

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

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### 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.**

check these to publish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
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Please enter amounts you would like to contribute to the following organizations or activities:

<input type="text"/>	Membership Fee (\$20 for each household)
<input type="text"/>	1. Volunteer Fire Department
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<input type="text"/>	3. Robinson HS Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party
<input type="text"/>	4. TJHSST Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party
<input type="text"/>	5. Herald Newsletter
<input type="text"/>	6. Unrestricted Community Use
<input type="text"/>	7. Halloween Festival
<input type="text"/>	8. Easter Egg Hunt
<input type="text"/>	9. College Scholarships
<input type="text"/>	10. Parks & Lake
<input type="text"/>	11. Common Area Maintenance
<input type="text"/>	<b>Total Dollar Amount</b>

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

- Block Captain/ Membership Committee/Directory
- Beautification & Gardening Group (BAGG)
- Dumpster Day
- Herald Newsletter
- Neighbor Assist
- Welcome Committee
- Parks & Lake
- Streets & Signboards
- Neighborhood Watch
- Other... \_\_\_\_\_



# 2016 KPWCA Membership Drive October 1 – October 31

## Membership Benefits:

Your \$20.00 Civic Association Membership fee goes a long way in keeping our neighborhood a *fun, safe, friendly and beautiful place* to live. If you stop to think about it that works out to less than \$2 per month – many of us spend that much daily on a cup of coffee!

Your membership has many direct and indirect benefits, and supports our ALL-VOLUNTEER committees that provide value added to our community, including:

- *The Herald* newsletter, published 8 times each year and is delivered by various Boy Scout troops, is filled with helpful information about the community, vendors and includes a community bulletin board, in a way, with offers of services and sales.
- The KPW Civic Association web site provides helpful information, the community calendar, archive of newsletters and much more.
- The KPWCA *Membership Directory* so that you can locate friends and neighbors, find merchant and vendor information, and includes a helpful map of the KPW community, with a Block-by-Block breakdown.
- College Scholarships are awarded every April to the children of KPWCA members
- The annual Halloween Parade/Fall Festival is held the Sunday before Halloween at Lakeside Park, with food, music, games, bouncy houses and so much more.
- The Neighborhood Watch (NW) has a strong working relationship with our local police departments. NW patrols our community day and night to enhance everyone's safety and seeks to prevent and/or report crime and damage to private/communal property.
- Twice a year -- in the spring and fall -- the Parks and Lakes Committee organizes a clean-up of Royal Lake and the surrounding parkland. Without this community effort, many of the paths we all walk would become impassable, the trash would accumulate and the plants and bushes would become overgrown.
- The Civic Association also supports activities such as the Beautification and Garden Group (BAGG) that landscapes and maintains the entrances to Kings Park West, bringing beauty and enhancing property value of our community; the Signs Streets and Sidewalk group that updates the message signs that keep us all informed of community happenings, and the Road Raiders that do targeted road/sidewalk cleanups on Saturday mornings several times a year
- The Welcome Committee visits each new neighbor/family that moves in to welcome them, introduce them to our community and to provide helpful information.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is a well-loved tradition, and fun for the whole family. It takes place the Sunday before Easter.
- The KPW Community Yard Sale Day -- in both spring and fall -- is a great way to clear out the clutter and make a little extra cash... and the volume of shoppers is increased since people know there are many homes participating
- And finally, for all the items you CAN'T sell on Community Yard Sale Day, there is Dumpster Day in the spring and fall. Access is available only to paid KPWCA members.

As you can see, Membership really does have its privileges! Even if you don't have kids who might enjoy the festivals or benefit from the scholarships, your contribution combined with the activities of our volunteers make KPW a vibrant, desirable neighborhood and benefits everyone's property values.

So, rather than sitting back enjoying the Community while letting others volunteer their time, efforts, and financial support, please consider doing your share by sending in your dues today!

**If you have questions, or wish to volunteer as a Block Captain, please send us an email at [membership@kwca.org](mailto:membership@kwca.org)**

**Thank you for your support!!**



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Kings Park West Civic

### KPWCA President Letter September 2015

Greetings, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. The summer has gone by too quickly, as always seems to be the case for me. Now that school is back in session, we see many children out in full force. Please drive cautiously and watch for pedestrians.

