

KPCA News

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President's Corner

Our new website at www.kpcaonline.org is now operational.

Unfortunately, we found it necessary for you to reenroll as a Kenwood Park neighbor for the new site. (Of course, this is not much of a burden if you have forgotten your login name or password, since you can put in whatever you wish anew.) Our webmaster will vet the enrollment as before so that only Kenwood Park residents and owners can access the site.

However, this means that to preserve the privacy of our neighborhood access, a delay between registering and use of the site is necessary. We hope the working of the website to be self evident. If you have any difficulty, please let us know at info@kpcaonline.org. Also, if you wish to see any further content or functionality on the site, also use the same address or pres@kpcaonline.org.

The neighborhood phone directory is on the website but can only be accessed by the first letter of last names for the time being. The flexibility of the search will be increased later. For the next few months, we will be sending emails to our previous list and the new one jointly. Some will get two copies of the announcement as a result. After that, we will use the email addresses on the new site.

In this issue of the KPCA News you will find announcements for a number of neighborhood activities. One is for the big Kenwood Park parade on the 4th of July. Some more volunteers would be appreciated. Another is for the Kenwood Park Garden Club, which is beginning some new initiatives. And yet another is for the new Kenwood Park Kennel Club for dog owners in the neighborhood.

It is a pleasure to announce these and to thank our neighbors for their energies in organizing these events. Welcome to a busy summer.

Ken Rubinson
KPCA President

KPCA Calendar

**2nd Annual Kenwood Park
Fourth of July Parade –
Wednesday, July 4th – 10:00a.m.**

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The Garden Club is Back

See Inside

Welcome to the New Kennel Club

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KPCA Board Meeting

Contact pres@KPCAonline.org
The "Careers" room, ground floor
Walt Whitman High School

Book Club

See inside for information

New KPCA Kennel Club

Introducing the KPCA Kennel Club, whose objective is to help Kenwood Park pet owners in:

1. Pet safety and KP Guidelines
2. Monthly pet social events,
3. Pet Photo gallery and ID
4. Coordinated neighborhood walks,
5. Coordinate dog sitters and walkers
6. Pet information sharing network

Please email your interest to join and/or help with the club to Neda at kpkennel@kpcaonline.org. The Kennel Club is planning its first Yappy Hour on June 29th to kick off the summer. This will be a great opportunity for our neighborhood's pet owners and their pooches to socialize, find new friends and get to know each other. See you in the neighborhood. Additional information will be posted on the KPCA website.

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A Communique from the Commander, Bethesda District, Montgomery County Police

As many of you are aware, the Bethesda District has experienced a rash of theft from autos and theft of autos recently. During the past few weeks, over 45 vehicles were reported as being entered overnight. Additionally, at least two cars were stolen because the homeowners left the keys in the cars. To date, there has been no evidence to suggest that force was used to enter any car. Similar to our favorite restaurant where we go back time and time again because we like the food and/or the service, these thieves return to our neighborhoods because they like how easy it is to get into vehicles and the ready availability of items to steal. Many thanks to those of you who do practice good personal crime prevention techniques, and I implore you to talk to your neighbors to make sure everyone is doing the same.

As is always the case, it is my job as commander to deploy my resources to those areas being most affected by crime. After reviewing reports and speaking to many of my community leaders, marked and covert resources were deployed to the neighborhoods experiencing the most problems, and very early this morning, a suspicious car was spotted by one of our plain-clothes detectives in a neighborhood off of Massachusetts Ave. Detectives began a surveillance of this car and its occupants and developed probable cause to make a stop and arrest.

Two 17 year old juvenile males from Silver Spring were arrested. Additionally, a 20 year old female from Bladensburg and a 19 year old male from Hyattsville were also arrested. During this incident, evidence was recovered linking this group to recent thefts, as well as to the recovery of two of the stolen cars.

While I am confident that this group was responsible for most of the recent thefts, there will be more groups to follow and we may not be so lucky next time in making such a prompt arrest. I need everyone to step up to the plate and follow these very simple rules:

- (1) Remove all valuables and anything that looks to be of value from your car or remove them from plain sight. These thieves are looking into your cars first to see if there is anything of value, and then trying the doors. Force is not usually used because it makes noise and draws attention to their activity.
- (2) Lock your doors; this means car doors, house doors, garage doors and also your windows. Do not make it easy for these criminals to ply their trade.
- (3) Never, ever, ever leave your car keys in your car. It may be convenient, but these thieves will take your car if you provide the means and most of the time you will never see it again, at least in the same condition.
- (4) Always call the police if you see or hear anything suspicious late at night. If its not a normal occurrence for your neighborhood, let us know right away. Oftentimes, it is your call that leads to the arrest.

As always, your police officers are here to serve you, but we need to work together to keep our neighborhoods safe. Help us help you by practicing good crime prevention. Please call if you have any questions.

