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Congratulations to the Town of Kensington!

By Antoinette Kranenburg

This year the Town of Kensington turns 125 years old. April 6, 1884, is the date that the Town of Kensington was incorporated, one hundred and twenty five years ago.

The Town is preparing to celebrate this significant anniversary on Saturday, April 6, 2019, with as many residents as the Town Hall can hold. Town residents have been invited to what will be a wonderful town birthday gala, with live music, cocktails, and extensive hors d'oeuvres. Town residents number about 2,100, counting children, while the Town Hall can accommodate about 300 people, so the celebration is for adults only and r.s.v.p. is required.

Of course, many of us who live in the wider Kensington community feel connected to the historic Town. The Kensington 20895 zip code area extends well beyond the limits of the Town itself, and families in surrounding neighborhoods feel part of the Kensington community.

We greatly appreciate the Town's varied historic charms—the gracious homes, the grand old trees, the parks, the wonderful array of community events and festivals, the unique local shops, businesses, and restaurants, and the much beloved and truly one-of-a-kind Noyes Library for Young Children.

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— *Town Anniversary continued*

Plans are in the making for celebrations open to the public. The Kensington Historical Society — the wonderful local organization that does so much to preserve Kensington's charming character — is planning to host a community event later this year, to be held at the newly restored historic Kensington Cabin. In addition, the Town of Kensington plans to host a celebration sometime in the summer at St. Paul Park, the gathering place and starting point for many a Kensington parade.

The year ahead promises to be especially rich in enjoyable events, each of them made possible by generous volunteers and each an opportunity to connect in fun and meaningful ways by volunteering. We'll tell you more in future newsletters. See you around in Kensington!

All About Kit Houses

Kensington Historical Society Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
Kensington Town Hall, Lower Level, 3710 Mitchell St.

What is a kit house and why was it so important to Kensington's history? Was your home delivered in thousands of pieces in a boxcar, and then assembled on site? **Kathryn Holt Springston**, a nationally recognized expert on kit houses, will talk about this important industry, its place in our national history, and highlights of many of Kensington's houses including the Sears Houses and Gunnison Houses that were previously featured in the Kensington Historical Society's 2007 Annual Calendar.

All are welcome! Light refreshments are served at 7 p.m. with the presentation starting at 7:30 p.m. For more please visit www.kensingtonhistory.org.



Cardinal 5K Race

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Holy Redeemer School
9715 Summit Avenue, Kensington

Holy Redeemer's Cardinal 5K race and 1/2 mile family fun run is back! Join this fun local race to benefit Holy Redeemer School in Kensington. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 male/female finishers, as well as prizes for age group winners.

Participants and their families are invited to the post race party and enjoy food, music, refreshments, and a carnival for the kids with a moon bounce, obstacle course, face painting, and rock wall. To register and learn more, go to www.cardinal5k.com. See you at the race!

Spotlight on:



BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DELI

10509 Metropolitan Ave
Kensington, MD 20895

Buns n Rice is expanding Kensington palates with some great Korean flavors! The Kang family bought *Kay's Diner* when the owners retired last August. The two brothers and their parents took over serving customers the popular breakfast platters and sandwiches.

They have refreshed the space and the menu, adding Korean dishes such as Bi Bim Bap and Kimchi pancakes, as well as homemade dumplings and kimchi made by Mrs. Kang. The eatery is open for breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday; and closed on Sundays.

Call 301-949-2199 and visit www.bunsnrice.com.

Spring Mulch Sales!

Support your High School athletes and get ready for spring:

Albert Einstein High School Booster Club

Place your mulch order at www.aehsboosters.com by Tuesday, March 10 for pick up or delivery on Saturday, March 16th.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Sports Boosters

Place your order at www.bccmulch.com for delivery on Saturday or Sunday, March 16 or 17.

Walter Johnson High School

WJ Booster Club's mulch will be on March 29 and 30. Check www.wjboosterclub.com for ordering details.

Spring Indoor Yard Sale & Boutique

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men

Friday, March 29, 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, 8:00 am — 1:00 p.m.

St Paul United Methodist Church
10401 Armory Avenue, Kensington

Donations are welcome -- housewares, small furniture, appliances, toys, books, jewelry, china, antiques, collectibles, records, videos, tools, clothing, etc. (NO computer equipment, heavy exercise equipment, bedding, children's car seats, or heavy upholstered furniture, please!)

Receiving day is Thursday, March 28, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 pm. For help getting your donations to the church, contact the office at 301-933-7933.

