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# Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter

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## *All Aboard Kensington!*

Fun for all Ages at the Model Train Show

Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, 2015

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Kensington Armory/Town Hall

3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, Maryland

Admission: \$5 adults/\$2 children/\$10 family,

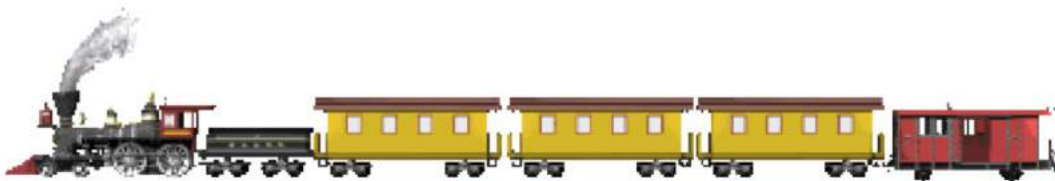
to benefit the Noyes Children's Library and the Kensington Historical Society

*All Aboard Kensington!* is back for a weekend of oohs and aahs as miniature trains speed around the tracks to the delight of young and old. Several parallel tracks will fill the Kensington Town Hall with tiny trains and their whistles and clicking sounds throughout the weekend.

Freight trains will boogie down the tracks, along with passenger trains of many kinds, all put into action by the model train enthusiasts of the National Capital Trackers. Their beautiful layouts alongside the tracks display hills, mountains, stores, homes, people, cars, and more, in scenes depicting locations around the country.

It is not to be missed, according to 4 ½ year old Ian of Kensington Heights. Ian is an *All Aboard Kensington!* regular and knows a thing or two about steam engines ("noisy"), diesel trains, and the challenge of keeping everything on track.

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## - Train Show Continued

*All Aboard Kensington!* honors Kensington's railroad history and benefits the Noyes Children's Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society, two Kensington non-profits that do so much for our community. Bring your camera for some great photos.

Plan to bring your family! Here are more special features to enjoy!

- The Dixieland Jazz Express performs on Saturday, September 12, from 11 to 1
- Matthew Dodd will share fun railroad stories and memorable songs on Sunday, September 13, from 1 to 4
- Boy Scout Troop #439 will sell food and beverages just outside the doors
- The Kensington Historical Society and the Noyes Children's Library Foundation will have displays, with volunteers to answer your questions.

*All Aboard Kensington!* is sponsored by Gary and Diana Ditto and the Town of Kensington. Visit [www.thedittogroup.com](http://www.thedittogroup.com) for a fun video of a previous train show.

### Get ready for

### the 1st Annual Kensington Fall Festival

Sunday, October 18, 11 a.m to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the start of Fall in Kensington and discover why Old Town Kensington is the jewel of Montgomery County. Train whistles, music, food, antiques and handmade surprises will make for a fun and memorable kick-off to the season!

## 22nd Annual Kensington 8K

Saturday, September 19, 2015



The Kensington 8K Race, the 2 Mile Challenge and the 1K Fun Run highlight Kensington's small-town, family-friendly feel. Between the three events there is something for everyone.

The 8K Race starts off fast at historic Warner Circle in Old Town Kensington. The beautiful route continues through Kensington and Rock Creek Park, with flat stretches, challenging hills and a downhill finish in Reinhardt Park to the cheers of hundreds of spectators.

The 2 Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run are perfect for families and younger runners.

Funds raised from entry fees and sponsors benefit academic and extracurricular activities at three local public schools - Kensington Parkwood Elementary, North Bethesda Middle, and Walter Johnson High Schools.

All students, parents, teachers, staff, and alumni from these schools are encouraged to come out on race day, join the fun, and embrace the community spirit of the Kensington 8K. To volunteer and to register go to [ww.kensington8k.org](http://ww.kensington8k.org).

## Kudos to Pearl Hoffman-Byer!

Young Pearl Hoffman-Byer has been a staunch supporter of **Noyes Children's Library** since age four, when she heard the library was at risk of closing. Pearl emptied her piggy bank, ran a lemonade stand, and this year Pearl created a video about Noyes for the 2015



White House Student Film Festival. Her video received an honorable mention and brought attention to the community effort to save Noyes. Pearl says she has learned that "when the community works together, we can do anything!" For links to Pearl's video and much more, visit [www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org).

## Come to the 48th Annual Kensington Labor Day Parade and Festival

Monday, September 7, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Start your Labor Day with family, friends and neighbors at the Kensington Labor Day Parade! From St. Paul Park, the Parade travels down Connecticut Avenue toward Town Hall. Cheer on floats and representatives from local schools, non-profits, civic groups, faith communities, businesses, equestrians, dance groups, marching bands from area schools and local, state, and federally elected officials. The Parade proceeds towards Town Hall and the festival along Armory and Howard Avenues with food stands, games and activities for children of all ages and various vendors.



## Villages of Kensington Update:

Villages of Kensington, Inc. is now an incorporated nonprofit in Maryland! Neighbors from three more Kensington neighborhoods - the Town of Kensington, Ken-Gar, and Rock Creek Palisades - have joined neighbors from Rock Creek Hills and Kensington Heights on the steering committee.

Feel free to contact any of the Steering Committee members with your questions about this exciting organization of neighbors and friends! You will find them listed with their contact information at the [www.villagesofkensingtonmd.org](http://www.villagesofkensingtonmd.org) website, where you can also find the neighborhood service survey and more.