The beginning of fall means the association activities are in full swing! Our annual membership drive will take place during the month of October. Our wonderfully energetic block captain volunteers will

be making contact soon. I am always amazed at the level of effort that goes into this drive, as we have 100 blocks within our boundaries. A true grass roots undertaking with awesome results. Your association membership helps support many important, all volunteer, efforts such publishing the Herald, funding scholarships, scouting groups, community social events, and grounds maintenance around our neighborhood entrances. Please be assured that your membership support contributes greatly to the vibrancy of our community.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Membership Meeting on **October 6th at 7:30 pm Robinson Secondary School, Recital Hall.** (Please note the time, as I inadvertently listed the wrong time in the August Herald). We will be electing the At-Large board positions, and presenting the 2016 budget and proposed by-law amendments. As many of you may know, Kings Park West will be 50 in 2016. Both Crooked Creek and Kings Park West parks this year, as part of the on-going effort to control the deer population in the county. Since the archery program is new to the neighborhood, a presentation will be provided by Dr. Katherine Edwards, Wildlife Management Specialist, and Sgt. Earl Power, Program Manager, at the membership meeting.

The community yard sale weekend is scheduled for October 10th.

The Board and I look forward to seeing many of you at the membership meeting. In the meantime, please contact me at [president@KPWCA.org](mailto:president@KPWCA.org) with any questions, feedback, or concerns.

Community Calendar	
Herald Delivery.....	Sep 26
Herald Deadline.....	Sep 30
CAC.....	Oct 06
KPW Yard Sale.....	Oct 10
Columbus Day.....	Oct 12
Braddock District Council.....	Oct 14
Herald Delivery.....	Oct 17

#### ***In this Issue:***

- Membership drive! In case you missed it on the front page, flip it back over, fill it out, send in your membership, and **support your neighborhood!**
- Changes are coming to the Kings Park West By-Law Amendments, and **we need your vote!** See page 8 for more information and plan on attending our October 6th membership meeting. If you can't make it, page 8 also contains a proxy for you to complete and hand to a neighbor who is attending.
- Fall is here, which means festivals and fairs galore! See page 14 to find your favorites!
- Interested in helping out but don't know how? See page 5 for our **volunteer opportunities.** Printed in every edition, check back often for changes or updates.

## KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Easter Egg Hunt	Pack 1967	
Halloween Festival	Cathy DeLoach	703-426-4745
	Danielle Nicholson	703-323-0622
Scholarships	Gayle Ostrom	703-323-5997

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING  
FOR THE VACANT POSITIONS;  
CONTACT JEANMARIE AT 703-425-1286**

### 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.

### Email Addresses for KPWCA Inc.

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CLASSIFIEDS: KPWCA Newsletter classified advertisements for the October 17th issue must be received no later than September 30th 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.

### The Herald

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NEXT DEADLINE is September 30th, 2015  
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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:  
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P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Membership Committee.** Seeking several volunteers to help during the membership drive in October with data entry. Also seeking the volunteers to assist in coordination with block captains. Duties are clear and concise - any time that you can give would be very welcome!! Contact Sylvia at [membership@kpwca.org](mailto:membership@kpwca.org).

**\*High Priority\* Neighborhood Watch Captain, 10 hours per month.** Responsible for the operations of the KPW Neighborhood Watch program. Detailed description on page 4. Contact Steve at [stephenmccarty@cox.net](mailto:stephenmccarty@cox.net).

**\*High Priority\* 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 703-425-3622.

**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.

### Volunteer Spotlight

We want to take a moment to thank all 1,093 Kings Park West Civic Association Members for 2015. Due to your membership dues and additional donations, we are able to support community functions such as The Herald newsletter, Neighborhood Watch, The Halloween Festival, The Easter Egg Hunt, KPW Community Yard Sale and Dumpster Days, The Membership Directory, College Scholarships, plus many more activities that make our neighborhood a fun, safe, and beautiful place to live. Thank to all our members for their continued support!

## REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy

Over the last 30 days, the Fairfax County market looked healthy with 1,282 homes sold, a 3.9% increase from last week's report. To put it in perspective, close-by Montgomery County registered 1,054 home sales in the same period, the most of all surrounding counties. Potential buyers should note that prices are coming down in Fairfax County, and for this period the median sales price slid from \$485,000 to \$475,000. With only three months of inventory and rising sales, Fairfax County is a seller's market.

-Homesnap, September 12, 2015

59 KPW homes have sold so far in 2015, including one house with major modifications that sold for \$832,000:

Model	#	Average Close Price	DOMP
Baron	9	\$633,278	29
Cromwell	3	\$466,743	15
Duchess	5	\$535,765	23
Duke	9	\$473,222	53
King	4	\$542,643	57
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at St. Mary's Preschool.

Please call Miss Elena at 703-978-4141 Ext. 35 for  
more information and to arrange a visit.

**KPWCA By-Laws – Proposed Amendments October 2015**

During our membership meeting on **October 6th at 7:30 pm** **Robinson Secondary School, Recital Hall**, we will be voting on some very important by-law changes. Please see below (changes are in bold). These proposed changes come as a result of the recent and prolonged challenge with filling the president and vice president positions.

If you are unable to make it, please complete the proxy below and give it to a neighbor who will be attending. We hope to see everyone there as we need a quorum of at least 50 members to put these amendments to a vote. Please email if you have any questions at [president@KPWCA.org](mailto:president@KPWCA.org).

**ARTICLE II- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 2 – Terms

- 1. Directors shall be elected to two (2) year terms with the terms of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer beginning in even-numbered years and the terms of At-Large directors beginning in odd-numbered years
- 2. At the conclusion of their elected terms, directors shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected and installed.
- 3. No **member** shall serve **in the same** Board of Directors **position** for more than **three (3)** consecutive terms. After serving **three (3)** consecutive terms, a **member may serve any other** board position **in accordance with Section 3 below**. When determining consecutive terms served, a partial term of more than one (1) year shall be counted, a partial term of one (1) year or less shall not be counted.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 2 – Quorum

- 1. **Twenty (25)** members in good standing constitute a quorum necessary to consider and vote on amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.
- 2. As to all other matters, **fifteen (15)** members in good standing constitute a quorum.

**Kings Park Civic Association  
PROXY FORM**

Proxy Form:

Each active civic association member as listed on membership form may vote on Association business. Any current member wishing to vote by proxy must complete this form. This form may be given to a KPWCA member who will attend any time prior to a regular or special meeting of the Association. Proxy forms received after such meeting will not be accepted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I assign \_\_\_\_\_ the authority to vote on my behalf regarding Association matters.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Membership Status of all parties will be verified upon presentation of a proxy. No individual may serve as proxy for more than two (2) members.*

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**SNOW REMOVAL AND LEAF RAKING FOR KINGS PARK WEST**

Neighbor Assist is trying to get a head start on the Snow Removal and Leaf Raking service this year. Last year Neighbor Assist started too late for leaf raking, and barely got started before the snowy weather arrived. So Neighbor Assist is now collecting names of those who are willing to offer their services to KPW residents. If you are interested, email [NeighborAssist@kpwca.org](mailto:NeighborAssist@kpwca.org) or call 703-401-0275. Indicate what service you are offering and contact info (name, phone number, email address, and home address). Then, names will be sent out to residents who are interested in receiving service.

The residents will then call you directly and make the arrangements for the service (time and place) and negotiate then or later on the cost of the service. Neighbor Assist members have researched generally accepted costs for snow removal for our area. The costs are based on commercial company charges and other gathered information. The costs vary based on area to be cleared and depth of snowfall. To give you an idea of expected costs, a cost for most KPW homes would be approximately \$40 to \$50 for a snowfall of 2 to 4 inches and more for greater snowfall and larger corner properties. Neighbor Assist has found that some KPW snow removal workers have accepted less than the commercial and have accomplished the job better than commercial providers. So we encourage KPW residents to take advantage of the service offers and help those in our community who are willing to work.

