

KPCA News

Newsletter of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.

Promoting and enhancing the Kenwood Park neighborhood

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New!! ListServe Just Created, for Only Kenwood Park

Our KPCA Board has just established a new listserv to inform Kenwood Park about new exciting neighborhood events, community updates, and to quickly transmit important alerts and notifications. We are planning to send an online version of our Newsletter this way. The new listserv will be confined to Kenwood Park residents only.

This new official KPCA listserv is completely separate from the three other email listserves which serve our neighborhood as part of larger geographic areas. We can describe those as follows:

1. Kenwood Park Yahoo Group, with 322 members, this is restricted mostly to Kenwood Park, although it includes some adjacent streets. It serves as a bulletin board for announcements, recommendations and alerts only, and does not allow discussions. Note: Kenwood Park has 639 addresses; see our map on our website for our boundaries.
2. Another Yahoo Group, 20817BB, covers all West Bethesda, Glen Echo, and Cabin John. It has 1858 members. It is also only a bulletin board.

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Meeting of 2nd District/Bethesda Police Commander's Citizen Advisory Board

The newly appointed Commander of the Bethesda district, Captain Sean Gagen, presided over the June 27th meeting. Captain Gagen introduced himself and described his twenty-year career in Montgomery County, which included a period as chief of the major crimes division. He stated that he was enthusiastic to be taking over a patrol division. The previ-



Montgomery County's sign seen posted on Millwood Circle: "There's no such thing as a poop fairy."

ous Commander, Paul Liquorie, had been promoted to Assistant Chief of the entire department, amidst a command re-shuffle following the retirement of Chief Tom Manger.

Five people, from different neighborhoods in the 2nd district were present, including Ed Elson representing

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Foroud Arsanjani, *President* pres@KPCAonline.org

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

What is a Village?

Hint: it's not a place! Senior villages are local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations that aim to support seniors who choose to age in place. They foster social connections through events and small group activities, and some coordinate volunteer rides and help at-home using a "neighbor helping neighbor" model.

There are over 50 villages in the DC metro area. Residents of Kenwood Park have a few villages nearby, including Burning Tree Village, Little Falls Village (LFV) and Bethesda Metro Area Village (BMAV).

BMAV and LFV invite Kenwood Park residents to their educational and social events open to the public. BMAV has monthly lectures at the Connie Morella Library and other locations around Bethesda. LFV has twice monthly lectures at the Little Falls Library branch. BMAV's calendar is on their website at www.bmavillage.org/calendar, LFV's at www.littlefallsvillage.org, and you may also see listings for both on our Kenwood Park yahoo group or on NextDoor.

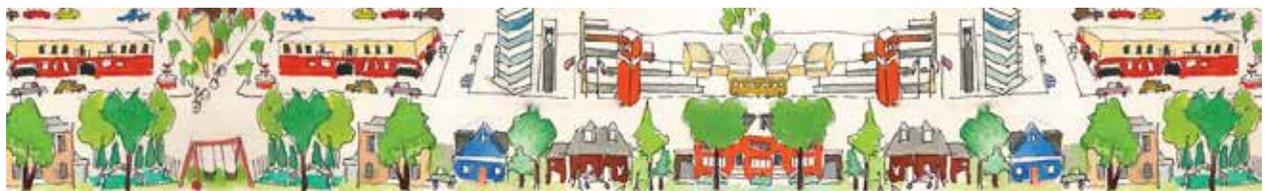
BMAV has recently expanded services and now also offers membership to residents of Kenwood Park and Landon Woods/Pineview. Residents of Kenwood Park and Landon Woods (as well as neighborhoods of Bat-

tery Park, Edgemoor, Arlington Rd, Greenwich Forest, South Bradley Hills and English Village) who are over 50 can become Social or Full Service members. Full Service members have access to social programs as well as the ability to have volunteers help with rides and in-home services.

Anyone over 18 can become a volunteer service provider for their neighbors through BMAV – you do not have to be a member or be over 50 to be a volunteer.

If you would like more information about membership or volunteering with BMAV, or if you would like to be on their email list (a newsletter once every two months), check out their website www.bmavillage.org or contact BMAV Executive Director (and Kenwood Park resident!) Elizabeth Haile at director@bmavillage.org or 240-630-2628.

KPCA and BMAV offer different and complimentary activities and services and we encourage you to be active in both. KPCA offers security services, social activities and a voice in Montgomery County affairs. BMAV offers different social activities and volunteer help for neighbors who are aging in place.



BETHESDA METRO AREA VILLAGE
Your home Your neighborhood Your future

Are you over 50 and seeking to engage more with the community?
Recently retired and looking for your next activity?
Would you like to volunteer? Meet more of your neighbors?

Become a volunteer with BMAV and help your neighbors with rides, technology assistance or friendly visits. Become a member and enjoy social connections, educational classes and a rich array of activities.

