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All Aboard for Kensington!

The Kensington Model Train Show

Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10, 2017
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day
Kensington Town Hall
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, Maryland



Kensington's fabulous model train show steams back into town the weekend after Labor Day. Model trains of all kinds will run all day to the delight of young and old. There is just something about trains in action that captures the imagination and puts a smile on your face.

Among the added highlights:

- The **Train Doctor** will be on location on both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., so bring your trains and repair questions.
- The **Dixie Land Express Band** performs on Saturday from noon until 1:30 p.m.
- **Matthew Dodd** will entertain on Sunday, 1-4 p.m., with railroad songs and stories.

Bring the family! Admission is \$7 for adults, \$2 for children and \$15 for a family.

The Kensington Train Show is a benefit for the *Noyes Children's Library Foundation* and the *Kensington Historical Society*. The show celebrates Kensington's railroad history and is sponsored by Gary and Diana Ditto and the Town of Kensington. The "O" Gauge electric train enthusiasts of National Capital Trackers will set up the show layout and run the trains.

Visit www.kensingtontrainshow.com for a great video, photos, and more.

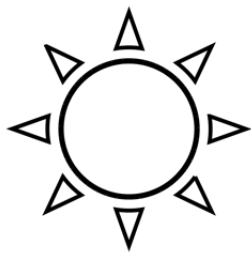
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New COMMUNITY SOLAR Program



Nonprofit North Chevy Chase/Kensington Community Solar seeks up to 350 members for new co-op that will buy solar power without rooftop panels.

A group of environmentally concerned neighbors in North Chevy Chase and Kensington have formed a nonprofit organization to take advantage of Maryland's new "Community Solar" pilot program.

Many Maryland residents cannot generate their own solar electricity because their rooftops do not get enough sun, or they live in apartments or other locations where they do not control their roofs, or historical and other factors make solar panels impractical.

Maryland's new program aims to expand access to local renewable energy. The pilot program relies on multi-user solar panel "arrays" placed locally, but not necessarily in the community itself, or even in the same county.

Al Bartlett of the new nonprofit volunteer Chevy Chase Kensington Community Solar (CCKCS) group explains, "The panels only need to be somewhere in Pepco's territory — not in our backyards. But they are close enough that the solar power does not have to travel long distances, which is much more efficient and better for the environment than buying power generated by the wind farms of Pennsylvania or Indiana. It's a win-win."

Through the Community Solar program, a resident's share of the solar power generated is delivered by Pepco, but billed separately. Regardless, Pepco still delivers whatever power residents need from the grid.

CCKCS is currently negotiating with Community Solar project development companies to get the best cost and conditions for participating households. "The goal is to find a supplier that will provide the electricity at or below Pepco rates," said Bridget Hill-Zayat, also with CCKCS. "Several planned projects are estimating a power cost below Pepco's current rates," she added. Once the best solar supplier is identified, residents will sign their own individual contracts with that organization.

As a pilot program, the number of Community Solar projects in Maryland is limited, and each project is limited to no more than 350 households. Clifford Scharman, another founding member, recommends that interested residents act promptly and join before the group is over-subscribed.

To express your interest in joining the Chevy Chase Kensington Community Solar (CCKCS) group, fill out the form at <http://bit.ly/2uyIF6v> as soon as possible. No individual commitment is needed at this point.

CCKCS is separately seeking to identify residents who may be interested in installing solar panels on their roofs, to take advantage of expiring tax credits. Through group purchasing power, CCKCS aims to reduce installation costs and maximize the resale value of solar renewable energy credits for local residents. **Please email chevychasesolar@gmail.com to express interest in obtaining group bids.**

For more information about the new Community Solar program in Maryland go to www.mdsun.org.

Mark the date!

The Annual Kensington 8K

Saturday, September 23, 2017

The annual Kensington 8K Race, the 2 Mile Challenge, and the 1K Fun Run benefit Kensington-Bethesda area schools.

The 2 Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run are perfect for families and younger runners. The more challenging 8K Race starts at historic Warner Circle, continues through beautiful Kensington and Rock Creek Park to a downhill finish in Old Town Kensington.



For more information, to register, and to volunteer go to www.kensington8k.org.

Annual Art and Craft Fair

The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase
Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase

Over 40 local artisans will show and sell unique handmade items. Come to be inspired and make a start on your holiday shopping! Think handmade jewelry and accessories, painted glassware, fused glass creations, pottery, wool purses, baby and toddler clothes, quilts, handmade sweaters, oil and watercolor paintings, notecards, painted furniture, and more.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served! Admission and parking are free.

Proceeds of the fair will benefit local charities as well as building preservation. More information at www.wccmaryland.org or 301-652-8480.

Kensington, Maryland's Gasoline Alley

Tuesday, October 3rd, 7 p.m.
Kensington Town Hall

At the October 3rd meeting of the Kensington Historical Society, local author Cynthia Monroe will talk about the fascinating history of Kensington's Gasoline Alley — the people, the auto shops, and the hot rod races.