Leaf raking or other fall yard work can vary based on the nature of the work and the labor involved. We recommend that those willing to work and the residents desiring service negotiate prior to the work being performed. Cost might be negotiated on hourly rates or area coverage for leaf raking and mowing. For other yard work hourly or task specific work might be used. Neighbor Assist has not established a basis for cost with this service.

**Invasive Species Profile: Kudzu (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*)**By Greg Sykes ([greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com))**Native Range:** Japan and southeastern China**U.S. Introduction:** 1876, in Philadelphia, PA**Life Cycle:** semi-woody perennial**Means of Spreading:** seeds; rapid vine growth**Commercially Available:** no**Control Method:** remove crowns**Good Alternative Species:** grape (*Vitis* sp.), common moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*), pipevine (*Aristolochia macrophylla*)**Comments:**

Kudzu debuted in the United States at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, where promoters hailed it as both an ornamental plant and a forage crop. Fifty years later, soil conservation groups advocated kudzu to control erosion. In its Asian homeland, people use kudzu fibers in products such as baskets and paper; blossoms, leaves, and starchy roots are prepared in human-consumed foods and traditional medicines. Like beans and all other legumes, nitrogen-fixing bacteria living within root nodules provide kudzu with an internal fertilizer factory. This nitrogen enriches the soil when farmers employ

kudzu as a cover crop. Some researchers investigate this speedily growing vine as a potential ethanol crop.

By the 1950s, American scientists realized that despite its utilitarian properties, kudzu has become an unleashed monster without the natural predators and diseases to keep it adequately controlled. Most notably, *Pueraria*'s foot-a-day growth rate under optimal conditions enabled the vine to engulf anything from groundcover to trees and anything else in its path. Government subsidies for farmers cultivating kudzu ceased, the USDA

prohibited using kudzu as a cover crop, and biologists explored ways to control this invasive weed. Although it can still overtake unchecked patches in Northern Virginia's climate, kudzu grows less aggressively here than in the Deep South. Locally, it is often found smothering trees near roads, such as the southwest corner of Braddock Road and Rolling Road, along Roberts Road near Burke Commons, Ox Road north of Burke Center Parkway, and by Prosperity Avenue south of Route 50. Kudzu's low germination rate is partially due to the seed's tough outer coat, which must be broken for sprouting. The coating breach usually occurs through weathering—often for years—in the soil.

Anyone searching for ways to kill kudzu will find many proposed methods: repeated cutting, burning, foraging livestock, herbicidal treatments, and experimental fungal inoculations and insect biological controls. Despite its fearsome reputation, kudzu is more easily controlled than many non-native invasive species. Lake Accotink Park's site leader of the then newly formed Invasive Management (IMA) program [created by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in 2006], had his first assigned plot eradicating kudzu from a half acre plot (Figure 2). After some trial and error using hand tools, cutting the crown of the root, which is found at or just below the surface, is the easiest way to efficiently kill vines. A description of this method is at <http://www.kokudzu.com/SurgicalRemoval.html>. Without the crown, the rest of the root, often as large as a man's leg, invariably dies; view pictures of the team with kudzu roots, before adopting the crown removal technique, at <http://www.accotink.org/RemovingKudzuSep2006.htm>. With kudzu accounting for around 50 percent of the site's vegetation, volunteers worked for hundreds of hours before the plot was sufficiently cleared for native restoration saplings.

Successful kudzu eradication requires dedicated people. Monitoring continues at Lake Accotink Park, removing newly germinating kudzu, whose seedlings resemble a native legume, the hog peanut (*Amphicarpaea bracteata*). Some folks mistake another native, poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), for kudzu; Table 1 highlights key distinctions and Figure 3 illustrates the difference between the leaves.



**Figure 1.** This kudzu patch was blooming in Merrifield, VA, on private land and was later eradicated. Seen here in late September, the small fruits toward the bottom are unripe porcelain berries (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*), another non-native invasive species in this weedy thicket. Kudzu seed pods form in October and November. Photo by Greg Sykes.



