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Kings Park West Civic Association

Happy Fall!

October is here, which means the association is busy with many activities. Our 2017 Membership Drive, Road Raiders Cleanup, Lake Royal Cleanup, the Halloween Festival, Landscape Maintenance, Signboard changes, and Community Resiliency meeting are planned for this month. Well over 100 volunteers will give their time and talents to the community.

Thank you to everyone who attended (or by proxy) the fall membership meeting on September 27, 2016. I am pleased to announce that the membership voted to approve the 2017 budget and elect the Board Directors. Returning for a second term: myself as President, Steve McCarty as Vice President, and Frank Cumberland as Secretary. A warm welcome to Jim Mays as our new Treasurer.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Jonathan Reiser, who fulfilled the Treasurer position for over four years. Thank you for your dedicated service on the Board, and for reaching your term limit! As he “retires” from the Treasurer position, Jonathan has generously volunteered to help manage the PayPal account for the association.

At the meeting, we also heard detailed reports from many of our committees. I am in awe of our committee chairs, as they have such great energy and ideas. Our membership committee, which is the stronghold of the association, is a dedicated group of block captains, database manager and committee chair, who tie the community together by providing an important link between neighbors. Their good work and support with the membership drive allows the association to move forward with key community activities, such as cleaning up the parks and roadways, providing college scholarships, hosting the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Festival, preparing for emergencies, patrolling the neighborhood and caring for the landscape beds. An amazing array of activities! In order to strengthen these efforts, we need helping hands from the community. Please turn to the next page to review the various committees that are in place. If you are on social media, please look for notices for volunteers to be posted on Nextdoor and Facebook.

Mark your calendars for the annual Halloween Festival to be held on *Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.* (rain date: November 6<sup>th</sup>) at Lakeside Park. A parade will kick off the festival, which starts at 1:45 pm, and will proceed down Bronte Drive from Wilson Woods Court into Lakeside Park. Please plan on stopping by, as I know this festival will be great fun for kids of all ages!

In closing, please welcome your block captain as they make initial contact with neighbors this month, as their efforts are generously intended for the good of our community.

Please email me at [president@KPWCA.org](mailto:president@KPWCA.org) with any questions, comments or feedback.

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

| Community Calendar                  |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Fall Festival/Halloween Parade..... | Oct 30 |
| KPWCA Membership Drive Ends....     | Oct 31 |
| Citizen Advisory Council.....       | Nov 1  |
| KPWCA Fall Dumpster Day.....        | Nov 5  |
| Daylight Savings.....               | Nov 6  |
| Election Day.....                   | Nov 8  |
| Braddock District Council.....      | Nov 9  |
| Veterans Day.....                   | Nov 11 |
| Royal Lake Fall Cleanup.....        | Nov 12 |
| KPWCA Board Meeting.....            | Nov 15 |
| Herald Deadline.....                | Nov 16 |
| Thanksgiving.....                   | Nov 24 |
| Citizen Advisory Council.....       | Dec 6  |
| Herald Delivery.....                | Dec 10 |
| Braddock District Council.....      | Dec 14 |
| KPWCA Board Meeting.....            | Dec 20 |

# KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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|                    |                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
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| Halloween Festival | Karen Hasselman    | 703-272-3658 |
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**CLASSIFIEDS:** KPWCA Newsletter classified advertisements for the December 10th issue must be received no later than November 16th by Ejona Lika, 9810 Bronte 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 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](http://www.kpwca.org) and pay using PayPal.

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

### Neighbor Assist in Kings Park West

The Neighbor Assist volunteers thank those KPW residents who have requested assistance. You are giving us a chance to do something for others. We have had some repeat users and hope that we get more. Volunteering to help your community and then realizing that there is no one to assist is somewhat deflating. If you have an idea for us to try, please let us know.

The leaves are starting to fall, and soon the snow will be falling as well. While some in our community enjoy raking or shoveling, many do not or should not. Neighbor Assist has organized a small group of individuals who can assist with both of these tasks. Let us know if you wish to hire someone and we will send you the list of individuals who have signed up to provide these services. The list will contain contact information so that you can contact and negotiate the time and price of the job. The KPWCA Neighbor Assist contact is **703-401-0275**, or email [NeighborAssist@gmail.com](mailto:NeighborAssist@gmail.com).

For those individuals who wish to be included on the list of providers offering assistance, please use the above contact information to send your name and contact information.

