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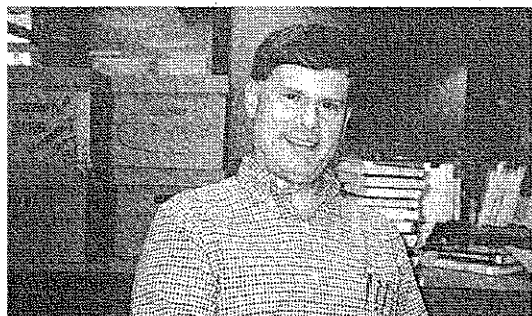
Cause for Celebration

Kensington Park Library Reopens Monday, October 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Special Reopening Celebration Saturday, November 5

Get ready to explore the newly-renovated Kensington Park Library on Opening Day, Monday, October 17 starting at 12: 30 p.m. Keith Fleeman, the new head librarian, has been with Montgomery County libraries since 1982 and was previously head librarian at Little Falls Library in Bethesda. Along with unpacking boxes and organizing materials, he and the entire library staff are all set to serve the Kensington community and nearby neighbors with "better than ever" programs and services.

Children's programming will be one of the main focuses of our community library. The new children's librarian is Linda Swanson. Younger children can enjoy scheduled storytimes with their parents, as well as regular trips to pick out picture books and storybooks to enjoy at home, while older children can ask library staff for help with those tough school assignments, papers, and reports.



Going one step beyond the other libraries, the Kensington Park Library will have several personal computers, complete with inkjet or laser printers, for use by both children and adults. Also in the early planning stages are connections with on-line services such as Internet.

Keith Fleeman, Head Librarian, surrounded by books ready for unpacking and shelving.

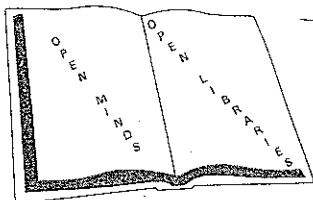
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Staff members joining Keith Fleeman and Linda Swanson are Nancy Shaver, the adult and reference librarian, and Al Brown, Circulation Manager. Please join us in welcoming our new library staff and celebrating the reopening of this much-missed community center.

The library staff and volunteers also invite you to a **Grand Opening Celebration** to showcase the renovations and meet the library staff, community leaders, and county officials. Mark the date and plan to come—**Saturday, November 5** starting at **11 a.m.**



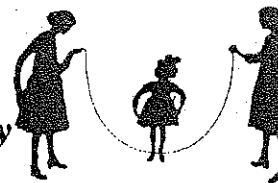
**Materials and Services
at the Kensington Park Library**
4201 Knowles Avenue

Job Search Materials
Meeting Room Facility
Newspapers • Popular Magazines
Biographies • Compact Discs
Storytime for Children
Language Materials (Books and Audiocassettes)
Bus Passes and Schedules (some reduced rates)
Voter Registration Forms • Tax Forms
Consumer Information • Reference Information
Great Novels • Taped Books
Quiet Study Room • Used Books for Sale
Large Print Books • Audiocassettes

Enjoy a wide selection of materials
for intellectual nourishment.

Hours

Monday and Wednesday 12:30 to 8:30
Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 6
Friday 10 to 5 • Saturday 9 to 5



A Rewarding Opportunity

If you are a senior adult, 55 and over, and want to work with children while earning money, take part in Grandcare. Interages, Montgomery County's nonprofit intergenerational center located in Kensington, is providing an opportunity for you to take part in a program that puts seniors to work in licensed child care centers. Now in its eighth year, this program continues to jointly meet the needs of the senior and youth population by pairing an able work force with a much-needed resource—child care.

As program coordinator Harolyn B. Cohen notes, too often, in our area, children live far away from their grandparents and miss out on the wonderful relationship of interacting with the senior generation. Now, after a three-day training and orientation program provided by Interages, seniors are prepared to fill the role of part-time and substitute workers. After the training, employment is contracted directly between individual child care centers and the workers.

