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Kings Park West Civic Association

Happy Fall!

October is here, which means the Association is busy with many activities. Our 2018 Membership Drive, Lake Royal Cleanup, the Halloween Festival, Landscape maintenance, Signboard changes, and Community Yard Sale are all planned for this month. Well over one hundred volunteers will give their time and talents to the community.

Thank you to everyone who attended (in person or by proxy) the fall membership meeting on September 26, 2017. I am very pleased to announce that we have a full board with the election of the three Members-at-Large Board positions. Returning for a second term are Adrienne Barna and Mary Crowder. And a warm welcome to Jonathan Reiser, who stepped up at the meeting to fill the one vacancy. Many thanks to Adrienne, Mary and Jonathan. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Karen Hasselman, who fulfilled the Member-at-Large position. Thank you for your dedicated service on the Board and for chairing the Halloween Festival for the last two years.

In addition, the membership approved the 2018 budget, which was modified based on two motions from the floor. The changes to the budget included an increased budget of \$1,000 for Parks and Lakes Maintenance and the addition of the Summer National Night Out Activity with a budget of \$250.

The Board is currently investigating the replacement of our three community signboards. The signboards are located at: 1) Roberts Road and Commonwealth Boulevard; 2) Guinea Road/Twinbrook Road and Commonwealth Boulevard; and 3) Tapestry Drive and Braddock Road.

The signboards are old, and you may have noticed that a summer storm brought down some large tree branches onto the signboard at the main entryway at Guinea Road. We will be coordinating this effort with the KPW Homeowners Association, who owns the properties where these signboards are located.

As mentioned, the 2018 membership drive is underway. The dedicated block captains, database manager and committee chair are all hard at work. Their efforts 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 that makes Kings Park West such a great place to live in.

Community Calendar

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Fall Festival/Halloween Parade..... | Oct 29 |
| KPWCA Membership Drive Ends...Oct   | 31     |
| KPWCA Fall Dumpster Day.....Nov     | 4      |
| Daylight Savings.....Nov            | 5      |
| Citizen Advisory Council.....Nov    | 7      |
| Braddock District Council.....Nov   | 8      |
| Veterans Day.....Nov                | 11     |
| Herald Deadline.....Nov             | 15     |
| KPWCA Board Meeting.....Nov         | 21     |
| Thanksgiving.....Nov                | 23     |
| Citizen Advisory Council.....Dec    | 5      |
| Herald Delivery.....Dec             | 9      |
| Braddock District Council.....Dec   | 13     |

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# KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
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| Halloween Festival | Jeanmarie Roberson 703-425-1286   |
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## How Do I Get My News in The Herald?

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

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## The Herald

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Volunteer Opportunities

**Halloween Festival:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with our annual Halloween Parade and Festival. Please contact Tara Mooney at [tarajmooney@yahoo.com](mailto:tarajmooney@yahoo.com).

**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 [sarahjlennon@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 [sarahjlennon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:greg@grsykes.com) and ask to be on the volunteer distribution list.

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In order to maintain these important undertakings, we need helping hands from the community. Please turn to the next page to review the various committees. One important vacancy we have is the Neighborhood Watch Captain. This volunteer position includes coordinating the operation of NW Patrols. Please consider volunteering by contacting me at [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org).

Mark your calendars for the annual Halloween Festival to be held on **Sunday, October 29, 2017** (rain date: November 6th) at Lakeside Park. A parade down Bronte Drive from Wilson Woods Court into Lakeside Park will kick off the festival. 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 this month, as their efforts are generously intended for the good of our community.

