

KPCA News

Newsletter of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.

Promoting and enhancing the Kenwood Park neighborhood

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President's Corner

Dear Residents,

We are continuing our efforts to communicate with our residents with our Yahoo group and our new revamped website – <http://www.kpcaonline.org/>, and we will still have our quarterly newsletter. I encourage all residents to sign up for our Kenwood Park Yahoo group listserv, which now has over 200 households participating, and to visit our new website. Please share with me any thoughts you have on our efforts. The most effective way to reach me is via email: preskpca@gmail.com.

We have a Back-to-School event planned - if you have kids who attend our local schools this will be a great chance for them to get to know their fellow students who live in the neighborhood. More information is in the newsletter, will be posted on our website, and we will send reminders via the Yahoo group.

We have received new security signs and poles so if any resident wishes to get a new sign, please drop me a
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Are You Missing Out?

Did you hear about the Kenwood Park Frontyard Fridays neighborhood gatherings? The Garden Club plant swap? Neighborhood doggie playdates? If not, you need to get on the Kenwood Park Yahoo group email listserv. This is where KPCA and Kenwood Park neighbors are communicating about events and news. So far over 200 households have joined!

Email kenwoodpark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with the block you live on and our neighborhood moderator will add you. Once you have subscribed to the listserv you can post messages. To post messages, simply email kenwoodpark@yahoogroups.com and it is automatically sent to all on the list. You do not need a yahoo email to belong to this group.

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Welcome to the new KPCA Board!

KPCA held its annual meeting on June 7, 2016, at the Whitman High School cafeteria. Thank you to all who came to raise issues of concern, meet neighbors, and volunteer your time.

After a presentation by Equity One, the West-bard developer, we completed KPCA business. Recognition was given to our retiring officers - past President and At-Large member Ken Rubinson, Security Patrol Chair Sheila Taube, Community Issues Chair Herb Stone, and At-Large Member and past President Richard Berney. Thank you for all your time and dedication! The 2016-2018 board was then elected by ac-claim:

President – Krishna Collie pres@kpcaonline.org

VP – Linda Chaletzky vp@kpcaonline.org

Secretary - Elizabeth Haile news@kpcaonline.org

Treasurer - Hannah Elson treas@kpcaonline.org

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**Krishna Collie, President (301) 320-4150 pres@KPCAonline.org
Visit our new, improved KPCA web site: <http://www.kpcaonline.org>**

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note and I will either leave the signs for you to pick up at my house or will personally drop them off.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the families who have hosted or who will be hosting our inaugural season of "Front Lawn Fridays." Please do try and come out and enjoy a beverage with your neighbors or just stop by to say hi. Check out the invitations on the Yahoo group. I am confident that we can continue this tradition in Kenwood Park for years to come. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Krishna Collie
KPCA President

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At Large Board Members:

- Foroud Arsanjani
- Lindsey Dickinson
- Edward Elson
- Katherine Kerxton
- Tatiana Nascimento
- Benedetto Vitiello

And the Committee Chairs were announced:

- Community Issues** – Lindsey Dickinson
community@kpcaonline.org
- Communications Chair** – Elizabeth Haile *news@kpcaonline.org*
- Membership/Block Captain Chair** – Mariam Lamech *membership@kpcaonline.org*
- Security Patrol Chair** – Cameron Groves *security@kpcaonline.org*
- Traffic and Safety Committee Chair**- Katherine Kerxton *traffic@kpcaonline.org*
- Welcoming Committee/Special Events Chair** – Sarah Najafi *events@kpcaonline.org*

All of our officers and chairs are volunteers, taking time out of their work and family schedules to help improve our neighborhood. Please pass along a thank you with your next email or membership check! KPCA welcomes new volunteers! Reach out to any board member to volunteer or if you have an idea for something to work on with KPCA to improve our neighborhood.

Only residents with current paid memberships can vote at the annual meeting or be elected. If you'd like to be involved, you can enroll on our website, www.kpcaonline.org, or request a form to be sent to you from treas@kpcaonline.org.

