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Gary Ditto's Newsletter

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Come to the Kensington Labor Day Festival

Come out and join your neighbors at Kensington's Annual Labor Day Celebration on September 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of fun family activities will get you into the Centennial spirit as the Town of Kensington continues celebrating its 100th birthday. This year, a community picnic will add a leisurely conclusion to the day.

To start things off on the right foot, the 27th annual Kensington Labor Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. in St. Paul Park, continues south onto Connecticut Avenue, and finishes up at the Kensington Community Center (formerly known as City Hall). This year's parade, sponsored by the Town of Kensington and the Kensington Lions Club, promises to be a real treat with marching bands, antique cars, community group floats, and much more.

Don't miss Antique Row along Howard Avenue, where you can find craft displays, food and information booths, and other activities. Enjoy an art exhibit by local artists in Flinn Park (across from the Kensington Post Office) with an acoustical guitarist. Among the scheduled events for kids are free pony rides in Ernest Park and a moon bounce. Labor Day festivities will continue throughout the day until 4 p.m.

After the day's events, the Kensington Centennial Committee invites you to a "bring your own" picnic from 3 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul Park. Come out for more fun and games with a live band, horseshoes, and volleyball games.



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The Countdown Continues...

With official opening day scheduled for October 17, and most changes completed, the Kensington Park Community Library opened its doors one July afternoon to give some hardworking library volunteers and their families a peek at its newly renovated facilities.

For those of you who have patiently waited for the past year and a half, here's a sneak preview of some of the improvements that you will find: a new efficient heating and air conditioning system, an expanded area for more effective return and checkout of books, updated computer facilities, and an elevator from the main floor to the meeting rooms.

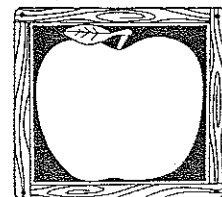
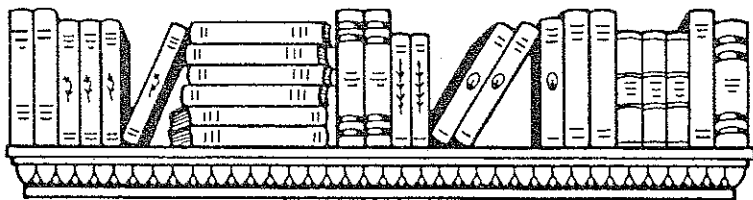
Marie Rosche, former Kensington Park Head Librarian said, "Kensington residents have always valued having their own library, and now that the library is completed, everyone is delighted and thrilled that the library will be opening again very soon."

Taking over as Head Librarian at the end of August will be Keith Fleeman, a familiar face to many who remember him from his days as a Reader's Advisor at Kensington Park Library. With 12 years' experience in the Montgomery County Public Library System, Keith is ready, willing, and able to take over the exciting task of reopening the Kensington Park Library.

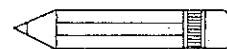
During his five years as Community Librarian at the Little Falls Library in Bethesda, Keith helped to reopen the library after its renovation and was instrumental in the creation of the Little Falls Friends of the Library Chapter. Keith will be involved in selecting the rest of the staff at Kensington Park, in addition to his many other responsibilities before the library opens in October.

The library is looking for volunteers and paid pages to help with the huge job of re-shelving and processing books during the latter part of August. Book shelvees will be paid minimum wage for 12-hour-a-week positions. If you are interested in this hands-on opportunity to put the library back together, call Marie Rosche at 933-4167.

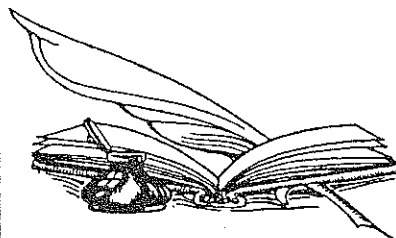
Meanwhile, volunteers are also planning a special event to welcome our new librarian and celebrate the reopening of this much-missed community center.



Why Not Co-op?



With the new school year rapidly approaching, it isn't too late to start thinking about sending your little ones off to preschool, and a cooperative nursery school may be just what you are looking for. Cooperative preschools give parents the opportunity to be a part of their children's first school experience, whether it's assisting the teacher in the classroom, or making decisions that affect the entire school. At Kensington Nursery School, parents are required to work in the classroom an average of two days per month and hold a position at the school. Kensington Cooperative Nursery School has classes for those as young as two. For more information about Kensington Nursery School, call Caitlan Hoffman at 946-4965 or Kathleen McNichol at 933-1195.

