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Kings Park West Civic Association

Happy spring! While we did not have much of a winter this year, I am glad that days are getting longer and our gardens are coming alive.

I am pleased to say the 2017 KPWCA Directories have been printed. Your diligent block captains will be distributing them over the next few weeks. The Board hopes you enjoy your new directory, which contains important contact information, a block captain list, Community, County, and State contacts, and Neighborhood Pool listings.

Our winter General Membership meeting was held on February 28th. Thank you to all who attended. We had a great meeting with two informative presentations. The first presentation about Royal Lake was given by Paul Gross, Friend of Royal Lake, and Sarah Lennon, KPWCA Parks & Lakes Committee. We were

updated on the dredging project, which will be substantially completed next month. The contractor has hauled away 80,000 cubic yards of silt, constructed two islands, and installed new fish habitats throughout the lake. You will be happy to know that the lake will be restocked with fish, anticipated to be next spring. It will be great to see the lake replenished with water over the next few months!

Another initiative that has started is an update to the Master Plan for Royal Lake Park. Essentially, a park master plan provides guidance for the best uses of the park as well as the optimal management of the park's resources. Since the master plan for Royal Lake Park and Lakeside Park date back to 1973 and 1968, it is time for an update. Topics for consideration are:

- Consolidation of Parks – There are currently four different parks to consider: Royal Lake Park, Lakeside Park, Kings Park West Park and Pohick Stream Valley Park.
- Enhancement of Park Amenities – This would include Trails, Invasive Species Management, Playground Equipment, Picnic Areas, Boat/Kayak Rentals, etc.

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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 and/or sarahjlennon@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 sarahjlennon@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.

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Community input and feedback is vital to developing the park master plan. Monthly meetings will be held at Laurel Ridge. Additional information is provided within this edition.

The second presentation was on crime and safety, given by Fairfax County Police Office Mike Stewart of the Crime Prevention Unit. Officer Stewart paid homage to the KPWCA Neighborhood Watch (NW), which is essential to keeping our neighborhood safe. In terms of crime statistics, he noted that Kings Park West and surrounding neighborhoods are considered safe. An important reminder is to lock vehicle doors at all times, even when parked on your driveway or carport. We are encouraged to keep an eye and ear out for suspicious activity. Please call the non-emergency Police Number at **703-691-2131** to report any suspicious activity. Officer Stewart and his team are a great community resource; he can be reached at 703-644-5026, or via email at Michael.Stewart@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Also, Tara Mooney has graciously volunteered to chair the NW committee! We have a very loyal group of NW volunteers – thank you. Please see the NW article within The Herald; additional information will be forthcoming.

We have a busy calendar this spring. Enjoy the warm weather.

If you have questions, concerns or comments, please email me at president@KPWCA.org.

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

Neighborhood Watch Update

Greetings, Neighbors! I am Tara Mooney, the new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for KPW. For those of you who do not know me, I have lived in KPW since 2005, and I am a Virginia prosecutor. I have been prosecuting full-time as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for nearly 13 years now. In my career, I have prosecuted everything from traffic offenses up to serious violent felonies like rape, robbery and murder.


I am honored and excited to work with KPWCA and Fairfax County Police in this new capacity as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator to help keep our community safe. In our most recent KPWCA Membership Meeting on February 28, 2017, Master Police Officer Michael Stewart spoke to us about crime prevention. We will be having a training for all those interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch on April 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at West Springfield District Police Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA. Neighborhood Watch is an important way we can keep our homes, families, and neighbors safe from crime.

As members of the Neighborhood Watch, our mission will be to *Observe, Record, and Report*. When he recently spoke to us, MPO Stewart stated that KPWCA is known for having a wonderful Neighborhood Watch program. I am looking forward to continuing this fine tradition. If you want to participate but are unable to attend the training on April 12, or if you have questions, please email me at tarajmooney@yahoo.com.


Let’s keep KPW safe!

REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy



The big 2017 real estate story thus far in Kings Park West is that inventory is LOW. As noted in the statistics below, there are only four active listings (as of date of printing). In general, when there are fewer available houses, it tends to be a good time to sell. So, if you’ve thought about making a change, now is a great time! Jump on any neglected home maintenance projects. Declutter, depersonalize, and maintain a tidy exterior. Spring is a great time to list a well-presented home for sale.




