

Holiday on Duty
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Upcoming Events

for more member events and more detail of listed events check out our website at www.WKchamber.org.

Thursday, December 1
8 am at Evergreen School
Chamber Breakfast Mixer and Toy Drive Kickoff

Friday December 2
The Town of Kensington Holiday Tree Lighting begins at 6:30 pm with Santa arriving in his customary courtesy fire truck supplied by the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department. Also enjoy the 28th Annual Christmas Open House in Kensington Antique Row located in Old Town Kensington. Not to be missed is the Holiday Celebrations From Around the World (which starts during the day and runs through the 4th) in the West Howard Avenue Antiques District where there will be give-aways, as well as treasures and gifts from the Four Corners of the Earth! Parking is available at the Safeway, Town Hall, the train station, Kensington Shopping Center and the Kensington Library.

Tuesday December 6
Chamber Program Committee Meeting at 6 pm. contact Moshe Briel if you would like to attend at 301-801-1972 or email him at moshe.x.briel@ampf.com.

Saturday December 17
Toy Wrap Party at Evergreen School Noon to 3 pm

Saturday December 24
Toy delivery! Call Karen Sears at Acorn Self Storage or Marsha Jacques at Evergreen School if you would like to participate.

Save the DATE!

February 25th
Evergreen School Fundraiser at Townhall Kensington

April 24th
A Red Letter Evening for Esther. 2006 Jubilee Toast of Esther Newman (Founder and Executive Director of Leadership Montgomery) Hosted by the Jubilee Foundation.

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The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad in conjunction with the Wheaton&Kensington Chamber of Commerce asks for your support for the 7th annual:

Angels for Children Toy Drive



Your generous donations of toys (or cash that is turned into toys) are delivered to local children on Christmas Eve by Santa and his helpers. We prefer unwrapped presents (it leaves something for the elves to do and also allows them to better match gifts with families).

For drop off locations and information on how you may help (be an elf) —

Please contact

Karen Sears, Acorn Self Storage
at 301-933-8838
acorkensington@gib.net

Marcia A. Jacques, Evergreen School
at 301-942-5979
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If you would rather make a cash donation mail checks payable to **Angels for Children:**
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**P.S. Our Wrap Party will be on
December 17th at Evergreen School from Noon to 3.
Also volunteers are needed on the 24th
as well as leading up to the event!**

Attendees: please bring either a toy, a book, a roll of wrapping paper, or \$10 (for the purchase of such).

Promotional Possibilities

The MD Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) has a program called "Maryland With Pride" (MWP). MWP is a free statewide marketing initiative that promotes Maryland companies. Any business that grows, processes, assembles, manufacturers or handcrafts their product in MD can get all the benefits of membership, with online registering.

Managed by the Governor's Office of Business Advocacy and Small Business Assistance, MWP fosters business-to-business relationship and encourages the purchase of MD's goods and services. Benefits include:

- Online advertising and marketing on the MD with Pride website
- Public displays of products
- Representation at business and trade shows including public promotions, marketing information for newspapers, trade

journals and business publications

- Advice on doing business through MWP's Small Business Development Center

- Promotional Opportunities through distribution of company brochures and other print materials

This is free publicity and might lead to increased sales. For more information, on MWP contact Mary Ellen Morrison, 410-767-6439.

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Logan's Auto Sold

Independence Day 2005 came a couple days early for former WKCC President Tom Logan. On Friday, July 1st Tom commenced working at the Kensington Repair Shop that he founded in 1997 as the General Manager and mentor to the new owner, Master Mechanic Rene Guzman.

Rene was raised in Germany from 9 to 17 years old, where he graduated from a German Technical High School. After school, he returned to his native Bolivia, where he entered an Automotive Repair apprenticeship taught by a German Master Mechanic. Following the apprenticeship, Rene began his 28-year career as

a mechanic.

Rene worked in Bolivia from 1977 to 1990 on Diesel Engines and all types of motors and compressors. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1991 and has worked in this country for the past 14 years on a wide variety of luxury import cars, as well as domestic cars and trucks doing all mechanical and electrical repairs on any domestic or import vehicle. He has earned his credentials as an A.S.E. Master Technician in Automotive, Advanced Engine Performance. Rene also is certified as A.S.E. Truck Technician in Engines, Brakes and Electrical/Electronic Systems. Now

Evergreen School Reaches Out to Montessori Students in Hurricane Ravaged Areas

The halls are filled with joyful sounds and the building is bursting with youthful energy as the new school year gets under way at Evergreen School in Wheaton, Maryland. Yet, as the school year starts, the entire school community is mindful of the hardships of so many affected by Hurricane Katrina. In the face of such overwhelming tragedy, feelings of compassion are mixed with helplessness. Evergreen School, in an effort to reach out and provide some hope, is offering to accept up to 10 of these children with a tuition-free year of schooling. Evergreen School is also seeking households who may be able to take in and provide lodging for displaced families. In this way Evergreen School hopes to give a few families who have lost so much some semblance of community and support.