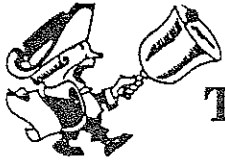


Commemorative Book Cover Now on Display

The Kensington Korner's Business District Association (KKBDA) is proud to have on display a preview of the cover of its Centennial Celebration Yearbook at the following locations: Safeway, Hardware City, Fresh Value, Vaculand, Mailboxes, Etc., and other locations.

Due out in November, this commemorative book features never before seen pictures and historical facts about Kensington dating from 1894 to the present. The price for this hardcover collector's edition through the end of July is \$20.95 including tax and shipping. Beginning August 1, the price goes up to \$24. Proceeds will benefit future Centennial events and the photo library of the Kensington Historical Society.

Get your copy early as the volumes are numbered sequentially. To order, send your check payable to Kensington Korner's Business District Association, 10590 Metropolitan Avenue, Kensington, Maryland 20895-2606.



Town Crier

Come Out to the Ball Game. The Town of Kensington has a limited number of tickets for a bus trip to a Baltimore Orioles game on September 20. Tickets are available from the Community Center on a first-come, first-served basis for \$22 each.

Build a Bridge. You can make a difference in the life of an immigrant child, a difference that can last a lifetime. All you need is a positive attitude, willingness to listen, tolerance for cultural diversity, and lots of patience. Transportation is also helpful.

Interages, the nonprofit organization that operates Montgomery County's Intergenerational Resource Center, is looking for senior adults (55 and older) to take part in its one-on-one, Bridges Mentoring Program. Bridges pairs these adults with immigrant youths ages 10 to 14, at three selected Montgomery County Schools.

Interages staff provides

training and ongoing support. Mentors are asked to make a commitment of one hour per week for one year. The rewards range from seeing the young person gain self-confidence or improve language skills to a hand-made thank you card or a smile on the face of a youth who no longer feels alone in a strange place.

The Interages office is right here in Kensington. For more information about becoming a "Bridges" volunteer, please call Maryanne Biddison at 949-3551.

Kensington Joins National Night Out. Kensington service and business organizations invite you to meet our local firefighters and police officers, find out the best way to keep your house lit while you're on vacation, and learn more safety tips on Tuesday, August 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Kensington Firehouse #5 (Plyers Mill and Metropolitan Avenue). Kensington and communities throughout Montgomery County are taking part in "National Night Out," a national safety awareness event designed to teach about safety and prevent crime and drug abuse. Featured demonstrations will include safety tips from police officers, firefighters, locksmiths, and

others. Entertainment for children includes a poster coloring contest, clown shows, face painting, a moon bounce, a dunk tank, and a visit from Officer McGruff. There will be food, drawings for gift certificates, and many more activities for the whole family. Overflow parking is available at the Kaiser Permanente, Concord, and Schlesinger buildings. Call George Woolley at 949-8811 for more information.

Volunteers Needed for Library Store. Friends of the Library Store and Information Center at Wheaton Plaza needs volunteers. This facility sells used books and hosts a variety of programs for the public, on such topics as health, business, and elder affairs. Call 217-3810 to volunteer or to find out more information about the store.

A Train Ride for Children. In October children will be able to get on board the Chesapeake and Allegheny Railroad—a ride on a working large model steam engine. The Kensington Centennial Committee is planning this special treat. We'll have more details in the next newsletter.

Noyes Fund-Raiser a Big Success

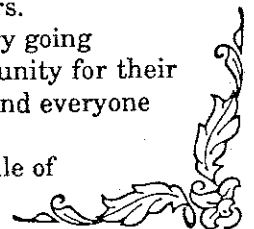
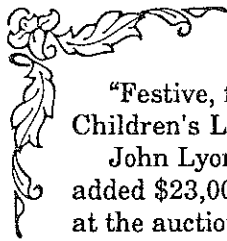
"Festive, fun, and very successful" was the feeling from those who came out to support Noyes Children's Library at last month's fundraising auction at Strathmore Hall Arts Center.

John Lyon of the folk band, Gross National Product, was auctioneer for the yearly event that added \$23,000 to the community's effort to raise funds for our historic library. Also announced at the auction was the Fowler Foundation's \$10,000 grant towards the collection at Noyes.

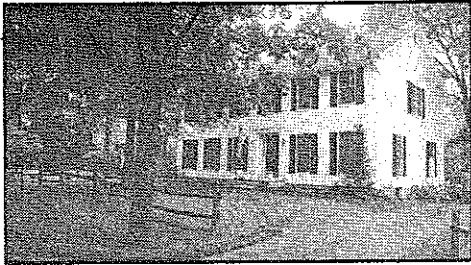
The focal point of the evening was the display of clocks for auction, ranging in style from traditional to creatively eclectic, crafted by local artists, architects, and designers.

