

KPCA News

Newsletter of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.

Promoting and enhancing the Kenwood Park neighborhood

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Vandals Add Insult To Injury of Halloween Witch

Every Halloween, this Kenwood Park witch hits the same pole on the corner of Millwood and Durbin Roads. This year, however, her legs have been stolen by unknown vandals! Talk about adding insult to injury!

Given we do live in a metropolitan area it's inevitable to have some level of crime, even in and around Kenwood Park. Recently, on Highboro Drive there has



been theft from three motor vehicles. There was a theft from an open garage on Granby Street. Around the corner from KP, on Goldsboro Road, there was a breaking and entering burglary, and one in the 7400 block of Radnor Road. Another high end neighborhood, Avenel,

has had several car thefts, causing the police commander to meet with the community there. The police report that package theft from homes is now increasing. Security cameras record it, but can't stop it. The best approach is to deter criminals from targeting our neighborhood because we have a circulating security patrol.

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CALENDAR:

**KPCA Party for All Members
January 6, 2019 – 2:00-4:00 PM
Bethesda Library
See details inside**

News about MC Quiet Skies Coalition Struggle with FAA

A recent article appeared in the Washington Post with the good news that the FAA finally admits that its "modernization program may have led to more noise because flight paths are now more precise and noise more concentrated in some areas." See:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/complaints-about-noise-from-washington-area-airports-skyrocket/2018/11/23/d578951c-ece7-11e8-96d4-0d23f2aaad09_story.html?utm_term=.22b85847deff

Legal efforts are moving forward both locally and around the country to address the problems caused by altered flight patterns and the intolerable concentration of noise over our homes and communities. The State of Maryland has filed suit against the FAA that the FAA has asked the court to dismiss. The State of Maryland filed its response to the FAA's Motion to Dismiss Maryland's Petition for Review of the decision.

KPCA is a member of the MC Quiet Sky Coalition. We would like to find a volunteer interested in this issue who will attend the monthly meetings as representative of our neighborhood. If you are interested please contact Jo-Ann Harrison at joanharr@gmail.com.

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Visit the KPCA web site: <http://www.kpcaonline.org> for the latest news and events

The Cooling Real Estate Market?

I've often wondered what impact whispered predictions of a cooling housing market actually have on the sales environment. Do these predictions cause the market to slow down or are they reporting already seen trends? And if the latter, are those trends temporary adjustments or actually significant declines?

We have been hearing from prognosticators for months telling us the market in 2019 will be less vigorous, with more inventory and fewer buyers. Deterred perhaps by the limits to mortgage interest deductions, capped real estate/state and local tax deductions and rising interest rates, not to mention the difficulty of accumulating enough cash for a downpayment due to crushing student loan debt, the younger people who push the market forward either can't make homeownership work or don't see the same value in it that previous generations saw. And continued speculation of a coming recession does nothing to encourage home purchases if people are uncertain about their economic futures.

Some are pushing to get into a home as soon as possible while they are still employed and can qualify for a mortgage. Others figure they'd have to pay rent in any event, and risk rising rental rates when at least their mortgage would be stable. And others continue to search for a new home, hoping added inventory will yield the property for which they finally will not have to compete.

In the last few months we have seen more price reductions, longer time frames required to sell homes, and fewer buyers in competitive situations (home specific, of course!). And we have seen homes go under contract only to go back on the market as the transaction has fallen apart. These are signs of a cooling market. But they don't mean that a buyers' market is in the offing any time soon. We will see a balanced market well before then and that means more rational transactions, less pressure for everyone.

Let's talk about Kenwood Park. Since the last newsletter, there has not been a lot of activity. Four homes have gone to closing ranging in price from \$950,000 for a 1960 rambler on an over 18,000 sq. ft. lot to a \$2,600,000 new 8000 sq. ft. home with elevator on a 14,000 sq. ft. lot. There is one home on Robinwood Rd. that is under contract, scheduled to settle 12/19. The original price was \$1,099,000, was reduced to \$999,000 and was on the market for 37 days. Seven homes have been rented in this time frame, ranging in price from \$3000 to \$4850.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, peaceful, safe and prosperous new year!

*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.

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, or dfitchett@msn.com.

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Garden Club

If you are interested in helping to beautify and maintain the entrances to our neighborhood at Durbin/Radnor, Goldsboro/Millwood, and the circle on Lenox, please contact Garden Club coordinator Sinaly Roy at garden@kpcaonline.org. KPCA can pay for supplies but we are looking for more people interested in helping occasionally. Thank you to those who have already clearly been hard at work keeping these public areas tidy!