### Upcoming Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Workshops

The Park Authority will hold two workshops for the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Update in the upcoming quarter to seek public participation and input. A workshop to discuss park amenities (amusements, aquatics, picnic areas, etc.) will be held Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Kings Park Elementary School, 5400 Harrow Way in Springfield. Members of the public are invited to stop by Kings Park Elementary School between 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to circulate among a variety of workshop stations. Participants can move at their own pace through a series of workshop stations that will help to clarify the types of facilities and programs they feel are most important. Participants should allow about 30 minutes to answer the workshop questions.

Park Authority staff will provide a brief update on the overall project at 7:00 p.m. A separate workshop focusing on trails will be held in December, the date and location to be determined.

If you are interested in joining a mailing list for the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Update, send an email to [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) requesting to be added to the list.

### **Homeowners to Benefit from Meals Tax**

*By John R. Niemiec, Kings Park West Resident*

Homeowners who vote will see this question on the November 8 ballot:

“For the purpose of reducing dependence on real estate taxes, shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, be authorized to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, otherwise known as a meals tax?”

A meals tax will help diversify Fairfax County’s revenue and lessen the tax burden on homeowners. For just a few pennies more, a meals tax will:

- Reduce dependence on real estate taxes
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The average Fairfax County homeowner paid \$300 more in real estate taxes this year. State law limits the ways counties can fund services and schools. A meals tax is the only option for Fairfax County to raise revenue and keep it within the County.

The proposed 4% meals tax will generate nearly \$100 million, with 28% of that raised from non-residents (commuters and tourists). Three percent will be used to reimburse restaurants for administrative costs. The net revenues will be split 70% to Fairfax County Public Schools, and 30% to County services such as fire, police, infrastructure, and tax relief.

Lastly, as a resident of the Kings Park West Community since 1999, an active professional fire fighter/paramedic for the past 30 years serving the citizens and visitors of Fairfax County, and a proud single parent of two beautiful daughters – I’m supporting the Meals Tax this November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Join us and VOTE YES for the Meals Tax.

Learn more at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/> and [investinfairfax.org](http://investinfairfax.org).

#### **Fall Cleanup Reminder**

As we clean our yard of autumn leaves and yard debris, kindly dispose of it properly, either for curbside recycling or composting on your own property. Please respect the property lines and do not dump any materials from your yard into parks or other natural areas, as doing so degrades the habitat and is against the law.

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## Keeping the Wildlife Wild: Part 1

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

Ducks and geese approaching people. A swan swimming up to and following someone cleaning up shoreline trash. Seagulls swarming a photographer as soon as he opens his camera bag. A deer walking straight towards an active group of park volunteers in a hunting zone during hunting season. These examples are what happens when folks feed wildlife and animals lose their healthy fear of humans. People might think they are being “nice” or “friendly” to wildlife, but feeding them is a huge disservice. Problems include:

- **Animal desensitization to people:** As encounters between humans and wildlife get physically closer and more frequent, the chances of conflict increase. Wild animals may become accustomed to the human presence — a behavior mistaken for “tame” — but they are still wild and inherently unpredictable. Aggression can erupt for any number of underlying reasons, from injury and disease to mating season. Wildlife lack the hardwired behavioral characteristics which centuries of selective breeding bestowed upon domesticated animals. When a familiar — even anthropomorphized— resident wild animal acts hostilely towards folks getting too close, astonished people exclaim how it was friendly days or weeks ago. Wild animals are, well, *wild!* Getting too close to animals can itself be a provocation. After a serious conflict occurs, the “nuisance” animal frequently ends up dead one way or another. So much for befriending animals.
- **Improper foods harm animals:** A visually dramatic example occurs when waterfowl eat too much bread, popcorn, and other empty calories; excessive, high-carbohydrate foods cause a wing deformity called “angel wing.” Poultry carcasses left in the woods can injure carnivores as bone splinters puncture the digestive tract. Rice expands in bird stomachs, killing them, which is why people now throw birdseed outdoors at weddings. The list goes on.
- **Attracting large congregations of wildlife:** Overabundance of animals such as deer and Canada geese decrease the quality of the land while increasing overcrowding, water pollution, and disease communicability. Today’s residential geese descend from live decoy hunting a century ago and subsequent breeding programs to reestablish populations decimated after overhunting. To humanely manage geese, the Fairfax County Park Authority participates in the GeesePeace program through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permits. To learn more about geese overpopulation, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/geese.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/geese.htm) and [www.geesepeace.com](http://www.geesepeace.com).