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson



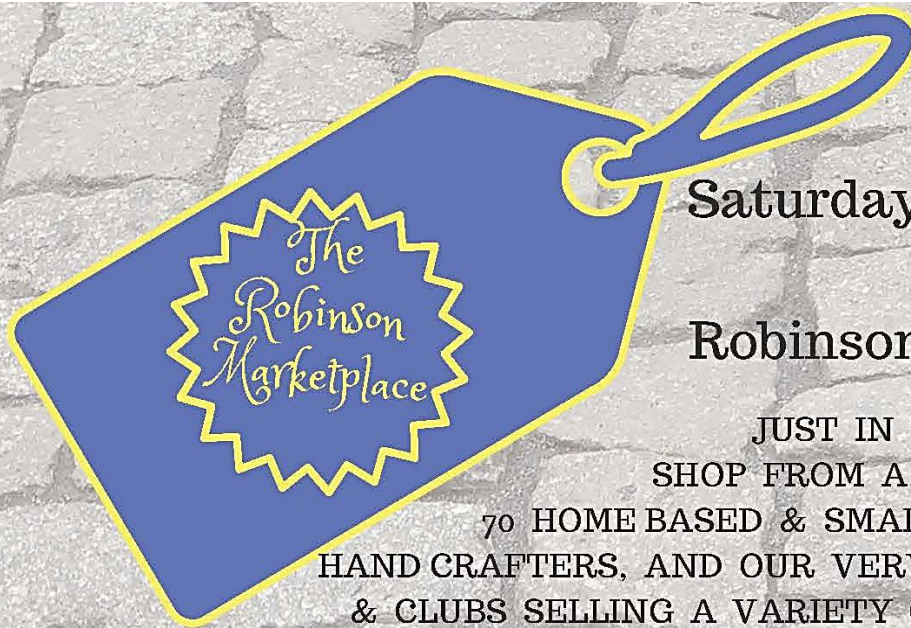
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#### **Advent Lessons & Carols ~ Sunday, December 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**

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.



#### **Tower House Valentine Concert ~ Sunday, February 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

Our popular Valentine program features the dynamic Tower House band presenting dance music from the '60's through the '80's, along with delicious food in a cabaret setting. A perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day!



#### **"Gloria" by John Rutter ~ Sunday, April 15, 2018, 10:15 a.m.**

The Good Shepherd Senior Choir, along with organ and brass, will perform Rutter's *Gloria*, a lively setting of the Gloria text and one of the most popular compositions by this well-known composer. *Gloria* will be integrated into the Church Service to enhance the liturgy. There is **no admission charge**.



#### **Patagonia Winds ~ Sunday, May 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

Now in its seventh season, this dynamic wind quintet is known for its innovative programming featuring standard chamber repertoire as well as music by contemporary composers. Our special Mother's Day concert will be one that the whole family can enjoy!

**Season tickets:** You can buy **season tickets** now at a discounted rate of \$75 adult (\$40 student) [www.cogs.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.cogs.brownpapertickets.com). **Single ticket sales** at \$30 adult (\$15 student) will be available at the door and will be online in October. [www.good-shepherd.net](http://www.good-shepherd.net)

## The Church of the Good Shepherd



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**Pack 1968 News**

Pack 1968 soared into September when we held the Pack Meeting down at Lake Royal. It was a perfect day for a Rocket Derby! The boys and their families made their own rockets and then launched them to the clouds. Some of those rockets went so high that we may need to inform the FAA the next time we hold this fun event!

Now that we are into the school year, the boys are again meeting in their Dens, learning about nature, leadership and character development. We've been apple picking, earning our Whittling Chip, cleaning up Lake Royal, and hiking. It's all about keeping the OUTING in Scouting!



We have our Halloween Pack Meeting coming up at Bonnie Brae, followed by our Fall Campout at Burke Lake. We hope to see the KPW community at the Fall Festival, as our scouts work on their Grin and Bear It adventure loop while running the games at the Festival. The fun never stops!

Even though the school year has started, it's never too late to join Cub Scouts. The Pack meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Laurel Ridge Elementary School. If you have a boy in first through fifth grade and would like to learn more about our Pack, please contact our Cubmaster, Michelle Huber, at (703) 323-1580, or email her at [cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com](mailto:cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com).



