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2017 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 these to publish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Name | <input type="text"/> |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Email | <input type="text"/> |

Please enter amounts you would like to contribute to the following organizations or activities:

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| \$ 20 | Membership Fee (\$20 for each household) |
| <input type="text"/> | 1. Volunteer Fire Department |
| <input type="text"/> | 2. KPWCA Boy Scout Units |
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| <input type="text"/> | 4. TJHSST Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party |
| <input type="text"/> | 5. Herald Newsletter |
| <input type="text"/> | 6. Unrestricted Community Use |
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| <input type="text"/> | 11. Common Area Maintenance |

Cash
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Total Dollar Amount **Check #** (important)

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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...**
- Disaster Preparedness/Community Resiliency Group**



Instructions for Using PayPal

- Go to the www.kpwca.org website and click on “Membership Benefits” at the left side of the screen.
- At the top-right of the page, click on “KPWCA Membership Form and Paypal Instructions”.
- Right click the form and save the blank copy to your local drive. Then, open it from the saved location, type in your information and save it again or print it out. Make sure your data is visible after saving or printing. The saved version with your data can be emailed to membership@kwca.org. Or the paper form, once completed electronically or legibly by hand, can be given to your Block Captain.
- Decide what additional amounts, if any, you want to contribute in addition to the Membership Fee. Make a note of the number next to that organization or activity in the chart (1-11).
- Click on PayPal button.
- Enter in the **TOTAL** amount of your Donation: \$20 Membership + any additional.
- If you have a PayPal account, log in.
- If you don't have a PayPal account, that's ok, you don't need one! Simply click on the "Continue" button on the bottom left under "Don't have a PayPal Account?" Then enter your billing and credit card information. [You can be sure the transaction is secure if you see “https” near the beginning of the web address at the top of your browser window.]
- Click Continue.
- At the next screen, you will be asked to review your donation.
 - Under "Kings Park West Civic Association Membership" you will see a little "+" sign and "Additional Contributions." If you are making optional contributions in addition to the \$20 membership fee, click on that "+" and a drop down box will open up.
 - Refer back to the membership form and use the number in front of the organization or activity in the chart (1-11) to type into that box how your contributions above the \$20 are to be used.

For example, if you want to donate \$25 to the Volunteer Fire Department, you would enter 1-\$25. For a \$30 contribution to Parks and Lakes, you would enter 10-\$30, and so on.

- Once that is completed, click "Donate Now" and you are done with your payment!

It's imperative that you provide us a copy of the form. Double-check to make sure "PAYPAL" is checked, the total dollar amount is entered and the date paid is clearly indicated at the top of the form. Then, be sure to either email the completed form to membership@kwca.org or give a printed copy of your completed form to your Block Captain.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at membership@kwca.org.



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Kings Park West Civic

Hello Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. The summer has gone by too quickly again this year. Now that school is back in session, we see many children out in full force. Please drive cautiously and watch for pedestrians.

I am very happy to announce that two volunteers have stepped up as our new co-editors of The Herald. Samantha Juni and Leah Larson-Taylor have volunteered to join The Herald team as co-editors. They bring extensive related experience. Leah will focus on the Display Editor role, while Samantha will be the Communications Editor and focus on Herald Advertising. Many thanks to Terra Wathen, our retiring Herald editor. Her experience and energy will be missed.

The beginning of fall means many of the association activities will be underway. Our 2017 membership drive will commence during the month of October. Your block captain 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 grassroots undertaking with awesome results. Your association membership helps support many important, all volunteer, efforts such as 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 **September 27 at 7:30 pm at the Laurel Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria** (please note the venue). We will be electing the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary Board of Directors positions, as well as presenting the 2017 Association Budget. Royal Lake is being transformed. The lake dredging project is well underway with a lot of sediment being dried out and hauled away, and the new outdoor fitness equipment has been installed. It is exciting to have these new improvements to the lake area where so many of us recreate and relax.

