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Kings Park West Civic

Hello Neighbors,

On behalf of the KPWCA Board, I would like to wish you a belated Happy New Year! We hope you had a safe and joyful holiday season. As we begin 2016, the year will include many wonderful events in our community and I hope you are ready for another great year. Our awesome block captains have done it again with a successful membership drive, which keeps the civic association in business!

Kings Park West homes were festively decorated during the holidays. This season did not disappoint when it came to all the impressive holiday displays. Driving and/or walking around the neighborhood, one could not help but notice the many nicely adorned homes. The decorating committee selected 5220 Nottingham Lane as the grand prize winner. We would like to congratulate and thank our grand prize winner for a beautiful display!

The Board has received a lot of positive feedback from our membership and the community at large regarding our letter to the

owners of the Twinbrook Shopping Center requesting property improvements. Many thanks, Frank Cumberland, Board Secretary, who has worked diligently on this issue. If you would like a copy of the letter, please contact me.

It is that time of year when we need to open our accounting records for an audit. Please let me know if you can volunteer to help with the inspection our accounts. We hope that a member will be able to assist with this effort. Please contact me or Johnathan Reiser, Board Treasurer ([treasurer@KPWCA.org](mailto:treasurer@KPWCA.org))

The Royal Lake Dredging project continues to be on schedule for a construction bid opening next month (February, 2016). Supervisor Cook's office will be scheduling two meetings with the community to overview the project construction and the wildlife rescue plans. One of the meetings, a "Pardon Our Dust Meeting" will be held in late March so that residents can meet the contractor to learn about the impending construction. Since Royal Lake is an important recreational and wildlife facility for our community, I encourage you to attend the meetings to get information regarding the construction staging, equipment access, project duration, and schedule. Construction will likely begin in April. As we start the winter months, snow will likely be coming (although I would be okay if it didn't). Please give the gift of shoveling the sidewalk along your property. It will make our neighbors thankful. Wishing you a great winter and look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon. Please let me know of any questions, concerns or feedback at [president@KPWCA.org](mailto:president@KPWCA.org).

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

***In this Issue:***

- Home sales and average home sale prices were up for 2015! See the Market in Review on page 19 for details plus find out which was the most popular model in sales, what real estate trends to expect in 2016, and get hints and tips for putting your home on the market.
- The Scholarship Application is here for graduating seniors of Kings Park West! See the last page.

| Community Calendar             |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Herald Delivery.....           | Jan 23 |
| KPWCA Membership Meeting.....  | Jan 26 |
| CAC.....                       | Feb 02 |
| Braddock District Council..... | Feb 10 |
| Valentines Day.....            | Feb 14 |
| President's Day.....           | Feb 15 |
| KPWCA Board Meeting.....       | Feb 16 |
| CAC.....                       | Mar 01 |
| Herald Deadline.....           | Mar 02 |
| Braddock District Council..... | Mar 09 |
| KPWCA Easter Egg Hunt.....     | Mar 13 |
| Daylight Savings Begins.....   | Mar 13 |
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| Herald Delivery.....           | Mar 19 |

# KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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| Halloween Festival                | Cathy DeLoach      | 703-426-4745   |
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**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING  
FOR THE VACANT POSITIONS;  
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CLASSIFIEDS: KPWCA Newsletter classified advertisements for the March 19th issue must be received no later than March 2nd by Huisuk Lineer, 4955 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032 or email [classified@kpwca.org](mailto:classified@kpwca.org). Please print clearly, and include payment to KPWCA. Furnish your name, address, and phone number. Rates: KPWCA members, \$2 for each 15 words; nonmembers, \$5 first 25 words, plus \$3 for each additional 15 words. Found items listed free.

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## How Do I Get My News in The Herald?

The easiest way to get your news items in The Herald is to e-mail the editor at [editor@kpwca.org](mailto:editor@kpwca.org). We invite items on neighborhood schools, churches, organizations, and other noteworthy neighborhood news. News items and letters will be published if deemed suitable and as space permits. We reserve the right to edit any item submitted to The Herald.

## How Do I Join the Kings Park West Civic Association?

Send your name, address, and phone number, along with a check for \$20.00, to KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114. Members receive the Community Directory and support from community programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Scholarship Awards, community social activities, Parks & Lake Clean-up, and a free subscription to The Herald.

## The Herald

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Note: Acceptance of advertising does not constitute endorsement by KPWCA, nor liability for products or services advertised in its publications.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: If you are moving out of the neighborhood and want to keep in touch with what's happening, gets a subscription. Send \$20 per year to:

KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION,  
P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**\*\*NEW\*\* Parks & Lakes Committee:** We are looking for 3-5 motivated members to help plan and organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups. *A few hours per month in the months leading up to the April and October clean-ups.* Ideas to make the clean-ups fun and inviting are welcomed! Please contact Sarah Lennon and Nick Wathen at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahgilennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgilennon@gmail.com).