**Figure 1. For thousands of years, the sight of a Canada goose pair raising goslings could only be seen in Canada and the extreme northern tips of the United States. Within the past hundred years, human meddling with geese created resident populations throughout much of the U.S. Superficially cute as it might appear, this wild goose family, reared in Fairfax, is an example of what happens when people improperly tamper with wildlife.**



- **Attracting the wrong animals:** Leaving food scraps outside is the best way to roll out the welcome mat for rats. Other animals, such as raccoons, can become destructive in their quest for more morsels. Spilled seed from bird feeders have a way of drawing unexpected behavior from more animal species than originally intended.
- **Baiting animals for entertainment:** In addition to folks creating their private “feeding time at the zoo,” more recent concerns focus around enticing or otherwise disturbing wildlife for photographic purposes. The National Wildlife Federation recently announced that it no longer accepts images where animals were artificially lured for the picture (bird feeders being the only exception). Other photography groups are sure to adopt similar restrictions. To read about ethical wildlife photography, visit <https://nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/National-Wildlife/News-and-Views/Archives/2016/Photography-Ethics.aspx>.

In Part 2, we will explore ways people can beneficially impact wildlife.

For more information on keeping the wildlife wild:

<http://audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/waterfowl>

<http://www.wildlife-removal.com/feedwildanimals.html>

<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/environment/2014/08/11/public-feeds-angel-wing-bird-blight-scientists-say/13923013/>

<http://www.hardeybordercollies.com/id91.html>

<http://www.massaudubon.org/learn/nature-wildlife/mammals/deer/reasons-not-to-feed-deer>

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For further reading and links to additional resources, see the full article by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or go to: [http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/70\\_2016-10.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/70_2016-10.pdf)



### **Aging in Place Presentation**

On Wednesday, December 21st at 1 P.M., Dr. Leslie Lesner, an Audiologist, will return with her program about hearing loss and what to do about it. In July 2015, those who attended her program were rewarded with an excellent presentation about hearing. One thing that still sticks with me: "You DO NOT hear with your ears!" To find out more, please attend the presentation.

These presentations are always open to all. There is a presentation every third Wednesday of the month at 1 P.M. in the Braddock Supervisor's Office, which is adjacent to the Kings Park Library. This service is focused on Older Adults in our communities, but the information provided often translates to other age groups.

A special evening program, Medicare 101, will be presented in the Kings Park Library Meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at 7 P.M. Bill Vaughn always has lots of great updates about Medicare, and also clear advice about what people should do. His presentations are well worth attending.

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### 2017 KPWCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### Member Information

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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="checkbox"/> | Address   |  |
|                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Telephone |  |
|                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Email     |  |

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

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| \$ 20 | Membership Fee (\$20 for each household)    |
|       | 1. Volunteer Fire Department                |
|       | 2. KPWCA Boy Scout Units                    |
|       | 3. Robinson HS Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party |
|       | 4. TJHSST Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Party      |
|       | 5. Herald Newsletter                        |
|       | 6. Unrestricted Community Use               |
|       | 7. Halloween Festival                       |
|       | 8. Easter Egg Hunt                          |
|       | 9. College Scholarships                     |
|       | 10. Parks & Lake                            |
|       | 11. Common Area Maintenance                 |

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:membership@kwca.org).

To the Community of Kings Park West:

On behalf of the students who vandalized your school and community, we would like to formally apologize for what we have done. We realize that what we did was very wrong. We didn't think about its impact on us, or more importantly, your community. We didn't realize how our actions could have had more dire consequences if the youth of the neighborhoods saw what we did. In terms of school-related activities, our actions could have also led to the possibility of our schools, Lake Braddock and Robinson, to not be able to play each other during the following years to come. If this happens again next year, not only will the scheduling of the football games between the two schools be terminated, but also other sports such as soccer and lacrosse. We have many friends on these teams, and it would be a shame to not be able to compete against them, something we can only do once a year.

We know that school spirit is very fun and even competitive at times. It's quite obvious that for both schools, we exceeded the recommended amount based on the actions of the student body.

No matter what, at the end of the day, we took it to the next level by our immature actions. So, in order to prevent this from happening again, we have come up with responsible ways to show school spirit without vandalizing and trespassing property.