**Figure 2.** Kudzu tangled the Lake Accotink Park IMA site (A). Once volunteers cleared the weed (B), the habitat began its healing process. Photos by Philip Latasa.

Feature	Kudzu	Poison Ivy
Blossoms	Long, purple, tight cluster in late summer and early autumn	Small, pale yellow to yellow-green, loose clusters in late spring and early summer
Foliage	Three leaflets: bluish green, deeply lobed, hairy; generally larger leaves	Three leaflets: emerald green, smooth and shiny; generally mid-sized leaves
Fruits	Hairy seed pods	Smooth ocher berries

**Table 1.** This table lists helpful characteristics when identifying kudzu and poison ivy.


Since grape climbs up trees, it too is sometimes mistaken for kudzu. However, grape leaves are simple and lack leaflets. When controlled, grape can be a good native alternative to kudzu. Many insect and bird species benefit from Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*). People looking for a slower growing native substitute might consider smaller, ornamental native vines including common moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*, widespread) and pipevine (*Aristolochia macrophylla*, found in western Virginia counties).

To join in habitat restoration led by Philip Latasa (Lake Accotink watershed, [steward@accotink.org](mailto:steward@accotink.org)), Suzanne Doherty (co-site leader, Royal Lake Park, [jewelboxgardensbysuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:jewelboxgardensbysuzanne@gmail.com)), or me (co-site leader of parks connecting to and including Royal Lake), send an e-mail asking for future workday notification. Volunteering through FCPA is a superb way to help the environment, get exercise, and learn about the local flora and fauna! For more information about the IMA program including other sites throughout Fairfax County, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/>.

A big “thank you” goes to Philip for sharing his kudzu insight and experience. Find more kudzu facts at:

- <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/pumo1.htm>
- <http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/vine/puemonl/all.html>
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**Fairfax County Meet & Greet Events  
Fall 2015 Candidate Forums  
by Sandy Glotfelty, Treasurer FCCPTA**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Every seat in the General Assembly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, FCPS School Board, and most local governing bodies are up for election. The League of Women Voters-Fairfax along with the Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA) and other non-partisan organizations, are sponsoring candidate forums for the public during September and October. The goal is to educate and inform voters in a non-partisan environment. The community will have an opportunity to ask questions of political candidates and learn more about their personal goals for the future of Fairfax County.

The 13 public Meet and Greets for all elected positions are scheduled across the county. A full schedule of all forums can be found at:

[http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2015\\_MandG\\_Fairfax\\_Co\\_All\\_Districts\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2015_MandG_Fairfax_Co_All_Districts_Flyer.pdf).

Dates of note for residents of Kings Park West are:

- Thursday October 8, 7:00 pm – Braddock District, Kings Park Library Community Room  
9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke
- Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 pm – Fairfax County Chairman Board of Supervisors  
and At-Large School Board Members  
James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna

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*This event is sponsored by the Kings Park West Civic Association and is open to all MEMBERS of the Association. Thank you for your community support!!!*

## Get off the Couch

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

#### September 26-27

##### Turkish Festival

Experience authentic Turkish culture and cuisine in downtown Washington. This \*FREE\* celebration will include folk dancing, traditional Turkish music, a "kids tent", and fortune telling. You can also shop in the Turkish Bazaar, and enjoy authentic Turkish coffee and other Turkish food. Sunday only. 11am-7pm. Pennsylvania Ave between 12th and 14th Streets NW. [www.turkishfestival.org](http://www.turkishfestival.org)

#### October 3-4

##### Fall for Fairfax/Kidfest

The Northern Virginia's largest fall festival returns to the Fairfax County Government Center. The festival is geared for kids age 12 and under. Live entertainment, a petting zoo, model train exhibits Admission and most activities are \*FREE\* but there is a charge for the Kidway Midway carnival rides and a few other activities. Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. [www.fallforfairfax.com](http://www.fallforfairfax.com)

