

# 2020 KPWCA Membership Form

## Member Information

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

### KPWCA Committees, Activities and Communications

- |      |   |
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| \$25 | 1 Membership Fee (\$25 required for each household) |
|      | 2 Herald Newsletter                                 |
|      | 3 Common Grounds Maintenance                        |
|      | 4 Parks & Lake                                      |
|      | 5 Scholarships                                      |
|      | 6 Scout Packs and Troop                             |
|      | 7 Halloween Fall Festival                           |
|      | 8 Spring Egg Hunt                                   |
|      | 9 Unrestricted Community Use                        |

### Other Community Support

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|  | 10 Volunteer Fire Department                  |
|  | 11 Robinson HS Drug / Alcohol Free Grad Party |
|  | 12 Pools in Our Community                     |

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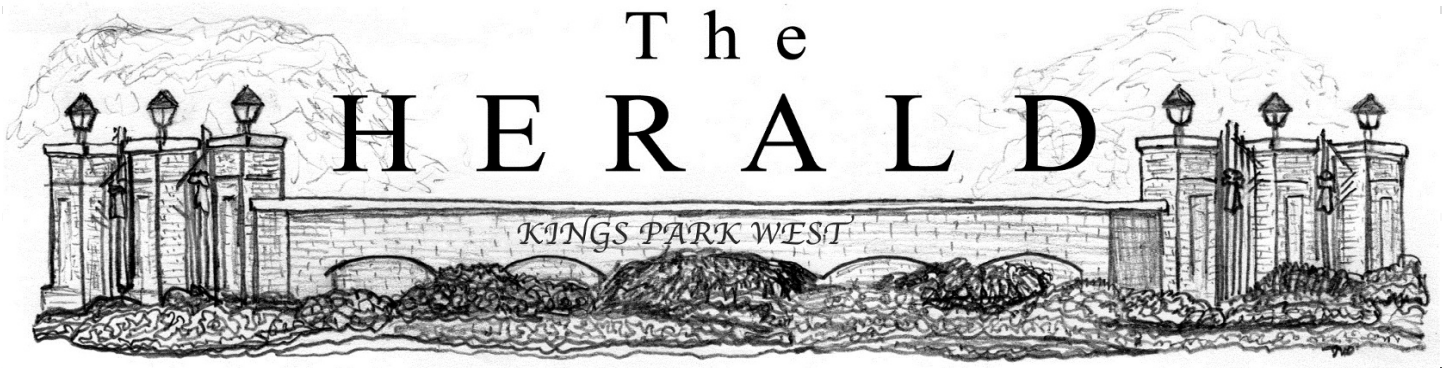
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3. If you prefer to use a paper form, click “[KPWCA Membership Form and Paypal Instructions](#)” and right-click the form to save a blank copy to your local drive. Then, print it out and complete the first page by hand (Make sure your handwritten data is legible before giving it to your Block Captain.)
4. Decide what additional amounts over \$25, if any, you want to contribute. Make a note of the number next to that/those organizations or activities in the chart (items 2-12).
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9. Click Continue.
10. At the next screen, you will be asked to review your donation.
11. If you used the Google form, skip to step 13. Otherwise, under "Kings Park West Civic Association Membership", click on the little pencil icon or "Additional Contributions" if you are making optional contributions in addition to the \$25 membership fee. A drop down box will open up.
12. Refer back to the membership form and use the number in front of the organization or activity in the chart (2-12) to type into that box how your contributions above the \$25 are to be used.

For example, if you want to donate \$25 to the Volunteer Fire Department, you would enter 10-\$25. For a \$30 contribution to Parks and Lakes, you would enter 4-\$30, and so on.

13. Once that is completed, click "Donate Now" and you're done with your payment! If you're submitting a paper form, take note of the last four digits of your PayPal transaction number and write them beside “PayPal” at the bottom left of the form where you check the PayPal box.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [membership@kwca.org](mailto:membership@kwca.org).



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Kings Park West Civic Association

Happy fall!

October is here and the Association is busy with many activities.

The 2020 membership drive is underway. The dedicated block captains, database manager, data entry volunteers, and committee chair are all hard at work. Their efforts with the membership drive allow the Association to move forward with key community activities, such as cleaning up the parks and roadways, providing college scholarships, hosting the Spring Egg Hunt and Fall Halloween Festival, maintaining the entryway common areas, and so much more. An amazing array of activities that makes KPW such a great place to live.

