

# KPCA News

Newsletter of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.

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## President's Corner

Dear residents of Kenwood Park,

I welcome the opportunity to serve as your president of our Citizens Association. Together, we will work to strengthen the neighborhood bonds between the citizens of Kenwood Park.

We have a great board comprised of long-time residents with a vested interest in maintaining the integrity of the community, respecting our history while welcoming new residents. I myself have only resided here for three years with my wife and our 3 sons after moving from Chevy Chase DC. Kenwood Park is a delightful place to raise a family.

This upcoming year we will have a block captain initiative to encourage our neighbors to join the Association and will schedule quarterly events to bring the community together. Our 4th of July celebration was a success, our Halloween event is coming up and we are planning a potluck for late January or early February. Don't forget our website. We are going to make it lively with topical announcements, features, and all of the old Newsletters.

The next time you see your neighbor jogging or walking the dog or just going for a stroll, take time to simply say - "Hi!" A little thing like hello will go a long way in building our community ties. The Kenwood Park Citizens Association is here for you. We are Kenwood Park, a vibrant neighborhood. The best is yet to come.

Respectfully,

**Krishna Collie**

President, KPCA

## KPCA Calendar

### **Book Club**

September 30, 2014—See Inside

### **Garden Club**

October 26, 2014—See Inside

### **Kennel Club**

TBA—See Inside

## **New Security Patrol Starts Up on September 15, 2014**

The Board has signed a contract with a new company called Urban Alarm to provide patrol services effective September 15, 2014. The services provided will be essentially the same as those that residents were familiar with over the last few years until the service deteriorated in the hands of new management. The new patrol will circulate continuously through the streets of Kenwood Park overnight in a clearly marked vehicle. They will notify security members if they see open garage doors or a problem. For vacation checks the company will do a walk-around of the house, more than once an evening if time permits, checking doors and windows, and placing mail and newspapers out of sight. If an email address has been provided, the patrol officer will send a report, with photos, to the house check requestor.

Any KPCA member who has paid for the patrol services can call **202-684-2500** for assistance. The company has informed us that calling that number activates a patrol hotline voice menu. The caller, upon submitting his or her zip code, can connect directly to the patrol car, or use the option to connect with a

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**Visit the KPCA web site: <http://www.kpcaonline.org> (under construction)**

**New Security Patrol** (continued from page 1)

supervisor to schedule a vacation watch. Hence, the only number a security member needs for either purpose is **202-684-2500**. This number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This is a new service. If you encounter any difficulty at all please contact our President at once, contact information on the masthead. As this is a new service we want to correct any glitches as fast as possible.

In fact, Urban Alarm is already running patrols through the neighborhood. If you wish to request vacation services even before September 15, contact the President and a nightly walk-around can be scheduled. After September 15, please use **202-684-2500**.

Urban Alarm, which is already providing services to the Kalorama neighborhood in the District, appears to be “high tech.” For those who supply an email address to Urban with the house check request, a report will be emailed to the resident after the inspection. We are printing a sample of the report in this issue. For those who don’t wish to provide an email address, a print-out of the same report will be dropped off to the address the next day.


Urban Alarm also provides individual home monitoring systems, and will offer free service through 2014 for any system they take over in Kenwood Park. They would then respond to alarm calls. This offer is valid through the end of October.

Sample Reports from Urban Alarm →

## Block Captains

At the last Board meeting a number of residents volunteered to become block captains. This involves visiting neighbors on your street and inviting them to join KPCA. This could be done at your leisure and for as many houses as you can find the time. Volunteers will be armed with some literature. Of course, we are trying to grow the membership, foster community spirit, meet one another, and not inconsequentially, lower the annual membership dues.

If you have the time to do a little walking and want to meet new people in your neighborhood, contact our acting membership chair-person, Hannah Elson, at 301 320 2837.



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**Form Information**

Form Name:	<b>Patrol Report Kenwood Park</b>
Submitter Name:	patrol@urbanalarm.com
Submission Date:	Aug 21, 2014 9:20 PM
Reference Number:	20140822-1814894730

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**Check In**

Date Time Stamp	Aug 21, 2014 9:05 PM
Geo Stamp	Marbury Road, Kenwood Park, MD, US Aug 21, 2014 9:05 PM [ <a href="#">View Map</a> ]
Reporting Officer	Andy Alvarez
Member	5816-Ma

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**Patrol Scope**



Action	Foot Patrol
Areas Checked	Front Steps Front Door Area Left Side Garage / Driveway Area Left Side Fence Line Rear Yard Rear Upper Deck Rear Screened Patio Area Right Side Fence Line Vehicle, lower level rear door

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**Results of Patrol**

Report	All Secure Observation (See Notes / Image) Action
Additional Notes	Picked up (2) newspapers left at the front drive, discarded as instructed.
Report Images	Garbage and recycling has been collected, returned both bins to the side of the house.