The **Boutique**, held in the Parlor, welcomes donations of gently used ladies' handbags, scarves, costume and other jewelry, as well as art, collectibles, fine china, and glassware. For information about the Boutique or to volunteer, please call Cathy Knepper at 301-564-0922.

All The Write Stuff

Free Pre-festival Writer's Workshop
Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Kensington Park Library
4201 Knowles Avenue,

Sign up via www.dayofthebook.com and come to one or all of the workshops presented by the featured authors of the 2019 Kensington Day of the Book Festival:

Bob Levey on switching from non-fiction to fiction

Elise Bean on public policy writing

Katherine Smith on poetry
Paul Dickson, author of *Leo Durocher*, on writer's survival skills
Joram Piatigorski on writing your memoir

Steve Piacente on writing a self-help book.

Questions? Email Felicia at feliciapiacente@gmail.com.



The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase

44th Annual

Community Art Show and Sale

April 5 – April 7, 2019

7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland

Come and take an afternoon to enjoy interesting and original works of art created by over 135 local artists! The Woman's Club longstanding community art show features wonderful, original art that is reasonably priced. There will be a raffle of three works of art by local artists.

Admission is free and there is ample free parking behind the Club on Dunlop Street.
Show hours are:

Friday 2 – 5 p.m.,
Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Local artists interested in participating please visit www.wccmaryland.org. Or find out about being a patron of the art show to help raise scholarship money for art students at Montgomery College.



Kensington Car Show

Sunday, May 5th, 2019

The Kensington Car Show returns to Howard Avenue with gleaming classic and contemporary cars, motorcycles and family fun. Sponsor proceeds will go to Noyes Children's Library Foundation. More information to come at

www.kensingtoncarshow.com.

Gary and Diana Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. We are grateful to Julie O'Malley for sharing Town history expertise. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich.

Coming up in Kensington:

March 29 & 30 – St. Paul Yard Sale & Boutique

March 30 – Day of the Book Free Writer's Workshop

March 30 – Holy Redeemer Cardinal 5K

April 2 – Kit Houses, KHS Meeting

April 28 – Kensington Day of the Book Street Festival

April 28 – Gala Craft Show

May 5 – Kensington Car Show

Kensington Day of the Book

Street Festival, *Rain or Shine!*

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

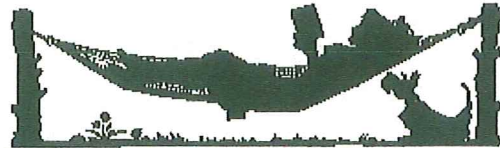
Howard Avenue, Kensington

Kensington celebrates the International Day of the Book with an array of author readings, storytellers, open mic poetry readings, children's activities, live music, great food and many, many books along Howard, Armory, and Montgomery Avenues on Antique Row in Old Town Kensington.

The festival draws several thousand visitors and over a hundred authors, book artists and illustrators, publishers and literary/arts business and organizations from across the Washington area.

Live music includes the Rock-A-Sonics, The Nighthawks, Eli August and the Abandoned Buildings, Sisters Uke & Friends, Traditions Celtic Band and more.

Go to www.dayofthebook.com for all about this fabulous event. And volunteer! Helping out at the festival is fun way to meet people and support authors and literature. To volunteer or to find out more email Theresa at kensingtonbookfestival19@gmail.com or call



The British Players present:

Noises Off

A Comedy in Three Acts

March 8–30, 2019

Kensington Town Hall

3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington

Noises Off is a classic farce in British comedy tradition about the hilarious misadventures of an English touring company and its beleaguered director, observed from onstage and backstage.

For tickets and all about the British Players, go to www.britishplayers.org or call 240-447-9863.

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Silver Spring/Capitol View Park
Under Contract - \$595,000



3904 Dresden St
Kensington/Chevy Chase View
Under Contract - \$739,000



4413 Puller Dr
Kensington/Kensington Estates
Under Contract - \$679,000



4206 Brookfield Dr.
Kensington/Kensington Estates
Under Contract - \$579,000



10005 Kensington Pkwy
Kensington/Kensington
Sold - \$910,000



3917 Denfeld Ave
Kensington/Rock Creek Palisades
Sold - \$550,000



10206 Grant Ave
Silver Spring/Capitol View Park
Sold - \$520,000



11015 Glueck Ln
Kensington/North Kensington
Sold - \$455,000



***6214 Hollins Dr**
Bethesda/Ashburton
Sold - \$805,750



***2 Sussex Ct**
Rockville/Potomac Woods
Sold - \$579,900

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