Thank you to everyone who attended (in person or by proxy) the fall membership meeting on September 24, 2019. We had a great meeting with a lot of good discussion and feedback. I am pleased to announce that we have a full board with the election of the Member-at-Large positions. Returning for another term are Adrienne Barna and Jonathan Reiser! And a very warm welcome to KC Blaylock, who kindly volunteered at the meeting to fill the open position!

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mary Crowder, “retiring” Member-at-Large. Mary provided great support and keen insight during her tenure with the board. She started a food collection for the pantry at George Mason, a wonderful way to provide provisions for students in need right across the street from KPW (she will continue this effort and you can find more info on Facebook). She was also responsible for the volunteer dinner which we hosted each spring, creating beautiful centerpieces from her garden plantings. Many thanks to Mary for her service to the Association board.

The membership reviewed and approved the 2020 budget. Discussion, for future follow-up, included the funds in savings that can be utilized for improvement around the community. The by-laws were also reviewed and discussed, and the membership voted to amend the changes to the standing committees.

Community Calendar	
Fall Festival & Parade.....	Oct 20
Halloween.....	Oct 31
Daylight Savings Time Ends.....	Nov 3
Election Day.....	Nov 5
Citizen Advisory Council.....	Nov 5
Fall Royal Lake Clean-Up.....	Nov 9
Fall Dumpster Day.....	Nov 10
Veterans Day.....	Nov 11
Herald Deadline.....	Nov 13
Braddock District Council.....	Nov 13
Volunteer Trail Maintenance.....	Nov 16
KPWCA Board Meeting.....	Nov 19
Thanksgiving.....	Nov 28
Citizen Advisory Council.....	Dec 3
Herald Delivery.....	Dec 7

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# KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## Special Activities

Spring Egg Hunt		Pack 1967
Halloween Festival	Keith Jodoin	<a href="mailto:kjodoin@gmail.com">kjodoin@gmail.com</a>
Scholarships	Gayle Ostrom	703-323-0206

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## How Do I Advertise in The Herald?

**CLASSIFIEDS:** KPWCA Newsletter classified advertisements for the December 7th issue must be received no later than November 13th by Gayle Ostrom, 4912 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032, or email [classified@kpwca.org](mailto:classified@kpwca.org). Please print clearly, and include payment to KPWCA. Provide your name, address, and phone number. Rates: \$5 per issue for 35 words. \$40 per year (8 issues/35-word ad). 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. Acceptance of news items does not constitute endorsement by KPWCA.

## 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 & Lakes 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

**Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) Trail Maintenance Volunteers:** Every three months, the FORL organizes a morning when neighborhood volunteers work to improve problem areas on the trails around Royal Lake. The next such time will begin at 9 am on November 16 (see article on Page 15).

**KPWCA Sign Posting:** *30 minutes per month.* KPWCA maintains three signs that serve to keep KPW residents informed of community activities. We have a team for each sign and would like to add a member to each team. Responsibility is to post announcements provided by the KWPCA Board periodically throughout the year.

**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.* Please contact Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahgjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgjlennon@gmail.com).

**Neighbor Assist Volunteers:** *As needed.* Looking for friendly callers (a great way to volunteer without having to leave your home), computer experts to provide IT assistance, and handyman volunteers. Contact Bruce Wallachy at [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com) or call 703-401-0275.

**Road Raiders:** *1/2 hour each month.* Performs common area clean-up around neighborhood once per month early Saturday mornings. Please contact Tom McCook at [trmccook@gmail.com](mailto:trmccook@gmail.com) or call 703-839-5205.

**Invasive Management Area:** *3 hours a few times per year.* Details at [www.grsykes.com/main.php?page=32](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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Another topic of importance that was discussed by the membership were cars that speed through the neighborhood. It seems that we have all noticed this problem. I would like to appeal to everyone to ***please slow down***. While there is cut-through traffic adding to traffic in the community, which is already a stressful situation, we can do our part by being mindful of our speed, watching for pedestrians and bicyclists, and coming to a full stop (not rolling).

I was recently contacted by a member who had concerns about an email regarding financial planning services received from someone who had taken their contact info from the KPW Directory. While the Civic Association publishes the KPW Directory for the convenience of our members to reach out to their neighbors and provide a sense of community network, utilizing the email contacts of our membership to advertise these services is not the correct forum. We have many independent interests and small businesses within the KPW community who advertise in The Herald, on the KPW Facebook page, and Nextdoor community forum.