KPW Stats

5 Sold YTD
8 Under Contract.
4 Active listings.
Average List Price: \$587,470
Average Sold Price: \$571,680

Status	Model	Address	List Price	Sales Price
Active	Baron	4763 Farndon Ct	\$669,900	
Contract	Baron	10158 Tapestry Ct	\$660,000	
Contract	Baron	10412 Collingham Dr	\$659,900	
Contract	Baron	4910 Heversham Ct	\$644,900	
Active	Baron	10214 Dundalk St	\$642,500	
Sold	Expanded Baron	5244 Ridge Ct	\$699,000	\$685,000
Sold	Duchess	5371 Gainsborough Dr	\$455,000	\$455,000
Active	Duchess	5241 Pommeroy Dr	\$549,000	
Active	Duchess	5414 Chatsworth Ct	\$549,000	
Contract	Duchess	10206 Bessmer Ln	\$529,000	
Contract	Duke	4932 Gainsborough Dr	\$560,000	
Sold	King	9710 Galsworth Ct	\$540,000	\$530,000
Sold	Queen	9888 Ridge Ct	\$565,000	\$555,400
Sold	Expanded Regent	10010 Raeburn	\$625,000	\$633,000
Contract	Expanded Regent	5012 Swinton Dr	\$574,888	
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Membership Update

The Kings Park West Civic Association Membership drive was officially completed in October 2016. Membership has remained steady at just about a thousand households (950). The Directory, which is printed every other year, is completed and will be delivered to houses by the Block Captains before the end of March. Look for the blue cover at your doorstep in the coming weeks.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to all 100 Block Captains who serve the community in this important role. Special thanks to Block Captains with the highest participation for their block: the top achievement goes to Frank Spielman of Block 80, at 100%. The runners-up are Mary Walker of Block 20, at 95%, and Frank Carvalho of Block 27, at 94%. Special commendation goes to Victoria Fabia who manages two blocks – 17 and 13 with 80% participation. These high achieving Block Captains will earn a gift card for their extra efforts.

If anyone is interested in volunteering as a Block Captain, please email membership@kpwca.org – there are five vacancies to be filled. Join the fun!

GMU Food Pantry
By Mary Crowder

I have recently learned that there is a “pop-up-pantry” at George Mason for students that need food. I have visited the pantry, and they need toilet paper, paper towels, snack foods, cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, shampoo, soaps, conditioners, deodorant, canned chicken, microwaveable food, and canned fruit. If you'd like to donate any items to our neighbors at George Mason, I'd be happy to pick it up, or you can put it in the container on my front porch. Please contact me for further details at 703-239-2581 or via email at Mary.crowder@verizon.net.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Royal Lake Dredging Update

Sarah G J Lennon, Paul Gross and Tony Vellucci

Many of us have been watching with great interest the progress of the transformation of Royal Lake from a silted lake to a lake itself. We have been talking with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Fairfax County Park Authority, and we have an update. The good news is that the dredging operation is ahead of schedule, and they anticipate filling the lake starting in mid-March.

The contractor has removed approximately 80,000 cubic yards of sediment from the lakebed. At this point, no more dirt will be removed. The remaining effort will involve completing the in-lake forebay, wetland planting, shore stabilization, creation of fish habitat, and eventually fish stocking. The lake will have a different look in that each end of the lake will have little islands (forebay berms) that will be used to help capture future sediment. It is hoped that future dredging will take place in a small area, and the lake will not have to be drained for a very long time. The piles of rock and trees located in the lake bottom are the fish habitat sites. After the lake is filled with water, the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries Department will stock the lake with native fish. This will be done in several stages to allow for a fully functional lake. The Game and Inland Fisheries Department requests that we do not try to stock the lake ourselves. The rationale is that they have a program that puts in native Virginia fish and avoids invasive species of fish.

We would like to thank the Park Authority and Public Works for enabling us to keep our park almost fully functioning during the dredging operation. And thanks to everyone in the community for their patience during the dredging operation, and for putting up with the dirt and noise. A beautiful lake will be a nice reward.



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KPW Easter Egg Hunt



Where: Royal Lake Play Ground
When: Sunday, April 2, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Rain Date: Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 2:00 PM



Invasive Species Profile: Chinese Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)

By Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

Native Range: China, Taiwan, and Vietnam

U.S. Introduction: 1852

Life Cycle: Perennial shrub

Means of Spreading: Berries, eaten by birds which pass the seeds; some suckering

Commercially Available: Yes

Control Method: Hand-pull seedlings and saplings. Mature bushes may require mechanical tools, such as a Weed Wrench. Cut down large shrubs leaving two feet of defoliated branches; continue manually removing new growth until the plant dies (takes approximately two years).