Evergreen School will accept contributions to help defray the costs involved in educating and caring for

these youngsters. Please make your tax-deductible checks payable to Evergreen School. The Evergreen School community has heartfelt feelings for the losses suffered by the families affected by this devastating storm and hopes to bring some relief and support to those who have little else at this time.

In addition, Evergreen's Upper Elementary students have kept those who have lost so much in their minds and their hearts by launching a drive to collect school supplies and books to send to the youngest casualties of Katrina. 18 large cartons filled with school supplies, toys and children's clothing were sent last week to the Mississippi Coast by Evergreen students to those most in need. In this way the teachers helped to involve the children and to give them a sense of purpose and of helpfulness in the wake of such a devastating time.

As the holiday season approaches

Logan Auto will be able to serve clients in English, Spanish and German languages.

Logan's loyal customers will now have the benefit of two top rated, certified Master Mechanics, as Founder Tom Logan as signed on to continue working at the shop. Tom Logan will assist Rene Guzman in learning the business management and promotional aspects of the business. Rene feels fortunate to have a well-known and respected mentor like Tom Logan to teach him the ropes. Tom has worked approximately 30 years as an automotive mechanic and manager in the local automotive repair industry, serving both major domestic and import dealerships, and a national tire/general repair organization, prior to opening Logan's Automotive over eight years ago. 9

Tom will now have the time and ability to complete the construction of his Kensington home and to spend more time with his family. Last weekend he enjoyed a Saturday away from the shop and took his son, Nicky fishing at White's Ferry. They didn't catch much fish, but they did enjoy an excellent and cherished Father and Son Day.

The Business Consulting and Brokerage firm of Ehrenreich & Associates, headed by WKCC Board Member Richard Ehrenreich, CBI handled the sale of the business for Tom Logan and the SBA Loan financing for Rene Guzman.

Evergreen School is pleased to be, once again, partnered-up with Acorn Self Storage in the Angels for Children program. This is our 3rd year of collecting, wrapping and helping Santa Claus to distribute gifts for the neediest in our area. Angels for Children embraces and reminds us what the true meaning of the holiday season is.

The Evergreen School community is also looking forward to take part this year in Westfield Works Wonders. Our parents and staff are looking forward to an evening of shopping and fun while raising money for our school.

Evergreen School is a Montessori based, independent, co-educational school serving students ranging in age from 2-1/2 to 12 years. Evergreen School is dedicated to nurturing, protecting and enhancing the development of the individual within a diverse and supportive community.

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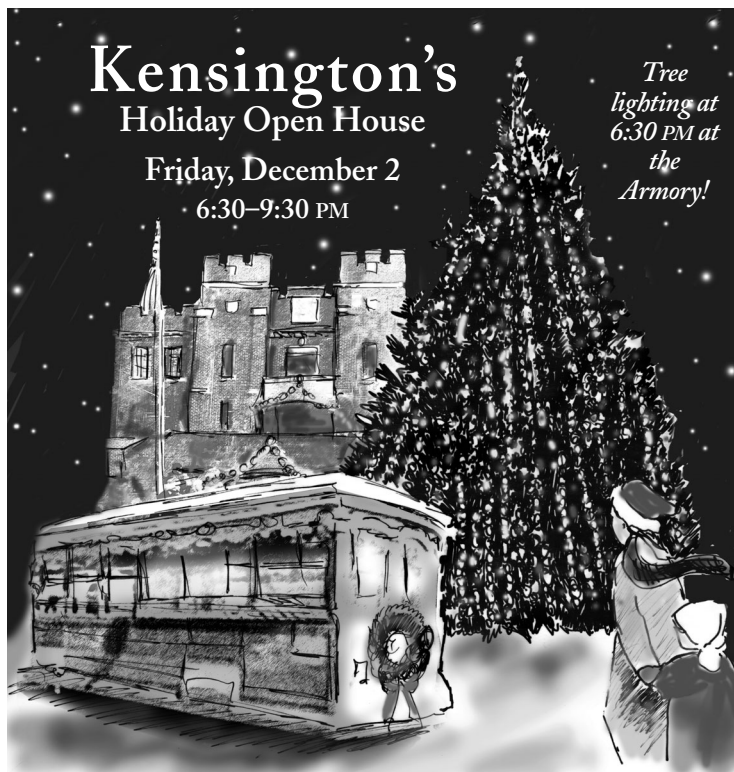
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Run an Ad!

ads starting at \$50

Is your organization doing a fund raiser of some type (from flea market to black tie we don't mind helping you promote it)? Won any awards lately? Given out any awards lately? Involved in a community service project? Something new about your business?

Let us know!



Join us for the fun and festivities and ride the Toonerville Trolley

(thanks to the Rockhall Trolley Company of Rockhall, Maryland
www.rockhalltrolley.com)

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Discover a completely unique gift for your loved ones this year!