Deer population control through archery hunting will be permitted in both Crooked Creek and Kings Park West parks again this year, as part of the ongoing effort to control the deer population in the County. You may have received a letter from the County or noticed the postings on the trees. The program runs from September 10, 2016 through February 25, 2017. Fairfax County certified Archery Groups are permitted to conduct deer management at their assigned site Monday through Saturday during the Archery Program Season. Legal hunting hours in Virginia are 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Sunday hunting is not allowed in the park. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/archery/archery-program.htm>.

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 with any questions, feedback or concerns.

Best Regards, Jeanmarie Roberson

Community Calendar

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| KPWCA Membership Meeting..... | Sept 27 |
| KPWCA Membership Drive..... | Oct 1 |
| Citizen Advisory Council..... | Oct 4 |
| Herald Deadline..... | Oct 5 |
| KPWCA Yard Sale..... | Oct 8-9 |
| Columbus Day..... | Oct 10 |
| Braddock District Council..... | Oct 12 |
| KPWCA Board Meeting..... | Oct 18 |
| Herald Delivery..... | Oct 22 |
| Fall Festival/Halloween Parade..... | Oct 30 |

KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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| | Mary Crowder | 703-239-2581 |
| | Karen Hasselman | 703-272-3658 |

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B.A.G.G. **Vacant**

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|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Consumer Affairs | Mary Hovland | 703-946-1775 |
| Dumpster Day | Mary Hovland | 703-946-1775 |

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Special Activities

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Easter Egg Hunt | Pack 1967 |
| Halloween Festival | Karen Hasselman 703-272-3658 |
| | Jeanmarie Roberson 703-425-1286 |
| Scholarships | Gayle Ostrom 703-323-5997 |

Email Addresses for KPWCA Inc.

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|------------------------------|--|
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| General Information | Info@KPWCA.ORG |
| Community Association | KPWHOAA@yahoo.com |

How Do I Advertise in The Herald?

CLASSIFIEDS: KPWCA Newsletter classified advertisements for the October 22nd issue must be received no later than October 5th by Ejona Lika, 9810 Bronte Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032 or email 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. 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 KPWCA, 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. Alternatively, go to www.kpwca.org and pay using PayPal.

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P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 at parks@kpwca.org and/or sarahgilennon@gmail.com.

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.

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 or call 703-401-0275.

Road Raiders, *1/2 hour each month.* Performs common area clean-up around neighborhood once per month early Saturday mornings. Please contact Sarah Lennon at 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 and ask to be on the volunteer distribution list.

Hello from Patti Dickerson, Membership Coordinator,

We are preparing for the annual Membership campaign. All during the month of October, Block Captains (BC) will be knocking on their neighbors' doors to invite everyone to be a member of the Kings Park West Civic Association (KPWCA). The cost will remain the same as previous years at \$20.00. Membership supports numerous community activities, including two neighborhood festivals (Halloween and Easter), the printing of The Herald newsletter (delivered eight times a year), and maintenance for the community areas (parks, lake, common areas, and entrances). This year, a 2017 directory will be printed and delivered in the spring to those members who join (printing takes place every other year as a cost-saving measure).

Please be kind to BC's who knock on your door. These neighbors volunteer their time to walk to twenty homes (even more for some) to encourage participation in the membership drive. Forms can be found in The Herald or on the neighborhood website, www.KPWCA.org. In the center of the webpage you will see a "Donate" button with links to the membership form and instructions for using PayPal, if you wish to pay electronically. Some helpful tips to consider when filling out your form are: please include your **Block #** (which can be found in the directory); provide your **Check #** in the box provided; and lastly, consider helping out for any of the volunteer positions listed at the bottom of the form. If you have questions, you may email me at membership@kpwca.org.



