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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 23

Breakfast Mixer
from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Update on Bozzuto Projects
in Wheaton.

With Toby Bozzuto
Executive Vice President,
Bozzuto Development
at the Wheaton Regional Library
11701 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
\$5 in advance or \$10 at door

Sunday, February 10

**CHINESE STICKY RICE AND THE
CHINESE NEW YEAR**

Free family event
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Mid-County Regional Services Center
2424 Reedie Drive
Wheaton, MD 20902
Call 240-777-8100

Wednesday, February 20

Chamber Networking Lunch
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at Buffalo Wings and Beer
11123A Veirs Mill Road
Wheaton, MD 20902
(Each pays for own lunch order)
RSVP to: [m.carrington@
foundationfundinggroup.com](mailto:m.carrington@foundationfundinggroup.com)

Wednesday, February 27

Breakfast Mixer
from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Location to be announced
\$5 in advance or \$10 at door

Sunday, March 9

IN LIKE A LION
Free family event
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Mid-County Regional Services Center
2424 Reedie Drive
Wheaton, MD 20902
Call 240-777-8100

March 7 thru 20

See listing on back cover
Kensington Arts Theatre
Musical production
A NEW BRAIN
at Kensington Town Center
3710 Mitchell Street
Kensington, MD 20895

January-February 2008

Local Small Business Reserve Program Grows 52% In the Last Year



During Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, the Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) accomplished the following results:

- Montgomery County contracted more than \$9 million or 11% of available procurement dollars with local small businesses. This

amount represents 52% growth from the previous fiscal year.

- 90 local small businesses received contracts from the County. In the previous fiscal year, 75 local small businesses received contracts.

- As of June 30, 2007, 600 businesses were registered with the Local Small Business Reserve Program. The Program added 334 businesses during FY07.

LSBRP is looking to build on these results and has developed initiatives to enhance the services provided to the business participating in the Program:

- Businesses will have more opportunities to market their products or services directly to County departments.

- Companies will receive training on how to respond to County solicitations.

- Businesses registered with the Program are placed on a public vendors' list and can be viewed by large companies seeking to deal with small businesses.

The Department of Economic Development invites local small businesses to participate in the LSBRP. Registration can be done online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/LSBRP.

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Kensington May Create Special Parking District



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The Kensington Town Council and business owners will look to create a special parking district that may attract new stores

which might have been

hesitant to open because of hard-to-meet parking regulations. Businesses in the county are required to supply 20 parking spaces for every 1,000 sq. ft. of shopping space. On-site parking is scarce in Kensington along Howard and Armory Avenues, and new businesses have a tough time meeting the requirements. The parking district could also allow Kensington businesses to waive county parking requirements when opening a new store.

Kensington Town Councilwoman Mary Donatelli, head of the downtown revitalization committee, said a parking district is the next logical step to usher in revitalization. The special parking district would levy a new tax on businesses. The money raised would be directed to a fund to help offset the costs of the parking lot planned for the site of the former Konterra cement plant on Metropolitan Avenue. Council members believe the Konterra lot will provide enough parking spaces for shoppers so Kensington

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Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Receives Federal Grant

The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad has been awarded \$5,160 in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Chief Allen Platky said the rescue squad would use the grant to buy new protective gloves, which cost about \$50 to \$60 per pair.

"We want to make sure that everyone has stuff that is fully up to standards," Platky said. "There is currently a mixture of old and new." Rescue personnel will use the gloves when dealing with car accidents. Platky said fire departments and rescue squads apply for these grants under very specific guidelines. The grants fund equipment, personal protection equipment, training, fire and rescue vehicles, firefighter/first responder safety projects and staffing recruitment and retention.

Source: The Gazette

Kensington Seeks New Position of Town Manager

The Kensington Town Council will hire a temporary, part-time town manager as they search for candidates who could fill the new permanent, full-time position. The town manager position would replace the old public works department head, taking over the duties of that position, which include hiring and firing the town crew and overseeing trash collection, maintenance and construction of town parks, roads and buildings, in addition to day-to-day activities of the town.

Hiring a town manager would require changing the way that Kensington government operates.

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Kensington Special Parking District

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businesses could be exempt from the county parking requirements.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson said the council would have to decide which stores to include in a parking district and how much tax to levy on businesses that would reap any benefit from loose parking requirements. Also, businesses that provide the county-required parking could be exempt from such a tax. The parking district would most likely include the East Howard Avenue stores, but not the businesses along Knowles Avenue on the west side of Connecticut Avenue.