Good Alternative Species: Varies, see below for suggestions



Figure 1. Compact foliage and opposite leaves characterize Chinese privet, as seen in this hedge-grown specimen.

Comments: The previous Invasive Species Profile article spotlighted [autumn olive](#) and its relatives, which are unrelated to the familiar European olives (*Olea europaea*). This article focuses on Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*), a true member of the olive family. Around 50 species of *Ligustrum* exist; most of them are from Asia and Europe. None of them are native to the United States, including *L. ovalifolium*, whose common name is California privet. The name “privet” derives from the word “privacy,” since rows of these bushes are planted as screens.

Chinese privet was brought to North America in 1852 and appears either with solid green leaves or in a variegated form, “Variegatum.” This shrub resembles small trees when it reaches over 20 feet tall. Most often used as a verdant wall, Chinese privet grows extremely fast, necessitating frequent pruning compared to other hedge species. Given that this semi-evergreen shrub tends to drop and regrow its leaves several times during the year, it makes an unreliable screen. In winter, Chinese privet can hold its leaves, and other times, loses all but a few, though a purple hue might infuse the retained foliage. Overall, Chinese privet often looks sickly even with high maintenance; without care, they show themselves to be the raggedy weeds that they are. The hedge surrounding the Lakeside Park parking lot contains examples of Chinese privet.

The leaves and other parts contain glycosides, rendering them poisonous to native wildlife. Some people try to extract medicine from privet, but be safe and do not risk attempting it. The fruits, which ripen in autumn and stay through winter, look like dark, blue-gray mini-olives, but do not consume them since they are toxic to people! Some bird species tolerate eating the berries and disperse the seeds. These privets also vegetatively reproduce via suckering. Between the toxins and rapid propagation, Chinese privet swiftly invades local forests and fields without sufficient natural controls.

Folks wanting a native alternative to privets have oodles of choices! For a privacy screen, consider a native hedge with species like smooth witherod (*Viburnum nudum*), arrowwood viburnum (*V. dentatum*), blackhaw viburnum (*V. prunifolium*), smooth alder (*Alnus serrulata* — best in moist soil), white fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), and winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*). Mixing different shrubs into the screen adds both aesthetic beauty and resiliency in case a blight or other factors prevent one species from surviving there. Silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) and red osier dogwood (*C. sericea*) make successful

hedges, too, though sawfly larvae can strip the greenery. For dense, evergreen borders, American holly (*Ilex opaca*) does the trick, though it grows slower than the other natives mentioned.

The next edition features wax-leaf or Japanese privet (*L. japonicum*). Until then, here are some additional privet resources to investigate:

<https://www.nps.gov/Plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/privets.htm>

<http://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/subject.html?sub=3035>

<https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/shrub/ligspp/all.html>

https://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/pg_lisi.pdf

<https://www.ncsu.edu/goingnative/howto/mapping/invexse/privets.html>

Weakley, Alan S., J. Christopher Ludwig, and John F. Townsend. 2012. *Flora of Virginia*. BRIT Press, Fort Worth, TX. pp. 1554. floraofvirginia.org



Figure 2. This native hedge integrates winterberry, smooth witherod, and a southern Appalachian neighbor, mountain witchalder (*Fothergilla major*, at the far right). A grassy garden path separates the shrubbery from a native meadow on the left.

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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://grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/73_2017-03.pdf



The Herald's List

by Mary Hovland and Cathy DeLoach

Check The Herald's List for Contests!

Last year we sponsored five fabulous contests on the Facebook Herald's List page (www.facebook.com/groups/HeraldsList). KPW residents embraced their inner creativity, writing limericks, essays and haikus. We hope you have joined the group, because new contests are coming! Take a look at the exciting events of 2016:



February, 2016: Recommend your favorite date night that is NOT dinner and a movie. **Winners:** Mary Rose Burke and Kimberly Sanders. **Prizes:** Gift certificates to the Wine House and Ted's Bulletin.

March, 2016: Clean My Siding Haiku Contest. **Winner:** Christine Fulqua.

May, 2016: Limericks for Lawn Care. **Winner:** Sandy Breunig Glotfelty.