Patrol: 202-684-2500

Sent Report to Member
preskpc@gmail.com

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**Check Out**

Check Out Date / Time	Aug 21, 2014 9:20 PM
Check Out Location	Marbury Road, Kenwood Park, MD, US Aug 21, 2014 9:19 PM [ <a href="#">View Map</a> ]

# Board Decision on Next Fiscal Year Dues

The Board has determined that dues for the coming fiscal year, September 15, 2014 to September 14, 2015, will be \$295 for Security membership and \$85 for social membership. This is a reduction of dues from last year which were \$338 and \$100. A membership application in this issue reflects the new dues schedule. Please note that the Board has decided to start the enrollment period on September 15, 2014, to coincide with the activation of a new security patrol service on that date. The period of membership would continue for 12 months, as before, but ending on September 14, 2015. The reason for this change is essentially to keep faith with our residents. We have not been able to provide a security patrol since before July 1, 2014. Consequently, there is no justification for asking residents to pay for services not provided in that period. If you already paid your 2014-2015 dues, your membership will be extended to September 14, 2015.

## Kenwood Park Citizens Association

**Please renew your membership today (or join for the first time).**

*September 15, 2014 to September 14, 2015*

- Security patrol contribution and KPCA membership together: \$295.
- Social KPCA membership only: \$85.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** (Someone we can call if you are out of town or are disabled, even in the evening):

Please make checks out to: Kenwood Park Citizens Association (or KPCA)

Please mail to:

Hannah Elson, KPCA Treasurer  
6320 Lenox Rd.  
Bethesda, MD 20817

If you prefer to pay online, go to: [www.brightdoc.com/kpca](http://www.brightdoc.com/kpca)

## Kenwood Park Real Estate Update September 2014

The current real estate market is uninspiring at best. Homes are selling more slowly and prices are rising so modestly as to really be seen as flat. Last year's market was robust and there seemed to be force behind it. This year's market has slipped with no apparent definitive reason. Montgomery County has had a .3% increase in average sales price over 2013, which is better than surrounding counties – except DC which rose a robust 7.58%. The median price was down .6%. Montgomery County's dollar volume of sales for January through July is \$31.2 billion compared to the same time frame last year of \$33.2 billion. And the number of closed sales have decreased everywhere in the Metro area. Fairfax is down \$5.2 billion but again DC is the winner with volume up \$2.3 billion.

For Kenwood Park though the number of homes closed over this time frame rose from 5 to 8, the dollar volume from \$4.820 million to \$9.466 million and the average time on the market fell five days to 13.6. So we are doing

better than the county as a whole. This is likely attributable to the pricier new builds which skew the numbers.

As of this moment in Kenwood Park there are five homes for sale, ranging in price from \$1,248,000 to \$2,095,000. The three most expensive are new construction. There are three homes for rent between \$4200 and \$4600. Since June 1 three homes have closed between \$965,000 and \$1,185,000. And 10 homes have rented between \$3500 and \$6000.

Right now, three homes are for rent in the mid \$4000s. And three are for sale: One at \$1,488,000, one at \$2,095,000 and one at \$2,299,000.

*Contributed by Linda Chaletzky  
lchaletzky@eversco.com*

\*Statistics are taken from the Metropolitan Regional Information System for three areas: Washington, D.C., Montgomery County, Maryland, and Fairfax County, Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church in Virginia.

## Letter from Bethesda District Montgomery County Police Commander

As commander of the 2nd District, I find that working in partnership with the communities we serve is essential to successful law enforcement. As police resources are limited, it is critical that the community be our "eyes" and "ears" and calls us immediately when suspicious behavior, persons and vehicles are observed. Neighborhood Watch programs and roving private security patrols are excellent deterrents to crime and their efforts are appreciated by our officers. We are always willing provide training and awareness for these groups. Together, we hope to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Crime updates: (as of August 6, 2014)

In July, we had only one robbery in the entire district bringing the total for the year to 22, which is the exact same number at this time last year. However, also in July, we had 123 vehicles entered where property was removed. Of these 123, 88% were left unlocked. In the others where force was used to gain entry, it was primarily because expensive items were left in plain view such as laptops, wallets, purses, etc. We are up 7.7% in this category so far this year. We have reviewed suspects on video and watched

as they try door handles, then move onto to the next car when they find it locked. We have talked to suspects after they are arrested and they will tell us that they like to commit this crime here because "most people leave their cars unlocked and there is good stuff inside."