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KPWCA COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GROUP (CRG) UPDATE

By Karen Johnson

It's official! The Kings Park West Civic Association is now in the Volunteer Fairfax database as a Braddock District CRG member, and at their meeting on August 23rd, the Board of Directors established a committee naming me as the Chairperson to determine the next steps in getting our group up and running. We are moving forward and hope to have a plan in place before the next emergency comes along! If you missed my article in last month's Herald, the CRG initiative is a collaboration between the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Volunteer Fairfax with the following mission:



Community Resiliency Group Mission - Our mission is to create a local network to support each other and strengthen the whole community by coordinating our capabilities and resources to better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies.

For further information, the Volunteer Fairfax website is:

<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/Community-Resiliency-Groups.php>

So, what do you need to do? At this point, just show some interest and start taking steps to put your own family's plan together. We will be providing information to help you along the way and are starting with an informational meeting for KPW residents as follows:

KPWCA CRG INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WHEN: Sunday, October 16th from 2pm to 4pm

WHERE: Mason Enterprise Center, 4031 University Drive, Fairfax, VA

NOTE: Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Karen at communityresiliency@kpwca.org

Maria Bernadzikowski, the Emergency Response Manager for Volunteer Fairfax, will present an overview of the initiative and answer any questions. We hope to also have a representative from the Fairfax County OEM and the Fairfax County CERT program to provide information on how the CRGs will integrate with their programs.



**Don't Wait.
Communicate.**

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And don't forget that September is **National Preparedness Month**. Go to <http://ready.gov> where there is a wealth of disaster preparedness information, including how to get started on your own plan at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>. Hope to see you on October 16th!

Friendly Reminder

If you must use synthetic lawn chemicals, please keep them on your lawn and off of pavement, public lands, and your neighbors' property. Wildlife, pets, and even some of your fellow human neighbors are extremely sensitive to these substances, which may result in adverse health effects. If you happen to spill some granules on the pavement, kindly sweep it up and dispose of it properly. If you hire a lawn treatment service, please ask them to clean up any mess; the person paying these workers is their ultimate boss. Also, please post warning signs that the lawn has been treated until the next rain. Your considerate help will contribute to a safer, healthier neighborhood.

Thank you, Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

Message originally appeared in March 2008 and reprinted by request.

Deer Management Program Begins in KPW Parks

Fairfax County's Deer Management Program begins Saturday, September 10, and runs through February 25, 2017.

The program is aimed at reducing the deer population in designated parks mainly through the use of archery. The objective is to minimize the safety and health hazards related to an overabundance of deer, including deer-vehicle collisions, the potential spread of diseases, and environmental damage caused by deer. [Archers allowed to participate](#) in the bow-hunting program must meet state hunter education and safety requirements, pass a marksmanship test, pass a criminal background check, and meet other criteria. According to the County, there have been no injuries related to archery reported by bystanders anywhere in Virginia since the state began tracking hunting injuries in 1959. Fairfax County's bow hunting program started in 2010.

Bow hunting will be allowed in both Kings Park West Park and Crooked Creek Park, and is allowed from elevated tree stands Monday through Saturday from thirty minutes prior to sunrise until thirty minutes after sunset. No hunting is allowed on Sundays. Tree stands must not be located closer than 100 feet from property lines or closer than 50 feet from established park trails.

Florescent orange signs are posted in parks where hunting is authorized. Hunters are required to park in designated areas and wear official ID cards. The deer management program is supervised by the Fairfax County Police Department in collaboration with the Fairfax County Park Authority and [Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority](#).

During the 2015-16 deer hunting season in Fairfax County, a total of 1,142 deer were killed, the vast majority (1,052) by archery. Another 54 deer were killed during sharpshooting events and 36 during managed hunts.

Dog Leash Law Reminders

Over the summer, a Kings Park West dog got away from its owner and attacked a neighbor's dog. While the attacked dog was not badly hurt, and local dog owners are generally conscientious, the incident led to requests for reminders about county leash laws.

Most people know that all dogs in Fairfax County must be on a leash (with a few exceptions) when off the property or premises of the person responsible for the dog. The Code of Fairfax County, specifically Chapter 41.1 - Animals and Fowl Ordinance, specifies: "No dog shall run unrestricted." "Unrestricted" means that the dog is "not under the control of the owner or his agent either by leash, cord, chain, or primary enclosure when off the property or premises."