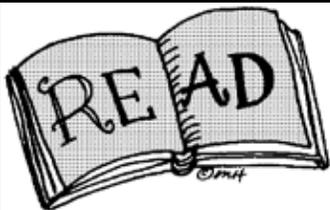
For more info contact Sinaly Roy at garden@kpcaonline.org

Traffic and Safety Committee Update

We welcome your feedback on anything related to traffic and safety in our neighborhood. Please forward all comments, questions or concerns to Katherine Kerxton at traffic@kpcaonline.org.

THANK YOU!

The Editor extends a big thank you to our contributors of the articles in this issue, to Hannah Elson for editorial advice, and to Ken Chaletzky for his skillful contribution to the formatting of this issue.



Book Club

The Kenwood Park Book Club will meet again on Thursday, January 3 and is reading *Enchantress of Numbers; a novel of Ada Lovelace*, by Jennifer Chiaverini. New members are welcome; contact book@kpcaonline.org.

Kennel Club

In the spirit of the new year, KPCA Kennel Club is collecting used or new items for pets to donate to Montgomery County Animal Shelter for homeless pets (opened/unopened), treats, towels, blanket, toys, leashes or clothes.

Please drop off your donation at 7005 Marbury Road in the designated bin marked "For Pets" placed on the driveway any day from 12/24-12/27.

Montgomery County Shelter is in need of everything and very grateful for whatever they can receive .

For pet adoption please contact:

Montgomery County Animal Services
and Adoption Center
Department of Police, Animal Services Division
7315 Muncaster Mill Rd.
Derwood, MD 20855
240.773.5900 (Phone)

For news and activities of the KPCA Kennel Club contact Neda at kpkenneel@kpcaonline.org.

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Kenwood Park Citizens Association

The KPCA Board is distributing this survey to KPCA residents to gauge their interests in building bridges between the generations, strengthening community connections and supporting seniors. Enclosed is the paper version of the survey, to share your feedback. Alternatively, you may respond online. Here is the link to the online version <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQTG9PL>. We will be distributing the online survey to the KPCA listserv. It should take no more than 3-5 minutes to complete.

We hope every household will complete this survey using either the paper version or the online version. For those using the paper version, please mail or drop off your completed survey to **KPCA c/o Jo-Ann Harrison, 5828 Tanglewood Drive, Bethesda MD 20817**. If you need assistance in getting your responses to the KPCA Board, please email Susan Goda, Godax1975@yahoo.com.

We would appreciate your responding and returning the completed survey by **Sunday, January 6th, 2019**.

What are your family’s most important interests in living in Kenwood Park at this stage in your life? Please check all that apply to you.

	YES	NO
Easy access to jobs, services and recreational activities in the Bethesda and D.C. areas		
Educational opportunities for adults and children		
A variety of social and recreational activities with neighbors		
Living in a “green: relatively quiet, well-kept neighborhood		
Aging in place gracefully with community support		
Other (please list):		

All of us need an occasional helping hand, whether we are seniors hoping to remain in their homes, overwhelmed parents or persons of any age recovering from an accident of illness.

KPCA would like to determine whether there are any services/assistance that Kenwood

Seeks Your Input: Residents' Survey

Park residents are interested in receiving or willing to give to other neighbors. Here are some ways in which people sometimes need extra assistance or can give help.

Please put a check mark beside any item, if it applies to a member of your household.

	NEED ASSISTANCE	WILLING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
TRANSPORTATION FOR ERRANDS: Groceries, post office, pharmacy, recreational activities		
TRANSPORTATION: to medical care		
TRANSPORTATION FOR ERRANDS: Groceries, post office, pharmacy, recreational activities		
VISITS: Periodic check in on your well-being (telephone or visits), friendly visits		
COMMUNICATIONS: Computer and electronic assistance; referrals to professional service providers		
HOME MAINTANANCE OR ASSISTANCE: Yard work, taking out trash, snow removal, pet care		
SMALL REPAIRS: Changing light bulbs, hanging things, fixing doors, etc.		

Please indicate the number of people in your household in each age group:

0-15	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+

Please share your contact information: (We will need your contact information to reach out to you)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Telephone Number: _____

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We can call our patrol when we think there might be a problem. They can be called to be on the lookout for a solicitor going door to door. The Montgomery County web site, https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/a_z/door_door.html, says not to open the door to a solicitor, but says to check his license. We can have the patrol check his license.