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# The Pumpkin Patch

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This year's Pumpkin Patch has weekly special events:

- Saturday, Oct. 7 - *Doggie Halloween Costume Contest and Blessing of the Dogs.* (11 am -12:30 pm)
- Saturday, Oct 14 - Make food bags to help feed the hungry.
- Saturday, Oct. 21 - The big *Pumpkin Festival* featuring special activities for the whole family. (10 am - 2 pm)
- Saturday, Oct. 28 - Kids, come in your Halloween costume and enjoy the *Trunk or Treat.* (Noon - 2 pm)

All are invited to enjoy the Pumpkin Patch!

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## Boy Scout Troop 1966

The scouts of Kings Park West **Troop 1966** enjoyed a fantastic week learning and practicing the skills that form the basis for the scouting way of life at the Goshen Scout Reservation over the summer. While at camp, two Troop 1966 scouts (Derek Guidorizzi and David Reddinger) were inducted into the Order of the Arrow, and another Troop 1966 scout (Ben Walker) completed his Brotherhood Walk, signaling his ongoing commitment to and full membership in the Order.

Congratulations to them for their achievement, and for setting the example for the Troop's younger scouts. The rest of the summer was also very busy, as six of our scouts executed their projects as one of the last steps in their quests for the rank of Eagle Scout. Mason Izadpanah, Drew McGrail, Michael Visosky, Andrew Kanellis, Wilson Friestad, and Arya Johri – keep charging!

More recently, the Troop trekked out to Nokesville for a day trip to Tank Fest, where we could get up close to over one hundred U.S. and foreign tanks and armored/unarmored vehicles, as well as see soldiers dressed in the uniforms of the era, food, hand weapons (rifles, pistols, knives, grenades, etc.), cavalry, K-9s, and several moving tank demonstrations. The highlight of the day was a live-fire demonstration of a full WWII Marine rifle squad advancing and securing a fixed position after arriving on the scene in a WWII-era LVT-4 Amphibious Personnel Carrier, and taking the position by firing their rifles while advancing, with supporting live fire from a Sherman tank and, finally, securing the position with an actual flamethrower. The boom of the tank was tremendous, and the flamethrower was a spectacular sight. The boys LOVED it, as did the adults!



The Troop is now gearing up for our first campout on October 13-15, where we will be camping on the grounds of President James Madison's home. The boys plan to tour the grounds, participate in archery, air rifle, and dodge ball, cook all of their own meals, and some plan to work on one of the following merit badges (*Archaeology, American Heritage, Citizenship in the Nation, Photography, or Space Exploration*). It will be an action-packed weekend!

Here are the activities the boys have planned for the rest of the school year:



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| Oct 28    | Zip Lining Tree Top Adventure Day Trip             |
| Nov 10-12 | Troop 1966 Open Campout (Webelos invited Saturday) |
| Dec 2-3   | Backpacking/Hiking Campout                         |
| Jan 11    | Flight Trampoline Park Event                       |
| Jan 20-21 | Skiing Overnight Trip                              |
| Feb 10-11 | Merit Badge Weekend                                |
| Feb 24    | Indoor Go-Karting Day Trip                         |
| Mar 10-11 | Submarine Overnight Trip                           |
| Apr 13-15 | Outdoor Rock Climbing/New Scout Tenderfoot Campout |
| Apr 28-29 | Hershey Park Overnight Campout                     |
| May 19-20 | Caving Overnight Campout                           |
| Jun 9-10  | Canoeing/Kayaking Campout                          |

**DID YOU KNOW** that Cub Scout Packs 1967/1968 and Boy Scout Troop 1966 share the same charter organization – the KPW Civic Association! **CALLING ALL WEBELOS** reading this article (especially those in Packs 1967 and 1968) – the scouts of Troop 1966 would like to invite you to attend a Troop meeting and/or the Troop 1966 Open Campout on November 11-12. Troop meetings are on Thursdays from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Laurel Ridge Cafeteria, and the campout will be close by. Please RSVP by emailing me at [ScoutmasterTroop1966@gmail.com](mailto:ScoutmasterTroop1966@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you.

# KINGS PARK WEST DUMPSTER DAY

## LAKEVIEW POOL PARKING LOT

8 a.m. until the dumpster is full

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Clean out that garage! Empty that attic!

Bring that unwanted stuff to Dumpster Day!