If you would like more information about Grandcare, contact Harolyn B. Cohen, Project Coordinator, at 949-3551. The next training program begins on October 18. She is eager to give you more information.



Town Crier

Come to the Kensington Land Trust Yard Sale. You will find everything from trash to treasures—mostly treasures—at the Yard Sale. The yard sale will be held on **Saturday, October 15** from 9 to 3 on the lawn of Helen and Sandy Wilkes's home at 3923 Prospect Street in Kensington. Furniture and miscellaneous household and children's goods will be sold to benefit the Kensington Land Trust. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the yard sale, please call Helen Wilkes at 933-0859 to arrange for a pick-up of items.

This newly-formed group is dedicated to helping preserve Kensington's open spaces primarily through donations of conservation easements. For more information about what the Kensington Land Trust does, or to find out how you can get involved in this community organization, call Helen Wilkes at 933-0859.

Infant Care To Share. Parkwood mother of a 2-month-old is looking for someone to share infant care in her home. Also looking for other mothers to form play group. Interested families in the Kensington, Bethesda, and Chevy Chase areas can call 897-5970 for more information.

Halloween Haunted House at Circle Manor Nursing Home on Carroll Place in Kensington. Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

What a Difference 100 Years Makes

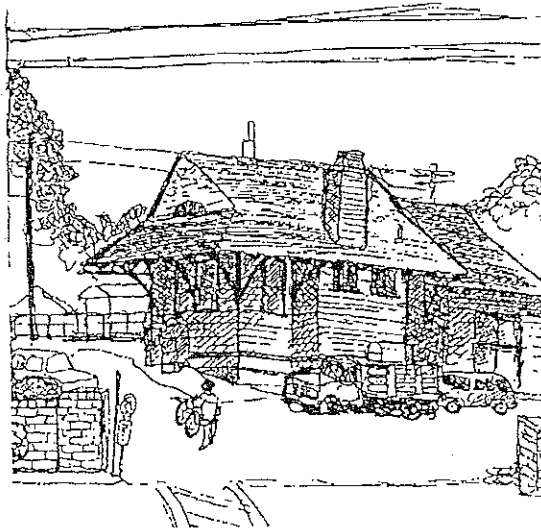
By the looks of the Kensington train station building, you may not think much has changed in the past hundred years, but some interesting facts about the railroad's history may surprise you.

Passenger service through Kensington actually began in 1873, 21 years before the town was even established. Known as Knowles Station back then, the stop was part of a 42-mile route from Point of Rocks to Washington. City commuters were encouraged to build their homes on the Knowles farm near the train station. This growing settlement later became the Town of Kensington that we are so fond of today.

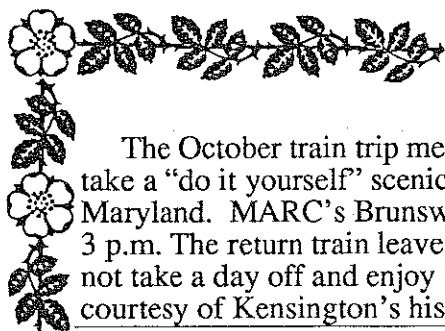
Back in 1894, the one-way fare from Kensington to Union Station was only 35 cents. Compared to today's cost of \$3.00 that's almost an 800% increase! The number of trains serving Kensington station has decreased from 12 in 1894 to 6 today—five into Washington each weekday morning and one in the afternoon, with most of the return trips in the late afternoon. Even the present track elevation has changed with time—it's at least two feet higher than it was in 1894. This is caused by routine track work maintenance.

The present Kensington station was built in 1891, making it the second oldest B&O station still in active use in Montgomery County. This summer, you've probably noticed work crews busy at the Kensington station. They have been restoring the station to its original state. This fall, they will begin work to improve the Kensington parking area.

MARC rail took over service of the old B&O in 1974, with 10 of the original 20 remaining Montgomery County stations still operating today. With commuters still using trains to get to work, the 103 year old Kensington train station is a daily reminder of Kensington's rich history.