The Code also covers situations where dogs may not need to be on a leash, such as dogs participating in a dog show, or hunting dogs.

Dog owners and those responsible for dogs that they do not own are encouraged to review the County code provisions covering dog ownership and responsibilities from time to time. Links to the code covering animals can be found at this link:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/codes.htm>

Disclaimer: This article is intended to provide basic information about Fairfax leash laws, but does not provide legal advice.

Nancy E. Grant
President, Kings Park West Community Association

REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy



Kings Park West continues to enjoy lively real estate activity. Top-ranked schools, great parks, wonderful neighbors and walkability throughout keeps KPW ever-popular with buyers. A variety of available floor plans meets many diverse home owner needs, and the homes can be further updated by straightforward renovations. And interest rates remain low!

4 Properties Have Sold Since August 1, 2016 13 More Are Under Contract

| Model | Status | Address | List Price | Sold Price |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Baron | Sold | 4754 Fardon Ct | \$619,000 | \$612,000 |
| Cromwell | Sold | 10323 Commonwealth Blvd | \$585,000 | \$578,000 |
| Essex | Sold | 5261 Pumphrey Dr | \$550,000 | \$530,250 |
| Essex | Sold | 5088 Dequincey Dr | \$539,000 | \$539,000 |
| Essex | Under Contract | 10314 Commonwealth Blvd | \$527,500 | |
| King | Under Contract | 4967 Swinton Dr | \$549,000 | |
| King | Under Contract | 5218 Pommeroy Dr | \$532,900 | |
| King | Under Contract | 9817 Commonwealth Blvd | \$525,900 | |
| Prince | Under Contract | 9813 Commonwealth Blvd | \$539,900 | |
| Queen | Under Contract | 9805 Commonwealth Blvd | \$559,897 | |
| Regent | Under Contract | 10403 Collingham Dr | \$575,000 | |
| Regent | Under Contract | 4781 Fardon Ct | \$574,900 | |
| Regent | Under Contract | 4994 Swinton Dr | \$585,000 | |
| Regent | Under Contract | 4950 Gainsborough Dr | \$535,000 | |
| Regent | Under Contract | 5358 Guinea Rd | \$530,000 | |
| Regent | Under Contract | 10011 Whitefield St | \$445,000 | |
| Regent w/ addition | Under Contract | 5354 Gainsborough Dr | \$625,000 | |

KPW Stats
*35 KPW homes have already sold in 2016,
 and 13 more are under contract.*

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Kings Park West Civic Association

PROXY FORM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____


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Invasive Species Profile: Porcelainberry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)

By Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

Native Range: Japan, China, Korea, and eastern Russia

U.S. Introduction: 1870s as an ornamental

Life Cycle: perennial vine

Means of Spreading: rapid vine growth; berries, eaten by birds which pass the seeds

Commercially Available: yes, especially under the cultivar, “Elegans,” though few places still stock it

Control Method: hand-pull seedlings and young plants. Mature vines may require mechanical tools, such as a Weed Wrench. Cut down large vines leaving two feet of defoliated branches; continue manually removing new growth until the plant dies.

Good Alternative Species: Fox grape (*Vitis labrusca*) or other native grape species, moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)

Comments: Recently, many people asked about a strange, grape-like vine growing either in their yard or in the parks. The most conspicuous part of this newfound plant is its fruit, which ripen from August through November, and are cream, turquoise, blue, pink, and violet in color—all on the same vine! The opalescent berries sound stranger than fiction yet give this plant its common name, porcelainberry (sometimes spelled “porcelain berry”). Such a chromatic berry sounds intriguing and attractive, and so thought the people who imported the original specimens into the northeastern United States in the latter nineteenth century. The problem with porcelainberry is its densely foliated vines and fast growth, which together choke out groundcover, shrubs, and even some trees. Birds eat the abundant fruits and spread the seeds. Without locally native biological controls, this botanical curio grew into an out-of-control weed, hitting Virginia through New England the hardest and expanding into the Deep South and Midwest.