June, 2016: Window Cleaning Contest - "Complete the sentence...". **Winner:** Linda Silver Bufano.

August, 2016: Room Painting Giveaway - Essay on "What I Love About My KPW Model." **Winner:** Amy Stidham.

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YOU can help decide the future of our parks!

By Sarah Lennon, Parks & Lakes Committee and Paul Gross, Friends of Royal Lake

The kick-off meeting for the Royal Lake Master Plan development took place last month and was well attended. The Fairfax County Park Authority has a process by which it plans for development work at all parks called the Planning and Development Annual Work Plan, and the FY18 Work Plan is slated to address the Royal Lake Master Plan. The purpose of a Master Plan is to create a long-range vision for the park by determining the best uses and resource management for each park; it's a 20-year look into the future, and serves as a long-term decision-making tool for *all* County planning, programming or resource management activities. So it's in our interest to make sure the County knows what we think is important! (To see what other Master Plans entail, check out: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/mparchives.htm>.)

YOU have a voice and can make a difference in what the parks surrounding Royal Lake will become in the future for generations to come. During the course of 2017, the Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) will be hosting a series of community meetings (roughly every month) to discuss various aspects of our park. We'll have guest speakers and specific discussions on topics including trail improvements, sustainability of the lake itself, possible consolidation and renaming of the various parks that surround Royal Lake (Lakeside Park, Royal Lake Park, Pohick Stream Valley Park, Kings Park West Park), the amenities at the parks, and possible aquatic programs - such as bringing back the rental boats the Park Authority had there in the 1980s. The FORL wants to take the initiative to provide solid, structured community inputs for the Park Authority's consideration. There will be a survey (via Survey Monkey) coming out soon where you can let us know what's on your mind (in a constructive way!).

We need a team of people to make this work, however. *Hearty thanks to the 4-5 people who stepped up at the Membership meeting on February 28th to volunteer to help!* If you are interested, please contact Paul Gross, President, Friends of Royal Lake, (friendsofroyallake@gmail.com) or Sarah Lennon, Chair, Parks & Lakes Committee (Parks@KPWCA.ORG or sarahgjlennon@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Meetings for the
Royal Lake Master Plan Development:**

April 20, May 11, June 8

7:30 - 9 pm

Laurel Ridge Elementary School

Front Teachers' Lounge

Cub Scout Pack 1968

By Michael Stonkey, Cubmaster Pack 1968

Pack 1968 has been very busy over the past few months with the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Celebration... a multitude of advancements! It's a great time to be a Cub Scout!



In February at the joint Pinewood Derby races between Pack 1967 and 1968, there was some stiff competition in the Pack for Best in Speed and Best in Show by all of the Scouts. And the top contenders in the Pack proved their mettle. Congratulations go out to all the boys!



At our Blue and Gold Celebration, the boys enjoyed a night of entertainment and received many awards for all of the hard work that they've done. There were cakes decorated in celebration of the Birthday of Scouting, Camping, and Science. The Order of the Arrow performed a ceremony in full Native American regalia honoring our oldest scouts' achievements. And Mad Science dazzled the boys with... well, Science!

In March, every one of our oldest scouts will cross over into Boy Scouts, with some disbursing as far away as Oklahoma, and others as near as Laurel Ridge. We wish them well as they learn and grow to be young men.

Pack 1968 is a fun, dynamic Cub Scout Pack that is always looking for families who have boys in 1st through 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 learning 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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Cub Scout Pack 1967

Cub Scout Pack 1967 was excited to organize this year's Pinewood Derby as a joint event with Cub Scout Pack 1968. The event was hosted on February 4th at the Vienna Fire Station, where both Packs set up their respective tracks and ran simultaneous races for each den level. The boys and their families enjoyed a donut breakfast while cheering on their fellow scouts.

Each boy designed and built his own car to race in his den's trial. Awards for speed were given to the fastest car in each den, as well as for show to the car voted best-crafted. The boys especially enjoyed this year's race, because the Pack 1967 and 1968 speed winners for each den battled in a head-to-head competition for an overall event prize.

The following first place winners from Pack 1967 in each category advance to this year's Patriot District competition:

Speed

Tiger Den - Scott Shelby
 Wolf Den - Evan Cassidy
 Bear Den - Bradley Smith
 Webelos Den - John Laun
 AoL Den - Henry Steene

Show

Tiger Den - Scott Shelby
 Wolf Den - Chris Jones
 Bear Den - Noah Lowe
 Webelos Den - Jacob Komnenous
 AoL Den - Nick Luther



Come join us! Pack 1967 meets monthly, generally on the second 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.