**Neighborhood
Services Available**

- Carly Choppin (certified babysitter) 301-229-9139
- Esmee Najafi (Junior at Whitman available for babysitting; lots of experience) 202-730-5363 or esnajafi999@gmail.com
- Claire Ryan (Junior at Whitman, certified babysitter who loves taking care of kids of all ages) 240-393-3579.
- Ally (Alexandra) Turco (CPR Certified babysitter; American Red Cross First Aid Certified) 240-620 5775 or alturco@vifi.org
- Julian Vazquez (College student with a driver's license offering pet sitting, dog walking and running errands around the Bethesda area.) Text 301-910-3013 or julianvazquez06@hotmail.com
- Chris Fowler (Marbury Rd) (Cut your grass while you're away-water your plants while you're on vacation—take care of your pets, house while you're on vacation-move heavy objects). 301-455-8187 or chris.fowler419@gmail.com. References available upon request.

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The KPCA Board uses this listserv to disseminate our newsletter, board updates, and invitations to upcoming events, as well as relevant information from county leaders and police. Residents are encouraged to use the listserv to communicate with each other about anything: urgent news, social events and for discussion about tradesmen and other references. We also hope that those in need of any kind of assistance might use the listserv to reach out to get the help they need from their neighbors.

For more information on the Kenwood Park Listserv please visit: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/KenwoodPark/info>

If you need help signing up, email Elizabeth Haile, Communications Chair at news@kpcaonline.org for assistance.

Thank you to KPCA member Steve Miller for setting up and moderating this vital community service!

Keeping In Touch in Kenwood Park

In addition to the listserv, the KPCA Board is using emails to stay connected with residents and block captains. We don't have email addresses for many residents. If you are a KPCA member and would like to receive relevant community updates via email, please email Mariam Lamech at membership@kpcaonline.org. If you did respond to her earlier request, you do not need to respond again. This KPCA email list is in addition to the Kenwood Park yahoo group, for those members that do not wish to sign up for the yahoo group listserve.

Garden Club



Thank you Raye Farr for adopting the garden plots at Goldsboro Rd/Millwood Rd entrance to Kenwood Park! If you'd like to help maintain this or other Adopt a Spot areas, contact Garden Club chair Sinaly Roy who will help guide you through the process. Materials are paid for by KPCA.

NEW! FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 30



All are invited to KPCA's first-ever-neighborhood-wide block party and fall festival, Sunday, October 30, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 6100 block of Shady Oak Lane. KPCA will be providing drinks and beer, and we are asking neighbors to bring food items for a potluck. Additionally, if neighbors can contribute grills, event tents, chairs and tables – please let us know. We can pick up or you can bring!

Entertainment will start at 5 p.m. with a moon bounce and games for the kids, and music provided by a local band. Everyone, including adults, are encouraged to come in costume and participate in our first-ever costume contests, by age group. We hope to play Halloween movies on a movie projector starting about 6:30 p.m. with Charlie Brown, followed by something scary for older teens and adults. Please check the Yahoogroup listserv for details closer to the event.

Plan to attend and bring a side dish or dessert to share plus items your family will eat on the grill. Contact Sarah Najafi at events@kpcaonline.org if you can help us plan this new event. We need assistance locating rental equipment, organizing and running the costume contest and games, setting up, breaking down, as well as managing the potluck.

Butterfly Garden Planting Party This Fall

Join the Garden Club, and coordinators Sarah Najafi and Sinaly Roy, this fall in a neighborhood project to convert the traffic circle at Lenox and Millwood Roads into a Butterfly Garden. This garden will demonstrate how you can use the 'lasagna method' to improve the soil and keep out weeds, and showcase plants that will attract and support pollinators i.e. bees, butterflies and birds.

This will be a community effort. Here is how you can help:

- **Plant donations:** Here is a list of some sun-loving, drought resistant perennials that attract pollinators. If you have any of these in your garden that you are willing to share, as transplants, please let us know. *Bee-balm (Monarda), Sedum, Salvia, Veronica (Speedwell), Black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia Goldstrum), Purple Coneflowers (Echinacea), Russian Sage, Yarrow, Asters, coreopsis, parsley.*
- **Newspaper donations:** We need to use a lot of newspaper layers (no shiny magazine pages) to keep out weeds and kill the existing grass. So start saving your Sunday papers.
- **Extra bags of mulch or compost** you don't need.
- **Older kids:** willing to join a small army of "Green Guerillas" to help dig some holes and prepare the soil before planting. This is a fun opportunity for neighborhood teens to get together for one morning or afternoon, get out any frustrations, and provide a community service to improve our public spaces. Teens will be able to earn SSL hours by submitting the pre-approval form at your school early in September.

