgomery County. This newly-researched and published material will continue the current history of the county, including *A Grateful Remembrance* published by Richard K. McMaster and Ray Eldon Hiebert in 1976 for the Bicentennial, as well as add to already-published material on Montgomery County's history.

For this project, called the "Unfinished Revolution," Montgomery History is commissioning local historians and researchers to write individual articles on specific topics related to the history of Montgomery County that either:

- address subjects that took place from the 1960s forward; or,
- address subjects that were underrepresented or completely omitted from the existing published historical canon.

# Kensington Historical Society

The articles written by each author will first be individually published in an online format (downloadable PDFs) as they are completed, starting in September of 2025 and continuing through September 2026 (encompassing Montgomery County's full 250th anniversary year). The final product for the "Unfinished Revolution" project will consist of a compilation of all the articles, published as a physical book in 2026 and available online, as an anthology edition with an introduction and contextualization provided. If that wasn't enough going on for Montgomery History, they are moving their headquarters to the magnificent Art Deco bank building in downtown Rockville. They are moving their entire staff and Archives to new facilities. [MontgomeryHistory.org](http://MontgomeryHistory.org).

**Senica Md FamilySearchCenter:** KHS was invited to the opening of this facility at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints in Germantown. This was a great opportunity to understand the extensive resources that exist in these Centers. You may know that the Washington DC FamilySearch Center is located in Kensington at the Temple.

These facilities are free to use with a complete array of subscription data bases available with billions of records. Search tools are built to be used in a variety of ways so no matter what your starting point is you can go down a trail of information. For those of you who are interested in your own family history it is invaluable. It is also a tool that can be used to enhance our information on Kensington history.

**Concert Season:** It won't be long until we will be able to enjoy Saturday morning concerts at Howard Avenue Park. Because performers, after they have performed here once, want to return we are able to fill the calendar easily. Watch for details on the season as we get closer.

**Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Kensington Tour:** KHS is supporting the Tour and we encourage Town residents to lend a hand on the day of the Tour with a few hours of your time. You can still enjoy the rest of the day after making tour goes from all around the State appreciate our Town. See the article elsewhere for more information.

Kensington Historical Society can do these things only with the support of our members and friends. If you are not a member, please consider joining. We look forward to seeing you at KHS events and to having you more engaged in our initiatives. [KensingtonHistory.org](http://KensingtonHistory.org)

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## Town Videos: Events & More

Montgomery Municipal Cable (MMC) graciously creates videos for the Town of Kensington. This includes footage of the KHS Speaker Series, and Event Summaries.

To view the Town Videos, visit: [TOK.md.gov/town-videos](http://TOK.md.gov/town-videos).



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# FY27 Budget Ordinance



Via Zoom, the Community Budget Forum for FY27 Budget Ordinance will be held Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm and the Public Hearing will be held April 15 at 7 pm. FY27 Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2026 is available at the following link: [TOK.md.gov/ordinance-no-o-01-2026-introduced/](https://tok.md.gov/ordinance-no-o-01-2026-introduced/)

**Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2026**

**Introduced: March 18, 2026**

**Public Hearing: April 15, 2026**

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF KENSINGTON TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 (FY27) 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.

**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, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027; 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 2026 – 2027 (FY27) 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.

# FY27 Budget Ordinance

FY27 Budget - Town of Kensington			
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>			
	General Property Taxes	\$	1,819,868
	Other Taxes	\$	903,500
	Licenses & Permits	\$	49,000
	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$	519,203
	Fines & Fees	\$	3,000
	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	241,700
	Grants	\$	-
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>			<b>\$ 3,536,271</b>
	Re-Appropriation	\$	1,850,554
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>			<b>\$ 5,386,825</b>
<b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>			
	General Government	\$	1,688,533
	Public Works	\$	1,260,158
	Public Safety	\$	337,946
	Parks & Recreation	\$	177,350
	Non-Departmental	\$	25,000
			<b>\$ 3,488,987</b>
	Capital Improvement Budget	\$	1,897,838
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>\$ 5,386,825</b>

**SECTION 1:**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026, 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, 2026, through June 30, 2027, 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, 2026, 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, 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, 2026, 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, 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.

# FY27 Budget Ordinance

## SECTION 4:

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026, 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, 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:

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, 2026, 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, 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 18th day of March, 2026.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland, at the regular public meeting assembled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026.

**EFFECTIVE** the 1st day of July, 2026.

# Town Council Summary



## Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Town Council Meeting Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026, as amended.
- Approved [Resolution No. R-01-2026](#) – A Resolution of the Kensington Town Council Confirming Appointments made by the Mayor to the Town’s Ethics Commission.
- Approved [Resolution No. R-02-2026](#) – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Brudis & Associates, Inc., (BAI) for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Analysis for the existing Bridge along Kensington Parkway (MK-03) to review for a potential flooding hazard once the stream bed is returned to as-built conditions by WSSC.

## Wednesday, March 18, 2026, Town Council Meeting Summary

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026.
- Approved the Work Session Minutes of February 18, 2026.
- Introduced [Ordinance No. O-01-2026](#) – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 ([FY27](#)) 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.
- The Public Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 pm.
- A Community Budget Forum will also be held prior to the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.
- Approved [Resolution No. R-03-2026](#) - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington in Support of House Bill (HB) 1142, to Establish a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of County and Municipal governments within the State; and require the Task Force to submit a report of its finding and recommendation to the Governor and certain Committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.
- Approved [Resolution No. R-04-2026](#) – A Resolution of the Kensington Town Council Confirming Appointments made by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- Approved [Resolution No. R-05-2026](#) – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contract Agreement with Walker Consultants for a comprehensive Parking Analysis and Management Study for the Town.

# 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.

10314 Fawcett Street - Pepco  
10234 Carroll Place - Driveway  
10619 Connecticut Avenue - Wall Sign  
10619 Connecticut Avenue - Wall Sign  
10014 Frederick Avenue - Commercial  
Alteration

# Kensington Around Town April 2026



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## KENSINGTON



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