- Battle of the Bands:** We talked about the schools coming together on the Thursday night before the game and doing a battle of the bands in either the Lake Braddock or Robinson parking lots.
- Bonfire/Campfire:** We also talked about doing a campfire between both schools the night before the game. We can get the student body of both schools to gather around at a specific location, i.e., Lake Braddock, and just spend the night together bonding and sharing spirit before the teams of the two schools go at it the next day.
- Run the Road:** Because the two schools are so close, we also considered the idea of having a race between the two schools. We aren't really sure where to hold it, but races are always a good way for individuals to show competition without the harmfulness of vandalism and trespassing.

We realize school spirit is very important, and even more important for seniors in each school, but defacing the opposing school and community can no longer be what we do to show it. We don't want to be the reason this twenty-year rivalry comes to an end. It is very important for future generations to learn from our mistakes and not make them again in the manner in which we did so. We hope that we can pass on our knowledge and ideas to better the learning environment for kids still developing their minds. It is our goal to ensure that no one else commits the mistakes we did.

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## **REJUVENATING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

*By Pappy Palazzo*

As the new coordinator of Neighborhood Watch, I know better than anyone how conspicuously absent this column has been in The Herald. As we enter the final quarter of 2016, and with the holidays approaching quickly, the sense of urgency to rejuvenate our Neighborhood Watch Program is critical. The current state of our Neighborhood Watch is a far cry from the past and what we need for the largest subdivision in the state.

In fact, our program has dwindled from the benchmark to which all Fairfax County neighborhoods aspire, to nearly non-existent and held together by a handful of dedicated members within our community. Personally, this concerns me, and it should concern you, as well.

For those of you who don't know, I'm the son of original owners in Kings Park West, and I have fond memories of the KPW Neighborhood Watch Force; crusty old men, in the early 70's, with their CB radios stopping me and my buddy on our bikes with strings of firecrackers hanging out of our back pockets. Of course, "we didn't know anything" about firecrackers being lit in people's mailboxes and carports, and the evidence was completely circumstantial! Consequently, my work life brought me back to this area, and the only place that I wanted to live was right here. Upon my return, I felt compelled to contribute to the welfare of the community, and I knew that the best way to help was for me to volunteer for Neighborhood Watch. Consequently, in my time volunteering for Neighborhood Watch, I can confidently say that a consistent Neighborhood Watch presence pays dividends far beyond what can actually be measured. As an example from when our program was at its peak, while an individual was being arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct, I heard him say to the police officer, "Man, I should've known better. I tell all of my friends not to mess around in this neighborhood because they have a HUGE Neighborhood Watch program and they'll catch ya!"

Now, here's the pitch. We need people, a lot of people, to restore our Neighborhood Watch Program and keep our community vibrant and safe. The goal of our program is to be a vigilant presence that acts as supplemental eyes and ears for the police department to keep our homes and streets free of crime. As a volunteer, you are asked to do nothing more than Observe, Record, and Report suspicious or unusual activity, and leave actual law enforcement to the police department. The minimum commitment that we ask is that volunteers do one two-hour patrol per month at their preferred date and time. Typically, volunteers will be paired with a patrol partner of their choosing or a random partner based upon availability (a good way to meet new people within our community); one person will drive and the other will be the main set of eyes, record observations, and call the police, if necessary, during the patrol. Another benefit that we provide the community is that we take note of burned-out street lights, missing or broken signs, etc., and report them to the County for repair. Moreover, I think it's important to note, as it has been a point of contention for many and has caused people to leave or not join the program, that our mission doesn't include County code enforcement.

With that said, who's ready to give back to our community with a minimal time commitment and enormous benefit towards the greater good of our community?! Our goal is a large presence at random times around the clock, and the larger the presence, the greater the deterrent. So, I ask that you (Male, Female, Young, or Seasoned) please consider volunteering for Neighborhood Watch, and pass the word to your friends and neighbors. I will be holding an All Hands meeting in the near future where I will be giving a more detailed overview of the program, and our Neighborhood Watch Fairfax County Police Liaison Officer will be there to discuss the program and our interaction with the police department. All are welcome to attend. Please don't hesitate to contact me to sign-up or if you have any questions at [nw.coordinator@kpwca.org](mailto:nw.coordinator@kpwca.org). I look forward to hearing from you!

