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August-September 2014



Model Trains in Action - *All Aboard Kensington!*

**Kensington Armory/Town Hall
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington Maryland
Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, 2014,
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day
Admission: \$5 adults/\$2 children/\$10 family**

All Aboard Kensington! is great fun for the whole family and benefits Noyes Children's Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society, two local organizations important to our community.

The award-winning National Capital Trackers will put their O gauge model trains in action to the delight of young and old. Railroad operations come to life as model trains travel through captivating scenes from across the country. Plan to bring the family!

- Dixie Land Jazz Express will perform Saturday from 11 to 1
- Matthew Dodd will present railroad songs and stories on Sunday from 1 to 4
- Boy Scout Troop #439 will sell food and beverages

All Aboard Kensington! celebrates Kensington's railroad history and is sponsored by Gary & Diana Ditto and The Town of Kensington.

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Paint the Town Art Show 2014

Labor Day Weekend
Kensington Town Hall/Armory
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington

Enjoy original art by artists from across Montgomery County on display and for sale at the annual juried “Paint the Town” Exhibition, presented by the Montgomery County Art Association and the Town of Kensington.

Meet the artists in person at the Reception and Awards Presentation Saturday August 30th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Show hours are:
11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 30 & 31,
and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Labor Day, September 1st.
Admission is free.

Upcoming Events

Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase

7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase

Treasure Trove and Book Sale

Saturday, September 27th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 28th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Saturday, September 27th only, the Club will also hold its *Yard Sale*. Please call 301-652-8480 or visit www.wccmaryland.org to reserve a table or for further information.

Annual Open House

Wednesday, September 17, 10 a.m. Come see and hear about the Club’s many charitable activities and other happenings.

Free Summer Concert Series 2014

Saturdays 10 to 11 a.m.

Howard Avenue Park

Free outdoor concerts, sponsored by The Kensington Historical Society, continue every Saturday morning through October 4th across from the Kensington Train Station Farmers’ Market. Coming up:

Aug. 30 2nd Story Band - folk, blues, world beat

Sept. 6 GP Jams - eclectic folk pop

Sept. 13 Blue Book Value - rhythm and blues, swing

Sept. 20 Silver Creek (the O’Malleyes) - Country, fiddle, Hawaiian, ragtime

Sept. 27 Dede Wyland with Ira Gitlin - Bluegrass

Oct. 4 Rita Clarke & the Naturals - rhythm and blues

For details visit www.KensingtonHistory.org.

21ST ANNUAL KENSINGTON 8K

Saturday, September 20, 2014



The Kensington 8K Race, 2 Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run have something for everyone. The 8K Race’s highlights Kensington’s small-town feel and family-friendly community. The challenging route starts off fast in Old Town Kensington, at historic Warner Circle, followed by long hills and flats before finishing to the cheers of spectators in Reinhardt Park, in Old Town. The 2 Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run are perfect for families and younger runners.

Race proceeds support academic and extracurricular activities at three local public schools — Kensington Parkwood Elementary, North Bethesda Middle, and Walter Johnson High School.

To volunteer or to register online. go to www.kensington8k.org.

The 47th Annual

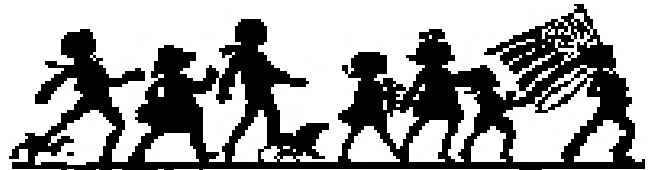
Kensington Labor Day Parade and Festival

Monday, September 1, 2014

The Labor Day Parade is a well-loved Kensington tradition— a chance to catch up with neighbors and meet community leaders.

The Parade starts at St. Paul Park, then travels down Connecticut Avenue and along Armory and Howard Avenues toward Town Hall. The community turns out to cheer on local marching bands; equestrian show groups; dance groups; floats and ambassadors from local schools, non-profits, businesses, and faith communities; and local, state, and federally elected officials.

After the Parade ends near Town Hall, Armory and Howard Avenues are alive with a festival of food, vendors, children’s games and activities, and more all day.



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

www.thedittogroup.com

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Frankly ... Pizza!

10417 Armory Avenue
Kensington

Frankly ... Pizza! opened for business Wednesday July 23, much anticipated by customers who happily lined up for the wood-fired pizza. After 3 years of serving up pizza from a mobile oven, restaurateur Frank Linn has quite a following.