Figure 2. This porcelainberry seedling has inch-long leaves. Identifying and pulling it now is easier than killing a mature vine.



Figure 1. Porcelainberry leaf and new growth vine morphologies resemble grapes but the flamboyant fruit distinguish this weed. Berry skins facing the sun tend to be lighter than the rest of the fruit.

Whereas *Ampelopsis* plagued Northern Virginia for decades, folks notice it now due to its soaring population. Sometimes mistaken for [kudzu](#), porcelainberry is one of this area’s most devastating weeds, on par with [oriental bittersweet](#) and [wisteria](#). Until recently, the Fairfax County Park Authority’s Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteers at Royal Lake were unable to strike porcelainberry as workdays focused on eradicating other high priority weeds. Earlier this year, new IMA Site Leader Angela Thornburgh led Royal Lake’s first session dedicated to porcelainberry control. Using hand tools such as jab saws, her team first cut the vines, killing any growth above the slice and destroying developing seeds before they matured. With a Weed Wrench to minimize soil disturbance, roots were extracted thereby preventing any more sprouting.

Despite its continued, albeit limited, commercial availability, nobody would want porcelainberry if they knew about its potential harm or the hard work needed to control it. You can help your property by

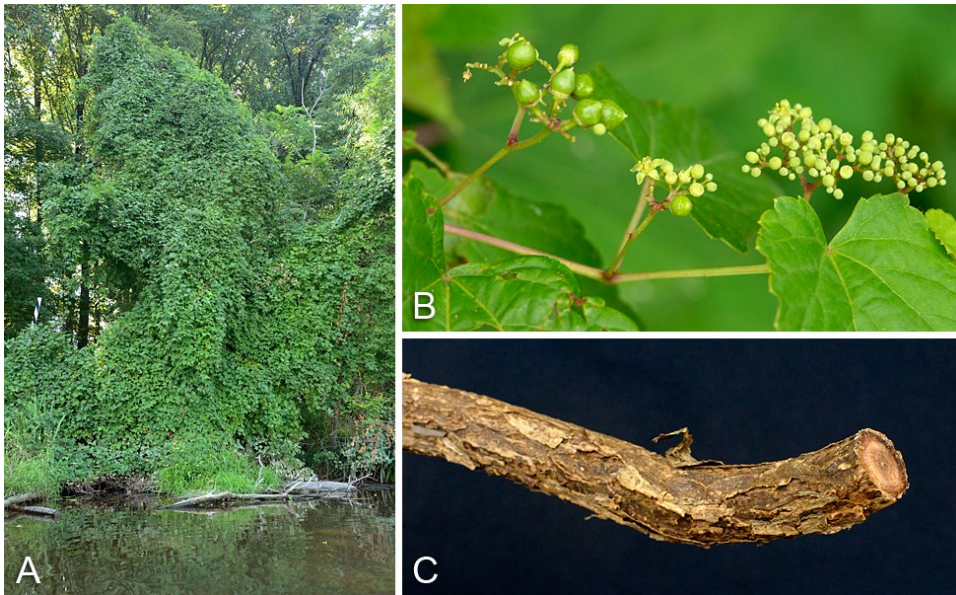


Figure 3. Left unchecked, porcelainberry engulfs native trees (A) forming walls of vine. Before the berries ripen, one can distinguish porcelainberry from grape because the fruits and flowers (B) always point up whereas those of grapes dangle down. Mature porcelainberry vines (C) have light brown, blistered bark. This cut specimen shows a light pith whereas grapes have dark centers (not shown).

clearing any non-native invasive species like porcelainberry. In doing so, the environment will benefit from your efforts! Avoid applying herbicides since the toxic sprays will likely hurt the desirable plants under the porcelainberry. To join one of Royal Lake’s IMA site leaders on a workday, please contact any or all of us asking to be on our volunteer distribution list(s):

- Angela Thornburgh – anthornburgh@gmail.com
- Suzanne Doherty – jewelboxgardensbysuzanne@gmail.com
- Greg Sykes – greg@grsykes.com

Many Virginian vines can be used as a native alternative to porcelainberry. Grape is the most similar; while it provides the gardener with tasty snacks, it can become a handful and should be trained on a trellis. Common moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*), another vine, sports broad leaves. For chromatic berries, try silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), which grows into a large shrub.