Captain David Falcinelli, *Commander*
2nd District Bethesda
301-652-9200

Officer Denise Gill of our Police Department Supplements the Commander's Advice

Steps to Take After Discovering Your Vehicle Has Been Broken Into:

1. Touch as little as possible
2. Try to figure out what was stolen
3. Call Montgomery County Police at 301-279-8000; the report may be taken over the phone
4. Await the Officer's arrival

Info Needed When Reporting a Suspicious Situation:

1. Description of Person — Observe the person's age, race, sex, height, weight, and clothing description
2. Description of Vehicle — License number, make, model, color, any noticeable damage, and direction of travel
3. What occurred — Provide as detailed an account as possible of the incident
4. Where incident occurred — Provide specific street numbers if possible

EMERGENCY: 911

NON EMERGENCY 301-279-8000

2nd Annual Kenwood Park Fourth of July Parade Wednesday, July 4th – 10:00a.m.

Join your friends and neighbors at the 2nd Annual Kenwood Park Fourth of July Parade. Bring your decorated bikes and trikes for the parade. Bring festive, four-legged friends too! Or come cheer on your neighbors, as they ride the parade route. The celebration begins at 10am at Millwood Ct. (off Millwood Rd., between Plainview and Durbin Roads). The parade kicks off shortly thereafter circling from Millwood Ct., to Durbin Rd., to Marbury Rd., to Plainview Rd., and back to Millwood Ct. The parade winds down with games, bubbles, popsicles, and a visit from the Fire Department.

Last year we had a wonderful turnout and all had a blast! We look forward to seeing familiar faces from last year and also meeting any new neighbors who can join us. Please RSVP with the expected number of adults and children attending, and for any questions, contact Katherine Kerxton

at kkerxton@gmail.com or 301-530-0090. And PS – spread the word!

Calling all KP volunteers: We are still looking for some hands-on help for the celebration. Contact Katherine Kerxton if you can help out with this year's event – Thank you!

- ◆ Clean-up – post-celebration
- ◆ Activity Assistance - Jr. or Sr. High school students can help out and receive community credit
- ◆ Music/Band - Any musician or band who would like to play at the celebration
- ◆ Parade “sitters”- to line the parade route and keep an “eye” on things (if you are planning on attending and not riding your bike or trike – this job's for you!)

Bridge

Interested in playing bridge or starting a bridge club in Kenwood Park? Please call KP residents Gloria Fitchett at (301) 229-8400 or Christina Lobo at (301) 229-3490. We're ready to play!

KPCA GARDEN CLUB: NOW FORMING!

Would you like to help plan beautification projects for Kenwood Park neighborhood public spaces, benefit from plant swaps or gardening/ landscaping information exchange, or get the kids involved in seasonal and eco-activities? We need your ideas and suggestions for a new garden club.

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Development in Bethesda

People frequently ask me what's happening in downtown Bethesda in terms of residential construction. And, in fact, there is a lot going on. Anyone who has tried to reach Barnes and Noble recently will see that the streets are closed and parking lots have been overtaken with construction equipment. That's because there is a mixed-use project going up on the lot next to Ourisman Honda and a small condo building going up on the small triangular lot opposite. This is the only condo building on the books at the present time. All of the new residential construction is to be rental apartments unless the developers, during the process, see that they can make more money by going condo. The recession gave them all cold feet!

There is more construction across Old Georgetown Road scheduled, also as mixed use and rental residential. The goal is to try to create another high draw location like the Bethesda Row community. If the Purple Line ever is completed you will see even more development in downtown Bethesda as that will allow for additional construction than that which is already approved.

One more project just announced is the townhouse development that will run between Little Falls Parkway, Butler Road, Massachusetts Avenue and River Road. The plan calls for 30 single family townhomes, five of which will be moderately priced units. Those will have one parking space each and the others will have two. There will be a fair amount of green space in this development as well.

If you are interested in hearing more about the downtown development you can go to <http://www.bethesda.org/bethesda/projects-progress> or you can join me at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center at 4805 Edgemoor Lane on June 28th from 11:30-2:00. There is a \$40 fee and lunch is provided.

Currently in Kenwood Park there are two homes for sale, one on Kenhill Road for \$1,750,000 and a tear down on Granby Street which is listed for \$1,489,688. Three homes are under contract; one listed at \$825,000, one at \$885,000 and one at \$1,050,000. Two homes have sold, one for \$775,000 and one for \$1,080,000. There is one home available for rent for \$4995.

As I have said previously, the inventory is extremely low and the demand is high. Kenwood Park remains a highly desirable community.

*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.

Email Notifications

The KPCA is now sending out neighborhood information by email about four times a year and also if there is a warning needed about safety issues in the neighborhood. These include if a theft occurs, the presence of aggressive solicitations being made house to house, and if a child has been made uncomfortable by interaction with a stranger in the area.

Since all our neighbors do not have email or are not registered, we ask that the safety information be relayed by those who do receive the messages to their unconnected neighbors. If you wish to join in and have these messages delivered to you, we will encourage you to join our website at www.kpcaonline.org.