Also in July there were 19 residential burglaries. Of these burglaries, 6 involved property such as bicycles taken from open garages.

In June, 30% of stolen cars were taken with a spare key left inside the car.

While I will continue to deploy my resources to those areas most affected by crime trends, there is still a lot of work we need to do together to deter and prevent many of these crimes from occurring. The first step is to make sure you are doing what you need to do to prevent yourself from becoming a victim by simply locking your car, not leaving spare keys inside your car and closing and locking your garage doors, especially at night.. The second step is to be a good neighbor - call your neighbor when you see a garage door being left open, share the stats on thefts from

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## Kenwood Park Kennel Club

In light of the interest shown by KP residents for a dog get together, KP Kennel Club is preparing for our next Yappy Hour. If anyone is willing to host or help with the next party, please contact Neda [kpkenneel@kpcaonline.org](mailto:kpkenneel@kpcaonline.org).

### KPCA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Join us this year's **Fall Social Event : Bulb Planting Party** on **Sunday Oct. 26th, 3:30-5:00 PM**. Meet neighbors and help beautify Kenwood Park. Gardeners of all ages are welcome.

Adults can guide kids, as we add spring blooming bulbs to the Durbin Rd. Triangle (corner of Radnor Rd. and Durbin Rd.) and then celebrate with cupcakes.

**Contact:** Sinaly Roy at [sinalymroy@gmail.com](mailto:sinalymroy@gmail.com) to receive an email reminder with further details, and to learn about future events.

#### Letter from Police Commander (continued)

cars and what needs to be done to prevent this crime and deter criminals from coming back to our neighborhoods, and call the police when you see a strange car or person in the neighborhood especially late at night.

I am very excited about my new District Community Action team which is a team of 7 officers that focus on hot spots only. They are not tied to the police radio for the constant calls for service, but rather go to areas that have experienced crime trends and provide a visible deterrent to discourage future activity and make arrests if possible. In June, this team arrested three different suspects operating stolen cars or attempting to steal them. I am also very pleased to have a new Petty Crimes Detective. This officer's responsibility is to look mostly at misdemeanor property crimes such as thefts from cars, credit card thefts, etc. and put the pieces of the puzzle together to identify trends and suspects. Just last week, a suspect that had committed thefts at various country clubs was arrested after the Petty Crimes Detective pieced together evidence from three different crime scenes to identify the suspect responsible for them.

After almost three years as your commander, it is abundantly clear that we cannot do our job without your help.

## Neighborhood Services Available

### Baby Sitters

L. Sorcher (Certified)	(301) 229-2328
C. Goldman	(301) 320-1582
Michelle Dressner	(301) 652-5453
Olivia Barber	(301) 760-7535
Katie Choppin (certified)	(301) 229-9139
Carly Choppin (certified)	(301) 229-9139
Anne Charpentier (certified)	(301) 320-4310
Bailey and Hannah (sisters, H.S. students, both CPR cert., Children's Hospital, babysitting cert.)	(301) 312-8606
Ally (Alexandra) Turco (CPR cert. Amer. Red Cross First Aid cert.)	(240) 620-5775

### Leaf Rakers, Snowshovelers, Odd Jobs

Isaac Bacon (Whitman HS student) is offering to do yard work, fall/spring clean-up, and any other odd job	(240) 507-8075
<i>IsaacBacon43@gmail.com</i>	
Shafi Noss	(301) 325-8360
Amber White	(301) 588-6474
<i>(apamberpower@gmail.com)</i> (loving and reliable dog walker)	
Alex (10th grader at French Int'l School)	<i>acpiot@gmail.com</i>

### GET LISTED HERE FREE:

Leave name and phone number with Editor, Edward Elson, at (301) 320-2837 or email [news@kpcaonline.org](mailto:news@kpcaonline.org)

We need to continue to work together to make the 2nd District a great place to live, work and play. I have two community services officers that are more than willing to conduct free home or business security surveys, or speak at a neighborhood meeting about crime and/or safety issues. They can be reached at 240-773-6700 and ask for the CSO. Please help us by doing your part to protect our community!

Sincerely,

Captain David Falcinelli  
*Commander - 2nd District*

PO3 Oliver M. Janney  
*Community Service Officer*  
2nd District Police  
7359 Wisconsin Ave  
Bethesda MD 20814  
240-773-6728

The Montgomery County Police Department is currently hiring for police officers. ARE YOU READY?

For more information please visit:

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## Kenwood Park Book Group

The Kenwood Park Book Club is reading *The Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel, and will meet next on September 30. Contact

[sgust@msn.com](mailto:sgust@msn.com) for more information

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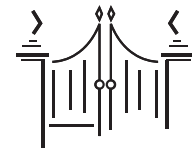
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