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Congratulations, Kensington Historical Society!

You're Invited - 40th Anniversary Party! **June 10, 2 - 5 p.m. at Warner Circle**

The Kensington Historical Society invites the Town, Society Members, and all history buffs to its 40th anniversary party on June 10 (rain date June 11) 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, continuous children's games, and neighbors new and old to meet. A few words at 2:30 p.m. will mark the occasion and acknowledge past KHS Presidents, followed by musical interludes at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to info@kensingtonhistory.org to help the planners estimate the number of guests.

Volunteer this summer! You'll be amazed how much history you'll learn! The Kensington Historical Society is approved for Student Service Learning (SSL) credit.

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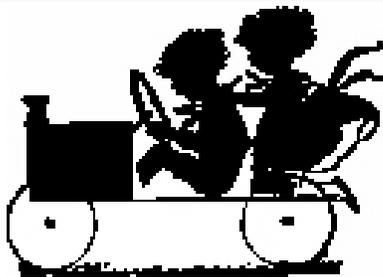
Help is appreciated with the summer concerts and events, especially the 40th Anniversary Party and with scanning, sorting files, photographs, and digitizing the resources.

Visit the **Archives** (Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street, Lower Level, Thursdays 1 to 3) or inquire at info@kensingtonhistory.com.

The **Summer Concert Series** is back until the end of September at Howard Avenue Park every Saturday morning, 10 to 11 a.m. The Kensington Historical Society sponsors the concerts and presents a variety of music with a different band playing each week. Enjoy dancing outdoors to great live music and then shop at the Kensington Farmers' Market across the street.

A special thank you to the **Kensington Parkwood Singers**. The chorus of 4th and 5th graders from Kensington Parkwood Elementary School started off this year's series with a concert on May 20th.

Check Facebook for the concert lineup and the new website at www.kensingtonhistory.org.



Fourth of July Bike Parade 10 a.m. St. Paul Park

All kids, and the young at heart are invited to decorate their bike, scooter, wagon, or stroller and participate in Kensington's 22 Annual Bike Parade! Line up by 9:45 a.m. at St. Paul Park. The Bike Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Wine Down Wednesday with the KTown Ladies Guild

Every second Wednesday of the month. Dialogue Over Decanter. All are welcome! Meet at the Dish & Dram at 7:30 p.m.

Spotlight on ThyCa – Support Network and More

The long-time editor of this newsletter, Cherry Wunderlich, has a special relationship with ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association. ThyCa's free services and networks, begun in 1995, link thyroid cancer patients, caregivers, and health care professionals around the world.

ThyCa was there with support for Cherry when she was diagnosed. She remembers it as the first time she experienced an illness with a support network and what a tremendous resource it was. For 18 years now she has been an enthusiastic ThyCa volunteer.

This year brings ThyCa's biggest event to Maryland—the 20th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference on October 6 – 8, 2017, just south of Baltimore.

Not your typical conference, Cherry describes it as a “a wonderful meet-up and learning opportunity, with an interactive grassroots feeling.”

Dozens of specialist physicians are coming from major centers around the country. Wonderful doctors, experts in their field, volunteer their time, and make themselves available to help patients and caregivers boil down the information for their own circumstance.

Thyroid cancer affects people of all ages, and almost 3/4 are women. There are many types and variants of thyroid cancer, with different treatments and care standards.

Especially to someone newly diagnosed it can be overwhelming and confusing. At the conference patients and caregivers can learn from numerous leading experts and share experiences with others with all types of thyroid cancer.

There will be more than 50 speakers and over 100 sessions—the latest medical care and research information; roundtable support sessions; and helpful complementary and coping approaches, including the Alexander Technique, Pet Therapy volunteers and their pets, social events, and more!

Scholarships are available on request for anyone who asks, no details to fill out. Come for 1, 2, or all 3 days! Registration will open soon. Details on the Conference, support groups, free publications and videos, and September's Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month, are at www.thyca.org.