This event is sponsored by the Kings Park West Civic Association and is open to all current members of the Association

The KPWCA Membership Coordinator will be at Dumpster Day to check membership status and offer neighbors the opportunity to join the Civic Association if they have not done so prior to dropping off their contents in the dumpster.

Membership forms will be provided.

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT DUMPSTER DAY

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### Pack 1967 News

Cub Scout Pack 1967 is excited to get the year underway with our great fall activities. Our first Pack meeting of the new school year was held in the beginning of September. We rounded out the month with our annual Raingutter Regatta competition at our neighborhood park. Each boy



built and designed a miniature catamaran to race on the raingutter track. Medals were awarded for the best in show and fastest boats for each age group. We are looking forward to our next fall events: our fall campout at Camp Snyder in late October, and our fall hike at Old Rag in early November.

You may also see the scouts out in our community participating in popcorn sales this fall. Please consider supporting them by purchasing popcorn or making a monetary donation. Your support gives our scouts the opportunity to participate in another year of great learning activities and we thank you!

Pack 1967 meets monthly, generally on the second Wednesday of the month. Individual dens meet about twice a month to work on achievements, participate in projects, and have fun together. If you have a son in grades K-5 and would like more information about joining our pack, please email us at [CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com](mailto:CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com).



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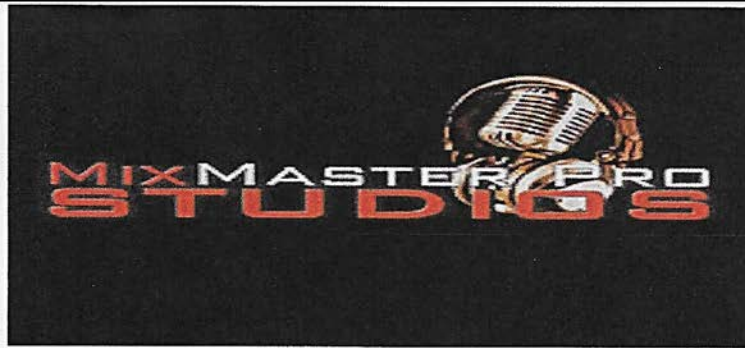


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## Native Meadows: Part 3

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

[Part 1](#) of this series introduced native meadows and showed how homeowners can apply the landscaping principles. [Part 2](#) presented some terrific plant species for the new garden and other species to avoid. Now that the native meadow garden is in place, caring for it is easy! After planting, the watering rule of thumb is, “Once a day for a week, once a week for a month, and then once a month for a year.” At most, fertilize with a little leaf-based mulch or compost. Meadow plants do not need much nutrients and can actually suffer when over-fertilized. Avoid insecticides, since they defeat the purpose of attracting pollinators and maintaining host plants. Allow natural predators to keep pesky bugs in check.

After the flowers complete their blossoming cycle, either leave the seeds as bird food and winter interest or deadhead them to prevent plant propagation. During winter, the husks provide wildlife with shelter. Insects and spiders hibernate in or amongst the stalks, usually as eggs or pupa. Keep the white turtlehead stalks standing for Baltimore checkerspot larvae to overwinter. Alternatively, an autumn mowing thwarts young bushes and trees from developing, though let the clippings fall as a mulch cover. Pulling woody plants as seedlings and small saplings is a better way to preventing them from overtaking a meadow.

In the ensuing years, thin or split the specimens as needed. Many grasses and sedges benefit from a yearly division conducted in autumn. Clean, sharp shovels or garden knives cut plants neatly while minimizing excessive damage and infection susceptibility. Share the surplus plants and their seeds with your neighbors; doing so is both friendly and introduces others to wonderful native species. ***Please*** do not give away non-native plants. For example, the frequently shared liriopse (*Liriope spicata*) pops up in natural areas with increasing frequency, lacks significant biological controls, and is already on the [National Park Service’s “Alert” list](#). The best action is to replace liriopse with native alternatives having similar appearance or horticultural function, such as Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*). Throwing any extra liriopse away in the regular trash (not in recyclable yard waste) and sparing others from dealing with this weed is the most neighborly action you can take. Broaden your horizons and enjoy your native meadow!