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

-Muhammad Ali

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!!

SPRING PARK CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY APRIL 1ST, 8A-11P

This is a fantastic opportunity to help protect our natural resources, meet some new neighbors, have fun and make the world a better place! (*Not bad for a beautiful spring morning!*) There will be clean-up teams starting at Royal Lake Park, Lakeside Park and Rabbit Branch Parks.



The Parks & Lakes Committee is looking for motivated neighbors to help plan and organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups.

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

For more information on volunteering with Parks & Lakes and helping plan the clean-up, please contact Sarah Lennon at

parcs@kpwca.org and/or sarahgjlennon@gmail.com.

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

- Gandhi

*Upcoming Meetings for the
Royal Lake Master Plan
Development*

April 20

May 11

June 8

*Laurel Ridge Elementary School
Front Teachers' Lounge
7:30 - 9 pm*

Get Off the Couch

A roundup of family friendly weekend events around the region...

March 17- April 9

The Emperor's New Clothes

The Learning Theatre puts a fresh, musical spin on the classic tale at the Creative Cauldron. General admission \$16, kids, military and seniors \$14. Sat. and Sun. 2 pm, Sat. 7:30 pm. 410 S Maple Avenue, Falls Church.
<http://www.creativecauldron.org/emperors-new-clothes.html>

March 25- April 23

Spring Farm Festival

A hunt for treat and toy-filled eggs takes place twice a day Sat. and Sun. at Ticonderoga Farm. The hunt is for the kids, but children and adults can play on the giant slides and bouncers. Bring your own camera for photos with the Easter Bunny. \$14.95 for ages 2 and up. Hunts are scheduled for 11 am and 2 pm. 26469 Ticonderoga Rd, Chantilly. <http://www.ticonderoga.com/>

April 1

City of Fairfax Annual Fishing Derby

Ashby Pond will be stocked with hundreds of trout! Please bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag and ice. Bait will be supplied. Pre-registration required. 9:30, 10:15 & 11 am. Fee: \$5 per fisherman. Ashby Pond Conservatory, 9817 Ashby Rd, Fairfax.
<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/community-events>

Cherry Blossom Kite Festival

Everyone is welcome to bring their kites, kids can craft kites, or just enjoy watching hundreds of beautiful kites take to the skies above Washington. *FREE* Sat. only, 10 am-4:30 pm. On the grounds of the Washington Monument near 17th Street NW and Constitution Avenue.
<http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/>

27th Annual Multicultural Fair

University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg campus. The Fair provides an entire day devoted to multicultural entertainment, children's activities, international and American food, and ethnic craft vendors.
<http://students.umw.edu/multicultural/programs/multicultural-fair/>

April 6

Egg-Streme Night Egg Hunt

(Rain or Shine) For Ages 10-14, 7 pm, hunt begins at dark, \$5 per hunter. Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center. Glow in the Dark themed egg hunt. Pictures with the Easter Bunny and an obstacle course moon bounce. Bring a basket for eggs and a flashlight. Register online.
<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/community-events>

April 8

Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

10 am - noon. Standing along the Parade route from Constitution Avenue between 9th and 15th streets, NW is free and open to the public. Arrive early for the best views.
<http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/parade/>

April 15

Egg Hunt

Van Dyck Park, Ages 2-10. Fun activities from 10 am – noon.
<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/easter-egg-hunt>

Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival

Head to the District Wharf for live music, beer garden, food trucks, all ages hands-on activities, and more from 2 – 9:30 pm. Free. The Titanic Memorial hosts pre-fireworks entertainment from 6 – 9 pm. Free.
<http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/southwest-waterfront-fireworks-festival-presented-harris-teeter/>

April 15-23

National Park Service Week

Free admission to all National Parks this week. Visit one of the more than 400 National Parks in the United States. Celebrate wildlife in their habitat, amazing vistas, and rich history at a National Park.
<https://www.nps.gov/findapark/national-park-week.htm>

Family Friendly Activities happening at Mason

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

March 19: Harlem Globetrotters

April 7-16: Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus: Final Farewell: Out of this World

Center for the Arts www.cfa.gmu.edu

March 18: Russian National Ballet Theatre: *Chopiniana and Carmen*

March 19: Russian National Ballet Theatre: *The Sleeping Beauty*

April 8 & 9: *The 7 Fingers of the Hand: Cuisine & Confessions*

Men's Spring Sports: Baseball, Golf, Track & Field, Volleyball: <http://gomason.com>

Women's Spring Sports: Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track: <http://gomason.com>

And for those of you planning ahead: Summer Camps: <http://summercamps.gmu.edu/>



"Woodchucks". No, these are not rodents.