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## THE GARDEN CORNER

An urban gardener, much like a farmer, needs pollinators to ensure a good harvest. When I was a teenager, I kept honey bees because my grandfather was a beekeeper and told me that honey bees were the best pollinators for the garden. He was paid five dollars a hive to provide bees to pollinate orchards. However, my research on the internet and my discussions with other gardeners has shown me that this statement may not be completely accurate.

Recently, I added a small number of fruit trees to my yard. I have apricots, Asian pears, plums, jujubes, peaches, cherries, paw-paws, raspberries, blackberries, figs, blueberries, honeyberries, strawberries and kiwis. My vegetable garden includes eggplants, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, squash, and pole and bush beans; all need bee pollination, except the paw-paw trees. So without bees, my garden would be adversely affected. As you have probably heard, the population of honey bees is dwindling throughout the world, and an alternative pollinator would be helpful.

Why not use honey bees to pollinate the urban garden? First, some of your neighbors might complain; but that is not the primary reason. Honey bees are a social bee; they communicate with each other about where to find sources of pollen, nectar and water. Therefore, the first blooms to open get the first attention. Honey bees do not look for other sources of pollen or nectar until the first source is gone. The bees concentrate on that source, becoming fixed on that and little else until the bloom period for that plant is over. If your blossoms open a few days after your neighbor's blossoms, by the time your neighbor's blossoms have finished, your blooming period is half-finished and old blossoms do not pollinate well, if at all. You will most likely harvest less fruit than your neighbor. Another reason honey bees are not ideal for some early spring pollination is the climate. Honey bees do not fly in cool, damp, and cloudy weather, which is typical in early spring. Since the blooming season is often short, the bees need to be able to work quickly and not get fixated on one nectar source.



Mason bees are the ideal solution. Mason bees (MB) only fly approximately 300 yards from their nest site, thus helping to ensure pollination of your blossoms, not your neighbor's. You can recognize the difference between honey bees and MBs; MBs have one set of wings, while honey bees have two. Another key difference is that MBs will only sting if they are in danger.



MBs are solitary and there are numerous strains. They do not need a hive with thousands of workers for support. While they do prefer others of the same strain to live nearby, mainly for mating purposes, the females do most of the work in provisioning the nest tube. The males are good pollinators in their own right, but their forage is for their own use and not for their offspring. MBs nest in tubes, under natural conditions, mainly those left by burrowing insects. With the removal of mature trees, there has been serious habitat loss, so MBs are in short supply and nest sites should be encouraged. These nest sites can be simple blocks of wood up to 6 inches deep with holes drilled approximately 5/16ths-inch in diameter and 5 inches deep. The holes should be as smooth as possible. The females will first close off the back of the nest tube with mud, hence the name Mason bees. On the bottom plug, she will use pollen as the food for her offspring, plus a small amount of nectar, and lay an egg. This section is then sealed with a mud plug, and then immediately she will start on a second nursery cell in front of the first one, and so on, until she gets towards the front of the tube. She finishes filling the tube by laying unfertilized eggs, creating males.




Unlike honey bees, MBs carry the pollen in a sac beneath the abdomen. When a female lands on a flower, she dives in belly first, right in the middle of the blossom stamens. Whereas a honey bee lands on the side of the blossom and walks down looking for the nectar site, possibly brushing past the stamen in passing and collecting pollen in pouches on its legs. Each blossom needs up to eight visits to effectively pollinate them. MBs will do a better job, purely because of their approach to each blossom. The MBs main interest is pollen, whereas the honey bees' interest is nectar for honey-making. So with honey bees, pollen transfer is accidental, but with MBs, transfer is deliberate.

The MB is a hard worker, visiting hundreds of flowers to charge each egg site with pollen, and the increase in fruit crops using them is well-documented. Unlike honey bees, they start earlier in the morning, finish flying later in the day, and cool damp weather doesn't prevent them from working. In a few short weeks, the nest tubes are sealed and the larvae then eat through their stores, pupate, and then wait in the tubes till next spring before emerging. Even then it's organized: the outer eggs turn into males, which emerge a few days before the females, then hang around waiting to mate with the emerging females.