Mark your calendars for the annual **Halloween Parade and Festival** to be held on ***Sunday, October 20, 2019*** (rain date is October 27th) at Lakeside Park. Keith Jodoin has been busy again this year planning great fun for the day. The parade meeting time is 1:30 pm at Ward Court, just off of Richardson Drive. Supervisor Cook will lead the parade to Lakeside Park starting at 1:45 pm. The festival will include the moon bounces, air jumper for the older kids, petting zoo, art stations, food trucks, blacktop games, music and real superhero and sci-fi costumed characters for your photos! Please keep an eye on Facebook and Nextdoor for updates, particularly if the weather is questionable. Please join us for a day of fun!

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

### Aging in Place Presentations for November 20th and December 11th

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, “Medicare 101” will be presented at 1 pm in the Kings Park Library meeting room by the Fairfax County VICAP office. Medicare rules change annually, and it is important to keep up with the changes. The VICAP office has a remarkable record of helping Fairfax County residents save thousands of dollars by helping folks tailor their coverage to their needs.

All Aging in Place presentations are open to all, and are presented on the third Wednesday of each month in the Kings Park Library complex. Sometimes we have so many people that the room is completely full. You can be added to the list for announcements for the Aging in Place presentations by sending an email to [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com).

Although Aging in Place presentations are typically held on the third Wednesday of the month, I have to break the rule for our December presentation, which is “Social Security: Understanding Your Benefits.” The rooms at the Kings Park Library complex will be used on December 18<sup>th</sup> for the Taste of Braddock event, so this month’s presentation will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for times for Taste of Braddock in the Braddock Beacon or posters around the Supervisor’s office.



### KPW Signs Landscaping Project

The KPWC announcement signs at the intersections of Guinea and Commonwealth, Roberts Road and Commonwealth, and Tapestry Drive and Braddock Road, were landscaped Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. Before and after photos of the Roberts Road sign are below.



I would like to thank the twenty-five volunteers who arrived and helped. There were friends, neighbors, and fellow Scouts from Boy Scout Troops 697, 1865, and 1966, and Girl Scout Troop 1465. I would also like to thank Burke Nursery and Home Depot for their generous discounting of materials for the project.

I would especially like to thank Clifton Contracting for their donation of tools, materials, a truckload of dirt, and the time and expertise of the employees who came and helped throughout the project.

Finally, I would like to thank the KPWCA for funding and allowing me to run this project.

Thanks again to all,  
Cole Luther



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## Let's Look at Foxes: Part 1

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

Many people have wondered about wildlife policies and the factors that go into making the various decisions made by wildlife officials. Instead of the typical Q/A format, this article answers these questions in a narrative using foxes as an example.

A major consideration towards wildlife conservation, which includes helping sick and injured members of a species, is whether or not it is native. For instance, gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) consist of roughly sixteen subspecies and range from northern South America up to most of the forested forty-eight contiguous United States. They flourished in North American woodlands for hundreds of millennia and their regional ancestry goes back millions of years. Though a canid, gray foxes adapted to climb trees thanks to strong, curved claws. In trees, they avoid wolves, cougars, and other creatures wanting a fox lunch. The omnivorous foxes eat from a broad menu including small mammals such as rodents, birds (including eggs and nestlings), insects, fruits, and nuts, and can also find some of their food in trees. In an ecosystem, they are an intermediary predator. The gray fox is a native species to Northern Virginia.



**Figure 1. After mating in the winter, red foxes bear young in the spring. The typical number of kits (cubs or pups) is around five. Foxes make terrific parents and guard the young. While foxes may move their dens even with very young kits, this little fellow explores the outside of an established den complex used over several generations. Active dens with kits strongly smell as fox waste permeates the area.**

Gray foxes still live in Virginia, but their numbers plummeted over the past several hundred years. This population drop aligns with European settlers arriving and clearing the fox's required forested habitat for farmland and later urban sprawl. This same human activity, including exterminating large predators, made an inviting place for red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*). Around 1800, red foxes appeared in Mid-Atlantic and southeastern states. These critters cannot climb trees. Their dimensions range widely, averaging around eleven pounds and three-and-a-half feet long (head to tail), and are slightly larger than gray foxes. Red foxes have approximately forty-five subspecies, of which ten are native to North America; the exact numbers vary according to the taxonomic authority and identification method. While red fox fossils from the Late Pleistocene age were found in Virginia, these animals migrated north as the glaciers receded and were presumed absent from this state until recently. Genetic testing on East Coast red fox populations, including Northern Virginian representatives, show that some are descendants from imported Old World subspecies that escaped from fur farms or fox hunts. Red foxes are still listed as a Virginia game animal due to controversial fox hunts. However, most of them are northern North American immigrants (subspecies *V. vulpes fulvus*). DNA studies suggest that red fox populations were present, albeit in low numbers, in the Appalachians before European arrival, but current evidence shows no mass fox migration across from the west. Since red foxes are American and moved south on their own accord, they are generally regarded as a native species although, one way or another, Northern Virginia's red foxes are here because of human activity (*i.e.*, not locally native). People rolled out the red carpet for red foxes! Intelligent and adaptable, red foxes exploited the same deforestation, habitat fragmentation, and urbanization that shrank gray fox populations.