They are people who solicit work, usually tree trimming services, who overcharge or do not complete the requested task. They generally target older residents living alone. Once hired, they continue to offer a range of other services, such as an insulation upgrade, re-sodding, even remodeling, but then barely or never perform the service. During their soliciting, they often become aggressive.

In *The Washington Post*, Dan Morse's article on February 22nd describes the "devastating" fraud caused by the crew in Maryland. Three Maryland residents were bilked more than \$100,000. Judge Robert Green said, "I can really think of no crime - or very few crimes - that rise to the level of what occurred to these three people in this case." Detective Kevin White said that many "woodchucks" pass their trade on to their kids. These crimes also damage the reputation of companies who do legitimate business in our community.

The article cites police estimates of more than 100 in Maryland. Unfortunately, we have the same issues in Virginia.

So what can we do? First, if you choose to have tree service performed by solicitors, ask to see their liability insurance and do not pay them until their job is complete. Also, do not hire them to provide other services.

Secondly, if you live near a KPW older resident and see pickup trucks repeatedly stopping nearby, start asking questions about whether any work is being done. If you suspect "woodchucks", call West Springfield Police District and report it (703-691-2131). Watching out for and helping neighbors is a trait that attracts many to our KPW community.



Road Raiders Are Friends of Royal Lake

It's interesting how sometimes the activities of one group can positively impact the activities of another in a community. The objective of KPW Road Raiders is to make Kings Park West more attractive by cleaning up some of the common areas that many of us drive by each day, and which are the responsibility of other organizations such as VDOT and the Park Authority.

In picking up trash, natural debris and road cinders along roads in Kings Park West, Road Raiders are actually assisting the Friends of Royal Lake in keeping Royal Lake parks clean, since storm-water would eventually wash all of said trash and cinders into the storm sewers, and eventually into Royal Lake. By keeping our streets clean, Road Raiders are helping to keep our parks surrounding Royal Lake clean as well.

Royal Lake is an incredible natural resource, and the parks surrounding the lake provide a host of amenities to our residents, such as trails, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment. To the extent that you can, please consider either becoming a Friend of Royal Lake or a Road Raider.

Join us the second Saturday of each month. Our next Road Raiders meet-up will be April 8th starting at 7:30 am for a half hour.



Concerts at Good Shepherd

Concert Series 2017

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.

- * A special feature is a free reception with an opportunity to meet and mingle with performers and enjoy fabulous appetizers.



The Church of the Good Shepherd www.good-shepherd.net
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Neighbor Assist in Kings Park West

The volunteers of Neighbor Assist continue to offer their service to our community free of charge.

Yet, there are only a few who have requested their help. Those who have requested help are primarily for handyman services, and they are grateful to avoid the fees that would typically be charged by a commercial vendor for coming to your residence, besides the charge for the service provided. So, as a KPW resident, you can get free service just for asking.

For those who live near an older resident, we request that you inform them of this service. Not every person reads *The Herald*. If the request is a bigger job than we can handle, we will indicate that to you and provide a list of vendors recommended for their good work by other KPW residents. This is another example of the services provided by KPWCA. Contact KPWCA Consumer Affairs if you want this list sent directly to you.

The KPWCA Neighbor Assist contact is **703-401-0275** or email **NeighborAssist@gmail.com**.



Block Captain Spotlight



A shout out to **ALL** of the KPWCA Block Captains!
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Deadline/postmarked by: May 1st, 2017

The Kings Park West Civic Association will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to 2017 graduating seniors whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of the Association as of the date of the application. Each scholarship will be awarded on the basis of community service, civic activities and extracurricular service involvement (40%), academic achievement (20%), a written essay (20%), and a personal interview (20%).

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

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

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

Semi finalists will be asked to come for a personal interview on May 10th or May 11th, 2017.

Finalists will be recognized during the Robinson Senior Awards Ceremony on June 14, 2017 at 4pm.

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

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

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

Signature of applicant

Signature of parent or guardian