

KPCA News

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Promoting and enhancing the Kenwood Park neighborhood

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President's Corner

Dear Residents,

I have enjoyed serving the community over the past 4 years as the President of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association. It has been a rewarding experience and we have instituted a few events that I hope will be mainstays in our neighborhood for many years to come. In addition to our Annual 4th of July Parade and garden swaps, we now have a Back to School social in August, a Fall Festival in October, and Front Yard Fridays all summer. I would like to thank the board members who I have served with over the years. Kenwood Park is a great place to live because of the tireless efforts of the volunteers who choose to serve. I will continue to serve as an At-Large Board member and encourage all residents to come out to our Annual meeting and get involved!

When I first started, the neighborhood was evaluating different security services and we picked a good one with Urban Alarm. They have provided the neighborhood with outstanding service. At the outset of my first term I wanted to increase membership of all types. I am happy to report that we have seen a significant increase in our resident membership, thank you to all who have joined KPCA. Our security membership rate has remained the same over the past 4 years. 33% of the 640 households in Kenwood Park subscribe to the security service. This service benefits the entire neighborhood and KPCA has tried to raise the number of subscribers. KP remains a very safe neighborhood and I thank all of the residents who continue to contribute to the service.

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Would you like to buy an ad in our newsletter or on our website? Contact our Communications Chair at news@kpcasonline.org

Send in Your Nominations for KPCA's Board!

KPCA will hold its **annual meeting on Monday June 4, 8 p.m.** at the **Pyle Middle School All-Purpose Room/Cafeteria**, 6311 Wilson Ln. Annual meetings are open to the public and we encourage all neighbors to attend.

In addition to Board business and electing next year's officers, a presentation will be given by Ken Hartman, director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center and County Executive Ike Leggett's representative for our area. Have a question about local government and you haven't known who to ask? This is your chance! Ken strives to connect the residential, commercial and local government communities to each other. He knows just about everything -- big and small -- that's going on in Bethesda (and beyond), especially in terms of development and transportation, and what's on the horizon. Come get all your

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Visit our new, improved KPCA web site: <http://www.kpcasonline.org>**

UPDATES

Security Committee

In September, we highlighted how we were exploring providing the community a series of a-la-carte options from Urban Alarm to tailor to the needs of the community. The KPCA Board has built a survey to solicit your feedback to tailor the options. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KL7FMCG> to give your input. The survey is tailored to all membership levels (Security, Resident, and non-KPCA Members) and links will be posted to our listserv. Feedback will help us to decide what options are most useful for the community.

If you are not yet a member, you can join KPCA at <http://kpcaonline.org/join> and learn more about the current services available:

- Vacation Monitoring – coordinate monitoring of your home by receiving pictures of your home while you are away. Urban Alarm can move newspapers or packages to an alternative location so they are out of sight.
- Alarm Point of Contact – provide Urban Alarm with your alarm company phone number to respond as a first line of defense given the close proximity of a security patrol officer
- Garage Door Monitoring – Urban Alarm will monitor whether your garage door is open and contact you in the event it is left open by accident or otherwise.

Contact Security Patrol Chair Cameron Groves at security@kpcaonline.org with any questions or for more information.

Traffic and Safety Committee

If you see something say something...this goes for anything suspicious that you may see in the neighborhood, including traffic violations. We as a community need to look out for each other so we ask that all neighbors be aware of their surroundings and if anything is out of the ordinary, make sure you contact the appropriate authorities.

As we did last year, KPCA asked the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to place S.M.A.R.T units (Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer) in a few locations within the neighbor-

hood that were identified as having speeding traffic. The S.M.A.R.T unit simply signals the driver's current speed (it does not record the vehicles speed or ticket drivers). The units were placed on Marbury, Lenox and Plainview Roads. We hope that these help serve as a reminder of the 25 mph posted speed limit.

Also, in a similar effort to calm both speeding traffic and those who "forget" to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, we posted several "Slow, Children at Play" signs throughout the neighborhood (a few got knocked down during the March wind storm but will be replaced). A small effort, but hopefully a reminder to Kenwood Park neighbors and pass-through traffic to respect the laws.

If you feel that a specific street would benefit from having a S.M.A.R.T. unit, please contact Katherine Kerxton, KPCA Traffic and Safety Committee chair. In order to request a unit, we require a specific address and direction as to where to place the unit.

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.

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

Thanks to the persistence of the Coalition and Senator Van Hollen's office, residents now have an app to file noise complaints! Until now, anyone wanting to file an aircraft noise complaint about flights to and from Reagan Washington National airport had to do so via the DCA Complaint Webform (at <http://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>) or the public portal DCA WebTrak (<http://webtrak5.bksv.com/dca>).

Now there's an app for that! "Viewpoint Mobile App" for both Apple and Android phones, can be downloaded from the app stores.