Learn more about membership levels or volunteering at:

www.bmavillage.org

240-630-2628

info@bmavillage.org

SECOND NOTICE

KPCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

- Security Patrol plus Resident membership, both for: \$295**
- Resident membership alone: \$85

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

SPOUSE's LAST NAME: _____ SPOUSE's FIRST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Someone KPCA can notify in case of an emergency):

SECURITY MEMBERS ONLY: (The patrol car drives around the neighborhood at varied times during the day or night, but has your phone number only if you are a security patrol member.) 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? **Yes** **No** **n/a**

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

**KPCA Treasurer
PO Box 127
Glen Echo, MD 20812**

Accessory Dwelling Units

Have you ever thought you'd like to be able to rent out your basement? Certainly the income would be nice. And have you ever even imagined that you might build a living space in your sizable back yard? Well, there's been a significant change in Montgomery County's zoning that has removed obstacles to being able to have a rentable unit in your home, or to be able to build a rentable dwelling in your yard. In an effort to create more density, provide more affordable housing, maybe to have more social integration, and to create a way for homeowners to garner some additional income that might help them stay in their homes, the county is now allowing more flexibility in creating accessory dwelling units in parts of the county. Sometimes called in-law suites, those units within homes had significant restrictions. And backyard dwellings were mostly not permitted. That's not to say there aren't hoops to jump through now in order to take advantage of the new zoning, but the attitude of the county has changed and these units are now welcome. In addition to other requirements parking may be required, the lot will have to be a minimum size and the dwelling unit will have size restrictions. All of that information is available through the county.

But if you'd like to house your extended family, or if additional income would allow you to remain in your

home as you age, or if you'd simply like to provide additional housing options for others, this might be a program that would work for you.

Kenwood Park

In Kenwood Park, since the last newsletter in May, eleven homes have gone to closing. One sold for \$850,000 and one for \$972,500. Those were both built in 1956. Five homes sold between \$1,050,000 and \$1,386,000 and they were built in the late 50's to late 60s. Of the four that sold between \$2,150,000 and \$2,649,000, they were built after 2010. Currently there are only two homes on the market, one for \$1,299,000 and one for \$3,399,000 and one is under contract with a list price of \$1,099,000. In this same period 10 homes have rented between \$4200 and \$9500 and three are for rent between \$3890 and \$4200.

*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.

Bridge Club

The Kenwood Park Bridge Club meets on week-day 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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Leaf Collection

The County has two leaf collections in late autumn, or you can ask your private yard service to haul your leaves to the County recycling center at Shady Grove Road and Route 355. Judging from the piles of leaves in our streets every autumn, many residents and their landscapers do not know that ***it is against the law to put any trash, including leaves, in the street.*** We even see fliers posted by the Highway Department. The fine for dumping 'trash' in the roadway is \$1000! Why do we want to avoid putting piles of leaves in the street? The police say that there are always a few car fires due to their hot catalytic converters igniting dry leaves. Large piles of leaves slow down emergency vehicles, and can hide small children. Rain drives the leaves down the storm drains, which get clogged, and basements can get flooded. If you don't want to pay your lawn company to remove your leaves, have them raked to the edge of the lawn just before the collections, which are announced on red signs on the utility poles.



Not like this!!
Leaves should be piled curbside, but not in the street

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Edward Elson news@kpcaonline.org

Garden Club

Fall Plant Swap
Sunday, September 22, 3-5 PM

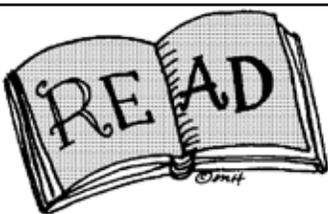
Durbin Triangle
(corner of Durbin & Radnor)

Fall is the perfect time to transplant or divide your plants. Please join us for our annual neighborhood plant exchange. Drop off any plants overgrowing in your garden or come see if there is something new to try in that empty spot, exchange gardening tips, or just stop by to have a glass of lemonade and meet your neighbors.

(Remember -You do not need to bring a plant to take something home)

For more information:

Contact Sinaly Roy at garden@kpcaonline.org



Book Club

The Kenwood Park Book Club will meet again on Monday, October 7 and is reading the Rhys Bowen novel *The Victory Garden*. For more information contact Sandy Gust at book@kpcaonline.org.

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3. NextDoor Kenwood Park. This takes members from a broader area. It has 12,579 members from 32 nearby neighborhoods. It does allow you to communicate with just a subset for Kenwood Park, but that still has 1021 members in 740 households, which is beyond just Kenwood Park. This site does allow for discussions of community issues by the members.

Please join the official KPCA listserv. To sign in, go to the KPCA web site: www.kpcaonline.org, and fill in your name and email address at the bottom of any web page.

**Looking forward to seeing
you at the Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 20

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the Kenwood Park neighborhood. The Commander took questions.

The Commander described how when one neighborhood experiences multiple break-ins and/or burglaries, a plain-clothes taskforce concentrates on that neighborhood. They often can take down gangs coming, usually from Prince Georges County or D.C. They discover that the gangs do communicate about where there may be easy pickings, but they are very loosely organized with individuals wandering from one group to another.