Dennis McCurdy, head of the Kensington Business District Administration said that previous councils tried to create a parking district, but in the past there wasn't sufficient open parking in town. McCurdy owns several stores on Armory Avenue and said that the business owners renting the space must park elsewhere to leave the storefront spaces for customers or face a fine.

The council and McCurdy will talk with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission about how to create a special parking district.

Source: The Gazette

Georgia Avenue Concept Study Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saddlebrook Park Police Headquarters

12751 Layhill Road, Silver Spring

Call: 301-495-4650 or e-mail:

khalid.afzal@mncppc-mc.org for more information.

The Montgomery County Planning Dept invites residents, workers and others interested in the Georgia Avenue area to attend a meeting that will provide a status report on a study of Georgia Avenue between the District of Columbia and the Howard County line. The concept study takes a big-picture look at Georgia Avenue, including land uses, urban design, pedestrian safety and development scenarios for some of the large commercial properties along the road.

Kensington Town Manager

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Kensington town staff currently report directly to the mayor, whereas in other municipal governments, the staff report to a town manager, according to the council. The town staff includes a code enforcement officer, clerk-treasurer, administrative assistant, and special assistant to the mayor.

But before anyone is chosen as town manager, the town will hire an interim, part-time town manager so the council can evaluate the pros and cons of the new system of government. Whoever serves as interim town manager could be eligible for the full-time position, but will also be responsible for helping the town council search for a full-time manager.

Source: The Gazette

Wheaton in the Winter Features Sunday Family Events

Wheaton in the Winter arts performances and crafts will be held on the second Sunday of each month though April, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The events are free and take place in the Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reddie Drive.



The Wheaton Arts and Entertainment District Taskforce helped organize these programs that are appropriate for preschool or elementary school children and their parents or guardians, allowing families to be creative together. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the end of each program.

Sunday, Feb. 10: Chinese Sticky Rice and the Chinese New Year

Storyteller Linda Fang will share a series of tales from ancient China and food to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Sunday, March 9: In Like a Lion

Luis Garay's Percussion World will show how to use various instruments including bongos, shakers and balafons, percussion instruments from Western Africa.

Sunday, April 13: It's a Small World After All

Nada Brahma will perform, showing the role music plays in different cultures, and incorporating the bridging of cultures and Earth Day.

These programs are meant to attract people to stores and restaurants in the downtown area. For more information, call the Wheaton Urban District at 240-777-8100.

Kensington Safeway

The new Kensington Safeway store grand opening will take place on Thursday, February 7. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 3:45 pm and doors open at 4 pm.

Local Small Business Reserve Program

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For further information, contact:
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THANK YOU TO THESE MEMBER RENEWALS!

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Scott Wertlieb

301-949-1215

www.ApartmentShowcase.com/Vista/KensingtonHouse

Apartments

Privacy World at Glenmont

Metrocentre

Greg Eisenstadt

301-933-4000

Architects

James Wesley Barton, A. I. A

James Wesley Barton

301-946-5905

Arts Group/Theatre

Kensington Arts Theatre - KAT

Reservations c/o Town Hall

240-396-4307

www.katonline.org

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Spotlight on New Member

Golden Sound Studio

Music has been Scott Harlan's lifelong career, and bringing Golden Sound Studio to Kensington in 2007 has been the next step up in that quest. While he still plays professionally in a variety of ensembles, Scott's primary occupation now lies in producing music for all purposes. Golden Sound Studio's services range from recording and mixing albums for singer/songwriters to writing original music for commercial/business applications.

Their clientele includes charity organizations, restaurants, professional and amateur musicians, record labels, and more. They love that Golden Sound Studio offers a top-notch product, a clean and beautiful facility, and a pleasant artistic experience all at an affordable price. Whether you are someone who loves music, needs music, or both, they are at your service. They can record and produce songs that you write, they can handle your voice-over needs, write the perfect song for your promotional DVD, or they can make that catchy jingle that will get you heard on the radio. They can even clean up and enhance many old recordings.