**\*High Priority\* Classified Ads Coordinator:** *2 hours per month (or issue).* Coordinate all classified ads with corresponding fees, and maintain the ads and payment records. For more details, please contact Huisuk at [classified@kpwca.org](mailto:classified@kpwca.org).

**Neighborhood Watch Captain, filled! A huge thanks to Pappy Palazzo!!!**

**B.A.G.G. Coordinator,** *1-2 hours per month.* Coordinates annual contract for common area maintenance, coordinates purchase/delivery of mulch for common areas, coordinates common area clean ups with volunteers, monitors the KPW subdivision signs and signboards for maintenance and arranges for repairs. Please contact Jeanmarie at [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org).

**Yard of the Month Volunteers.** Seeking volunteers to send in nominations, serve as judges, and/or help with creating the Herald article. We are especially looking for those with a good knowledge of flowers, grasses, and plants, and for those knowledgeable about native species and sustainable gardening practices. Contact Caroline at [ccgene@me.com](mailto:ccgene@me.com).

**Neighbor Assist Volunteers,** *as needed.* Looking for friendly callers (a great way to volunteer without having to leave your home), computer experts to provide IT assistance, and handyman volunteers. Contact Bruce Wallachy at [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com) or call 703-401-0275.

**Road Raiders,** *1/2 hour each month.* Performs common areas clean up around neighborhood once per month early Saturday mornings. Please contact Sarah Lennon at [sarahgilennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgilennon@gmail.com).

**Invasive Management Area,** *~3 hours a few times per year.* Details found at <http://www.grsykes.com/main.php?page=32>. Send an e-mail to [greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com) and ask to be on the volunteer distribution list.

**A public thank you to all of the block captains that so graciously volunteer their time to serve our community. To date, we have 924 members for 2016. The total for 2015 was 1045 – the block captains have been working hard! Without members, the KPWCA would not exist. Block captains are the root of our neighborhood. Please say “thank you” when you see them. I also want to thank our data expert, Tim Hartle and our processors Kelly Kelley and Lori Poling. They seamlessly bring all of the information together. Thank you all so much! It is a humbling privilege to volunteer alongside each of you!**

*Sylvia Gladd, Membership Chair*

*Volunteering is the ultimate  
exercise in democracy.  
You vote in elections once a year,  
but when you volunteer, you vote  
every day about the kind of  
community you want to live in.*

*Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth*

*--Muhammad Ali*

## WANTED!!!

**The Parks & Lakes Committee is looking for a few good men and women:**

**Motivated community members to help plan and organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups.**

**We need *YOUR* ideas to make the clean-ups successful, fun and inviting!**

**Please mark your calendars now for the Spring Clean-up on Saturday April 2, 8 am-12 noon. This is an important opportunity to help protect our natural resources, meet some new neighbors, have fun and make the world a better place! (*Not bad for a spring morning!*)**

There will be clean-up teams starting at Royal Lake Park, Rabbit Branch Park and (hopefully) other sites -- depending on how many volunteers we get!

A "Park & Lakes Spring Clean Up" Sign-Up Genius has been created for this event:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094CA8A92DA57-spring](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094CA8A92DA57-spring)



For more information and to volunteer with Parks & Lake and/or help plan the clean-up, please contact Sarah Lennon and Nick Wathen at

[parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjlennon@gmail.com).

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*

*-- Gandhi*

In Spring 2015 there will be a chance for any homeowner to request 1-3 native tree or bush saplings for free! The trees planted by the original developer of our neighborhood are becoming unhealthy, falling, or are being cut down. In an attempt to regain the tree canopy coverage of Fairfax County and Kings Park West, to help reach their 40% tree canopy goal. I will be partnering with an organization called Fairfax ReLeaf. Through Fairfax ReLeaf I will be offering homeowners a chance to order saplings to be planted on their property. Glad to be planted either for you or you may plant them on your own, it's up to you! If you are interested in ordering saplings or small bushes to be planted in the early spring 2016, please email "walkerfamilyva@verzion.net" or 5405 Gainsborough Drive, ATTN KPW Planting.



\*\*\*\*\*CUT HERE and POSTMARK OR EMAIL BY 06 February 2016\*\*\*\*\*

MAIL TO: Ian Walker, ATTN; KPW Planting Project, 5405 Gainsborough Dr, Fairfax VA 22032

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please select up to three plants total and indicate the number of plants.

Trees –

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\*\*\*Further details of planting days and final tree availability will be sent out to provided email in January 2016\*\*\*

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## Update on Neighbor Assist in Kings Park West

The NA volunteers are still wondering why so few residents have actually taken advantage of the services. The residents already served have indicated that they have been very pleased with the services they received. So what is holding some folks back from asking? The services are available to any KPW resident.

