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The Kensington Train Show!!

Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10, 2023

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

The train show is fun for the family and train enthusiasts of any age. The show is a benefit for Noyes Children's Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society, two local organizations important to our community. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$2 for children, \$15 for a family.

- *Orleans Express Band* performs Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- *Matthew Dodd* shares Railroad Songs and Stories Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.
- *The National Capital Trackers* run the trains and answer questions
- Boy Scout Troop #439 sells food and cold drinks

The model trains first steamed into Town in 2011, when Kensington celebrated the 120th anniversary of our train station. The event is sponsored by the Ditto Group and the Town of Kensington. Bring the family, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the scene!



The first Kensington Train Show September 11, 2011

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Shopping at A Wider Circle's Professional Development Center

by Ashley Mattison

"Our clothes help clients to feel confident and look good for employment" says Anthony Washington, A Wider Circle's Manager of the Volunteer Team. "Typically, people come here to get clothing for a job interview. Sometimes they already have a job, but don't have the means to purchase professional attire." He adds "You don't need to tell us how much you make."

The Professional Development Center (PDC) is inside A Wider Circle's Center for Community Service in Silver Spring and provides professional clothing, free-of-charge, to wear to job interviews or on the job.

When clients come for their appointment, they receive top-notch customer service and superb clothing choices in an attractive space. There is a showroom with racks of clothing for men and women, organized by type of clothes and by size. Clients can choose about five outfits -- enough for one work week.



Available attire includes suits, dresses, blazers, dress shirts and blouses, ties, purses, jewelry, and shoes to ensure a complete look.

Clients come to the PDC from A Wider Circle and its partners. The DC Central Kitchen brings its graduates to choose clothing for their graduation ceremony and job interviews, and the International Rescue Committee refers its clients. In 2022, the Professional Development Center served 1,254 clients.

Volunteer personal shoppers are available to help with everything from choosing items, to finding the right sizes, to packing the new outfits to take home.

"One young man put on a suit and came out of the dressing room saying, 'I feel like a million bucks!' That's what we volunteers want to hear," says Jean Teichroew, a volunteer at the Professional Development Center for over six years.

"For men, we find suits, shirts, jackets, belts, ties, dress socks, and shoes. For women, we have dresses, suits, pants, skirts, tops, and blazers." Coats, sweaters, shoes, handbags, jewelry, scarves, bras, and accessories are also available, as well as clothing appropriate to healthcare, kitchen, and restaurant work.



Anthony Washington and Jean Teichroew in the showroom



LeQuonte Rhones looking like a million bucks

.Volunteers strive to treat everyone with dignity and without judgment. "I enjoy meeting people I wouldn't have met before. They are so happy when they look so good. We fuss over them, give them personal attention, and hope it all has a lasting effect," says Teichroew. "It's a blessing for them and for us."

Clothing is donated by people in the community and, once, came from the Netflix show. "House of Cards. Volunteers sort through the clothing and decide what is showroom ready. All clothing must be "dignity quality," says Teichroew, clean, free of stains, fraying, and flaws, "something that you would be proud to share with a friend."

A Wider Circle's mission is to end poverty. The not-for-profit provides on-the-ground services to create stable homes, workforce development and neighborhood revitalization. The staff and volunteers at A Wider Circle seek to develop large-scale solutions that incorporate greater awareness and engagement by the community.

This summer donations have slowed, but the need has not. It has been "a summer of scarcity" in the words of Amy Javaid, A Wider Circle's president and CEO, in her call to action. In addition to quality clothing, beds, furniture, lamps, household items, and more are needed.

To donate clothing and other goods, check the wish list and guidelines on www.awidercircle.org.

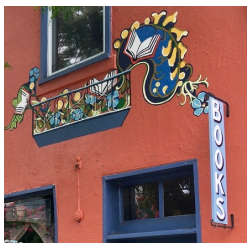
To volunteer at the Professional Development Center or to make an appointment to shop there, call 301-608-3504 or email pdca@awidercircle.