Twenty years ago, KPW had no red foxes. During this time, rabbits hopped through the woods and occasionally, a wild turkey's call trilled across the morning air. Once the red foxes moved into the



neighborhood, they obliterated these two species. A local stream's name, Rabbit Branch, is a reminder of an animal now gone. Foxes are often the classroom example in stable predator-prey models, where the predator's population increases shortly after the prey levels rise and the predator's numbers drop following a dip in prey. These relationships evolve over time. Certainly, species like rabbits need a predator to cap their numbers from exploding and ravaging the local flora. In the red fox's case here, an animal blitzed into a new area, causing ecological imbalance. The omnivorous red fox, whose dietary pallet is heavier on meat than that of the grey fox, could decimate rabbit, turkey, and other vulnerable prey populations because the crafty canids found many additional food resources.

Currently, Fairfax County's red foxes lack significant large predators to keep them in check. Even though coyotes dominate foxes in wilderness areas, recent research finds the two species often (but not always) getting along in urban environments. Canine-susceptible diseases, including rabies, distemper (both Old World imports), mange, heartworm, and intestinal worms, are the main factors keeping fox populations in check.

Many times, concerned people who find a mangy fox want to help and treat it. However, Virginia State Code § 29.1-508.1 Use of drugs on vertebrate wildlife states that to administer medication for disease prevention or treatment to vertebrate wildlife, one must have a permit. Only licensed veterinarians or wildlife rehabilitators working under the direction of a veterinarian may legally treat infected animals in their care with an approved permit from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The drugs that are often recommended can be fatal if ingested at the wrong dose or by the wrong species, including domestic animals. Foxes with mange also may develop underlying infections as the result of scratching and biting, so treatments are best left to the professionals.

At first, spotting a red fox – a usually nocturnal species – during daylight hours might be startling, and rabid madness is attributed to this atypical behavior. However, urban environments impact organisms in strange ways, such as keeping foxes active through the day. Still, most of their monotone bark-screech calls to mates occur at night.

With this bit of background, Part 2 will look further into the relationship between red foxes and humans. For color photographs, hyperlink access, and references, the online version of this article is at [www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/94\\_2019-10.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/94_2019-10.pdf).

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**Figure 2. Mange, caused by one of several mite species, is a disease that keeps fox populations in check. This fox shows the beginning stages along its hind quarters and tail. As the infection advances, the animal scratches more and more, which burns energy and opens wounds. Although diseases are part of nature, face to face encounters with any animal suffering from advanced mange or rabies is truly saddening, even for a seasoned biologist.**

# REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy



## Amazon HQ2 Impact on NoVa

Amazon's second headquarters is expected to host 25,000 employees in about 12 years.

This change in the structure of the regional economy will likely have at least three impacts on the residential real estate market.

1. Federal workers will become a smaller share of Realtor® clients, which may impact clients' job stability, length of stay in a given home and retirement planning.
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Cromwell	SOLD!	5251 Ridge Ct	\$549,900	\$529,900	23
Duchess	For Sale	10204 Bessmer Ln	\$650,000		20
Duke	SOLD!	5107 Pommeroy Dr	\$629,000	\$590,000	34
Duke	SOLD!	5361 Gainsborough Dr	\$525,000	\$525,000	31
Queen	For Sale	9708 Commonwealth Blvd	\$589,500		62
Queen	For Sale	10104 Eastlake Dr	\$750,000		12
Regent	For Sale	5118 Gainsborough Dr	\$599,990		109
Regent	For Sale	10169 Bessmer Ln	\$629,990		49
Regent	For Sale	5313 Gainsborough Dr	\$609,900		19

though the federal government will still be an important backstop to the regional economy.


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## Cub Scout Pack 1967

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This year, Pack 1967 is embarking on a “year of service.” Throughout the year, we will be living out part of the Scout Oath to “help other people at all times” by leading and assisting in a number of service projects. In September, the Pack supported the Lions Give Back event at Laurel Ridge, accepting and sorting crayons for recycling. In early October, the Pack helped with National Walk to School Day by placing signs to encourage students to walk to school. On November 2, the Pack will reapply storm drain markers to help educate Kings Park West residents about how we can contribute to good water quality in our streams, lakes, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. If you are interested in helping out, please feel free to contact us.