Owner and engineer Scott Harlan has been a professional musician for 17 years, and has more than 14 years of experience in the recording studio world. He is very passionate about his projects, and is a happy perfectionist. He says, "Music touches people in many ways, and being able to capture the magic of that is the best job in the world." He originally opened Golden Sound Studio in 2002 in Woodbridge, Virginia, to produce his own music. Since then, the studio has blossomed, and the growth warranted the move to Maryland, to a larger, and much-improved facility. Now in their fantastic new Kensington home, his future is shining brightly.

Contact: Scott Harlan

Golden Sound Studio

3843 Farragut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895

301-962-1119

e-mail: ScottHarlan@verizon.net

www.GoldenSoundStudio.com

New Member Spaulding and Slye Investments has Stake in Wheaton's Future

Spaulding and Slye Investments, a member of the Jones Lang LaSalle group, is currently responsible for a portfolio valued in excess of \$1 billion comprised of existing income-producing assets, asset repositioning and ground-up developments. Through the market position of Jones Lang LaSalle and the breadth and depth of its services, Spaulding & Slye Investments is able to identify, underwrite and execute investments on behalf of their investment partners.

Spaulding and Slye Investments is proud to be a part of the Wheaton community through its part in the redevelopment of the Metro Plaza Wheaton Square project at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Reedie Drive. The Metro Plaza Wheaton Square project will bring a vibrant new mixed use development directly above the Wheaton Metro.

Arthur C. Frye
Senior Vice President



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Green: Trees, Benches and Other Amenities

Friends and family members can be honored by having a tree planted or a bench or picnic area installed in a Montgomery County Park. This gift keeps on giving! For more information and suggestions, visit GreenGifts. For information on planning your gift, contact the Grants and Donations Program of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at 301-650-5650 or tin-mala@mncppc-mc.org.

Breakfast Mixer November 28 – Digital Photography Tips/Marketing Small Businesses

This Breakfast Mixer was catered by and held at the Aspen Hill Club, located at 14501 Homecrest Road, Wheaton, MD 20906. Call them at 301-598-5200 for information on holding an event there, or visit their website www.aspenhillclub.com. Our November sponsor, Mike Colella, gave a presentation of Digital Photography Tips, outlined below. Doorprizes were donated by Brookside Gardens. Then, Dan Robinson (301-908-3504) from the Maryland Small Business Development Center (MDSBDC) spoke to us about Marketing Small Businesses.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

1 - With camera in hand **READ YOUR MANUAL**, cover to cover.

Most important: know how to navigate your menus.

2 - Set Resolution to the highest camera is capable. **DO NOT** use lower resolution to “save space”.

3 - Set Quality to the Best “least compression” (least no. of pictures per card).



Mixer photos courtesy of Mike Colella and Vicky Surles

Only ‘compress’ when absolutely necessary.

4 - Best to use the ‘native’ ISO of the camera (the lowest setting).

Keep in mind that the higher you go, the more ‘noise’ or pixilation is created in the image.

5 - Largest memory card is not always the best. Purchase cards large enough for about 50 -100 images each and have 2 or more cards.

Don’t put **ALL** your digital eggs on one memory card!

6 - Purchase at least 1 extra camera battery. And always carry it with you!

7 - Learn the limits of your flash. Typical point & shoot camera flash is only good for 10-15 feet.

8 - Buy the camera with the highest Mega pixel you can afford. 5MP or better is good.

9 - Ignore ‘great digital Zoom features’ - **AND** avoid using that. Optical is always better.

The Aspen Hill Club



10 - Look for cameras capable of the ‘shooting speed’ that you need.

Get faster cameras for children.

11 - Today’s camera will be obsolete in less than 2 years, so plan to upgrade.

12 - Workflow - Download (using card reader, always faster than the camera)

Backup to another drive if possible.

Burn to good Disc (DVD better) immediately! And put away.

Edit and re backup

13 - Avoid Camera “RAW” unless you are trained; the camera will generally do a better job than you at processing.

14 - Do **MINIMAL** to **NO** color correction on your images before sending to printer.

You will just make their job harder, if not impossible to give you a good print.

Use your edit software to crop to the size you want to print.

15 - Get into the habit of making **PRINTS** from a LAB, even if it is only of your best ones. They will **LAST** beyond your lifetime! **MEMORIES...**



printing is rarely cheaper than a commercial lab.

Online labs OK, but test them first! Your local 1-hour is generally a better choice.

Professional labs are available for special needs.