The British Players present:

Something's Afoot

June 9 — 24, 2017
Kensington Town Hall
3701 Mitchell Street

Something's Afoot is a zany, satirical musical that takes a poke at Agatha Christie mysteries and the English music halls of the '30s.

Ten people are stranded in an isolated English country house during a raging thunderstorm. One by one they're picked off by cleverly fiendish devices. As the bodies pile up in the library, the survivors frantically race to uncover the identity and motivation of the cunning culprit.

Tickets can be bought at www.britishplayers.org

Now Open: OAK

...a local, independent, brick-and-mortar store in the heart of Kensington at 10511 Metropolitan Avenue across from the Kensington Train Station.

OAK opened May 5th, a "soft opening." The mix of unique clothing, handbags, gifts and jewelry, is selected by owner Gayle Herrmann to appeal to both a young woman and her mom.

Gayle has worked in clothing for 25 years and loves the industry. After graduating from FIT in New York, she was a partner and the wholesale buyer of new clothing at Mustard Seed in Bethesda. (Mustard Seed is still going strong, now as Remix Recycling Co.)

After 25 years, Gayle wanted more community, more time to talk to people and help them personally. Kensington was the right fit. She signed the lease December first and has been involved in all the parts of getting ready to open. People are already finding the store and the community has been great, very supportive, she says.

The store is evolving. The feel is modern, different, bohemian, and fresh. Some items are fair trade, some made in the U.S. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 12 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 11 to 7 p.m. Check www.oaktheshop.com, the Facebook page and stop by!

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- Our weekly "Open House" e-mail

You choose what to sign up for and you can always unsubscribe. Sign up on our home page:
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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.



Congratulations to the Kensington Car Show, which raised more than \$8,000 for the Make More Noyes Renovation Campaign, a major capital project being jointly funded by the Noyes Children's Library Foundation and Montgomery County. The planned renovation will make the Library universally accessible and expand its space and programs.

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and Director of Libraries Parker Hamilton announced the opening of the Jan Jablonski Early Literacy Training Center at Noyes. The Center is named for the former Co-President of the Noyes Children's Library Foundation, who lost her battle with ALS in July 2016.

Leggett and Hamilton created the Center to expand the early literacy mission that Noyes has fulfilled since it was dedicated to children in 1972, and to honor Jablonski's dedicated service to early literacy and to Noyes Children's Library.

The Center will enable Children's Librarians, library science students, teachers, daycare providers, parents and children's writers and illustrators to collaborate, learn and export best practices in the field of early literacy training, in order to foster a love of reading in the young children who visit Noyes as well as those far beyond its stacks.

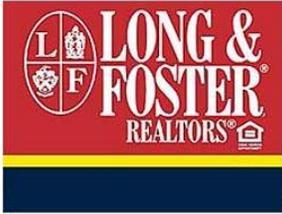
Visit www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org for updates, events, to donate and much more.

Noyes Children's Library is at 10237 Carroll Place, Kensington and open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Wellness Wednesdays at Kensington Park

Kensington Park Senior Living invites the community to Wellness Wednesdays, a series of presentations every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. at 3620 Littledale Road, Kensington.

For program details visit www.kensingtonparkseniorliving.com.



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 Kensington/Kensington
 For Sale - \$ 825,000



10907 Devin Place
 Kensington/Kensington Heights
 For Sale - \$ 450,000



3722 Astoria Road
 Kensington/ Newport Hills
 For Sale - \$ 445,000



10201 Valley View Avenue
 Kensington/Kensington View
 For Sale - \$ 369,500



4501 Everett Street
 Kensington/Parkwood
 For Rent - \$ 2,600 a month



4207 Colchester Drive
 Kensington/Kensington Est
 Under Contract
 List Price - \$ 559,000



109 Oakdale Avenue
 Catonsville
 Under Contract
 List Price - \$ 595,000



10814 Connecticut Avenue
 Kensington/North Kensington
 Under Contract
 List Price - \$ 529,000



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