** This will also pre-qualify for SSL hours, if you decide to help with any other KPCA events during the rest of the year (i.e. Halloween Party, July 4th and including the Planting Party). Email Sinaly Roy if you have questions about filling out the form.*

This Butterfly Garden Project will be in two phases: 1) Soil Preparation **Ice Cream Get-together**, Date TBD and 2) **Planting Party** in late September or early October, where you can bring the whole family, plant something, and enjoy refreshments.

Contact KPCA Garden Club Coordinator Sinaly Roy at Sinalymroy@gmail.com or 301-229-3459 with your donations and any questions. Dates will be announced on the Yahoo group listserve.

Help Save the Bees!

Bee Garden Basics

By Pam Hepp, resident beekeeper in Kenwood Park

Bees and pollinators are fascinating to watch and enhance the production of flowers, fruits and vegetables. Making a few simple changes in your yard and garden can help save the bees. Just like people, bees need three things to thrive – food, shelter and safety. Keep these ideas in mind as you work in your yard:



To provide food, choose single flower plants such as daisies and marigolds rather than double flower tops like double impatiens. Double headed flowers look pretty but produce much less nectar and make it harder for the bees to access the pollen. Avoid "hybrid" plants. They produce very little pollen for the bees because they have been bred to produce seeds.

Plant to provide a constant source of food through all three seasons.

Spring blooms: Crocus, hyacinth, borage, calendula, and wild lilac

Summer Blooms: bee balm, cosmos, echinacea, snapdragons, foxglove, Black-eyed susan and hosta .

Fall: zinnias, sedum, asters, witch hazel, basil, chives and goldenrod

Plant trees for bees. *Black locust, Tulip poplar, Linden and Sourwood* trees provide lots of nectar and pollen for the bees and are known for the honey made from their blooms.

To provide shelter, provide the raw materials for home building. Leave a patch of dirt; some native bees build homes by burrowing in the soil. Mason bees will use mud and water to make their homes. Wood and stem-nesting bees will use small piles of hollow reeds, bamboo and branches as their homes. Provide a source of water for the bees to drink. Bees cannot swim so put pebbles or twigs in a shallow dish of water on the ground in the garden.

To keep them safe, avoid using herbicides and pesticides in the garden. Let the lady bugs, spiders and praying mantises take care of the pests. Use boiling water to effectively kill weeds in patios, walkways and driveways. Plant in pairs – basil plants repels the pests that bother tomato plants.

Let's Talk About Water in the Basement!

Climate change seems to have brought with it downpours of water to rival Noah's flood! Soft rain appears to be a thing of the past, replaced by gullywashers leaving ponds in back yards and more often now, in our homes. In a panic we don't know where to turn. Water is a home's worst enemy and the first task is to discover the origin of the enemy. What you do not do is call a waterproofer first. They have a vested interest in selling you a service that, in actuality, you may not need.

Sometimes the fix is as simple as extending the downspouts to channel water away from the house. Or maybe the gutters are not attached tightly to the edge of the roof. By the way, gutter guards are great for keeping out leaves and little double samaras (helicopters), but in a deluge the solid gutter guards act as a slide and water simply cascades over them, not into them.

Calling a reputable home inspector is probably the first place to start if you haven't figured it out for yourself. That person can help determine the origin of the problem and recommend the type of service that will address the problem. And addressing it is critical. Drying out water in a home is essential to avoid mold growth, which will be an added expense and disruption when it needs remediation.

So check your basement after a heavy rain and move forward before it gets worse.

About the market: it is slow. It is August, and it's an election year. Generally that has little effect on home sales in the suburbs in particular. But due to the unusual nature of this year's election, it seems people are waiting to see how things fall out before they make major changes, since they may not be able to predict how the election will affect them personally. Companies and individuals seem to be holding their breath before they make commitments on leases or home purchases. Sales will pick up after Labor Day, as they always do, but I believe they not be as robust as this time last year.

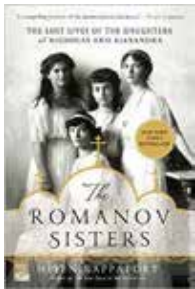
Currently there are 4 homes for sale in Kenwood Park, ranging from \$1,030,000 to \$2,395,000 for new construction. Two homes are under contract and ten have gone to closing since May 27th, ranging in price from \$750,000 to \$2,225,000. Three homes are for rent between \$4,200 and \$5,400 and four have rented between \$3300 and \$8975.

