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There's No Place Like Noyes



A Benefit for the Noyes Children's Library

Saturday, April 20th, 7:30-11 p.m.  
Kensington Town Hall.

Get ready to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> birthday of our cherished Noyes Library with a fabulous 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>. The benefit kicks off a \$1.6 million dollar capital campaign to fund the much anticipated renovation of Noyes. There will be an auction, music and dancing, a delicious light buffet, dessert and wine. Tickets to the gala are \$50 and may be purchased at [www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org).

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— **Noyes** *continued*

The proposed renovation will give the Noyes Library universal access for the first time and will expand the library within the cherished historic building!

The plan is to expand the 975 square foot library upward and downward to create three levels of beautiful space within the existing envelope of the building, all to further the Library's mission of connecting children and their families to the world of books.

Upstairs, the attic will be renovated to accommodate programming space, so specialized programs can be conducted while the library is open. There will be a small stage for performers and the room will be filled with light from a new window, which will look out on to the Warner Mansion.

Have another look at the illustration on page 1. The plan is to add an imaginative Rapunzel-style tower on one side of the library to house the elevator, and connect with a glass breezeway to the attic level.

Downstairs, a basement will be dug to house workspace for the librarians, plus two fully accessible bathrooms. Presently, a huge portion of the main floor is taken up by librarian workspace. Moving the workspace downstairs means that the library's main floor can be returned to the traditional reading room layout of the early days. The focus of the librarian's desk will be to serve the public and the desk will again stand in front of the fireplace, the place it used to be in the library's early days.

At the moment, the library is open three days a week: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 9-5, and for special programs on Wednesdays by appointment. The renovation will mean that library hours can be extended.

Throughout this Noyes Birthday Year, there will be an array of special events for children, including a series of readings by celebrities and authors. Twenty years ago, Noyes librarians sponsored a program to celebrate the library's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, encouraging children to read 100 books each. Many children did. Each child received a special medal in a ceremony. This time, the number of books to read will be increased to 120!

The hope is to raise most of the funds for this amazing capital project during this birthday year. For more about Noyes Library, and for tickets to the gala visit: [www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org).



## ***Musical Storytime at Noyes***

Wednesday April 3 and 24, 2013

9:30-10 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.



Music is a fun way to learn about sounds, rhythm and rhyme and is a natural support for your child's early learning. The program is appropriate for all ages. Only one registration is needed per family. Register online, by phone (240-773-9570) or in any library before 4/2/2013 at 11:55 p.m. Be on time! Doors open five minutes before program start time and must close when the library is full.

## ***International Day of the Book***

Howard Avenue, Old Town Kensington

Rain or Shine!

Sunday, April 21st, 2013, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come celebrate the International Day of the Book at Kensington's street festival. Enjoy live music, author readings, open mic, activities for children and adults, storytellers, ...and books, books, books! Meet local authors, book artists, publishers, booksellers, and literary groups, who will line Howard Ave in Historic Old Town Kensington to show, sell and discuss their works.

Legendary blues and root rock band, *the Nighthawks*, is returning and DC's *Atomic Swing Club* brings its energetic mix of swing, rockabilly, big band, lounge, and jazz with a rockin' edge!

All activities are free, rain or shine. Come celebrate with us! Check [www.dayofthebook](http://www.dayofthebook) for updates.

*Get Ready For Spring!*

## **Annual Booster Club Mulch Sales**



The **Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School All Sports Boosters Annual Mulch Sale** offers shredded hardwood in 3 cubic foot bags. One bag applied 2" deep covers 12 square feet and costs \$5.75 plus tax. Free curbside delivery for 25 or more bags; \$10 delivery charge for fewer than 25 bags.

Order online at [www.p4sso.com](http://www.p4sso.com) (processing fee added) or mail your order form and check payable BCC Sports Boosters to: Bethesda Chevy Chase High School All Sports Boosters Mulch Sale, 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814. Delivery is between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the weekend of March 16-17 or 23-24; or pick up your order at BCC March 23-24. For more information contact Scott: [bccmulchsale@gmail.com](mailto:bccmulchsale@gmail.com)

The **Albert Einstein High School Booster Club Mulch Sale** has 2 cubic foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch available for delivery at \$4.50 per bag, or for pick-up at \$4 per bag. All mulch will be delivered on Saturday, March 16, or must be picked up between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day. (Snow date March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Order by March 11: go to [www.aehsboosters.com](http://www.aehsboosters.com) and click on 'Mulch Sales.' Pay by credit card on-line or mail the order form and a check made out to the AEHS Booster Club to Thomas Giblin, 3102 Homewood Parkway, Kensington, MD 20895. For questions contact Thomas Giblin at [ktpluys4@verizon.net](mailto:ktpluys4@verizon.net) or 301-946-2270.

*The British Players Present:*

## **Don't Dress for Dinner**

March 8 – 24, 2013  
Kensington Town Hall  
3710 Mitchell Street



The British Players serve up an evening of hilarious confusion with *Don't Dress for Dinner*, a breathtaking farce in the British Music Hall tradition. For the occasion Town Hall is transformed into an Old Time British Music Hall, with the audience seated at tables, and with beer, wine, and snacks (included in the \$20 ticket price) provided by 'our lovely wenches' in traditional costume. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. For tickets visit [www.britishplayers.org](http://www.britishplayers.org).