Trained at the Academie de Cuisine, Linn has extensive experience in Washington's top restaurants, catering, and as personal chef and instructor for Sur la Table. Natural ingredients, home made toppings, meats cured in-house, hand-made dough, and a tomato sauce recipe that has been in his family over 80 years – "I love feeding people" says Linn. He has loved pizza since he was a kid.

The restaurant's look is at once rustic and urban. Linn and his father built out the restaurant themselves. They even created the light fixtures using chestnut planks from an old family barn. There is outdoor seating in the walled patio, where the firewood is stacked high.

For now, hours are Wednesday to Sunday 4:30 to 9 p.m. (closed Monday and Tuesday) Plans are to open for lunch before long. For more visit www.frankly-pizza.com

Java Nation

10516 Connecticut Avenue
Kensington

Longtime Kensington resident Henry Cabana took an empty storefront in the Kensington Shopping Center and turned it into a great café! Java Nation opened this spring to great response.

Java Nation's selection of house-blends, single origin, and fair trade coffees is supplied by local roaster Vigilante Coffee. Harney and Sons Tea Company supplies a full selection of hand blended artisanal teas. The menu features a variety of tasty options for breakfast and lunch, as well as bakery treats. Breads are local and meats are roasted in-house.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. More details are at www.java-nation.com; phone: 301-327-6580.



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:

August 30-September 1 – Paint the Town Art Show
September 1 – Kensington Labor Day Parade
September 6 & 7 – All Aboard Kensington!
September 20– Kensington 8K Race
September 27– Noyes Rodeo and Hoe-Down

Family Friendly Ktown Hoedown

Saturday, Sept. 27th, 10 a.m.-12 noon
Celebrate Fall with Noyes Children's Library
Kensington Town Hall

Square dancing • Line dancing
Games • Crafts • Snacks • Raffle
Western costumes welcome!



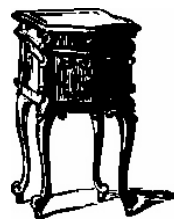
On the Purple Couch - A Place to Create

4228 Howard Avenue. Kensington

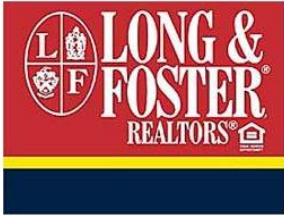
Reuse, renew and conserve. That is the mission of **On the Purple Couch**, an Annie Sloan Retailer. Or "Up-cycling" as owner Bahia Akerele calls it. The do-it-yourself boutique, workshop space, and home décor shop opened its doors in the West Kensington Antique district last September.



The decorative Annie Sloan Chalk Paints can be used to transform furniture without the need to sand, strip, or prime, as well as on interior and exterior walls. Bahia is a certified Annie Sloan stockist and teaches the workshops on paint applications and techniques. She found out about Chalk Paint when her kitchen cabinets were redone, and found her passion.



The store is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open till 7 p.m. on Thursday. Visit <http://www.onthepurplecouch.com> for information and inspiration; phone 301-896-0010.



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The Ditto Group Real Estate Activity



**4312 Glenridge Street
Kensington/Ch Ch View
FOR SALE
List Price - \$ 1,175,000**



**4005 Glenrose Street
Kensington/Ch Ch View
Under Contract
List Price - \$ 1,150,000**



**9701 Elrod Road
Kensington/Rock Cr Hills
SOLD - \$ 870,000**



**4416 Puller Drive
Kensington/Kensington Est
FOR SALE
List Price - \$ 840,000**



**10315 Detrick Avenue
Kensington/Kensington
SOLD - \$ 825,000**



**3612 Faircastle Drive
Chevy Chase/Rolling Hills
Under Contract -
List Price \$ 799,000**



**4017 Saul Road
Kensington/Ch Ch View
Under Contract
List Price \$ 799,000**



**4603 Roxbury Drive
Bethesda/Parkwood
SOLD - \$ 635,000**



**9809 Parkwood Drive
Bethesda/Parkwood
Under Contract
List Price - \$ 629,000**



**10421 Hebard Street
Kensington/Kensington Est
SOLD - \$ 527,000**



**10408 Vogel Place
Kensington/Kensington Est
FOR SALE
List Price - \$ 535,000**



**4108 Mitscher Court
Kensington - Rc Cr Palis
Under Contract
List Price - \$ 437,999**



**11224 Woodson Ave
Kensington/Newport Hills
SOLD - \$ 419,000**



**2331 Pondsides Terrace
Silver Spring/Argyle Vill
FOR SALE
List Price - \$ 390,000**



**4016 Lawrence Ave
Kensington/Rock Ck Palisades
SOLD - \$ 299,000**