*Contributed by Linda Chaletzky
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*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.

Book Club

The Kenwood Park Book club last discussed Alex Berenson's *The Wolves*. We are now reading Helen Rappaport's *The Romanov Sisters: the lost lives of the daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra*, and will next meet September 6. For more information, please contact Sandy Gust at book@kpcaonline.org. We meet once a month and welcome new members!



Bridge Club

Kenwood Park has a Social Bridge Club that meets on weekday mornings or afternoons in neighbors' homes. We are looking for more singles and couples interested in playing at the intermediate level. Please join us! If you are interested in learning more, call Christina Lobo (301) 229-3490 or Gloria Fitchett (301) 229-8480.

Kenwood Park Kennel Club

The Kenwood Park Kennel Club has members with dogs who are interested in playdates on weekend and weekday mornings. If you would like to connect with this group please email coordinator Neda for details at: kpkennel@kpcaonline.org

The Kenwood Park Kennel Club also is offering a new service – if you send us your information, we can reunite your pet with you in case they decide to take a longer-than-usual stroll through the neighborhood or go AWOL! If interested, send your dog's name, photo, and best phone number to contact you. We will then have them archived in our KPC Kennel Club library /online available for members to check in case of an emergency.

Great Fun on the Fourth!



The 5th Annual Kenwood Park Independence Day parade and celebration was a huge success. A big thank you to the Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department who led the kids on a bike parade then stayed to give a safety demonstration and help the kids climb in the truck. Also thank you to Krishna Collie for MCing, Evan Smith

for DJing, and all our other volunteers who helped with supplies, set up, and clean up at this fun annual event.

If you have enjoyed attending this event and would like to help plan next year's event, please contact Elizabeth Haile at news@kpcaonline.org.

Security Patrol Update

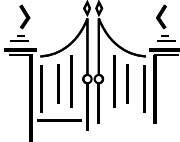
The KPCA Board would like to remind residents about our Security Patrol service that monitors our neighborhood on a regular basis during the day / nights. The additional services that can be provided include:

- **Vacation Monitoring:** Subscriber can coordinate monitoring of your home through providing pictures of your home while you are away and can move newspapers or packages to an alternative location so they are out of sight
- **Alarm Point of Contact:** KPCA subscriber can provide the Security Patrol service with their alarm company phone number to respond as a first line of defense given the close proximity of a security patrol officer



The Service is provided by Urban Alarm and presently has 200+ subscribers. Our service is only as good as the subscriptions that we have and the KPCA **highly encourages your support of this service**. Additional support will increase the number of our patrols throughout the neighborhood and additional services available to Kenwood Park residents.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Security Patrol Chair Cameron Groves at security@kpcaonline.org.

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KPCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Partial year to align patrol year with our fiscal year)

September 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017

- Security Patrol and Resident membership together: \$235** (Pro-rata dues for 9.5 months and membership begins September 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017.)
- Resident membership only: \$60** (Pro-rata dues for 9.5 months and membership begins September 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017.)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S LAST NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Would you like to be sent an invitation to be added to the Kenwood Park Yahoo group listserv?

Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, please ensure you have noted your email address above)

Would you like your contact information to be included in an online directory, available only to KPCA members?

Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, please ensure you have noted your email address above)

KPCA is working on adding street captains for each block. Would you like to receive emails from your street block captains? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like to be a street captain for your block? Yes ___ No ___

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

SECURITY MEMBERS ONLY: In the event the patrolling security officer notices your garage door is open and it is after 11 pm, would you like to receive a call about your garage door being open? (Please note the patrol car drives around the neighborhood at varied times during the day or night, and has your phone number only if you are a security patrol member.)

Yes _____ No _____

You may pay online at <http://kpcasonline.org/join> or mail a check payable to Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc. (or KPCA) and your form to:

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BACK to SCHOOL!

KPCA Back-to-School Ice Cream Party Sunday, August 28th



Join us for our 2nd annual Back-to-School ice cream party on **August 28th, 3:00pm**, at the **Whittier Woods playground**, 7400 Whittier Blvd. It's a great way to say good-bye to summer and hello to the new school year, while catching up with your neighbors. Feel free to bring your bicycles, balls or any other games to play. We'll have drinks, ice cream, pizza and games. Look forward to seeing you there! Questions: contact Katherine at kkerxton@gmail.com.



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