For more ideas on establishing a native meadow, visit:

<http://audubonva.org/planting-native-meadow>

<http://ferncreekdesign.org/nativemeadow.html>

<http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/wildlife/landscaping-for-wildlife/pa-wildlife-5>

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/78\\_2017-10.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/78_2017-10.pdf)



**Figure 1.** In the winter, a Virginia native meadow bestows food and shelter to wildlife while people appreciate the attractive winter forms. It truly is a garden for all seasons!

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# REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy



Statistically, fall is the second best season to sell your home, according to Elizabeth Weintraub, real estate agent and writer for TheBalance.com. The market in Kings Park West continues to be strong, with homes selling, on average, in 23 days. As always, well-presented homes are selling more quickly, and garnering a higher sales price. Poorly prepared homes tend to linger on the market in our neighborhood.

Some caveats if you want to sell in the autumn: Make sure the exterior of your home has been well maintained, with meticulous attention to leaf and debris removal. Inside your home, focus on a clean, uncluttered presentation with plenty of light - diminished sunlight in the fall can make some homes appear dark and drab.



### KPW Statistics YTD

- ▶ Homes Sold: **54**
- ▶ Average Sale Price: **\$577,560**, Highest Sale Price: **\$695,000**
- ▶ Average List Price: **\$581,594**, Average Days on Market: **23**
- ▶ Homes/Coming Soon on Market: **15**, Homes Under Contract: **2**

### Highest KPW Sales Prices in 2017

| Model             | Address                 | List Price | Sales Price | DOMP |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|------|
| Baron w/additions | 10174 Bessmer Ln        | \$695,000  | \$695,000   | 21   |
| Baron w/addition  | 5244 Ridge Ct           | \$699,000  | \$685,000   | 23   |
| Baron             | 10409 Headly Ct         | \$669,500  | \$669,500   | 3    |
| Baron             | 10158 Tapestry Ct       | \$660,000  | \$660,000   | 21   |
| Baron w/addition  | 10412 Collingham Dr     | \$659,900  | \$659,900   | 28   |
| Baron w/sunroom   | 4763 Farndon Ct         | \$669,900  | \$669,900   | 19   |
| Baron             | 4759 Tapestry Ct        | \$655,000  | \$647,000   | 11   |
| Baron             | 4845 Allenby Rd         | \$652,000  | \$647,000   | 12   |
| Baron             | 10430 Stallworth Ct     | \$654,900  | \$646,900   | 18   |
| Baron             | 4910 Heversham Ct       | \$644,900  | \$643,400   | 83   |
| Baron             | 10214 Dundalk St        | \$650,000  | \$640,000   | 26   |
| Regent w/Add      | 10190 Wavell Rd         | \$630,000  | \$638,000   | 6    |
| Regent w/Add      | 9804 Lord Ct            | \$635,000  | \$634,750   | 0    |
| Regent w/Add      | 10010 Raeburn           | \$625,000  | \$633,000   | 4    |
| Queen w/addition  | 4868 Wheatstone Dr      | \$624,900  | \$624,900   | 4    |
| Baron             | 10412 Headly Ct         | \$632,000  | \$619,000   | 77   |
| Regent w/Add      | 10427 Finchley Ct       | \$615,000  | \$614,500   | 30   |
| Regent            | 4919 Wheatstone Dr      | \$589,900  | \$599,000   | 3    |
| Queen w/addition  | 10010 Commonwealth Blvd | \$600,000  | \$598,500   | 3    |
| Regent            | 4765 Farndon Ct         | \$619,000  | \$595,000   | 25   |



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By *Mary Crowder*

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They also provided direction that they are moving away from ramen and canned goods, except for canned meat, which they have said "flies out the door!" They are now looking for pre-made meals/snacks, granola/snack bars, chips and crackers, rice, cereal, non-perishable milk, peanut butter, oatmeal, etc.