### **Children's Programs at Kensington Park Library** 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington

#### ***Shining Stars Preschool Storytime***

Drop-in storytime for toddlers and preschoolers age 2 to 5 with adult caregivers. Join the librarian Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 11:05 a.m. for stories, songs, stretches, fingerplays and rhymes.



#### ***Introduction to Mindfulness and Expressive Arts***

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

An arts and crafts program with a special focus: veteran teacher Barbara Yoffee will introduce elementary school-age children to concepts of mindful experience through movement and work with art materials. Gain self-confidence, self-control and focus through mindful attention.

### **E-Mail Updates from The Ditto Group—**

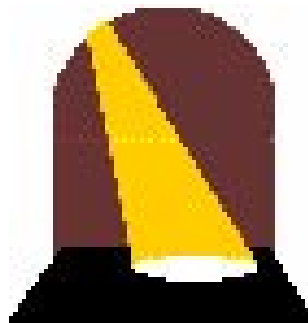
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For dates and news of more events, be sure to visit the Community Activities Calendar on the web site:  
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Gary and Diana Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich.



*Spotlight on:*

## **Gala Artisan Jewelry & Gifts**

10417 Armory Avenue, Kensington

Open since September 2012, Gala brings a wonderful variety of jewelry, accessories, pottery, art glass, toys, and gifts to Kensington, each handmade and unique. The community has been incredibly welcoming and customers are thrilled to discover the shop, a perfect place for an inspired quick gift.

Gala is across from the Kensington Safeway, right between JennyCakes Bakery and Two Pears Café. Owners Linda Blackbourn and Barbara Catrett are both jewelers and had long wanted to open a store together. When they saw the shop, it was a perfect match.

GALA gets its name from Guild of Artists Local to the Area and the business works somewhat like a co-op. Local artists consign their work and can volunteer their time at the shop in return for a better rate. Customers enjoy being helped by one of the artists and some come back especially when they know a particular artist will be there.

One recent Thursday evening, Ann Stone was minding the store. (Businesses in Kensington's Old Town are open till 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.) Stone works with textiles and is a potter. She happily explained the locker hooking technique she uses to make colorful, cushy rugs and trivets. It is a simple, old-fashioned technique.

On a visit to London, Ann was locker hooking a project while waiting for her train at King's Cross Station. An older gentleman from Yorkshire noticed and told her how his grandmother had those rugs in her kitchen years ago and he had not seen them since.

Locker hooking makes use of fabric scraps; several of the artists re-use materials for their creations, including deconstructed leather coats, banner scraps, sweaters, and more. A visit to the shop is inspiring. Linda and Barbara plan to offer workshops for the community soon. Opening hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. and till 8 p.m. each third Thursday. For more visit [www.galaartisans.com](http://www.galaartisans.com) or call 301-933-2912.







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## The Ditto Group Real Estate Activity



**For Sale**  
3604 Saul Road  
Kensington/Rock Creek Hills  
List Price - \$1,019,900



**For Sale**  
10106 Day Avenue  
Silver Spring/Capitol View Park  
List Price - \$875,000



**For Sale**  
3820 Washington Street  
Kensington/Kensington  
List Price - \$849,000



**UNDER CONTRACT**  
9700 Byeforde Road  
Kensington/Byeforde  
List Price - \$769,000



**UNDER CONTRACT**  
4210 Knowles Avenue  
Kensington/Kensington Terrace  
List Price - \$549,000



**SOLD 2/15/2013**  
10121 Thornwood Road  
Kensington/Parkwood  
Settled Price - \$870,000



**SOLD - 2/28/2013**  
10407 Ewell Avenue  
Kensington/Kensington Estates  
Settled Price - \$715,000



**SOLD 1/10/2013**  
9619 Glencrest Lane  
Kensington/Larchmont Knolls  
Settled Price - \$700,000



**SOLD - 1/25/2013**  
4508 Dresden Street  
Kensington/Martins Add to CH CH View  
Settled Price - \$595,000



**SOLD 2/1/2013**  
10008 Frederick Avenue  
Kensington/Kensington  
Settled Price - \$539,000



**SOLD - 1/30/2013 (\*)**  
124 Snowy Owl Drive  
Silver Spring/Northwood Park View  
Settled Price - \$530,000



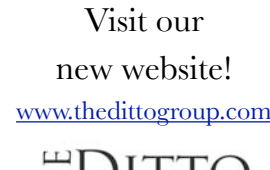
**SOLD - 2/27/2013**  
3007 Fayette Road  
Kensington/Homewood  
Settled Price - \$445,000



**UNDER CONTRACT**  
9909 Cedar Lane  
Kensington/Chevy Chase View  
List Price - \$575,000



**UNDER CONTRACT**  
11405 Commonwealth Dr T-1  
Rockville/Georgetown Village  
List Price - \$299,000



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