To highlight just a few examples of how our patrol is having an impact, our patrol responded to a call about a suspicious person with a flashlight at a neighbor's house on Kenhill Road, and determined that it was just workers doing work around the house. Our patrol assisted neighbors in trying to wake up any possible residents in the house on fire on Whittier Blvd by blowing their car horns until the fire department arrived. They spent a few extra hours patrolling the neighborhood on Halloween so our Trick-or-Treaters would be more safe. We can't have the patrol be everywhere all the time, but we can maximize their time here by having as many residents as possible support the security patrol.

The KPCA Board would like to remind our residents about our Security Patrol service that monitors our neighborhood on a regular basis during the day/night. Without your support, we cannot continue the security patrol to the level we do on a weekly basis.

◆ **Vacation Monitoring** – The Security Patrol can provide pictures of your home while you are away and can move newspapers or packages to an alternative location so they are out of sight

- As a reminder to current security members, please don't forget to have Urban Alarm watch your home while you are away; complete the Vacation Watch Request form at:

www.urbanalarm.com/watch

◆ **Alarm Point of Contact** – KPCA subscribers 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

- For current security members
patrol@urbanalarm.com and 202.684.2500 will reach the Patrol Security Operations Center

◆ **Garage Door Monitoring** – Monitor whether your garage door is open and be contacted in the event it is left open by accident or otherwise.

Please navigate to the following address online for more information in supporting the service:

<http://kpcaonline.org/join>.

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Esmee Najafi (Senior at Whitman available for babysitting; lots of experience) 202-730-5363 or esnajafi999@gmail.com

Naren Roy (Junior at Whitman; pet-sitting/dog-walking, love to work with animals, has experience) 202-341-6063 or narsebrocks@gmail.com

Annabelle Plot (at French International School; babysitting, pet sitting, housesitting) 202-413-0557 or annabellep03@gmail.com

Claire Ryan (Senior at Whitman, certified babysitter who loves taking care of kids of all ages) 240-393-3579.

GET LISTED HERE FREE:

Email our Communications Chair at news@kpcaonline.org

PARTY FOR KPCA MEMBERS

Sunday, January 6, 2019

2 PM to 4 PM

Connie Morella Library

(formerly Bethesda Library)

All members of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association are invited to a party in the Bethesda Library's meeting room! Hors d'oeuvres, cakes, snacks, and drinks will be served. Meet old and new friends and neighbors. If you still haven't joined KPCA, visit our website:

<http://www.kpcaonline.org>

and download the Form, or email news@kpcaonline.org for the Form. Hope to see you there!

While we are there, we'll take advantage of having you all together to vote on additions to the bylaws. This vote will take just a few minutes and shouldn't cut into the revelry too much.

The Proposed Bylaw Additions are:

1. All At Large Director positions will accept a specific role, such as Committee or Club coordination and support when a Committee/Club chair is not available (Web and IT coordination, Welcoming Committee, Membership, Events coordination, other suggested tasks as needed).
2. Designation to allow the Secretary to also act as the Parliamentarian (managing our bylaws and changes and reminding us of the rules).
3. One At Large Director will be in charge of the Activities Committee that oversees/coordinates with clubs. Currently we have Kennel, Book, Bridge and Garden clubs. A club can be added when a member proposes in writing their intent and resource needs to the board for approval.
4. The President in consultation with the Board will recruit and appoint a legal advisor and will outline the role and responsibilities for this position. Likely responsibilities to include the qualifications outlined and contract review as well as occasional development questions in the neighborhood.
5. Club presidents/chairs can participate in some or all Board meetings but cannot vote.
6. A Communication Committee will be established. Chair will be appointed by the President and assigned a specific set of activities (i.e., newsletter) and will coordinate with the At Large Director in charge of Web and IT activities.
7. Assign a person as backup for each key officer: VP as backup for President, Secretary as backup for VP, Treasurer as backup for Secretary, an At Large Director as backup for Treasurer.
8. Backup people will be trained to take over the higher position in case of a vacancy at the next election.
9. Descriptions of the Officer positions contained in the Bylaws (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and At Large Director) shall be made available at annual meetings for potential new officers so that they will understand the duties, responsibilities and commitment they are making in accepting a position on the Board.

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