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You're Invited!

Community Celebration
of the
Town of Kensington's Incorporation in 1894
Sunday, June 2, 2019, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Kensington Cabin Park, 10000 Kensington Parkway



All are invited to celebrate the incorporation of the Town of Kensington, 125 years ago this year.

The Town, the Kensington Historical Society, Kensington CAN!, the Friends of Warner Circle, Boy Scout Troop 439, and the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department are all joining forces to plan and host a wonderful Community Celebration, enjoyable for young and old.

There will be games, music, displays, food, and room for everyone at Kensington Cabin Park on Sunday afternoon, June 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, June 9.

On Saturday, April 6, the actual date of incorporation, Town residents celebrated the anniversary with a festive gala at the Town Hall. Nametags showed each attendee's year of moving to Kensington, ranging from lifelong residents to those recently arrived. Attendees enjoyed meeting their neighbors, old and new. It was a tremendous event. We join in congratulating the Town.

Town Hall can accommodate no more than 250 persons and was fully reserved well in advance. Two more anniversary celebrations are planned to accommodate the wider Kensington community, and all ages. In addition to the Kensington Log Cabin event on June 2, plans are also in the making for a celebration at St. Paul Park later this summer.

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— *Community Celebration continued*

The Kensington Cabin served as a community center for many years. The log cabin was constructed by the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission. It opened in 1934. Children came to the cabin and the park around it for summer camp and birthday parties; there also were pony rides, classes, concerts, meetings, and other activities. The community center was closed in 1992 due to lack of funding, and its needs for repair. To prevent demolition of the cabin, the Kensington Historical Society, the community, and Montgomery County Park and Planning worked to have the cabin and its site named a Designated Historic Site.



The Kensington Cabin reopened in 2018 after undergoing restoration and improvements, made possible by a donation from the Cupid Foundation, in honor of former Kensington Mayor Jayne H. Plank. The award-winning restoration project made the building compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, replacing lighting, electrical, heating, cooling, and plumbing. Most of the cabin's original features were restored.

First Annual Dog Parade

May 11, 2019, 9 to 11 a.m.
Flinn Park, Kensington Parkway



The Parade starts at the Fountain at Flinn Park, across from the Post Office, and ends at Warner Mansion with prizes and playtime for the dogs.



Fourth of July Bike Parade

St. Paul Park - line up at 9:45 a.m.

Polish up and decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, or stroller for the 24th Annual Bike Parade on Saturday, July 4th. All children are invited to participate. Line up by 9:45 a.m. at St. Paul Park. The Bike Parade starts at 10 a.m. It's led through the streets of Kensington by a Kensington Volunteer Fire Department fire engine.

Spotlight on a Book by a Kensington Author:

Frozen in Time

Hunting Meteorites in Antarctica for Signs of Life

After completing his postdoctoral studies, Kensington resident Dr. Daniel "Danny" Glavin, now a world-renowned astrobiologist, spent six weeks in Antarctica as a member of the 2002-2003 Antarctic Search for Meteorites Team (ANSMET).

The 12-member ANSMET team recovered near-record numbers of meteorites during their season. Potentially some could contain evidence of extraterrestrial life. Many of these were no larger than a pea. Each had to be tagged and stored separately, without being contaminated.

Surviving the extreme, isolated, and relentless Antarctic environment, and risking his life on a daily basis while doggedly searching for meteorites is a rare experience. In the process Danny Glavin discovered what he truly wanted to do with his life.

In 2003 Dr. Glavin joined the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, where he co-founded the Astrobiology Analytical Laboratory. In 2014 he became associate director for Science in NASA Goddard's Solar System Exploration Division. He lives with his wife and two children in Kensington.

Growing up the only scientist of the family, Danny Glavin developed a knack for explaining complicated scientific ideas to nonscientists.

Often asked over the years what his experience in Antarctica was like, Glavin wanted to share his story with those of us who will never go to Antarctica. He and his coauthor Elizabeth M. Jarrell tell this modern, true adventure story of surviving in Antarctica and life itself through clear, honest, and often humorous writing. They make science easily understandable and enjoyable.

Frozen in Time can be ordered from Amazon.



Kensington Arts Theatre presents:

Oliver!

