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The Farmers Market—from Soup to Nuts

By Antoinette Kranenburg

Kensington Farmers Market is a Best of Bethesda 2024 finalist, coming in second out of twenty-five Montgomery County farmers' markets. "We were thrilled and surprised!" said Shirley Watson, who manages the market for the Town.

The market draws customers from all around the area. Most vendors are year-round, and each is different. The spacing of the stalls is roomy and the center area kept clear to help dogs keep calm.

What makes it is so good? Margaret and Christian McBurney shop for most of their food for the week at the market and enjoy something from every stand. Fresh organic vegetables and fruit, fresh chicken, beef, eggs, and seafood. "The fish is so fresh that I can buy it on Saturday and can cook it even on Wednesday!" Said Margaret McBurney. "Prepared meals are tasty and well-prepared. The market is good for getting a present, flowers, a plant, nuts, cheese..."

Vendors and customers come to know each other. One Saturday, Dave Richards came without his wife Cathy. Dave didn't know how to take credit card payments, so he told customers to pay next week. Sure enough, his customers were back the next Saturday and reminded him of what they owed.

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Clear Skies Meadery is new at the market with mead brewed with raw, unfiltered honey in a range of flavors. The brewery and taproom are based in Rockville.



Memis gourmet cook Gonzalo Escribans brings Peruvian-style quiches and rice dishes such as Tacu Tacu, Arroz con Pollo, Chorizo Paella, and Aji de Gallina, full of flavor, gluten free, and plenty for two.



Roy's Kitchen is inspired by the cuisine of Sumatra, Indonesia, and vegetables grown in Roy and Lidia's own garden. Gazpacho tamarind, spicy eggplant, beef, chicken or tofu rendang, turmeric rice, deserts, chai teas, and vegan and vegetarian dishes, all delicious and gluten free.



From the Heart Pet Treats has an eye-catching array of natural, single-source protein treats that pets relish, from chicken, lamb and beef to rabbit, bison, elk and yak!

Free Summer Concert Series

Saturdays 10–11 a.m. June through September
Howard Avenue Park

Live music sponsored by the Kensington Historical Society. Blues, swing, jazz, roots, bluegrass, folk, rock, country, rock and more! Visit kensingtonhistory.org for the schedule of all the groups.



Plant Masters is a second-generation family flower farm. With over five acres of cultivated land, four hoop houses, and a greenhouse, they provide high quality in-season flowers and plants all year.

Flowers are abundant now, along with a selection of herbs, tomato varieties, and annuals ready for planting, and luscious house plants. "The plant lady is so knowledgeable!" said McBurney.

Visit ExploreKensington.com for a list of vendors.

Providing for Hungry Neighbors in 20895

St. Paul's provides food assistance year-round for individuals and families in the 20895 ZIP code area dealing with food insecurity.

Donors and volunteers provide nonperishable food, sort, and pack supplies, and provide drop-off for households with special circumstances.

On the second Monday of the month recipients pick up groceries, store gift cards, and a meal to-go provided by Campus Kitchens, at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall or meet delivery drivers.

Check the list of needed items at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry and help restock the pantry. Monetary donations to support the Hunger Ministry are welcome.

Are you, or someone you know, facing food insecurity? New recipients are welcome year-round. Email hunger@stpaulsk.org to get started or walk in on distribution night and fill out a simple form. No income requirements or referrals needed - simply bring a piece of mail with a current address.

Interested in volunteering? Each month help is needed with sorting, bagging, taking inventory, greeting families, and making deliveries. Email volunteer coordinator Pat Maloney hunger@stpaulsk.org for sign-up information.



Retiring Rev. Dr. Patricia "Pastor Pat" Allen with Rev.. Joey Heath-Mason and Community Services Officer Desmond Johnson at St Paul's Pancake Breakfast.

Kensington's 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 15, 2024, 12—4 p.m.

St. Paul Park, 10564 St Paul Street, Kensington

Juneteenth commemorates the date when some of the last enslaved people in the Confederacy were notified of their freedom following the Civil War.

Kensington's Juneteenth Celebration will bring together a multiracial coalition of organizers, historians, re-enactors, civic and faith leaders, local and Black-owned businesses, musicians, and supporters to proudly mark Juneteenth. It will be family friendly with live music, dance, historical presentations, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and childrens activities. A *Noyes StoryWalk®* celebrating Juneteenth will be presented.

Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. Rain date June 16.2024. Visit kensingtonjuneteenth.com and get involved.

Kensington Art Walk Tour

Kensington has murals and carvings throughout Town in parks and on buildings large and small. For the tour map go to tok.md.gov/kensington-art-walk-tour/.

In Clum-Kennedy Park, artist Jason Swain's carving of a woodpecker, blue jay, cardinal, oriole and a hawk represents local bird life and was installed in 2021.



Local Author Philip Padgett

Tuesday, June 18, 2—3 p.m.

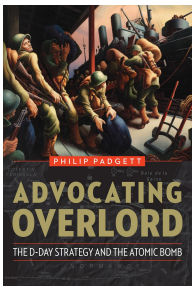
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Philip Padgett spent forty years working in national security and preparedness analysis in the military, government, and private sector.

In his retirement, Padgett joined the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Reserve Corps and assisted in national emergencies such as Superstorm Sandy.

His book *Advocating Overlord: The D-Day Strategy and the Atomic Bomb*, takes a look at the intense planning and political tension between the Allies that preceded the landing on Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Reserve a free spot at kensingtonparkseniorliving.com.



The *Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter* is mailed to over 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 before July 15, 2024.**

We thank Margaret McBurney, and Shirley Watson. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington.

Coming up in Kensington:

June 1 — Pancake Breakfast, St. Paul Fellowship Hall

June. 9 — Artists Open Studios

June 15 — 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration

June 18 — Kensington Park Speaker series author Philip Padgett

July 20 — KVFD Movie Night

Aug. 24 — KVFD Movie Night

On Stage at Kensington Town Hall



60th Anniversary Old-Time Music Hall!

BRITISH PLAYERS In with the Old & In with the New

June 7—22, 2024

The British Players celebrates its 60th anniversary with a unique fusion of British pop music of 1964 and Victorian-era Music Hall.

Picture gas lamps casting a warm glow, a live band, and an array of artistes on stage exuding an effervescent energy of music, comedy, and variety acts. The enchanting show seamlessly blends the iconic sounds of the British Invasion with the saucy sing-alongs and uproarious sketches of traditional Victorian Music Hall.

Gather your friends and don your best sixties Carnaby Street or Victorian attire for a unforgettable zany night.

Performances are at 8 p.m.; matinees at 2 p.m. All tickets are general admission seating and include snacks and refreshments - water, soda, beer and wine.

For your tickets go to britishplayers.org.



Interested in better balance and less strain?

Intro sessions are free in June for AT awareness month. Schedule now with Antoinette: 240-762-9755 or ak@KensingtonAlexander.com.

Artists Open Studios

Sunday June 9, 2024, 1—5 p.m.

Artists on both the east and west sides of Howard Avenue will open their studios to visitors.

You can download a map with studio locations from tok.md.gov/event/kensington-open-studios-2.



Seeking new volunteers to help keep Kensington and Montgomery County communities safe.

Join a great group of people, among them college students, IT professionals, and emergency room trauma nurses.

Choose to become a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, or administrative member.

Volunteers are offered free training and gear, tuition assistance, and live-in options!

Visit kvfd.org and contact (301) 929-8000 or recruiter@kvfd.org for more information.



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