If you wish to drop off donations, please refer to this link (<https://patriotpantry.mypaysimple.com/online-booking>) and choose the donation drop-off option. Also, they have an Amazon Wishlist: <http://a.co/8ajpSVt>. You can also contact me to coordinate drop-offs at my house ([Mary.Crowder@verizon.net](mailto:Mary.Crowder@verizon.net)).

**1 Save the Date! 1**

On November 17 at 6:30 pm, come support Laurel Ridge's playground campaign and PTA with a night of fun at our Silent Auction and Bingo. Bid on great prizes, including event tickets, a hotel stay, wine tastings and much more! We'll be raffling off huge gift baskets full of surprises too! Located in the Laurel Ridge Gym and Cafeteria with pizza, drinks and treats for sale. **For more information or to donate an item for our Silent Auction or Raffle, please contact [ptaforlres@gmail.com](mailto:ptaforlres@gmail.com).**



*Need Help Finding your Block Number?*

Please refer to the KPW 2017 Directory. On Page 49, you will find a Member Finder by street. Here, it lists each house by address and corresponding Block Number.

The block number is also listed at the bottom of each entry printed in the directory.

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# The Herald's List

by Mary Hovland and Cathy DeLoach

## Chimney Sweep Recommendations

According to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 211, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if necessary." This is the national safety standard and is the correct way to approach the problem. It takes into account the fact that even if you don't use your chimney much, animals may build nests in the flue or there may be other types of deterioration that could make the chimney unsafe to use.



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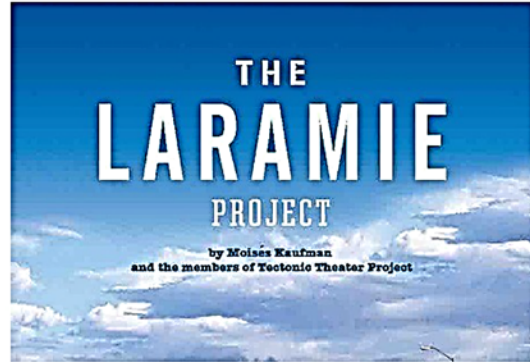
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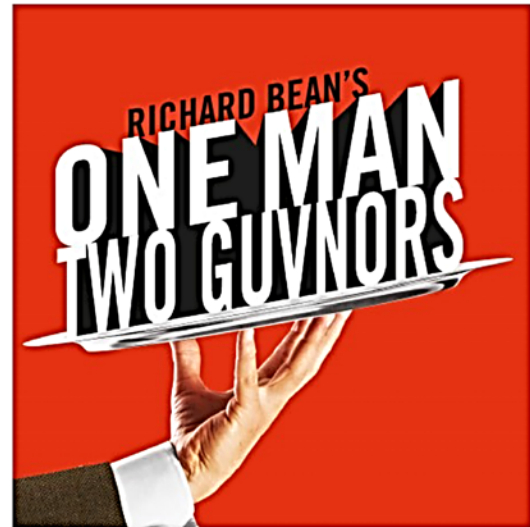


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## **Get Off the Couch**

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

### **October 28 - 29**

#### **Clifton Haunted Trail**

Oct. 28th, 7-10 pm, Chapel Road, Clifton.

<https://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com/>

#### **23rd Annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground!**

At Burke Nursery, 9401 Burke Rd.

<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 4-5**

#### **Fall Foliage Tour Boat Rides**

Burke Lake, <http://www.fairfaxfamilyfun.com/leaf-peeping>

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

<http://www.coxfarms.com/fall-festival/calendar-and-events/pumpkin-madness.aspx>

#### **Fredericksburg Zombie Walk**

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

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

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

### **November 18-19**

#### **The Nutcracker Ballet**

Burke Civic Ballet's "The Nutcracker." Featuring 3-year-old miniature dolls to professional dancers 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 24-26**

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

November 24, Day after Thanksgiving. Reston Town Center Holiday Parade, tree lighting, and much more.

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#### **City of Alexandria Holiday Tree Lighting**

November 24, Day after Thanksgiving. Musical entertainment with a visit from Santa Claus in Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria.