##### Fort Belvoir Oktoberfest

If you're looking for a family friendly Oktoberfest celebration, head to Ft. Belvoir for their 20th anniversary Oktoberfest. Enjoy traditional German food like schnitzel, bratwurst, and sauerkraut with bacon and apples. Kid friendly activities include carnival rides, musicians, and dancing. Beer is not the focus of this festival, but will be served. \*FREE\* and open to all. Saturday, 12pm-midnight, Sunday 12pm-8pm. [www.belvoir.armymwr.com/us/belvoir/](http://www.belvoir.armymwr.com/us/belvoir/)

#### October 10-11

##### City of Fairfax Fall Festival

If you missed Fall for Fairfax last week, drop by the Fairfax City's festival. What started out 39 years ago as a small market has grown into a large festival with family friendly entertainers on three stages, vendors, and kids activities. \*FREE\* admission. 10am-5pm (carnival ends at 8pm). Saturday only. 3999 University Drive. [www.FairfaxFallFestival.com](http://www.FairfaxFallFestival.com)

##### Clifton Day

Come celebrate nearby Clifton! This year it will be easier than ever to get to the festival, VRE is scheduled to provide special train service from the Rolling Road station. The festival will have family friendly entertainment including Irish dancers, free face painting, a free petting zoo and civil war reenactments. Sunday, 9am-5pm. Main St, Clifton. [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com)

#### October 17-18

##### Farm Harvest Days

Frying Pan Park Farm hosts their annual Harvest Days. Kids and adults can milk a cow or goat, shell corn, visit the animals, and do other farm activities. Admission is \*FREE\*. The farm will also be offering a carnival complete with midway rides. Farm activities Saturday 10am-3pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. Carnival is open Saturday, 12pm-10pm, and Sunday 12pm-7pm. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark)

##### Colonial Market Fair

Experience what life was like in the years before Independence. Taste warm meat pies, yummy bread, and delicious local apples. Warm yourself by the fire and enjoy entertainment from period performers. There's even a tavern where you can try a cup of mulled wine. Saturday and Sunday 11am-4:30pm. Adults \$8, Children 3-12 \$3, Seniors \$4. At Claude Moore Colonial Farm, McLean VA. [www.new.1771.org/marketfair/](http://www.new.1771.org/marketfair/)

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

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

Oct. 16&17: Direct from Beijing: The National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China: *Peking Dreams*

#### Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas:

<http://hyltoncenter.org/>

Oct. 3: The Discovery Forum, *Presented by The STEAM Table at Mason:* <http://www.hyltoncenter.org/calendar/732/>

#### Men's and Women's Soccer and Women's Volleyball:

<http://gomason.com>

### Featured Event: Fall for the Book

September 27-October 3

An annual celebration of literature with events based primarily at George Mason University. Readers of all ages will be able to meet beloved authors. Among the 150+ authors scheduled to appear are Diana Gabaldon, author of the "Outlander" series, and National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien. There will even be free writing workshops for middle and high schoolers. On the closing day, Oct. 3rd, enjoy a whopping thirty festival style events for the whole family - featuring fiction, nonfiction, poetry and a full slate of children's and young adult authors, as well as a book fair of local literary journals and presses, and food trucks on the front drive. Parking is free in Lot K near the event sites. There are readings and activities for all ages, so bring your family and spend the day at Mason. \*FREE\* [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org)

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## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HOA)—President Larry Velte

A new school year has started and we are all adjusting to changes in traffic throughout KPW. The new start and release times may also disrupt our "normal" routine. Please be extra cautious and watch for young pedestrians and school buses on their new schedules. Obey school zone reduced-speed limits! Just because you can't see any kids is no excuse to blaze through an active school zone. George Mason's academic year has started also, and GMU students are renting houses in KPW, especially in the HOA area which is closest to campus. KPW is a community of families and GMU students who may be reading this are reminded that they should be respectful of their neighbors. It's a two-way street, however, and we should also be respectful of the students.