Kenwood Park Citizens Association

On behalf of the Kenwood Park community, the KPCA board would like to thank all the members of our community who have joined the KPCA in the past. Please renew your membership today. We urge others, including those who rent their homes, to begin their subscriptions this year. Your memberships fund the potluck dinners, the KPCA Newsletter, the neighborhood beautification activities, our website *www.kpcaonline.org*, the children's Halloween party, the Garden Club, the Book Club, and liaisons with other citizens' organizations in Montgomery County. The KPCA also is a collective voice for our neighborhood with the county government on issues of concern.

In addition to the regular membership, we encourage everyone in the community to subscribe to the security patrol. The additional fee is modest in view of the benefits to our whole neighborhood. If more neighbors participate than in the past, we could have daytime service. Because of last year's response, we have been able to hold the fee the same for the fourth year.

- ◆ Our security patrol is present every night throughout the year and can respond more quickly than the county police since the patrol car is within a few blocks of your home.
- ◆ Upon advance notification of a vacation, the security officer will check a subscriber's home multiple times a night and will keep alternative phone numbers to contact you or a neighbor if necessary. They will place newspapers and packages out of view.
- ◆ If you have an alarm system, the alarm company can call the patrol if the alarm goes off and there is no response at the residence. The patrol can check the house and call the county police. The secondary responder can be the county police. This will prevent false alarms to the county, which imposes a charge beginning with the 2nd false alarm. Again, this service is for subscribers only.

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

July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012

Security patrol and KPCA membership together: \$282.

KPCA membership only: \$85.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Title _____

Spouse's Name: First _____ Last (if different) _____

Street Address _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

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

Please mail to: Austin King
KPCA Treasurer
6604 Millwood Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20817

Questions?: *pres@kpcaonline.org*

KPCA Resident David Goldstein is Very Interested in improving Science Teaching in K-12 and Offers His Thoughts

Proposed National Science Standards for K-12th Grades Now Available for Review

The first public draft of an ambitious set of standards for teaching science to students, kindergarten through the end of high school was released on May 11 of 2012 for comment. The development of these "Next Generation Science Standards" included 26 states who contributed writers and reviewers and have pledged to "give serious consideration" to adopting the final version, though are not bound to do so. Any interested party including scientists, educators, policy makers, parents, grandparent, students was welcome to submit comments by June 1 for the first round of comment, but a second round will be open in the fall, so if you would like to submit comments once the first round of comments are incorporated, check back on this website in late August (<http://www.nextgenscience.org/>).

Led by the D.C. based organization Achieve, these science standards promote depth over breadth and are based on a framework developed by the congressionally chartered National Research Council which serves as the foundation for the standards. With funding from the Carnegie Corporation of NY and the support of the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, these standards aim to provide science teachers and curriculum developers with guidelines for the essential knowledge that must be taught and to support student application of science by promoting scientific inquiry and engineering and design processes that lead to deepened understanding of science. They also align with the Common Core State Standards for mathematics and language arts that have been adopted by 45 states and the District of Columbia.

While many proponents of the these standards say that they represent a step forward by clarifying the science that students need to know to compete in the 21st century with students from other countries who have a much more robust set of standards than our current state patchwork, there

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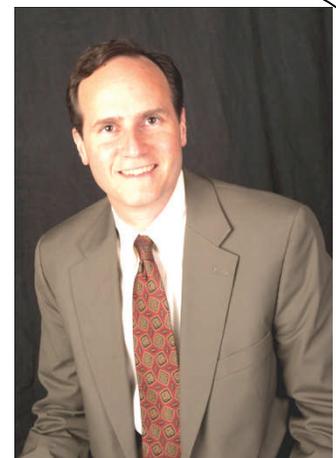
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Request for Vacation Coverage from the Security Service

The security service operates through the evening, night and morning.

If you want to make a specific request for vacation coverage or other specific service, call M-F between 9 AM and 5 PM before you leave town. Phone **301-384-7777**. A phone number of a local contact with a spare key is most helpful.

For an **evening emergency call 240-793-6255** (the patrol car). If there is any problem getting in contact immediately, call 301-384-7777 and ask for the supervisor of the Kenwood Park patrol service.

This service is available to members of KPCA who have subscribed to the security patrol. Non-members can easily sign up by contacting Ken Rubinson by phone or email, pres@KPCAonline.org.

Science Teaching in K-12

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are folks in this country who still decry elements included in this set of standards, such as the existence of global climate change and evolution. By reading the standards and providing feedback, you have the opportunity to help shape these standards, so please, take the time and submit comments. The experience of the standards development for mathematics and language arts provides ample evidence that comments were incorporated into the final documents, so if you have something to say, seize this opportunity to be heard at <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>.

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Kenwood Park Book Group

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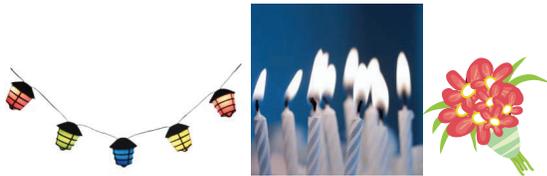
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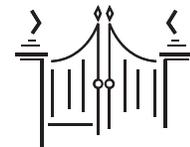
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