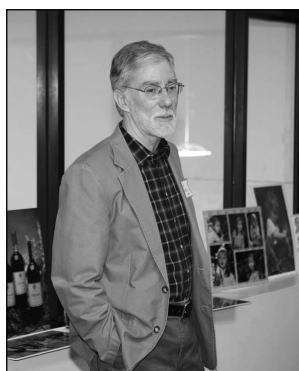
Contact Mike Colella with any questions at Colella Photography, 2806 Jennings Rd, Kensington, MD 20895.

301-942-2853,
e-mail: Mike@colellaphoto.com
www.colellaphoto.com



START OR EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS WITH HELP FROM THE CAPITAL REGION SBDC!

Since 1980, the Maryland Small Business Development Center Network (SBDC) has provided professional counseling and low cost training to start-up and existing businesses



throughout the state of Maryland. The Capital Region SBDC was established to serve the specific needs of businesses in Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties.

Start the process right away! Visit the Maryland Small Business Development Center’s website at www.mdsbdc.umd.edu.

If you are starting your business, follow the Smart Start path and take part in the **FREE** Business Readiness Assessment. This excellent tool will provide you a customized guide to the next steps in your business venture!

If you are already in business, follow the Grow Smart path to learn more about available assistance!

For more information on our Business Seminars visit the Training Section on www.capitalsbdc.umd.edu

Contact information: 301-403-0501 x 11,
or e-mail: training@mdsbdc.umd.edu.



December 19 Holiday Mixer at the Royal Mile Pub



Chamber of Commerce members and guests celebrated the season at our Holiday Mixer held December 19th at the Royal Mile Pub in Wheaton. The warm and relaxed atmosphere encouraged the many new faces attending to make connections and share stories in the Pub setting.



Montgomery Housing Partnership, spoke about the preparations for the Angels for Children Annual Toy drive and distribution.

Ellen Riger donated one of her deluxe EllenOriginals gift baskets as the grand doorprize. She also talked about the Holiday on Duty Fund,

The Royal Mile Pub provided the impressive buffet, featuring a modern interpretation of Celtic cuisine. Maureen Sweeney Smith, Communications Director of the



and encouraged contributions for the holiday meals to be delivered to our area Public Safety personnel that work on the holidays.

Thank you to those who brought items for the Angels for Children Toy Campaign. Thanks also to the Royal Mile Pub for hosting the event and Brookside Gardens for consistently donating additional doorprizes. The Royal Mile Pub is located at 2407 Price Avenue, call 301-946-4511 or visit www.royalmilepub.com.

EllenOriginals features exquisite gift baskets for any occasion, call 301-946-7141 or 1-800-948-6513 or visit the website at www.EllenOriginals.com.



December Mixer Photos courtesy of Jack Marshall and Vicky Surles

Delegate Jane Lawton is Remembered

We mourn the passing of Delegate Jane Lawton. Jane was a regular participant at Chamber events. She came to report on her work in Annapolis and to hear our hopes and concerns. I remember her being at a Chamber mixer when I was first installed as President, as well as running into her at the Kensington 8 K race this September.

I remember Jane as a person with tremendous energy, curiosity and a passion to serve her community. Jane made a wonderful contribution to our community, and all of us in the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce will miss her.

Tim Wiens, President
Wheaton & Kensington Chamber Commerce & Executive Director
Jubilee Association of Maryland, Inc.

Montgomery County Del. Jane Lawton, 63, died of a heart condition the morning of November 29, collapsing after speaking at a telecommunications symposium downtown. Lawton was a Democrat who represented parts of Chevy Chase, Kensington and Silver Spring (District 18).

Lawton headed a task force studying ways to enhance green buildings in the state, and won passage this year of two bills to curb sprawl and

reduce pollution flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. She planned to file a bill with Sen. Jamin B. Raskin (D-Montgomery) for consideration in January to allow public schools to purchase food grown by local farmers for school lunches.

She was deeply involved in local schools and politics, serving as PTA president at Rosemary Hills Elementary School, and as mayor of Chevy Chase for four terms in the 1980s. Lawton led the fight in the 1970s to tear down an old middle school in Chevy Chase and create the Leland Center, now a magnet of community activity, and a living legacy to her efforts.

The night that Jane Lawton passed away, she was to be honored by the Maryland Municipal League at a banquet in Gaithersburg for her "outstanding service" on behalf of local governments.