Figure 4. Silky dogwood is an excellent native bush which produces colorful drupes.

Figure 5. Porcelainberry is often mistaken for grapes, pictured here. Adding to the confusion, the related vines share a similar leaf form and grow next to each other. However, grape fruits (A) always hang down and, depending on the species, tend to be purple, green, or reddish. Mahogany-colored, flaky, fibrous bark (B) differentiates mature grape vines from porcelainberry.



For more information on porcelainberry:

- <https://www.nps.gov/plants/ALIEN/fact/ambr1.htm>
- http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/porcelain-berry.pdf
- <http://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/subject.html?sub=3007>
- <http://www.invasive.org/browse/subinfo.cfm?sub=78266>
- https://www.fws.gov/delawarebay/Pdfs/Porcelain-berry_Fact_Sheet%20.pdf

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Aging in Place Presentation - October 19th at 1 pm

On October 19th, the presentation will take us behind the scenes of the Fairfax County Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resource Line. By calling one number, an Older Adult will determine the resources available to assist with a large variety of aging issues. Now, you will hear about the coordination to determine which County resources can be used to assist you. The individuals who answer the telephone (703-324-7948) are trained specialists who have helped many people. Through their questions, they can make sure which solutions are the right fit for you.

This presentation follows the same schedule as the others, which are held every third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Braddock Supervisor's office. All are welcome! Come and discover whether these monthly presentations are of interest to you. These presentations are also a way to socialize with others who may have had similar issues. As we all grow older, it is beneficial to share information with our peers who may have the same concerns.
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The Herald's List

by Mary Howland and Cathy DeLoach

Fall Home Maintenance Tasks

Labor Day has passed, the pool has closed and the kids are back in school. With cooler weather right around the corner, there are several home maintenance tasks that should be taken care of in the upcoming weeks as the temperatures drop. Here's a checklist along with vendor recommendations from your very own KPW neighbors!

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Park Authority / Park Foundation / Friends of Royal Lake Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Royal Lake Park

On September 10, 2016, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Park Foundation, and the Friends of Royal Lake held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new outdoor fitness equipment installed at Royal Lake.



Tony Vellucci, Braddock District Representative to the Park Authority Board, was the master of ceremonies, and noted that local projects as these are always special because they mean a lot to the communities that use them. And when communities put their own financial resources and sweat equity into them, they mean even more. He recounted the hard work put in by both Friends of Royal Lake and Park Authority staff.



Core and extended Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) articulated a vision, did an incredible amount of planning and attended many, *many* meetings, organized and obtained grassroots community

support, learned about the Chesapeake Bay Protection Act, Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) and their constraints, wrote several articles for community newsletters, raised funds, committed time and effort (sweat equity in the form of over 160 man-hours) to remove old equipment and invasive species to plant native species plants, selected equipment for purchase and its locations, and prepared and submitted a matching Mastenbrook grant application for over \$14,000, reflecting cash donations and in-kind contributions.

Park Authority staff met with FORL reps on site, priced out the project, secured Park Operations Committee and Park Authority Board approvals for the Mastenbrook grant application, purchased the equipment, got the necessary permits and permissions from other county agencies as needed, prepared the site for installation, oversaw the installation effort, and performed the final touches, such as setting up for the dedication ceremony.