On the subject of students and streets, unless a special resident-only parking zone has been established and restrictive signs posted, parking on KPW's streets by Robinson and GMU students or other non-residents is legal. You cannot prevent someone from parking on "your" stretch of street unless the car is encroaching on your driveway, mailbox, or a fire hydrant. The police do not routinely patrol the neighborhood looking for minor infractions such as parking too far from the curb or parking in a direction opposite the flow of traffic, but will likely respond if a resident calls and complains. By the way, with very few exceptions contained in the county zoning code, it is illegal to park a vehicle or trailer on the front lawn. You don't see it often, but when you do, it makes a bad impression.

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 are welcome to attend. Members 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>.



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# 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)



Here are some current requests and recommendations from your neighbors.

**Guitar Teacher for Child**  
*(Recommended by KPW Neighbor on FB)*

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[www.facebook.com/clariphonestudios](http://www.facebook.com/clariphonestudios)

**Veterinary Recommendations**  
*(Recommended by KPW Neighbors on FB)*

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[www.villagevetofburke.com](http://www.villagevetofburke.com)

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[www.burkevet.com](http://www.burkevet.com)

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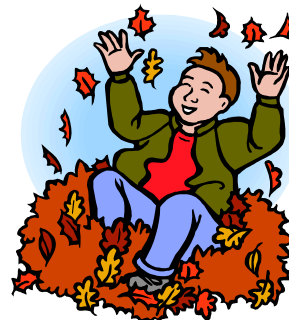


Make sure you check the Facebook page in October. We are working with several contractors who are planning to offer discounts to KPW residents once the busy summer season is over!



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### Status of Neighbor Assist Program

So far we have organized 5 efforts within KPW for any resident to use.

1. Social Calling - Basically, a reminder and awareness service for important dates and for people who may live alone and could benefit from other resident. However, any resident can take advantage, using the service for important reminders.
2. Computer Assistance - Helping with suggestions over the phone or going to your home to help resolve frustrating issues. We have helped about 7 or 8 people. We are genuinely amazed that we got only one call for the Windows 10 download, which is free for many PCs. Often children, grandchildren or neighbors have been helping with computer issues.
3. Handyman - We just started this service with the last edition of *The Herald*. So far we have 3 volunteers and 1 request at this point. See the last *The Herald* for the types of services.
4. Snow Removal - This is paid service you have to arrange. It benefits both residents who want service and local students or other residents who desire to make some money. See the companion article in this *The Herald*, calling for those interested in removing snow to contact us.
5. Yard Work - This is also a paid service where students can earn money by doing such items as leaf raking, mowing, weeding, watering, etc. See the companion article in this *The Herald*.

THE BIG QUESTION we have is, "Why are residents not calling?"

A couple of years ago we sent out a survey and the response was good. We could not differentiate services of interest between what was most important and less important, because the response showed that all the areas were about equal. So, we choose some to start. Since the requests for the above services have been minimal or non-existent, we can think of two reasons for the lack of requests: we selected the wrong services or the word about the services has not reached those that need them.

Hence, we ask you for help. Help us spread the word about Neighbor Assist services. Tell your neighbors. These services are available to any resident of KPW. We also ask you to suggest services that you or your neighbors would actually use and let us know at NeighborAssist@kpwca.org.

The volunteers who have come forward to provide a service are dedicated to sharing their skills. We appreciate their offer of time and talent for others. However, when no one wants the services, volunteers tend to disengage with the program and turn their attention elsewhere. Please provide them an opportunity to help.

We believe that one of the reasons for the lack of calls is that KPW neighbors help their close KPW neighbors already. In fact, we view that as the best solution and we hear about it often. The survey response indicated that "neighbors" were one of the bigger factors for people staying or coming to live in KPW. However, there may be times or services that are not available from close KPW neighbors and that is where we believe the Neighbor Assist program fits. It basically expands the scope of help from close neighbors to all of KPW.

#### Miscellaneous Classifieds: For Sale (see more on page 24)

**DINING TABLE** (3 ft x 5 ft) and 4 chairs, like new. \$125.00 OBO Phone (703)969-0152

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## Understanding Goldenrod

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

A late summer stroll around the parks often reveals human activity. One sad, recurrent find is goldenrod ripped up along trails. This unfortunate and *illegal* practice stems from people mistaking goldenrod for ragweed—and these individuals leave the innocent, drying husks next to the alive-and-well true ragweed! Webpage searches for “ragweed” incorrectly include goldenrod photographs, epitomizing both the rampant confusion between these distinct plant groups and the error-ridden internet. Let’s learn the truth about these two plant members.