Kensington Town Councilman Alfred C. Carr was chosen to fill the seat left vacant by Del. Lawton. A special election will be held on February 5 to fill Carr's empty council seat until the term is up in June.



Source: *The Washington Post*

Marian Fryer Inducted to Hall of Fame

Marian Fryer, a 33-year Wheaton resident, was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame recently for her community service and volunteer work in the area. Fryer was nominated by fellow activist Don Praisner, who won a spot in the hall of fame last year. He said Fryer deserved the recognition because of all the volunteer work she has done. Besides being a longtime member of our Chamber, she is a member of Senior Leadership Montgomery, a nonprofit made up of seniors who want to organize community action projects.

Fryer is also the president of the Wheaton Citizens Coalition, a member of the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee, teaches weight training and bone building at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and is active at the New Creation Church in Wheaton. She also finds time to run a clothing and accessories shop, Marian's Connections, out of her home.

Fryer and 50 other inductees from around the state will have their photos and biographies printed in the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Inc. Blue Book, which is on display at the Langsdale Library at the University of Baltimore.

Businesses and Residents Contribute Over \$2,600 to Holiday On Duty Fund

Once again, the Wheaton & Kensington Business & Residential Community contributed over \$2600 for the Chamber Holiday On Duty Fund for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2007, as well as for New Year's 2008. Even in times of greater economic uncertainty, this community ensured, through the many generous donations, that the mission of the Fund was fulfilled.

The campaign, which makes sure that all Public Safety personnel are fed Holiday meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For the last two years, through the generosity of our community, we were also able to do New Year's as well.

Five Public Safety agencies received holiday meals, including the Wheaton Rescue Squad, Montgomery County Police 4th District Station (Wheaton/Glenmont), officers from the Montgomery County 2nd District Station (Bethesda) who are responsible for policing Kensington, and, Kensington Volunteer Fire Stations 5 and 18.

Of special note, Paula Patton Moutsos, of White House Chef fame, and a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Wheaton, specially prepared side dishes for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Two of our local church groups, the First Baptist Church of Wheaton, and Hughes United Methodist Women also came through with substantial monetary donations.

The Chamber is ever grateful to two very special vendors who have made this Fund possible since its inception. Shaul Kosher Market in Kemp Mill and Honey Baked Ham (formerly Heavenly Baked Ham) in Gaithersburg. These two merchants, have not only prepared wonderful meals for our Public Safety personnel, time and time again, but have also given the Chamber significant discounts. Both Shaul and Honey Baked Ham have really helped make this campaign successful.

This community project is a tribute and a very big "THANK YOU!" to our Public Safety personnel. This is the essence of the Wheaton Kensington community; the way our community works together. The way WE say that very big "Thank You!"

Contributing to Holiday On Duty this year were:

Charles Bolton**
Moshe Briel - Moshe Briel Assoc.
Maureen Carrington
L. Blaine Charak - Chair, Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board
Greg Eisenstadt - Privacy World at Glenmont Metrocentre
Ewing, Hines & Associates Insurance*
Deacon Board - First Baptist Church of Wheaton**
Fitzgerald Auto Mall-Wheaton
Lynn & Robert Murphy (Lynn is Comptroller)
George E. Sydnor, GM
Joe Giampetroni - The Mortgage Store USA
Neil Johnson, Esq & Judy Johnson*
Henry & Bonnie Heller
Hughes United Methodist Women*
Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept**
Mark, Rosalyn & Khanh LeGlazer*
Alan Levin Foundation*
State Sen. Richard Madaleno
Tony Marinucci, CPA

Jack Marshall & Vicky Surles - (Jack - Appliance Distributors Unlimited, Vicky - WKCC)
Laura-Leigh Palmer - a.s.a.p. graphics*
Carol & Walt Petzold
Sandglass Systems - David Hildalgo*
Sherwood Associates, Inc**
Lisa & T J Tedesco - Grow Sales.com
Kathleen Thompson - JTA*
Patrick Weed - Patrick Realty Company, Inc*
Westfield Wheaton - Duncan Smith, GM & Debbie Young, Marketing*
Marie S. Wubben
Paula Patton-Moutsos prepared Thanksgiving side dishes

* Denotes Contribution of \$100 or more

**Denotes Contribution of \$200 or more

Angels for Children Toy Drive

The spirit of Christmas giving was very alive in Wheaton again this year, as the ninth annual Angels for Children toy drive program, sponsored by the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce, the Wheaton Rescue Squad, Evergreen School, and Acorn Storage, brought the joy of the 2007 holiday season to many families who, otherwise, might not have received any presents this year.