Ready to get moving, stay active, prevent injury? Sign up now for a class or sample session. Contact Antoinette at 240-762-9755 or email ak@KensingtonAlexander.com.

Coming up in Kensington:

Aug. 27 — Vinyl Record Show, Rosensteel Hall, Silver Spring
Sept. 2-4 — Paint the Town Labor Day Art Show & Sale
Sept. 4 - — Labor Day Parade and Festival
Sept. 9. — Pancake Breakfast, St. Paul Fellowship Hall
Sept. 9-10—Kensington Train Show
Sept. 23 —Kensington 8K 2023
Oct. 5. —BabyCat Brewery 5k for Breast Cancer Survivors
Oct 28. —Summer Movie Night St Paul Park



Interested in History?

A history book club that began in 2002 at Borders Bookstore, now meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kensington Row Bookshop, 3786 Howard Avenue.

The group's motto is, "We travel through all eras and places." Free, open to the public, and always looking for new people to welcome!

Please call the book club's leader rather than the bookshop for information: Kelly at (301) 564-0146

September 13: *The Sewing Girl's Tale: A Story of Crime and Consequences in Revolutionary America* by John Wood Sweet

October 11: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

Calling Crafters and Artisan Vendors:

The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase is accepting vendor applications through August 31 for its Artisan Craft and Gift Fair on .Apply at wccmaryland.org/craft-fair-2023.



Kensington Labor Day Parade and Festival!

2023 Paint the Town Art Show

Labor Day Weekend, September 2 - 4, 2023
Kensington Town Hall/Armory
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

The **Paint the Town Labor Day Show & Sale** celebrates local artists, and includes live art demonstrations, plein-air painting competitions for adults and children, and a special student invitational art contest. Visit www.montgomeryart.org to register for the Plein Air Competition and more.

The Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter is mailed to 10,000+ households in our community. **If you have an article or event you would like included in the next issue, please let us know by October 1 2023.**

We thank Wilma Findley, Jim Resnick, and Irene Kelly. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington.

Artha Rini Indonesian Restaurant

10562 Metropolitan Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
240-505-7203

Artha Rini Indonesian restaurant serves delicious, authentic, halal Indonesian food prepared by Chefs Wirawan and Tomarow -- chicken, beef, and lamb satays, spicy beef stew with coconut milk, jackfruit curry, gads gads, fish dishes and more.

The couple is from Semarang in central Java. Wirawan was chef at the Indonesian Embassy. Tomarow got her start in catering when a friend asked her to cook for her party. They cater events for the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and international festivals around the Washington area.

Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
12 to 8 p.m. on Friday;
closed on Monday.



Wirawan and Tomarow

Reducing Fire Risk for Older Adults

Fire safety is a critical issue for adults over 65. Older adults, and those that care for them, can reduce the risk dramatically with strategic and preventive actions.

Lithium-ion batteries are in anything that is rechargeable. Pay attention when charging a device and make sure not to cover it - no newspapers, pillows, blankets. A laptop charging on a bed while the owner was asleep, caused an apartment fire in Silver Spring. Also, don't charge a device where it is exposed to extra heat, such as on a table in the sun.

Jim Resnick, a firefighter and EMT for 48 years, is Program Manager of Senior Outreach & Education, part of Community Risk Reduction of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. The program gives over a hundred presentations a year to any groups related to seniors and conducts home safety checks by appointment.

Wilma Findlay was impressed with the comprehensive home safety check that Resnick conducted for her aunt. He checked for smoke alarms throughout the house, reviewed three escape routes with her aunt, and gave safety tips for getting people out of their house swiftly.

Resnick installed a bed-shaker alarm system between the mattress and box spring that would shake her aunt's bed if a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm was going off until she woke up. If you can't hear your alarm, consider one with a different sound or with a bed shaker or strobe light. It could be a lifesaver.

To schedule a home safety check go to mcfrs.org/mcsafe. A trained uniformed firefighter will come at the appointed time. The check takes about an hour. If you buy the new alarms beforehand they can install them for you.



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