Caring for MBs is not labor-intensive. They work without supervision, sealing off their young from predation with mud plugs. Some provisions should be made to stop wood peckers from accessing the nest site, and then late in the fall, the nest box should be taken into an unheated shed. The unpopulated tubes should be cleaned to prevent infestation by pollen mites. Instructions on how to build a mason bee box can be found at <http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Young/Build-a-Bee-House.aspx>. You can also purchase mason bee boxes and bees.

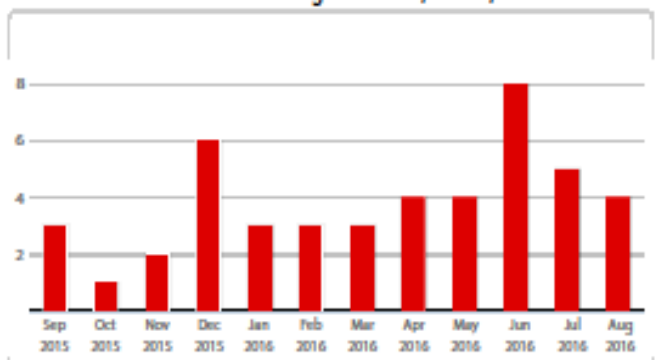
## REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy



Conventional wisdom dictates spring and summer to be the best time to sell your home. However, as evidenced in the graph below, December is frequently a great month for home sales. So those of you seeking to make a change in the next year might want to consider listing in the fall or early winter, and get a jump on the selling season!

**Closed Sales for Kings Park West, Fairfax, VA**



Monthly Units Sold - September, 2015 to August, 2016

**KPW Stats**

44 Sold YTD; 9 Sold since September 1.  
 8 Under Contract.  
 9 Active listings.  
 Average List Price: \$547,694  
 Average Sold Price: \$541,387

| Model         | Status   | Address                 | List Price | Sold Price |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Baron         | Contract | 10301 Collingham Dr     | \$580,000  |            |
| Duchess       | Contract | 5223 Richardson Dr      | \$529,888  |            |
| Essex         | Sold     | 10314 Commonwealth Blvd | \$527,500  | \$509,300  |
| King          | Sold     | 4987 Swinton Dr         | \$549,000  | \$542,000  |
| King          | Sold     | 5218 Pommeroy Dr        | \$532,900  | \$524,650  |
| King          | Sold     | 9817 Commonwealth Blvd  | \$525,900  | \$514,750  |
| Prince        | Contract | 9819 Covent Ct          | \$589,900  |            |
| Prince        | Sold     | 9813 Commonwealth Blvd  | \$539,900  | \$531,000  |
| Queen         | Sold     | 9805 Commonwealth Blvd  | \$559,897  | \$550,500  |
| Regent        | Contract | 10011 Whitefield St     | \$445,000  |            |
| Regent        | Contract | 4950 Gainsborough Dr    | \$535,000  |            |
| Regent        | Contract | 9712 Galsworth Ct       | \$525,000  |            |
| Regent        | Contract | 4994 Swinton Dr         | \$575,000  |            |
| Regent        | Sold     | 10403 Collingham Dr     | \$575,000  | \$568,580  |
| Regent        | Sold     | 4781 Farnon Ct          | \$574,900  | \$570,400  |
| Regent        | Sold     | 5356 Guinea Rd          | \$530,000  | \$523,000  |
| Regent w/ add | Contract | 5354 Gainsborough Dr    | \$825,000  |            |

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# The Herald's List

by Mary Hovland and Cathy DeLoach

## Free Room Painting Contest Winner!

Last month, The Mary & Cathy Team sponsored the Free Room Painting Contest, awarding a free painting job on one room to the homeowner/writer of the best essay extolling the virtues of their KPW model. Painting services are to be provided by Andrew Johnson of Design Pro Remodeling.



Congratulations to **Amy Stidham**, whose moving essay about her Prince model won the most votes!



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### **Christopher Betts, Organist, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016, 6 p.m.**

Organist Christopher Betts presents works by Bach, Handel and Howells on the Good Shepherd organ. Born and educated in the United Kingdom, Mr. Betts is a graduate of Oxford University and served as organist at several English cathedrals before moving to the U.S. He was organist at Washington National Cathedral and is presently Music Director at the Church of the Redeemer in Bethesda, MD.



### **Advent Lessons & Carols, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, 6 p.m.**

Following in the beloved Kings' College Choir tradition, the Good Shepherd choirs and bells will present a beautiful candlelight service of Advent music and readings. The service features anthems sung by the choirs and Advent hymns and readings. The service is followed by a festive reception. There is **no admission charge** for this program.