Except for the snow removal and yard work, we have been saying the services are "free". After hearing that other communities are having similar problems, I asked other community coordinators what they are saying to their residents. They say, "You must say 'Yes!' to receive service." In further discussion, we surmise that maybe recipients believe that "there is **NO** free lunch" and are waiting for the "other shoe to fall". Or it could be they feel uncomfortable and may appear dependent. Both are understandable responses. However, both are false.

KPWCA Neighbor Assist volunteers are very ready and willing to help for **FREE**. By helping KPW residents, these volunteers benefit. Michael Norton in the AARP Magazine writes, "Investing in others is one the best ways to buy personal happiness." So I ask you to consider making them happy and give them a chance. From that point of view the service is not "free", you must do something first. **Call or email.**

Concerning the second point, we all need help and periodically call commercial contractors to provide services for which we don't have skills to solve. So when a minor issue that can be fixed by a Handyman volunteer, why would you not call us?

I extend to our Neighbor Assist volunteers, a note of thanks from our KPW community to you for volunteering. You and all the other KPWCA volunteers show the spirit of sharing that make people want to live here and remodel rather than move. Thank You!!

As I mentioned in the previous *The Herald* edition, we have only one individual who has offered his service for snow removal and yard work this year. I welcome back any others from last year. Please let me know. With the current weather forecasts we may have a delayed snow season, if any. It is not too late to offer. The residents who have volunteered to perform these services would really enjoy being called upon. **Call us at 703-401-0275 or email at Neighborassist@kpwca.org.**

Sincerely, Your KPWCA Neighbor Assist Volunteer Team



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Spread the word with your friends, in your church and office, bridge group, etc. and let's help out the service member make a loved one happy in their absence.

# The Herald's List

by Mary Hovland and Cathy DeLoach

The Herald's List Facebook Page continues to be an active community resource for KPW residents. Requests and recommendations are coming in almost daily. Check it out - it offers searchability and immediate access to recommendations. Post your own requests or recommendations.

[www.facebook.com/groups/HeraldsList](http://www.facebook.com/groups/HeraldsList)



Your neighbors are looking for the following service providers. Can you help? If so, please post on the Facebook page! Thanks!

## Do You Have a Recommendation For...

### HVAC Contractor

*KPW residents recommend:*

**Snell Heating and Air Conditioning**

**Phone:** (703) 450-6300

**Richard's Heating and Air Conditioning**

**Phone:** (703) 241-1900

**Garneski Heating and Air Conditioning**

**Phone:** (703) 659-4598

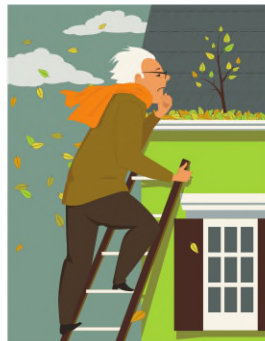


### Gutter Cleaning

*KPW resident recommends:*

**Mr. Gutter**

**Phone:** (703) 323-4671



## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HOA)— President Larry Velte

The Community Association exists to own and manage approximately 44 acres of land on which RICHMARR, the builders of KPW, could not build houses. The largest parcels are the area west of Roberts Rd. and south of Commonwealth Blvd., and the area south and east of Tapestry Drive, which includes the strip running east from the old Kings West Swim Club across Catterick Ct. through which runs the Colonial Pipeline. There are smaller patches elsewhere. A map of this land is posted on the HOA website, [www.kpwhoa.org](http://www.kpwhoa.org). The land is owned in common by the 580 members of the Community Association, and it is to protect the owners from any liability that the HOA has the insurance in the first place. What can the Community Association actually do with this land, or, more to the point, what can we not do with it? First, we cannot simply sell it. The HOA's governing documents (covenants) permit us to transfer the land to a public agency or utility only, and only if two-thirds of the 580 members signed a document agreeing to the transfer. In 2004, the HOA approached Fairfax County Parks about acquiring some of the land, without success. Even if we were able to transfer any of the land, the liability insurance premium would not change as HOA premiums are based on the number of homes in the association and not on the size or nature of the common land. We would have to get rid of all of it in order for the HOA to go out of business. Second, we cannot simply post no trespassing signs and keep everybody off in order to eliminate the HOA's legal liability. Per the covenants, all HOA members in good standing have the right to be on the common land. Third, we cannot "develop" it by creating parks, playgrounds, or other facilities as much of it lies in watershed conservation zones that are restricted by County, State and Federal regulations. In short, common land "management" consists primarily of annual inspections looking for trees that could fall and damage adjacent homeowners' property, checking for encroachment by adjacent homeowners, looking for potential hazards such as streambed erosion or exposure/damage to sewer and water lines, and identifying any issues that should be brought to the attention of Colonial Pipeline.

The HOA Board of Directors meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the CSS Program Multi-purpose Room at Laurel Ridge Elementary School. All members are welcome to attend. You may also communicate with the Board by email at [kpwhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:kpwhoa@yahoo.com). The Community Association's website is at <http://kpwhoa.org>.