Led by a police escort, and riding aboard Rescue Squad vehicles with lights and sirens, Santa and Mrs. Claus and many "elves" delivered toys and other gifts to more than 400 children identified by the Maryland Housing Partnership. Many had made cards and pictures for Santa in anticipation of his arrival, then everyone wanted hugs and pictures taken with Santa.

Making the Angels program special is the opportunity to participate from start to finish, really experiencing the joy that comes from brightening the holidays for others.

At Evergreen School, for example, many parents take their children shopping to help pick a gift and let them bring it to school to put in the collection box. They then join other volunteers in wrapping the presents. And then, on Christmas Eve, they help Santa deliver the presents. It is a wonderful life lesson in giving, caring and community; and a truly heartwarming experience.

For Paul and Marcia Jacques (Santa and Mrs. Claus), whose own children are grown up, the program is a holiday tradition. Whenever their children are home for the holidays, they become "elves" along with the other many volunteers, and the magic remains a large part of their family celebration.

The Angels for Children program is a shining example of what this season of love and sharing is all about. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who came to wrap, sort, and transport presents, and then help Santa deliver the presents. Thanks to the many individuals, organizations, and companies who donated toys and money towards this Program. Vizada Satellite Services, Inc., Brookside Gardens, Evergreen School, Acorn Self Storage, Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and St. Catherine Labouré School are among the many who were so generous again this year.

Thank you to Acorn Self Storage for providing storage space for the toys, supplies, and trucks that moved the toys. A special thanks to Deputy Chief Steve Sobolewski, and Captain Kris Hoxha, both of Wheaton Rescue Squad, who not only participated in each stage of the program but also



arranged for rescue squad vehicles, a police escort, and lots of volunteers on Christmas Eve. And thank you to the Maryland Housing Partnership who provided many helpers throughout the entire program to smoothly and successfully organize and deliver our presents.



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Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mixer Update on Bozzuto Development Projects in Wheaton



with
Toby Bozzuto
Executive Vice President
Bozzuto Development

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www.bozzuto.com

Wednesday, January 23, 2008
from 7:30 – 9:00 AM


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240-777-0678 • Enter in the lower level parking lot entrance



 **MC PL** Montgomery County PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Continental Breakfast • Mix & Network with Other Businesses and Organizations

Toby Bozzuto will speak about planned mixed-use development projects in downtown Wheaton. **Metropointe:** located above the Wheaton Metro station with new Kiss & Ride facilities, residential and retail space, is an integral part of the city's revitalization. **Metro Plaza at Wheaton Square:** located on the 3-acre site at the southwest corner of Georgia Avenue and Reddie Drive, adjacent to the Wheaton Metro station, the project will encompass Class A office space and street level retail.

Cost is \$5 in advance (option for members only) or \$10 at the door

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Our Chamber
Breakfast Mixers
are on the fourth
Wednesday of
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A NEW BRAIN by William Finn

Directed by Jeffrey Breslow; and David Rohde, music direction.

The show dates are:

Fridays and Saturdays - March 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22 (all at 8pm)

Sundays - March 9, 16 (both at 7pm)

Thursday - March 20 (8pm)

Performances are at: Kensington Town Center,
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

The musical story of a composer who dreams of greatness, but finds himself stuck writing songs for the egomaniacal host of a children's television show. When it is discovered he has a brain tumor, the composer must cope with the possibility that his best work may remain unwritten while also dealing with his oppressive mother, his distant lover, his frustrated best friend, and a demanding 6-foot frog.

GREEN MATTERS Symposium: Sustainable Landscapes

Friday, February 22, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Carbon footprint... global warming... going green at home... these are all buzz words and phrases we're hearing a lot about in the news. But how do our gardens and landscapes fit in with efforts to preserve the environment? Just because they are part of nature doesn't mean they're "green." In an exciting new program called "Sustainable Sites," the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and the United States Botanic Garden have taken the lead in developing a new initiative to measure and recognize sustainability in landscape design, construction, and maintenance. Attend Green Matters to get cutting edge information on the first Sustainable Sites report and specific information on ways you can green your landscape's footprint.

Course number 43374; Fee \$89. For a detailed description
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