### **Night and Day Valentine Concert, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, 6 p.m.**



Our popular Valentine program features the swing band *Night and Day* in an evening of love songs and dance tunes for all to enjoy! Enjoy music from the Great American Songbook, in jazz, swing and big band style. The event features delicious food, drinks, and music in an intimate cabaret setting in the Parish Hall.

### **Gabriel Fauré Requiem, Friday April 14, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**

The Good Shepherd Senior Choir performs the exquisitely beautiful Requiem by Gabriel Fauré on Good Friday evening. This chamber edition, scored for choir, organ, harp, violin, and cello, will be integrated into the Good Friday Service to enhance the liturgy. There is **no admission charge**.



### **Choral Arts Chamber Singers, Sunday, May 21, 2017, 6 p.m.**

The chamber ensemble from the nationally renowned Choral Arts Society of Washington, under the direction of Scott Tucker, will present a program of music from Renaissance to contemporary. The Choral Arts Chamber Singers have performed throughout the region and will be featured on the concert series at the historic Dumbarton Church and the Choral Arts Society.

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## Get off the Couch

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

#### October 29 – 30

##### **Clifton Haunted Trail**

Oct. 29th, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Chapel Road, Clifton  
<http://www.fxva.com/event/clifton-haunted-trail/17392/>

##### **Annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Playground**

Come join the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration at Burke Nursery. Admission is \$10 on weekdays and \$14 on weekends; children under the age of two are free. 9401 Burke Road, Burke <http://www.pumpkinplayground.com/>

##### **Fall Festival at Cox Farms**

15621 Braddock Rd, Centreville  
<http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>

##### **Belvedere Plantation's Fall Harvest Festival**

<http://belvedereplantation.com/fall-fun/>

#### November 5-6

##### **Fall Foliage Tour Boat Ride**

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors in Fairfax County. Admission is \$6 for residents, \$8 for out of county residents. 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station.  
<http://www.fxva.com/event/fall-foliage-tour-boat-ride/17531/>

##### **Fall Festival Pumpkin Madness at Cox Farms**

<http://www.fxva.com/event/fall-festival-pumpkin-madness-at-cox-farms/17205/>

##### **Fredericksburg Zombie Walk**

Donations of cleaning supplies or non-perishable food items to benefit local charities are welcomed.  
<http://fredzombies.com/>

##### **Belvedere Plantation's Fall Finale**

<http://belvedereplantation.com/events/>

#### November 19-20

##### **The Nutcracker Ballet**

Burke Civic Ballet's "The Nutcracker". Dancers from age 3 to professionals courtesy of the Colorado Ballet. This wonderful production features many dancers who are King's Park West residents. Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale  
 Order tickets online at [www.buffas.com](http://www.buffas.com)

#### November 25-27

##### **Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting**

Nov. 25th, Day after Thanksgiving, Reston Town Center Holiday Parade, tree lighting, and much more. Rain or shine.  
[www.restontowncenter.com/holidays](http://www.restontowncenter.com/holidays)

#### December 3-4

##### **Baltimore Christmas Village**

Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 24 – Dec. 24,  
<http://www.baltimore-christmas.com/>

#### December 10-11

##### **Bethlehem Walk**

See what it would have been like for Joseph and Mary as they sought shelter. This popular annual Christmastime live Nativity takes visitors back in time. After returning to the 21st century, you are invited to have refreshments and crafts in the fellowship hall. Saturday and Sunday. 3-7pm. Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Rd.  
<http://www.parkwood.org/content.cfm?id=9000>

##### **Christmastide at Gunston Hall**

Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Rd, Mason Neck  
<http://www.gunstonhall.org/>

#### Family Friendly Activities at Mason this Month

Center for the Arts: <http://cfa.gmu.edu/>

November 4-5: Direct from Shanghai, The P.R. of China: Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China: *Shanghai Nights*

November 13: American Festival Pops Orchestra: *A Salute to Our Veterans*

November 20: Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *A French Musical Feast*

December 10: American Festival Pops Orchestra: *Holiday Pops: Songs of the Season*

December 12: 10:30 am & 12:30 pm: *Click, Clack, Moo* - Presented by TheatreWorks USA

Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball and Swimming & Diving: <http://gomason.com>





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**and**

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