## Get off the Couch

### *A Roundup of Family Friendly Weekend Events Around the Region*

#### **January 23-24**

##### **Astronaut Academy**

The National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center invites young aspiring astronauts to attend the Astronaut Academy. The 'Academy' is a \*FREE\* interactive alternative reality game designed to get people thinking about what future astronauts will need for a successful trip to mars. The game is perfect for ages 10-14, but anyone can play. Astronaut training held at regular intervals from 10:30-2:30. Saturday only. Parking is \$15.

[www.airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center](http://www.airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center)

##### **DC Rollergirls**

DC's all-women roller derby team kicks off their latest season Saturday. Doors open at 3pm, the first of two bouts starts at 4pm. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$6 kids 6-11, under 6, free. 2001 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC. <http://www.dcrollergirls.com/>

#### **January 30-31**

##### **Chinese New Year Family Celebration**

The Smithsonian American Art Museum in conjunction with the Chinese Embassy presents a family friendly event to welcome in the Year of the Monkey. There will be crafts, and musical and dance performances. \*\*Free\*\* 800 G St. NW, Washington. <http://si.edu/Museums/american-art-museum>

##### **Tet (Lunar New Year) Celebration**

Join the Vietnamese community of NoVa for a joyful celebration of the New Year. Musicians, traditional Vietnamese food, Lion Dance, and children's activities. \$5 admission, children \*\*Free\*\*. Dulles Expo Center. Sat. 10am-11pm, Sun. 10am-10pm.

#### **February 6-7**

##### **Chocolate Lover's Festival**

The City of Fairfax presents the 24th annual Chocolate Lover's Festival. Children's events, chocolate tastings, samples, and a showing of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. Saturday 10am-5pm (chocolate pancake breakfast at 8am), Sunday 12pm-4pm. Throughout Downtown Fairfax.

[www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net)

##### **Black History Month Family Day**

Activities and story time will help kids understand the Civil Rights Movement. At the National Museum of American History, sponsored by the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Saturday only, 10am-4:30pm. \*\*Free\*\*

#### **February 13-14**

##### **Presidential Family Fun Day**

In honor of President's Day, visit the National Portrait Gallery for a family friendly event. Celebrate all of America's presidents with games and hands-on activities. At the National Portrait Gallery. 11:30-3pm, Saturday only.

\*\*Free\*\* <http://npg.si.edu/>

#### **Family Friendly Activities happening at Mason this month:**

Mondays 5:00-7:00 PM: "An Evening Under the Stars," Astronomy Observing Sessions, <https://cos.gmu.edu/observatory/>

Patriot Center: <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/>

Men's and Women's Basketball: <http://gomason.com>

March 18-20: Harlem Globetrotters

Center for the Arts [www.cfa.gmu.edu](http://www.cfa.gmu.edu)

January 23: The Band of the Royal Marines: *Featuring the Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guards*

February 1 (Monday) 10:30am - 12:30pm: Henry and Mudge - Presented by TheatreWorks USA

February 5: Mummenschanz

February 21: TAO: *Seventeen Samurai*

February 22 (Monday) 10:30am - 12:30pm: Freedom Train - Presented by Theatreworks USA

February 27: Disney Fantasia: *Live in Concert*

February 29 (Monday) 10:30am - 2:00pm: The Lightning Thief  
March 5: Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra: *Caribbean Rhythms - Journey to the Islands*

March 13: Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Splendor from Silence*

March 20: Direct from Ireland: Celtic Nights: *Spirit of Freedom*

Men's and Women's Basketball and Swimming & Diving:

<http://gomason.com>

Saturday 02/13 1:00 - 4:30 PM: Homecoming Tailgate Party and Hospitality Tents, Parking Lot K, <http://homecoming.gmu.edu/>

#### **Featured Event: Astronomy Festival**

Here's a chance to star gaze and look through a telescope at Riverbend Park. There will be storytelling around the fire pit, information about constellations, and other fun activities. Hot chocolate and snacks will be available for purchase.

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**Monticello Dog Park Announcement**

Supervisor John Cook's office and the Fairfax County Park Authority will host a community meeting on Monday February 1st at 7:00 PM at Laurel Ridge Elementary School to discuss the Monticello Park design, and construction timelines. Additional information will be provided in Cook Advisory's, and also on the KPWCA website. Monticello Park will be the site of the first Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) (dog park) in the Braddock District.