He introduced Braddock District Supervisor Mr. John Cook, stating that Supervisor Cook can usually be seen at Royal Lake Park every Friday night during the summer at the Braddock Nights concerts thanking sponsors for their support and handing out T-shirts to lucky raffle winners. Supervisor Cook lauded the efforts and achievements of FORL, and noted that there are many who wait for “somebody else” to do something, but the real movers are those who are willing to step up to the plate and take on an initiative. These are the folks who make Fairfax County a great place to live.

Mr. Vellucci then noted that every effort has to have a champion. There are many who will help, but there

has to be that one individual who, if an effort or initiative had a voice, he or she is that voice. For the FORL Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project, that individual has been Mr. Paul Hardy. Royal Lake Park patrons who use this equipment owe a great deal of gratitude to him, who was the driving force in making this happen.



Mr. Hardy told the story of how he had used the previous equipment installed by Wells Fargo some 35 years ago, and that as it had fallen into disrepair, he felt the urge to give back and take

on the replacement initiative. He thanked his fellow FORL colleagues who had contributed so much time to the effort, including Mr. Ted Teogashi who prepared the Mastenbrook grant application, and the civic associations, business sponsors, and boy scouts who completed their Eagle Scout projects. He also thanked park staff Ed Richardson and Sara Baldwin, without whose support the project would not have come to maturity.



Mr. Vellucci then spoke of the number of Friends groups in the Braddock District. Friends groups are a

way to bring together citizens from different neighborhoods to address specific issues in specific parks. Several members in the audience were from other Friends groups in the Braddock District, including the Friends of Oak Hill Park, who had over 10 attendees in the audience, and who are looking into an outdoor fitness equipment set for their park.

Mr. Vellucci concluded by noting that Royal Lake has many needs, and while it has many friends, it needs more, asking that attendees get involved in some other aspect of the park. He then introduced



Mr. Paul Gross, a longtime resident and former civic association vice president of the KPWCA, who agreed to take the baton from Mr. Hardy as the new lead for the Friends of Royal Lake. Mr. Gross noted the importance of the Friends group and identified several new initiatives, noting that more participation would be needed from the community to make things happen.



Lastly, Mr. Vellucci sought to recognize the efforts of Park Authority Judy Pedersen and Anne Cissel, who put the dedication program together and served the lunch BBQ. A photo op of the ribbon cutting followed.

Cub Scout Pack 1968

By Michael Stonkey, Cubmaster Pack 1968

Looking back on the summer, the boys of Pack 1968 have had an exciting time! It started with our Raingutter Regatta, where all of the boys had fun racing boats down a water track, and it ended with our annual Bike Rodeo at Laurel Ridge. And even though those were some awesome events, it doesn't do justice to all of the fun the boys had this summer.



The older scouts from Pack 1968 spent the week in the beautiful woods of Goshen, Virginia. At camp, they were able to make fires, shoot bows and arrows, go boating, shoot BB guns, climb a mountain, swim in a lake, and other outdoor activities that boys love to do. Of course, the younger scouts were honing their skills at day camp, climbing a rock wall, participating in various sports, shooting BB guns, slingshots, and archery, all the while looking forward to when they too could camp an entire week in the woods in the future.



However, summer isn't complete without a couple of pool parties thrown in just for fun. But now that summer has come to a close, we will be blasting off to another school year with our Rocket Derby on September 18th.

Pack 1968 is a fun dynamic Cub Scout Pack that is always looking for families who have boys in 1st-5th grade, who are interested in having fun while learning new skills and providing service to the community. You can't find any other extracurricular activity that provides what scouting does for boys. If you are interested in finding more about pack 1968 and what scouting is all about, you can email me at mstonkey@verizon.net, or visit us on the web at pack1968.scoutlander.net.

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The boys of Pack 1967 and their families wrapped up the summer with a special trip downtown to the White House. Everyone enjoyed touring the first floor and were also excited to witness Marine One's landing on the South Lawn to pick up the first family. Additionally, the boys took the opportunity to visit the nearby Boy Scouts of America Memorial.