Use any method that works best for you, but keep up the pressure by submitting those complaints!

Maryland's attorney general has taken steps to pursue legal action against the Federal Aviation Administration over implementation of its "NextGen" operations - hiring a law firm that helped Phoenix win in a case similar to that of Maryland's - and data from complaints will help.



Coffee with a Cop

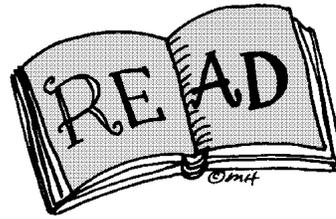
Join Montgomery County Police from the 2nd District for Coffee with a Cop once a month. Building relationships one cup at a time. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by taking time to meet at restaurants and provide the opportunity for real conversations about issues that matter.

Past topics have been about the citizens academy, home safety and safe driving, and more. Questions welcome.

Check the KPCA listserv or NextDoor for the location of the next month's meetup, or contact Officer Dana Stroman, dana.stroman@montgomerycountymd.gov 240-773-6727.

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.



Book Club

The Kenwood Park Book Club will meet next on March 28 and has chosen the nonfiction book, *The Post-American World* by Fareed Zakaria for our next book. For more information, please contact Sandy Gust at book@kpcaonline.org. We meet once a month and welcome new members!

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Annabelle Piot (10th grader 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.

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

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March Real Estate Report

The Spring market has arrived! Sellers are busy preparing their homes for sale, buyers are flocking to open houses and even some cherry trees are blooming! And although the azaleas are not out yet, (which many sellers wait for in order to sell their homes in the most colorful environment), that doesn't seem to be stopping people from listing their homes. Every week now we are seeing more homes become available in our area. But that doesn't mean that the inventory is abundant. Far from it!

Now that the tax bill has passed people have a better sense of where they are and will be financially. Buyers are seeing mortgage rates creep up so they are more motivated to purchase now before they will be unable to buy as much house as they can currently for the same dollar. And they know inventory is tight. We are beginning to see the millenials with children make their move into the suburbs, generally for schooling. The Whitman/Pyle cluster continues to be a major draw. I often hear young people say that if they must give up walking to restaurants and shops

they will do so if their children can walk to middle and high school.

In Kenwood Park there are two homes for sale at the moment, both new, one for \$2,295,000 and one for \$2,150,000 on Durbin and Marbury Rd, respectively. The new home at the corner of Tanglewood and Radnor has been withdrawn from the market. A resale home on Goodview St. went under contract in 5 days with 3 offers and a new home on Durbin Road went under contract in 0 days! One home on Whittier Blvd. sold in January. I know of two resale homes about to come on the market, and there are two homes for rent in our neighborhood, one for \$3950 and one for \$4300.

*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.

What is a Village?

It is not a place! But can be a community right where you live...

Come learn about the national aging-in-place movement and options for Kenwood Park residents who are interested in becoming involved, Tuesday, April 24, 8 – 9 p.m., Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd., classroom C127. Neighbor Elizabeth Haile, Executive Director of Bethesda Metro Area Village, www.bmavillage.org, will talk about the history and different types of "villages" -- volunteer-run, membership-based organizations that help seniors to live independently in their own homes. Miriam Kelty, President and founder of Bannockburn Neighbors Assisting Neighbors (NAN), will discuss how NAN was formed 10 years ago by herself and a neighbor, and how NAN has thrived in their community and is now expanding.

Contact JoAnn Harrison, joanharr@gmail.com, for more information.

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questions about local government, development and traffic answered.

The KPCA Board is made up of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, who each serve two-year terms, as well as three to six At-Large members who serve one-year terms. Several positions are open and we are seeking nominations. Nominations from the floor for new officers are welcome, as are any suggestions and comments. You can also contact Communications Chair Elizabeth Haile, news@kpcaonline.org, with any nominations or if you would like to talk with the previous officeholders about the duties.

Be a part of your community! Nominate yourself or someone else - volunteering for a committee or serving on the Board is a great way to get to know your neighbors.

President – open

Vice President – open

Secretary - open

Treasurer - open

At Large Board Members - Krishna Collie, Ed Elson, Joann Harrison, Katherine Kerxton. Up to two more members can be elected.

Committee Chairs are appointed and we have the following openings. New committees can be formed as well – if you have an idea, jump in and get involved!

Welcoming Committee/Special Events Chair – open

Membership/Block Captains Chair – open

Communications Chair – open

Community Issues – open

Security Patrol Chair – Cameron Groves

Traffic and Safety Committee Chair – Katherine Kerxton

Only residents with current paid memberships (resident or security level) can vote at the annual meeting or be elected. Our treasurer will happily accept payment for new memberships at the meeting or you can pay on our website, www.kpcaonline.org, or request a form to be sent to you from treas@kpcaonline.org



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.