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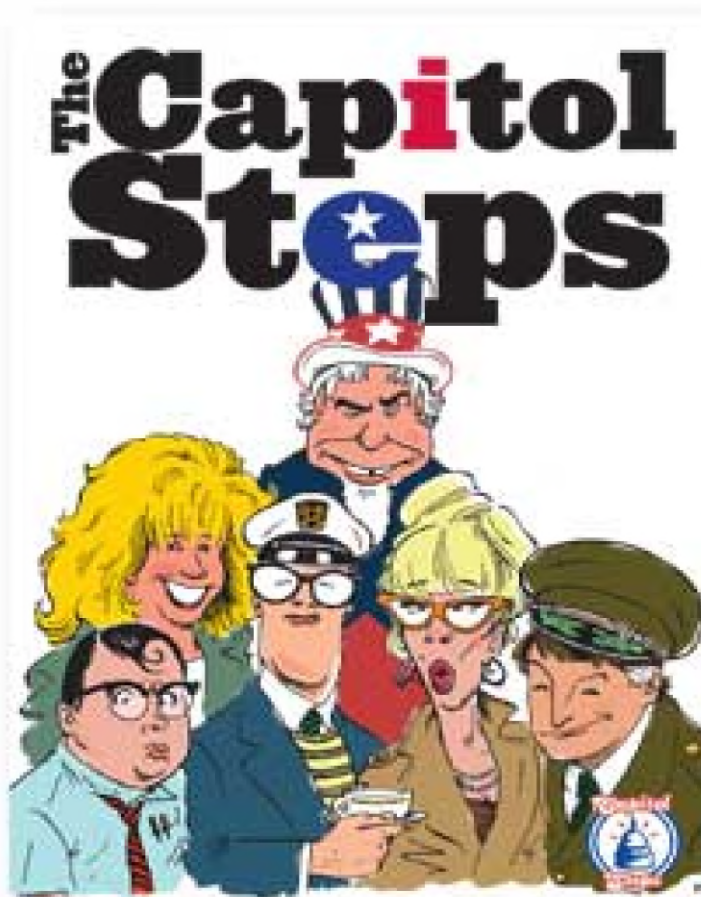
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**Some Native Plant Suggestions**

by Greg Sykes ([greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com))

Gardeners new to native landscaping often wonder which plants they should add to their project. The answer depends on many factors including the site’s soil composition, drainage, and amount of direct sunlight. This article spotlights a few species worth considering. All of them are native to Fairfax County, readily available from a reputable nursery (not

necessarily a hardware or big box store’s garden center), moderately to easily grown, and often overlooked during the plant selection process.

**Tree:** Chestnut Oak (*Quercus prinus*)

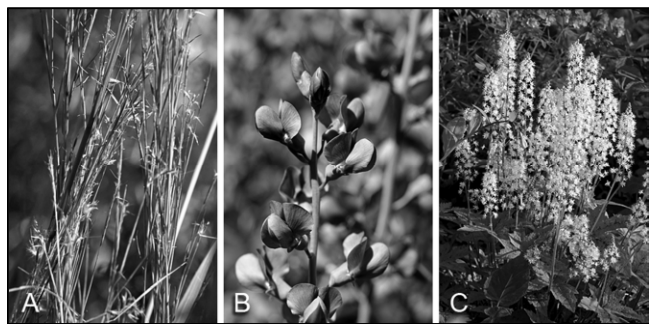
Chestnut oaks used to be more abundant than they are today, the loss attributed to habitat destruction. It is a grand shade tree with deeply furrowed, ornate bark. Though unrelated to chestnuts, this oak’s leaves resemble its common namesake. This tree needs excellent drainage and is often seen growing along slopes and elevated land.

**Shrub:** Northern Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

Many people consider blueberries a mere food item without realizing this bush has year-around attractions. In the spring, cream-colored bell-shaped flowers adorn the branches. The succulent berries mature in the summer, providing food for humans and birds. The autumn foliage blazes in scarlet. Reddish to pinkish branches highlight the winterscape. For best berry production, purchase at least two bushes, either wild types or two or more unique cultivars, and plant them near each other. Other blueberry species to consider include the southern highbush (*V. formosum*) and New Jersey blueberries (*V. caesariense*).



**Figure 1.** This fallen chestnut oak leaf (A) bears a resemblance to its namesake. The trunk (B) is covered by intensely textured bark. Notable northern highbush blueberries features include (C) bell flowers and (D) ruby autumn foliage.



**Figure 2.** By mid-autumn, little bluestem’s 2-3 foot blades (A) take on a maroon and gold coloration as seed tufts begin emerging. With stems reaching 3 feet high, false indigo blossoms (B) will enhance any sunny garden. Foamflowers (C) add charm to woodland plots while helping wildlife. Several cultivars are available with slightly different flowers, leaf shapes, and spreading speeds. Most flower stalks top at 6-14 inches.

**Ornamental Grass:** Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

After discovering this gem, folks will likely forgo those non-native *Miscanthus* grasses sold everywhere! Sea green blades adorn the little bluestem during the growing season. In autumn, the grass acquires burgundy tones before drying into golden stalks. Keep those husks up throughout winter since small birds love eating the fuzzy seeds.

**Forb—Sunny Location:** Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)

Deep, purplish-blue flowers are this plant’s hallmark feature. Blossoming in mid- to late spring, it provides food for many of the bee species suffering population declines. The flowers develop into pods, which can be left after they open and dry out for fall and winter enrichment. As a legume, false indigo’s root nodules contain nitrogen-fixing bacteria, so biologically-available nitrogen is added to the soil. Unlike non-native invasive leguminous vines such as [wisteria](#), [crown vetch](#), and [kudzu](#), false indigo forms well-behaved clumps.