Kensington Town Hall
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington
May 10, 2019 – May 26, 2019

The musical *Oliver!* is based on the Charles Dickens novel *Oliver Twist* and is set in Victorian England.

With timeless songs *Oliver!* tells the tale of young Oliver Twist, a neglected orphan in a workhouse, who escapes to the underworld of London. There, Oliver joins a gang of young pickpockets led by the elderly, conniving Fagin, and finds acceptance. Accused of a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim takes Oliver in. Oliver's chances for the true love of a family are threatened when Fagin fears for the safety of his hideout and employs the sinister Bill Sykes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap Oliver back.

For your tickets please visit www.katonline.org.

Spotlight on:



La maison de
Laurette
French Design
10513 Metropolitan Avenue, Kensington

Owner and designer Alexandra Prossaird brings French design to Kensington with La Maison de Laurette. The boutique opened in 2017. Alexandra's passion for décor and her keen sense of style shine through in every aspect.

The carefully chosen products include pillows, throws, ceramics, soaps, perfumes, candles, baskets, teas, food items, and necklaces. Everything is made in France and selected for its quality and beauty. It is easy to find something truly unique for your home or a gift.

The shop features Alexandra's own creative collection of reinvented "upcycled" furniture. Customers can also bring their own piece of furniture, discuss design options, and give an old dresser or cabinet a new life.

Every first Saturday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. you are welcome to come for **French conversation**, just for fun!

Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For inspiration and more information, visit www.lamaisondelaurette.com.

Summer Outdoor Concert Series

Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m.
Howard Avenue Park

The Summer Concerts return for the summer on Saturday mornings, 10 to 11, from June 1st through September 28th. Young and old enjoy dancing to the live music! The Kensington Historical Society sponsors the concerts and presents a variety of music. A different band plays each week. Enjoy the music at the Howard Avenue Park, and shop at the Kensington Farmers' Market across the street. The scheduled performer information will be posted on www.kensingtonhistory.org.



Correction:

In the March newsletter, we overlooked a typo in the date of Town's incorporation. The correct date is April 6, 1894.

Gary and Diana Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. We are grateful to Julie O'Malley and the Kensington Historical Society for sharing Town history expertise. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich.

Coming up in Kensington:

- May 11 — First Annual Dog Parade
- May 18— Paper Airplane Day
- June 2 — Community Celebration of Kensington's 125th Anniversary
- June 30 — Cycling in the Circle
- July 4 — Children's Bike Parade



present:

Old Time Music Hall

June 7- 22, 2019

Kensington Town Hall
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington

The British Players celebrate their 55th Anniversary with the annual Music Hall production. Similar to American vaudeville, British Music Hall had its heyday during World War I, boosting spirits through two world wars.

The show features popular songs from the era, plus comedy and specialty acts. Featured soloists, the Edwardians (chorus), and the Bow Bells (dancers) are part of every Music Hall cast, all kept on track by Mr. Chairman. In the spirit of traditional Music Hall ambience, there will table seating, beer, wine, and snacks provided by "lovely wenches in traditional costume."

To order tickets and for all about the British Players, visit www.britishplayers.org or call 240-447-9863.

KTown Food Truck Night

First and Third Thursdays, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Armory Avenue

The food trucks are back every first and third Thursday evening of the month from May through October. The trucks set up along Armory Avenue behind the Safeway. Bring the family for great food, dinner outdoors, community, and music.

Third Annual KTown Paper Airplane Day

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m.
St. Paul Park

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Kensington/Kensington
Active \$759,000



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Kensington/Kensington
Active - \$729,000



4000 Saul Rd
Kensington/Byeforde
Active - \$750,000



11300 Mitscher St
Kensington/Rock Creek Palisades
Coming Soon - \$599,000



3005 Oak Dr
Kensington/Kensington View
Active - \$695,000



4014 Dunnel Ln
Kensington/Byeforde
Under Contract - \$799,000



4511 Gretna St
Bethesda/Parkview
Under Contract - \$749,000



10113 Parkwood Terr
Bethesda/Parkwood
Under Contract - \$759,000



10103 Day Ave
Silver Spring/Capitol View
Park
Sold - \$595,000



4413 Puller Dr
Kensington/Kensington
Estates
Sold - \$664,500



4206 Brookfield Dr.
Kensington/Kensington
Estates
Sold - \$560,000