Pack 1967 meets monthly, generally on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in the Laurel Ridge cafeteria. Individual dens (boys of the same age) meet about twice a month on a selected day to work on achievements, participate in projects, or have fun together. If you have any questions, we can be reached at CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com.





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Girl Scouting in Kings Park West

This issue highlighted Troop: Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Troop 4141

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Most girls join a Girl Scout Troop through their local schools for fun and friendship, but they also discover how to build character and self-esteem and how to serve their communities — the core qualities of Girl Scouting. In Girl Scouts, girls find a safe place to grow and share new experiences, learn how to relate to others, develop values, and contribute to society.

Girl Scouting in summer never gets old for Troop 4141! Many troops in our local service unit vacation with friends and family during summer break and prepare for the coming year. Troop 4141 kicked off their 2016-2017 scouting year a little earlier this year, excited for some of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital's (GSCNC) best adventures! The Troop communicated with their local Congressman's office to coordinate a hosted tour of the Nation's Capital building – learning about the history surrounding the building's design, the people who built it, and why that special location was selected. Scouts learned about the intricate artwork, sculptures, and stories behind them.

Following the National theme, Troop 4141 used earnings from the previous year's cookie sales to experience an once-in-a-lifetime Smithsonian Museum of National History Night at the Museum sleepover! Scouts scavenged for clues, explored the exhibits, and slept under the belly of a blue whale! The Scouts weren't quite done with summer yet, though. Troop 4141 adopted a Kings Park West Herald delivery to perform a community service – providing over 800 Heralds to the Kings Park West community!

Troop 4141 Girl Scouts have established goals for the coming year to reduce child hunger and homelessness, and prevent animal abuse. Contact Troop 4141: gscntroop4141@gmail.com



Do you have a girl aged 5 through 18 interested in meeting new friends, going on adventures, or making the world a better place? Troops are forming now! Contact our area troop organizer to find the right troop for her at su5415info@gmail.com.

Get off the Couch - A Roundup of Family Friendly Weekend Events Around the Region**September 24-30****Fall for the Book**

An annual celebration of reading. Readers of all ages can meet their favorite authors. Multiple events for children and youth are scheduled at the Sherwood Center.

* Note - Sept. 24, 11am-6pm at Reston Multicultural Festival Children's Book Fair at Lake Anne Plaza.

Among the 150+ authors scheduled to appear are Diane Rehm, WAMU radio talk show host and Sandra Cisneros, author of "The House on Mango Street," a requirement for many Robinson students. Also free writing workshops. <http://fallforthebook.org/>

September 30

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<http://www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS/>

October 1-2**Fall for Fairfax/Kidfest**

Northern Virginia's largest fall festival returns to the Fairfax County Government Center. The festival is geared for kids aged 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.

<http://fallforfairfax.com/>

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belvoir.armymwr.com/us/belvoir/programs/oktoberfest

October 8-9**City of Fairfax Fall Festival**

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www.FairfaxFallFestival.com

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www.cliftonday.com

Greek Festival

Authentic Greek food, dancing and entertainment, starts Friday at 6pm. Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church.

October 15-16**Farm Harvest Days**

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Colonial Market Fair

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<http://new.1771.org/marketfair/>

And happening all month, October 1st through October 31st: the **22nd annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground!** At Burke Nursery, 9401 Burke Road.

<http://www.pumpkinplayground.com/>

And don't miss the Fall Festival at Cox Farms, September 24 - October 31. 15621 Braddock Rd, Centreville, <http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>

Family Friendly Activities at Mason this Month

October 16, 8-9:30am: Family Weekend Run/Walk, www.imathlete.com/events/EventOverview.aspx?fEID=38163

Center for the Arts, www.cfa.gmu.edu

October 15: The Havana Cuba All-Stars: *Cuban Nights*

October 16: Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra: *To Swing Through the Sky*

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

October 14: Mason Madness. Come out and meet your 2016-17 George Mason Patriots Basketball teams, Cheerleaders, Masonettes and other fun entertainment. FREE. Doors open at 7:30 pm.

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