**Forb—Shaded Location:** Heart-leaved Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)

Vast native wildflower species carpet Virginia’s forest floors, many of which are wonderful spring ephemerals [see *The Spring Edition of What’s That Plant* (March 2012) [www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/34\\_2012-03.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/34_2012-03.pdf)]. Foamflowers also bloom in the spring, but keep their striking leaves throughout most of the year. Gardeners might use foamflower as a hardy ornamental specimen or as a groundcover. Even more importantly, beneficial pollinators seek the blossoms for nourishment and other critters shelter under its leaves.

**Forb—By Stepping Stones:**

Partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*) and Woodland Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*)

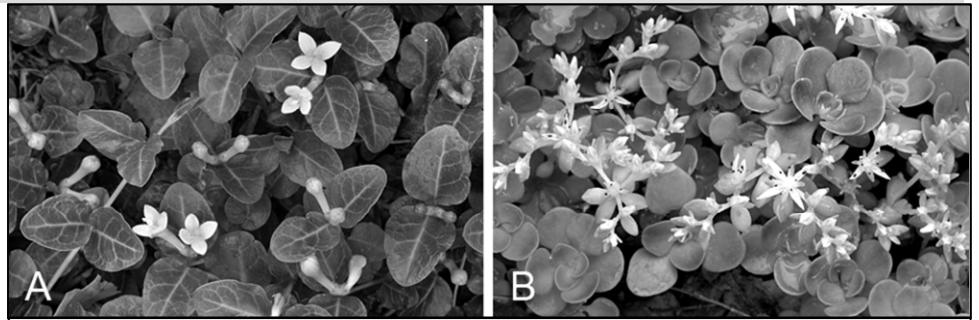
Plants around stepping stones need to be both short and tough. Many “stepable” garden center plants are non-natives, such as sedums from the Mediterranean region or Irish-moss (*Sagina subulata*, which is not even a real moss). A native perfect for the job in shaded locations is partridgeberry.

The deep, evergreen foliage accents the

walkway while the pretty white flowers provide pollinators with a sip of nectar. The red, edible (though tasteless) berries add interest in the autumn and winter until gobbled up by wildlife. Virginia has three native *Sedum* species and woodland stonecrop is the only one native to Fairfax County. As the name suggests, it thrives along stony terrains like Great Falls and prefers bright light. Woodland stonecrop’s star-like white, springtime flowers attract butterflies. This plant is easily propagated by snipping off segments and sticking them into the ground, with the best results in spring. Many plants share the “stonecrop” common name, so be sure to confirm the scientific name before purchasing it.

For more ideas, check out *Native Plants for Northern Virginia*, available in print and online

([www.novaregion.org/DocumentCenter/View/10615](http://www.novaregion.org/DocumentCenter/View/10615))—an excellent book to get you started! Many authors, photographers, organizations, and agencies collaborated to produce this highly informative and user-friendly book. It catalogs and discusses more native species, suggests plants for different landscaping conditions, lists non-native invasive species to avoid, and provides a slew of additional resources. *Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping: Chesapeake Bay Watershed* by Britt E. Slattery et al. (2003) is another hardcopy and downloadable book ([www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/](http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/)). This one has a more extensive native plant list catering towards the broader Mid-Atlantic states. For Virginia native plants ideal in conservation, restoration, and landscape projects, visit [www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/nativeplants.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/nativeplants.shtml). Happy gardening!



**Figure 3. White flowers appear in both partridgeberries (A) and woodland stonecrop (B). Partridgeberries always bloom with floral doublets.**

For the full article, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to: [http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/64\\_2016-01.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/64_2016-01.pdf).



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## Volunteers Needed For Royal Lake Wildlife Conservation Efforts Prior To Dredging Operations

by Tony Vellucci

Royal Lake is scheduled for dredging this year. In all likelihood, the dredging will be a combination of a dry and a wet dredge. The contractor will propose an approach which the Department of Public Works & Environmental Services (DPWES) will accept and approve.

If there is a dry dredge component to the contractor's dredging plan, there are several lessons learned from the dredging of Woodglen Lake last year to be leveraged for Royal Lake. One is the amount of aquatic wildlife that can be saved with some advance planning, and the need for volunteers and volunteer groups to assist in the wildlife conservation efforts.



The draining of Woodglen Lake last year revealed an incredible fresh water mussel population. While DPWES was able to relocate a good number of fish from Woodglen Lake to Lake Accotink, there was little they could do to relocate the fresh water mussels, and most became a feast for sea gulls and other wildlife. Two factors impacted why more could not be saved. First, no one really knew the extent of the fresh water mussel population because they were not visible until the lake level was drawn down. Second, there was no organized mussel rescue party.