A diverse plant genus, ragweed (*Ambrosia* sp.) occurs in different sizes—some species top at several centimeters tall while others become bushes. Some ragweed species live an annual lifecycle whereas others re-emerge over the years. Although now they flower (and hence infuse the air with spiky pollen granules) from August through October, the past 20 years have seen the blossoming window expand throughout much of North America. Ragweed’s key reproductive strategy relies on the *wind*: an indirect, abiotic pollination technique. Without a straight delivery system to move pollen from one flower to the next, these plants generate vast amounts of light microspores—up to a billion granules per plant per season! Without needing to attract pollinators, ragweed flowers remain odorless and inconspicuous, sometimes looking like a nondescript green extension from the stem. Trying to alleviate allergies by pulling local ragweed is a pointless endeavor since some of the wispy pollen comes from specimens hundreds of miles away. To combat hay fever, consult your doctor; this webpage lists some examples of effective measures: <http://www.webmd.com/allergies/features/ragweed-pollen?page=2>

Ragweed and goldenrod (*Solidago* sp.) belong to the large aster family and bloom during the same seasonal period, but the similarities stop there. To reproduce, goldenrod invests energy into brilliant, sun-colored flowers (Figure 1). The floral show attracts a vast number of different pollinating insects (Figure 2); native bees enter a single-minded feeding frenzy and remain safe to observe as they feed. Since these perennials depend on pollinators, the heavy pollen remains on the flower until transported by an animal. Plants with this direct pollination strategy tend to manufacture much less pollen than species chancing procreation to the wind. **Goldenrod pollen is not distributed by the wind and not the cause of the common hay fever.**

Most goldenrod species populate open meadows. As true for many common, fast-growing species, numerous critters rely on goldenrods for food or shelter. However, be careful about selecting them for your sunny native garden since the vast majority of *Solidago* species grows aggressively. Some cultivars, such as the wrinkle leaf goldenrod “Fireworks” (*S. rugosa*), make a good, controllable backyard addition. In partial shade and forest edges, try bluestem goldenrod (*S. caesia*). Growing these plants provides a great opportunity to get to know them and their dependent wildlife.

In the field, Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteers study goldenrod and ragweed. Both of these native plant groups are left to support the local ecology. If you would like to join us for a workday to learn about native species and help the environment, send an e-mail to me asking to be on my volunteer distribution list.

Further information:

General Goldenrod Information <http://www.fcps.edu/islandcreekes/ecology/goldenrod.htm>

List of Many *Solidago* Species <http://plants.usda.gov/java/nameSearch>

Ragweed Pollen and Fall Allergies <http://www.webmd.com/allergies/features/ragweed-pollen>

Plant Pollination Strategies (USDA) [http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/Plant\\_Strategies/](http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/Plant_Strategies/)

Climate Change Indicators in the United States: change in ragweed pollen season

<http://epa.gov/climatechange/science/indicators/health-society/ragweed.html>



**Figure 1. This typical goldenrod specimen blooms with tiny yellow flowers lining the floral branches.**

For more information, scan the QR code with your smart phone, or go to:  
[http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/61a\\_2015-09.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/61a_2015-09.pdf)



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Figure 2. Goldenrod fields (A) sustain enormous biodiversity. Various creatures consume the foliage while others shelter in it. On the blossoms, certain species eat pollen and others drink nectar. Some of the large insect groups benefiting from goldenrod include (B) beetles (pictured is a locust borer, *Megacyllene robiniae*), (C) flies (a beneficial syrphid fly—a bee mimic), and (D) bee members (a paper wasp).



### Wanted: Original Owners!

Our neighborhood podcast is seeking Kings Park West original owners, and those who grew up in KPW as children.

Organized and run by Robinson students, WKPW brings local news, sports, and interviews.

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