September is Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month. Get free information in 8 languages from ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association — [www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)

## Enjoy the 2015 Paint The Town Art Show

Labor Day Weekend  
Kensington Town Hall/Armory  
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington  
Saturday, September 5 - Monday September 7

Enjoy original art by local Montgomery County artists, on display and for sale in this juried exhibit, sponsored by the Montgomery Art Association and the Town of Kensington.

Meet the artists Saturday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Reception and Awards presentation.

Show hours are:  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday  
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Labor Day  
Monday. Admission is free.



## Bethesda Kiwanis-YMCA Golf Classic

Monday, October 19, 2015 at 11 a.m.

Argyle Country Club  
14600 Argyle Country Club Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

11:00 AM Registration & Box Lunch  
1:00 PM Shotgun Start  
6:30 PM Awards & Dinner

Join the Y and the Kiwanis for a day of golf on a premier golf course, and support programs and services for youth and families in Montgomery County.

The annual golf classic is sponsored by the Bethesda Kiwanis Foundation and YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase. Proceeds of the event support the Y's Caring for Community campaign and the local charities supported by the Bethesda Kiwanis Foundation.

Online registration is at: [bit.ly/KiwanisYMCAgolf2015](http://bit.ly/KiwanisYMCAgolf2015)

To discuss sponsorship or for questions, please contact Jeanne Smith at 301-509-5224.



## Coming up in Kensington:

September 5, 6 & 7 - Paint the Town Art Show  
September 7 - Labor Day Parade and Festival  
September 12 & 13 - All Aboard Kensington!  
September 19 - 22nd Annual Kensington 8K  
October 2-3 - Quilt Show  
October 18 - Fall Festival  
October 19 - Bethesda Kiwanis-YMCA Golf Classic

## Jacki Sorensen Dance Aerobics With Instructor Sharon Allen

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m.  
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Top floor rooms 24/26

All are welcome! You do not need dance experience to be in this class. Wear something comfortable and bring an exercise mat and water bottle. Hand or ankle weights are optional. For more instruction arrive at 6:30 or stay until 8. Your first day of class is free! For questions call Sharon at 301-213-4654.



## Quilt Show

Friday and Saturday, October 2-3,  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holy Redeemer Church School Gym  
9705 Summit Ave, Kensington

Come and be inspired by over 100 beautiful quilts made by the members of The Bethesda Quilters and displayed at their biennial quilt show. The show includes a Silent Auction, a Boutique, a White Elephant Sale and Opportunity Quilt. A donation of \$5 is requested at the door. The Bethesda Quilters meet at the Kensington Park Library at 1:30 p.m. on the first

## Saturday Outdoor Concerts

Saturdays 10 to 11 a.m.  
Howard Avenue Park

Enjoy live music every Saturday morning through September 26th at Howard Avenue Park across from the Kensington Train Station Farmers' Market.

Sept. 5 GP Jams ~ *Eclectic folk pop*  
Sept. 12 Ruthie & Greg Hardin (of Ruthie & the Wranglers) ~ *Country*  
Sept. 19 Janine Wilson & Max Evans ~ *Rock/roots/blues*  
Sept. 26 Angie & Carlos Munhoz ~ *Brazilian jazz*

The free concerts are sponsored by the Kensington Historical Society, [www.kensingtonhistory.org](http://www.kensingtonhistory.org).

## E-Mail Updates from The Ditto Group—

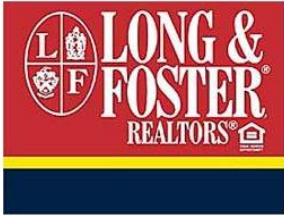
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- Our weekly "Open House" e-mail

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[www.thedittogroup.com](http://www.thedittogroup.com).

For dates and news of more events, be sure to visit the Community Activities Calendar on the web site:  
[www.thedittogroup.com](http://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. The drawing of Noyes Children's Library is by Sara Phang.



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 Kensington/Kensington  
**SOLD 8/26 - \$ 1,099,000**



3534 Raymoor Road  
 Kensington/Rock Creek Hills  
**FOR SALE - \$ 939,000**



10104 Parkwood Terrace  
 Bethesda/Parkwood  
**SOLD 7/6 - \$ 905,000**



4312 Glenridge Street  
 Kensington/CH CH View  
**FOR SALE - \$ 859,000**



9604 Cable Drive  
 Kensington/Rock Crk Highlands  
**List Price — \$ 775,000**



4300 Dunnel Lane  
 Kensington/Rck Crk Highlands  
**SOLD 7/14 - \$ 765,000**



3309 Geiger Avenue  
 Kensington/Kensington View  
**FOR SALE - \$ 699,500**



4502 Franklin Street  
 Kensington/Parkwood  
**SOLD 8/21 - \$ 675,000**



10326 Summit Avenue  
 Kensington/Kensington Estates  
**FOR SALE - \$ 650,000**



10110 Parkwood Drive  
 Bethesda/Parkwood  
**SOLD 7/16 - \$ 650,000**



3417 Oberon Street  
 Kensington/Kensington  
**FOR SALE - \$ 519,000**



10610 Lexington Street  
 Kensington/Kensington  
**FOR SALE - \$ 410,000**



3906 Lawrence Avenue  
 Kensington/Rck Crk Palisades  
**List Price - \$ 339,000**



3009 Jennings Road  
 Kensington/Oakland Terrace  
**List Price - \$ 289,000**



3333 University Blvd # 1106  
 Kensington/The Waterford  
**SOLD 8/28 - \$ 159,000**