Fresh water mussels are not cute, warm or cuddly, but they do play an incredible and important role in lake ecology – acting as water filtering and purification agents. And for that reason alone, they are worth saving and we should make every attempt to save as many as possible. Given the number of mussels found at Woodglen Lake, and the fact that Royal Lake is about three times larger, a significant volunteer effort will be needed for the Royal Lake Mussel Rescue Party.

At one time, fresh water mussels are believed to have inhabited a number of streams in Fairfax County, however today the only place stream mussels survive is just south of the dam at Lake Accotink. The Friends of Accotink Creek (FACC) and Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) recently funded a fresh water mussel study to learn more about these amazing organisms that can live to be about 80 years old. The study determined that a primary impact to thriving populations is sediment caused by storm water run-off. The study is posted on the Friends of Accotink Creek website at [www.acctonik.org](http://www.acctonik.org). The Friends of Accotink Creek are determined to save the fresh water stream mussels in Accotink Creek and have routinely sponsored Mussel Rescue Parties after major storms to go into Accotink Creek and return the mussels to the stream bed after they have been deposited high on the stream banks due to high storm water levels.

As DPWES finalizes its plan for lake dredging operations and selects a contractor for the lake dredging contract, Supervisor Cook's office will announce two community meetings sometime within the next few months or so to be given by DPWES Storm Water Planning Division, Watershed Planning & Assessment Branch personnel. The first will address ecological factors related to Royal Lake dredging operations, outlining the current health of Royal Lake and DPWES efforts to save as much wildlife as possible. The second will address the overall project, timeline, and logistical factors related to the dredging operations.

Please plan on attending both meetings and contributing your time to assist the Friends of Royal Lake with the Royal Lake Mussel Rescue Party, and other wildlife conservation efforts.



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**2. Big Kitchen, Open Floor Plan:** The kitchen has become the hangout room along with the family room. An open space that can easily transition from kitchen to TV room is high on the list of the perfect home for young buyers. In essence, the kitchen is the new living room.

**3. Home Office:** More than 13 million Americans work from home, and all signs point to that trend continuing. Young buyers are looking for homes that can accommodate a home office.

**4. Good Location:** Younger buyers look for properties that are in proximity to public transportation and that have a good walking score.

**5. Low Maintenance:** Most young buyers look for homes that are low maintenance. Low-upkeep features like vinyl flooring, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances are popular because they're both attractive and relatively hassle-free.

**6. Technology:** Today, buyers want to know about the home's technology. They want to hear about cell service and Internet.

**7. Energy Efficient:** With energy costs on the rise and growing interest in protecting the environment, young buyers are conscious of buying homes that are green.

**8. The Cable-TV Effect:** Real estate shows on TV have impacted all buyers on the way they look at houses. Young buyers will often comment on how a house is, or isn't, staged.

**9. Low HOA Costs:** Young buyers tend to get caught in a trap when gauging the affordability of condos or townhomes. High HOA fees and assessments can sink the purchase.

**10. Online Photos:** Younger buyers start their searches online. The home must have professional photography that shows the home in its best light, or they will move on before ever stepping foot in the door.

*-Excerpted from Bankrate.com by Michael Estrin*

# 2016 Color Trends

Color trends for 2016 are shifting towards more vibrant and saturated hues. Designers are predicting a move away from neutral tones towards more expressive colors like deep blues, rich reds, and vibrant yellows. The overall mood is one of optimism and energy.



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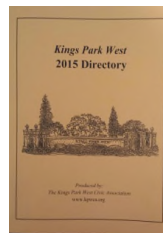
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**Scholarships, Neighborhood Watch, Dumpster Days , Parks & Lakes!**

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**Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Festival, Bi-Annual Directory and the Newsletter you are reading!!!**

***Your Civic Association and Volunteers do all of that and so much more!!!***

**As you can see, Membership really does have it's privileges! Your contribution combined with the activities of our volunteers make KPW a vibrant, desirable neighborhood and benefits everyone's property values.**

**If you haven't already – please show your support and join the KPWCA for 2016!!**

***Thank you!!!!***

Block # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2016 KPWCA MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Member Information**

All information provided will be entered into the Membership Database. **PLEASE check the boxes on the left below for information you want published in the Directory.**


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| check<br>these<br>to<br>publish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Name</b>      | <input style="width: 560px; height: 25px;" type="text"/> |
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Please enter amounts you would like to contribute to the following organizations or activities:

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| <input type="text"/> | <b>1. Volunteer Fire Department</b>                |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>2. KPWCA Boy Scout Units</b>                    |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>3. Robinson HS Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party</b> |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>4. TJHSST Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party</b>      |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>5. Herald Newsletter</b>                        |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>6. Unrestricted Community Use</b>               |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>7. Halloween Festival</b>                       |  |
| <input type="text"/> | <b>8. Easter Egg Hunt</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cash</b>                                 |
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Please make checks payable to **KPWCA** and mail to the address below, or return to your Block Captain  
**KPWCA, P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114**  
 Alternatively, go to [www.kpwca.org](http://www.kpwca.org) and pay using Paypal

I'm interested in learning more about volunteering with: *(please check each )*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Beautification &amp; Gardening Group (BAGG)</b>   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Welcome Committee</b>                             |  |
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### Concerts at Good Shepherd

The Church of the Good Shepherd is proud to present our concert series featuring distinguished local and regional artists. Please join us!