Annual Spring Plant Swap, plus new Bake-Off!

Sunday, April 15, 3 - 5 p.m. Durbin triangle

Come join us at the Durbin Triangle (corner of Durbin and Radnor Rd.) Share perennials from your garden, pick up something new and experiment with that empty spot in the yard, or just drop by to say hello and exchange gardening ideas and tips with your neighbors.

You do not need to bring plants to take plants. If you would like to donate plants but can't make it, you may leave plants on the front stoop of 5724 Durbin Rd on the day before or morning of the event. Please bring all plants in a bag, box, or container. Labeling with the plant name, and light and/or water needs, is always helpful

This year we will also be holding a bake-off at the plant swap. KPCA will provide lemonade and we hope neighbors will come with baked goods to share – enter your newest creation or a tried-and-true recipe; ribbons will be awarded! Whether or not you plan to swap plants, please come to sample treats and help pick a winner.

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

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I wish all my fellow neighbors a great year and hope to see you around the neighborhood. The most effective way to reach me until July 1 is via email: preskpc@gmail.com. If you need new security signs and poles, please email our security chair Cameron Groves: security@kpcasonline.org.

Best,
Krishna Collie

Do you have an interest in graphic design? Writing or communications? Social media? KPCA is looking for a new volunteer Communications Chair to help put together the KPCA newsletter and keep our website and Facebook page updated. It only takes a few hours a few times a year. Contact outgoing communications chair Elizabeth Haile at news@kpcasonline.org to find out more!

Fall Festival a Big Success

KPCA's second annual fall festival and block party for all of Kenwood Park was held Saturday October 28, after a predicted rainstorm forced a rescheduling. Fun was had by all ages, with music by Evan Smith and food and drinks donated by Linda Chaletzky of Evers & Co. Real Estate, Inc. Thank you Linda! Fingers crossed for good weather for next year's event on October 28. **If you would like to help plan this or other KPCA events, please contact us! news@kpcasonline.org.**



Need to Belong

I remember the first week after my family moved to Kenwood Park five years ago, my kind neighbor rang the bell, introduced herself, welcomed us to the neighborhood and asked us to reach out if we ever needed anything. Oh and she brought a box of treats with her which gave her brownie points (pun intended) with our then 13-year-old. My first thoughts were, what a great neighborhood this must be! I must get to know my other neighbors and try and belong to the community. But how would I belong, what would I need to do?

A few weeks after living in Kenwood Park, I learned about membership to KPCA, the social activities, and the board that worked for the community. I made the decision to join and it helped me get to know neighbors, attend social activities and eventually help organize some of these events. I now certainly feel I belong to the Kenwood Park community.

KPCA offers residents two memberships:

Resident membership: Your resident membership supports the KPCA Newsletter (postage, printing, mailing), community events like the Fourth of July parade, back to school ice cream social, and fall festival, funds for our informational website www.kpcaonline.org, our PO box, insurance, administration of the security patrol, neighborhood beautification activities and a sense of community.

Security membership: In addition to Resident membership you can also be a security member. We have contracted with Urban Alarm, which has provided excellent and reliable service for the past two years.

I hope more residents will join KPCA and reap the benefits. For more information on how you can join, email membership@kpcaonline.org

Sincerely,
Mariam Lamech

Bethesda Library Re-Opening April 14



The Bethesda library on Arlington Road will be reopening April 14. The library has been closed since last August for a “refresh.”

News You Can Use

- If your child is going to be in kindergarten at Burning Tree or Bradley Hills Elementary this fall, make sure you call or stop by the school now for an information packet. Registration begins April 3 and early registration helps the schools plan their staffing needs. Bradley Hills Elementary School, 8701 Hartsdale Ave., 240 204-5210. Burning Tree, 7900 Beech Tree Rd., 240-740-1750.
- The new Bethesda 2nd District Police Station is now open at 4823 Rugby Avenue in downtown Bethesda. The phone number for the station remains: 240-773-6700. Emergency calls should still go to 911, non-emergency calls to 301-279-8000.
- Regency Centers, the new owner of the Westwood (Westbard) Shopping Center, presented its downscaled plans for overhauling the shopping center and surrounding properties. Plans are about half the size of the original proposal and provide a larger, more centralized green, 819,000 square feet of total development, with 524 residential units and 183,000 square feet of retail space. Read more in Bethesda Magazine.

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Do you and your kids look forward to the annual **Kenwood Park July 4 Party and Bike Parade**? Can you lend a helping hand? KPCA has been putting this party on for years and it can almost run itself – many hands make light work! Contact Elizabeth Haile at news@kpcasonline.org for more info if you are interested in volunteering.