Monroe was researching a crime novel when members of the KHS Archives Committee stumbled onto something that piqued her interest: Gasoline Alley. Monroe's new book titled *Kensington Maryland's Gasoline Alley* is based on in-depth research and many interviews with car aficionados. It is illustrated with hundreds of photographs from private collections.

The program on October 3rd is free. All are welcome! Come for coffee, cookies, and conversation at 7 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. Read more at www.kensingtonhistory.org.



Sunday, October 15, 2017, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Kensington Fall Festival brings over 80 vendors of local, handmade arts and crafts and vintage goods to Old Town Kensington.

The Great Zucchini, a moon bounce, and more will entertain the kids. There will be food trucks and great live music, including the Captivators, the Rhodes Tavern Troubadours, and the Jelly Roll Mortals.

Check www.kensingtonfallfestivalmd.com and its Facebook page for updates.

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For dates and news of more events, be sure to visit the Community Activities Calendar on the web site:

www.thedittogroup.com

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.

Coming up in Kensington:

September 9 & 10 – Kensington Model Train Show
September 16 – Ken-Gar 125th Anniversary Celebration
September 23 – Kensington 8K Race
October 3 – Kensington Maryland's Gasoline Alley book talk
October 14 – WCCC Art and Craft Fair
October 15 – Kensington Fall Festival

Ken-Gar

125th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 16, 2017

12 noon - 6 p.m.

Leonard D. Jackson Community Center
4111 Plyers Mill Road, Kensington

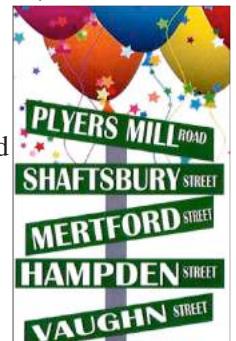
Ken-Gar celebrates its 125th anniversary by honoring past and present residents through a fun day of entertainment, food, video memoirs, and family photo displays. Among the late residents and pillars of the community who will be remembered and honored are:

- Leonard D. Jackson, who worked to revitalize the community during the 1970s
- Mr. Hopkins, who worked at Georgetown Prep and was active with Ken-Gar youth in the 60s and 70s
- Jean Kaine Smith, activist for Ken-Gar and the county with the Housing Opportunity Commission and the Coalition for the Homeless
- Art Williams, who created Ken-Gar's home-study program and brought Mobile Med to Ken-Gar

Guest speakers include Maryland State delegate Al Carr; Dr. Cohen, founder of Mobile Medical Care, Inc.; Kensington Mayor Furman; and the Reverend Benjamin Kelly, whose grandmother was a founder of the First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar. The church has served the community for over 100 years, as has Lee Memorial A.M.E. Church.

The music line-up includes a professional DJ and *Untold Secrets* with urban hip-hop and go-go music (bandleader Kevin Johnson's grandmother still lives in Ken-Gar), face-painting, a moon bounce, and more for the kids. The Montgomery County Department of Recreation is providing hot dogs, chips, snow cones, and popcorn. Family photo collages are to be submitted and vendor tables reserved by September 7th.

Contact Kandie Simpson-Henderson at 240-286-5704 to volunteer or for more information.



Wellness Wednesdays

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.

Kensington Park Senior Living
3620 Littledale Road, Kensington

The presentations are free and all are welcome to attend.
Sept. 27 — Financial Planning for Social Justice, *Len Cohen, CFP*
Oct. 11 — Alexander Technique Intro, *Antoinette Kranenburg, A.T.I.*
To reserve a seat or for more details call 301-946-7700 or email hflattery@kensingtonretirement.com.

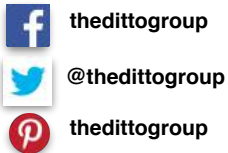


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The Ditto Group Real Estate Activity



4017 Glenridge Street
 Kensington/Chevy Chase View
 Coming Soon - \$ 1,295,000



4014 Glenridge Street
 Kensington/Chevy Chase View
 For Sale - \$ 829,000



4507 Traymore Street
 Bethesda/Parkview
 For Sale - \$ 724,000



4418 Ambler Drive
 Kensington/Kensington Est
 For Sale - \$ 719,000



9011 Edgewood Drive
 Gaithersburg/Rosemont
 For Sale - \$ 470,000



4004 Dresden Street
 Kensington - Chevy Chase View
 SOLD - \$ 995,000 - July 2017



3507 Farragut Avenue
 Kensington/Kensington
 SOLD - \$ 810,000 - July 2017



4207 Colchester Drive
 Kensington/Kensington Est
 SOLD - \$ 565,000 - June 2017



10305 Mannakee Place
 Kensington/Homewood
 Under Contract
 List Price- \$ 551,000



10814 Connecticut Avenue
 Kensington/North Kensington
 SOLD - \$ 515,000 - June 2017



10907 Devin Place
 Kensington/Kensington Heights
 Under Contract
 List Price- \$ 429,000



3722 Astoria Road
 Kensington/ Newport Hills
 SOLD - \$ 416,500 - July 2017