Ed Elson described efforts by Kenwood Park residents to “calm” traffic on residential streets in KP by requesting an occasional police presence at locations, especially at intersections with stop signs that are ignored. Elson described efforts to get a traffic camera in front of Walt Whitman High School. The Commander stated that there is a queue to get the cameras. He suggested contacting the Traffic Complaint Officer, Officer Albert Hance at 240-773-6700.

The Commander stated what the Board has heard before, that car break-ins almost always occur with unlocked cars, and he urged citizens to lock cars and not to leave valuables in plain sight. He urged people always to lock their house doors.

There was a considerable discussion of house-to-house solicitors, and what people should do about solicitors who may not be legitimate, and whether to call the non-emergency number or the 911 emergency number. This is a judgment call. If one feels genuinely uncomfortable, or even threatened, there should never be any reluctance to call 911. (Note from editor: In our neighborhood, we can also ask our security patrolman to check the solicitor’s license of people going door to door.)

Neighborhood Services Available

Julia Choppin (Whitman junior, certified safe and experienced babysitter) I'm available evenings and weekends and I love kids of all ages! 301-229-9139

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

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

GET LISTED HERE FREE:

Email our Communications Chair at news@kpcaonline.org

Calling for Volunteers

Kenwood Park Citizens Associations has the following opportunities available:

Webmaster:

We already have a beautiful web site on GoDaddy, so the duties of our webmaster would just involve generating and revising web pages, modifying existing features, adding documents to the site, and maintaining our listserve.

Security Committee Chair:

Examine the reports from Urban Alarm to make sure they are coming daily for the agreed-upon number of hours. Let the Treasurer know the monthly total hours. Distribute lawn signs to those who request them.

Traffic and Safety Committee Chair:

Obtain requests from the residents related to traffic safety issues, discuss them with the Board, and present them to the County.

Activities Committee Chair:

Oversee the social committees of the Association. Make sure there are people handling our annual special events.

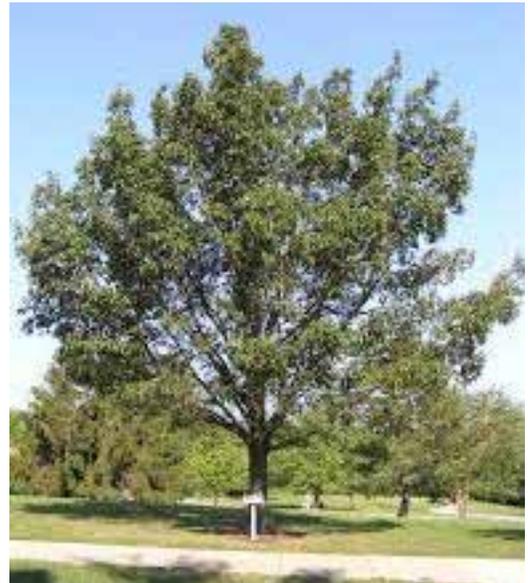
Treasurer:

Is there a retired accountant in Kenwood Park who would be able to manage the association's finances?

If any of these are of interest to you, contact:
news@kpcaonline.org.



**New Gas Main Being Installed Down
The Center of Whittier Boulevard**



New KPCA Street Tree Planting Project

KPCA is coordinating a spring tree installation plan with Montgomery County for KPCA Members in Kenwood Park only.

The proposed plan would be for one free tree planting in the the county's "right of way" which generally extends 10-12 ft. from the edge of the curb.

Residents will be able to choose trees from two categories; Major Shade tree species or Minor species of smaller trees (that can be planted on the side of the street with Pepco poles or with overhead distribution lines).

If you are a **member of KPCA** and you're interested in having a tree planted, please mail or email by October 31:

Your Name
Address
Email Address
Phone Number

to:

Sinaly Roy
KPCA Garden Club Coordinator
5724 Durbin Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817
Email: Garden@kpcaonline.org

Please Note: Although we will try to honor all requests, the number of trees may be limited, so please send your request ASAP.

Limited to one tree per resident.

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Neighborhood Fall Festival

Sunday, October 20 • 3:30 to 6:00 PM

6100 Block of Shady Oak

(Rain Date: November 3))

KPCA's fourth neighborhood-wide Block Party and Fall Festival is sponsored by Linda Chaletzky of Evers & Co. Real Estate, Inc. Join us Sunday, October 20, 3:30 – 6 pm (rain date November 3) for drinks, food, and entertainment in the 6100 block of Shady Oak. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume and participate in costume contests. A moon bounce and games will be set up for younger ones to allow plenty of socializing for the adults.

Lasagna, hot dogs and cider will be provided and neighbors are asked to bring salads, side dishes (no chips) and desserts to contribute potluck style. Adults BYOB. Please email Elizabeth Haile at info@kpcaonline.org if you are interested in helping set up, volunteering, or to get more information.

Sign up to help here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e49a9a82e5-kpca4>.

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