### **December 2-3**

#### **Baltimore Christmas Village**

Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD, November 23 –

December 24. <http://www.baltimore-christmas.com/>

### **December 9-10**

#### **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. 3-7 pm. Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Rd.

<http://www.parkwood.org/content.cfm?id=9000>

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

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December 9: American Festival Pops Orchestra

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**THE GARDEN CORNER***By Charlie Boring*

Planning for the urban gardener in Kings Park West is tied to the seasons. Seasons require many decisions concerning activities that ensure a successful garden. Have you thought about what you may need to do this fall to get your garden ready for the winter?

There are many activities that I recommend, but the list is subject to your ultimate gardening objectives. If you have been an avid composter during the spring and summer, as I have, you will have some compost that is ready to be added to your garden soil. I compost using three methods; I use a plastic compost barrel that I made for the purpose. I used kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps, along with shredded leaves and grass clippings, to make my compost. By the time the composting process was complete, I had about four cubic feet of good compost ready to use. I placed this compost on a portion of my garden about fifty feet square and tilled the compost until it was well-mixed with the soil. Secondly, I also use the dig, dump, and cover method in which I dig a hole in the garden soil and dump my vegetative scraps into it and cover them with soil. I begin this process in the fall and use it until the spring garden is planted. And last, and by far my favorite composting method, is the use of my 360-degree worm farm in which I allow the red-wiggler worms to create worm castings from vegetative kitchen scraps. In the spring, I will harvest the castings and use them to improve my potting soil, and sometimes place a small amount in the hole where I transplant my garden plants. In summary, fall is a great time to improve your garden soil through composting, but if you don't have your own compost, you can purchase it.

The fall is also a great time to gather composting material. As I rake my leaves and pick them up as I mow my grass for the last time, I collect as much as I can in barrels or leaf bags and save them to contribute to my spring compost. If you do not have your own trees from which you can gather leaves, I am sure your neighbors will allow you to use theirs. Just watch the curbs for discarded bags of leaves.

Want to grow garlic in your garden? Mid to late October is a great time to plant garlic in Kings Park West. To plant your garlic, you need to: 1) Prepare your soil – I use a small cultivator to prepare my soil and till in my compost, but you can also use a shovel or similar hand tool; 2) Decide what type of garlic to plant and obtain planting cloves – there are three basic types of garlic, softneck – the variety that is most often available in supermarkets, hardneck – the most savory garlic that can be purchased in many gardening supply stores or online, and elephant garlic – which is not really garlic and makes larger bulbs, but is used in the same way as garlic; and 3) Plant your cloves – I use a broom handle to make holes in my garden soil about six inches deep, four to six inches apart, in rows about twelve inches apart; I then drop the cloves in the hole with the pointed end up and cover them up. You can place a four-inch bed of shredded leaf mulch on top, but it is not necessary. I am planting primarily hardneck garlic of four varieties. I saved cloves from my June harvest including Bavarian White, Korean Mountain, Romanian Red, and Silver Skin. Planting your garlic in the fall will get a jumpstart in the growing process, and it will be ready for harvest in June and July. Your garlic will sprout before the winter freeze, but will not be harmed by the cold weather.

Other chores that you may want to accomplish in the fall could include winterizing your rain barrels. I drain my rain barrels to prevent freeze damage, and remove my rain diverter so that the barrel does not collect rain water during the winter. Also, drain the water from your water hoses and place them in a protected area, like a shed or garage to prevent freeze damage. You should ensure that hoses are not still connected to outside faucets, and that the water running to the faucets is turned off and the faucets are drained. You may also want to prepare your planting containers for the winter by removing the potting soil and storing them in a protected place for the winter to prevent freeze damage. I collect my used potting soil in a barrel for use next spring. In the spring, I will add compost and organic fertilizer to the used potting soil to prepare it for reuse. To prevent soil-borne disease organisms in the soil, use your oven or microwave to neutralize the soil. You can find instructions online. If you have potted plants that you want to protect during the winter, bring them in. Remember, they will need a warm temperature, adequate water, and at least six to eight hours of sunlight.

Enjoy your garden!

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