Barbara Hutchinson, leader of the effort to keep the 100-year-old Noyes Library going strong, wishes to thank all of the contributors from Kensington's business community for their donations, the 40 volunteers who participated in helping plan this festive event, and everyone who continues to support the Noyes effort year after year.

Noyes Library will be a part of the Kensington Labor Day activities with the sale of children's books, t-shirts, and posters.

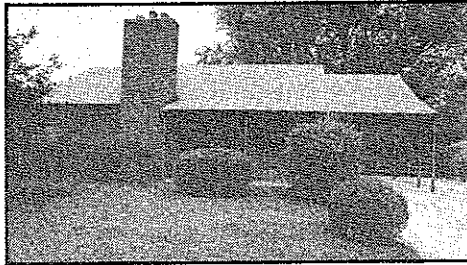


FOR SALE
\$450,000



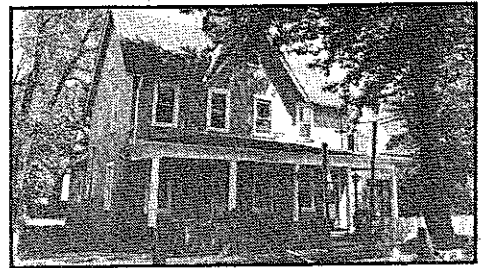
4313 Clearbrook Lane, Kensington
Large Center Hall Colonial.
Formal Liv Rm w/FP.
Formal Din Rm, Country Kit,
Den, 4 BR, 3 BA, much more.

FOR SALE
\$199,900



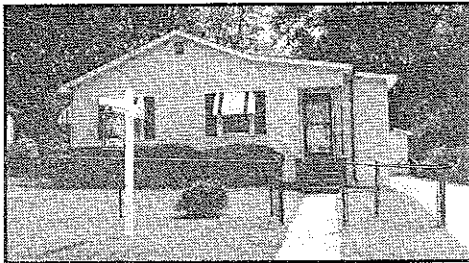
10026 Cedar Lane, Kensington
Large Ranch.
Liv Rm w/ FP, Sep Din Area,
3 BR, Rec Rm

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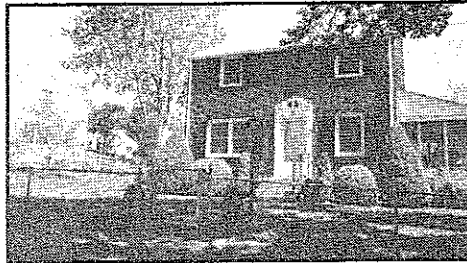
10409 Fawcett Street
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Historic Home.

FOR SALE
\$179,900



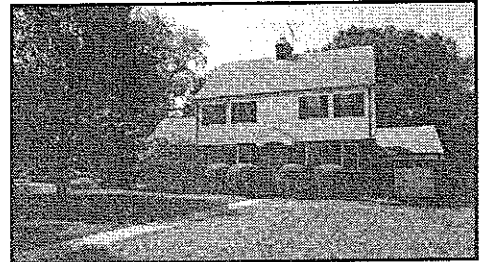
4306 Warner Street, Kensington
Ranch w/ Huge Two-Car Garage.
Liv Rm, TS Kit, Rec Rm,
3 BR, 2 BA

FOR SALE
\$205,000



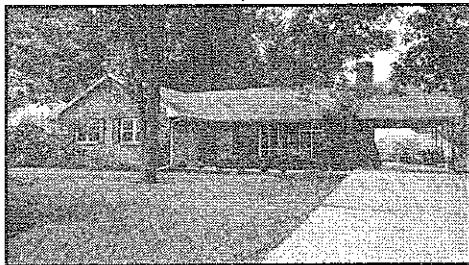
201 Baden Street, Silver Spring
Charming Colonial w/ Numerous
Improvements. Liv Rm w/ FP,
Sep Din Rm, 3 BR, 1.5 BA

FOR RENT
\$1,900 per month



9712 Elrod Road, Kensington
Gracious Colonial.
Liv Rm w/ FP, Rec Rm, Den,
Porch, 3 BR, 2 1/2 + 1/2 BA

FOR SALE
\$349,000



3104 Kent Street, Kensington
Sophisticated Ranch.
New Kitchen, Huge Master Suite,
Liv Rm w/ FP, Rec Rm, 4 BR, 3 BA

FOR SALE
\$219,900



10115 Wildwood Road, Kensington
Original Model Home.
Large Cape in Exc Cond. Liv Rm
w/ FP, New Kitchen, 4 BR, 2 BA,
Exc Value

SOLD
\$445,000



9814 Hill Street, Kensington
Colonial w/ New Kitchen,
Family Rm, Rec Rm, 6 BR, 3.5 BA

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