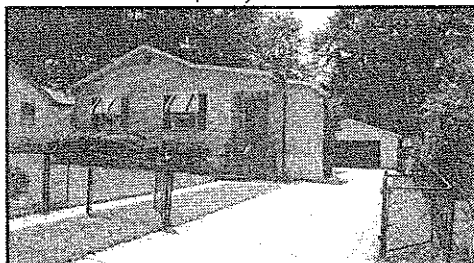
Communications. Laura Kramer helped with this issue. The train station drawing is by Sara Phang. Readers are welcome to contribute news items and ideas.



A Scenic Train Trip

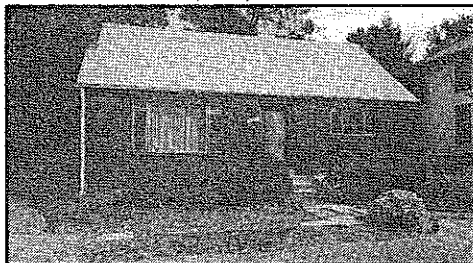
The October train trip mentioned in the last newsletter has been canceled, but this fall you can take a "do it yourself" scenic train ride from Kensington to the end of the line in Brunswick, Maryland. MARC's Brunswick line leaves Kensington at 9:05 a.m. and arrives in Brunswick at 3 p.m. The return train leaves Brunswick at 3 p.m. and arrives in Kensington at 3:46 p.m. So why not take a day off and enjoy the fall colors with a picnic and stroll along the C & O Canal courtesy of Kensington's historic train station.

FOR SALE
\$169,900



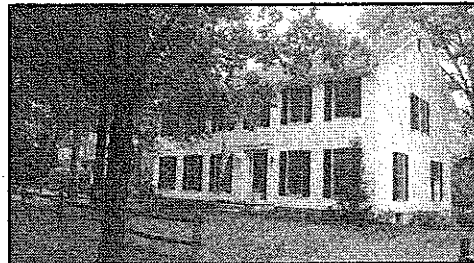
4306 Warner Street, Kensington
Modern Kitchen, Large Liv Rm,
3 BR, 2 BA,
Detached Two-Car Garage.

FOR SALE
\$178,000



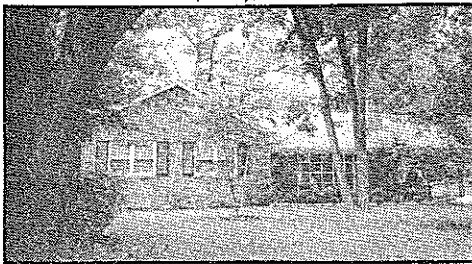
10313 Summit Avenue, Kensington
Large Cape
Liv Rm w/ FP, Updated Kitchen,
Porch, 4 BR, 3 BA, Exc Condition,
Huge Private Back Yard.

FOR SALE
\$399,900



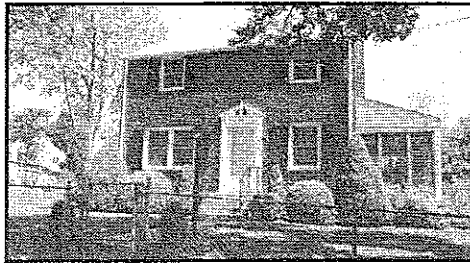
4313 Clearbrook Lane, Kensington
Gracious 3-year-old Colonial
Formal Liv Rm w/ FP, Large Din
Rm, 4 Huge Bedrooms,
Laundry Room, and More.

FOR SALE
\$329,000



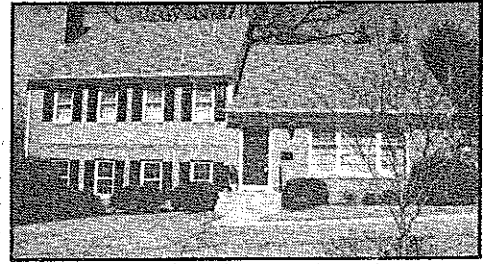
3104 Kent Street, Kensington
Restored Ranch w/ New Kitchen &
New Master Suite. Liv Rm w/ FP,
4 BR, 3 BA.