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**The Delores King Williams Quartet**  
 Sunday, February 14, 2016 ... 6 p.m.

This season's Valentine's weekend concert will feature Jazz vocalist Delores King Williams performing classic jazz standards in a cabaret setting in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. The romantic evening will include delicious food, great music, and dancing!

**WPAS Children of the Gospel Choir**  
 Sunday, April 24, 2016 ... 6 p.m.

Brought back by popular demand, Washington Performing Arts' Children of the Gospel Choir showcases uniquely talented young voices in their own distinctive style of high energy performances.

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Tickets to individual concerts will be sold at the



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### Bikeshare Coming to Reston and Tysons This Fall

Getting around Reston and Tysons will be a little easier later this year. The Board of Supervisors approved a \$1.7 million plan today to bring the Capital Bikeshare system to Reston and Tysons this fall. This investment will help get cars off the road, boost local economy and contribute to a healthier community.

The bikeshare system allows you to check out a bike and ride short to moderate distances from bikeshare station to bikeshare station. Here's a breakdown of stations and bikes:

- 132 bicycles available in Reston at 15 stations located between the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station and Reston Town Center
- 80 bicycles available in Tysons at 11 stations located east of Route 7, north of Route 123, and south of the Dulles Toll Road

We're working to identify and refine the exact locations for the stations in Reston and Tysons, but we're moving forward with the equipment purchase. The first phase of the system is expected to open in the fall of 2016.

"With the transformation of Reston and Tysons into more urban centers, Fairfax County is investing in infrastructure needed to make it easy to get around," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "More people are living and working in these areas than ever before. "Downtown" areas by definition are not designed to accommodate high volumes of car traffic and parking."

The Board's action comes just one month after the approval of 31 pedestrian and bicycle projects in Herndon and Reston, and it also supports the county's Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success. The economic plan calls for creating dense, mixed use communities with many transportation options, and Capital Bikeshare helps to accomplish this goal. Not only do bikeshares attract the younger "creative class" that fuel an innovation economy, but also they produce tangible economic benefits.



## Did You Know?

- **The Mary & Cathy Team** successfully marketed almost a third of all home sales in Kings Park West in 2015, selling 22 of 71 homes.
- **The Mary & Cathy Team's** average days on market was a mere 22 days compared to 43 days for the other agents.
- **The Mary & Cathy Team's** dedication to staging and marketing consistently earned top dollar, averaging 98.25% of the original list price compared to 97.22% for the competition.

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**KPWCA Scholarship Application**

Mail completed form & required information to:  
 KPWCA Scholarship Committee  
 PO Box 7114  
 Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114

**Deadline/postmarked by: March 18, 2016**

The Kings Park West Civic Association will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to 2016 graduating seniors whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of the Association as of the date of the application. Each scholarship will be awarded on the basis of community service, civic activities and extracurricular service involvement (40%), academic achievement (20%), a written essay (20%), and a personal interview (20%).

**Please type or write legibly in ink, for all pieces – particularly emails.**

- A. 1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

- B. On a separate sheet of paper, list your community service, employment or volunteer work, extracurricular service activities, church service or any non-academic honors you have received. List only those activities and awards in high school. Describe these activities and indicate your level and # of years of involvement, including leadership responsibilities.
- C. Following this list, write an essay, not to exceed 350 words, about your involvement in one or more of these service activities. The Kings Park West Civic Association is looking for individuals who are providing or have provided exemplary service to the community, our country or to the world. Tell us why you chose to do the work you did, what you have learned from the experience and how you believe you have contributed to others.
- D. Attach an official transcript in sealed school stationery, authenticated by the school transcript official. Transcript will include your grades covering the first seven semesters of high school.
- E. Attach a copy of your SAT or ACT test scores.
- F. If you choose, attach information about financial hardships of which you wish the committee to be aware.

**Semi finalists will be asked to come for a personal interview during the week of April 4-8, 2016.**

**Finalists will be recognized during the Robinson Senior Awards Ceremony on June 14, 2016 at 4pm.**

**This application must be signed by the applicant and his/her parent or guardian. Applicants will be disqualified if application instructions are not followed or the application is incomplete.**

**Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ If my child is awarded a scholarship, I will serve on the scholarship committee the following year.**

**The student’s information may be used as a possible nomination by KPWCA for a Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are given annually by the Braddock District Council and Supervisor Cook in recognition of those who contribute to the betterment of life and services in the Braddock District.**

**We understand that in applying for the scholarship we agree to abide by the terms stipulated.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of parent or guardian