FOR SALE
\$189,900



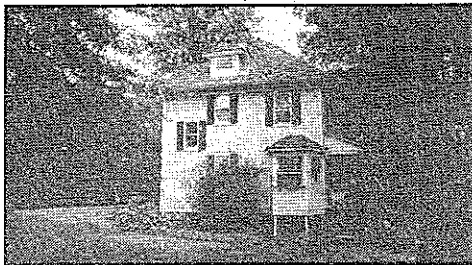
201 Baden Street, Silver Spring
Charming Colonial
Liv Rm w/ FP, Sep Din Rm, 3 BR,
1&1/2 BA, Beautiful Yard.

SOLD
\$320,000



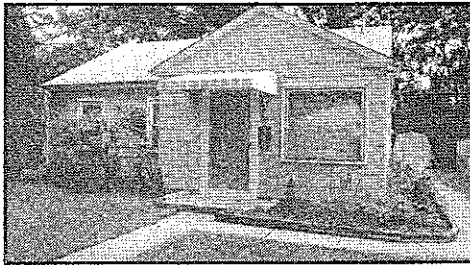
4403 Dresden Street, Kensington
Large Split Level Home
5 BR, 3 1/2 BA, Rec Rm w/ FP.

FOR SALE
\$349,000



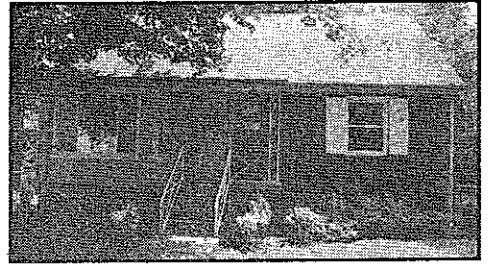
3824 Warner Street, Kensington
Restored Victorian
High Ceilings, Large Rooms, and
Great Charm. 5 BR, 2 1/2 BA.

FOR SALE
\$169,000



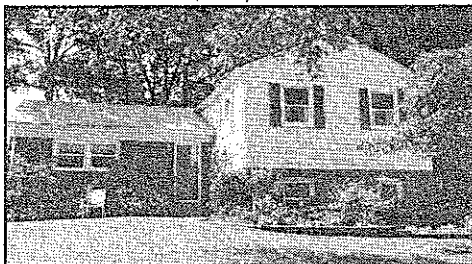
3010 Edgewood Road, Kensington
New Kitchen, Family Rm, Liv Rm,
3 BR, Patio,
Great Condition.

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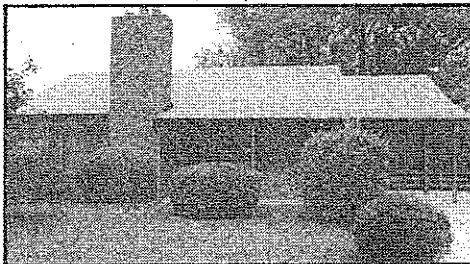
10115 Wildwood Road, Kensington
Large Cape
Liv Rm w/ FP, New Kitchen,
4 BR, 2 BA.

FOR SALE
\$199,900



3903 Morrell Court, Kensington
Gracious Split-Level, Outstanding
Condition. Liv Rm, Updated
Kitchen, Rec Rm, 3 BR, 2 BA.

FOR SALE
\$189,900



10026 Cedar Lane, Kensington
Large Ranch
Liv Rm w/ FP, Din Rm, New
Windows, 3 BR.

SOLD
\$977,500



10112 Darmuid Green Dr, Potomac
Luxurious Home w/ Beautiful Fam
Rm plus Master Suite addition.
Listed by Marsha Schuman.
Sold by Gary Ditto.

*Each of the homes pictured in this newsletter is a Gary Ditto listing
or, as noted, a Gary Ditto sale.*

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