If your son or daughter is interested in Cub Scouts, come on out to join us for dinner and learn a little more about what we do. If you have any questions or want to contact a Den Leader, we can be contacted at [CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com](mailto:CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com).



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# The Herald's List

by Mary Hovland and Cathy DeLoach

## HALLOWEEN HOME SAFETY TIPS

### Decorating Your Home

- ✓ Consider fire safety when decorating
- ✓ Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs
- ✓ Sweep any leaves from sidewalks and steps
- ✓ Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effect devices
- ✓ Keep lighted decorations away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials or areas where children will be standing or walking



### Displaying Your Jack-o-lantern

- ✓ Use battery operated candles instead of flame lighted candles for pumpkins
- ✓ For candle lighted pumpkins:
  1. Place on a sturdy table
  2. Keep away from curtains and other flammable materials
  3. Keep out of reach of children
  4. Never leave unattended



The Kings Park West Herald's List Facebook Page is an interactive community resource for KPW residents. Requests and recommendations come in daily, and offers searchability and immediate access to recommendations. Post your own requests or recommendations.

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## Girl Scout Roundup

The Girl Scouts in Service Unit 54-15 have been hard at work serving their community, learning about space science, and promoting important life skills.

### *Community Service*

Three members of Troop 5790 earned their Silver Award in September, which is one of the highest awards given in Girl Scouts. The girls designed a beautiful bulletin board to help the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) in Clifton communicate in a fun, educational and creative way with their amazing volunteers. In addition, the girls created more than one hundred slides with safety tips and horse facts that can be featured weekly. Successful fundraising led to a surplus of money, enabling the Girl Scouts to make an impressive \$250 donation to NVTRP. The girls are grateful for the support they received from the Kings Park West community in the form of donations and patronage of the book and bake sales they hosted in the neighborhood this summer to raise money for this project. If you would like to learn more about NVTRP and their amazing riding program, check them out here: [www.nvtrp.org](http://www.nvtrp.org).

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, two Girl Scout troops led stations at Laurel Ridge Elementary School's (LRES) first-ever Celebration of Kindness: Lions Give Back event. More than two hundred people turned out for the inaugural night of service, which was hosted by LRES' Parent Teacher Association, and took part in community service projects. Troop 54067, a second-year Daisy troop, led a station where participants painted more than one hundred and fifty kindness rocks – cheerfully decorated rocks with encouraging artwork or sayings – to be displayed in the school's new rock garden out front. In addition, first-year Brownie Troop 54021 ran a station where participants made more than one hundred popsicle stick catapult kits to donate to INOVA Children's Hospital Center. The Hospital Center also received cookies earlier in the year, donated by fifth grade Troop 1465.



### *STEM*

If you asked twenty-three Girl Scouts from Fairfax County and eighteen chaperones, they would all agree on the highlight of their 2019 summer – the Pathfinder Program at Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama! The campers experienced the multi-access training (MAT) chair, competed in a simulated space mission, designed a Girl Scout patch, launched a miniature rocket, and toured the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The girls and chaperones slept onsite at the Space and Rocket Center in pods – which looked like a spacecraft on the outside, but were similar to college dorms inside. The girls left with a wealth of knowledge about space and the U.S. space program, and also experienced teamwork and camaraderie in a unique setting. To learn more about the Space Camp program, visit [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com)!



### *Life Skills*

Finally, fifth grade Troop 1465 hosted a Bicycle Rodeo, full of safety and maintenance lessons, as well as an obstacle course and water balloon jousting.



Do you have a child interested in joining Girl Scouts, or are you interested in volunteering with us? We have new Kindergarten troops forming and openings in troops at many other grade levels. Please visit our website at [www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org) for more information.

Are you interested in donating to SHARE to support Girl Scouts in our area? Please visit our Service Unit's SHARE campaign at [www.givecampus.com/schools/GirlScoutsNationsCapitalAnnualGiving/service-unit-54-15-share-campaign#updates](http://www.givecampus.com/schools/GirlScoutsNationsCapitalAnnualGiving/service-unit-54-15-share-campaign#updates).



### **Kings Park West Neighbor Assist**

Our Handymen are ready to serve, but we have had fewer requests than expected. While we love our KPW homes, we know that they are not perfect and need some help at times. We offer you the opportunity to have some of the irritants repaired. The Handymen are also residents of KPW and are dedicated to helping you stay and enjoy living in your KPW house. A reminder: these services are offered to all KPW residents. The labor is free to you, but we will ask you to cover the cost of parts and other materials involved.

We recently had a request to look at a washing appliance. Unfortunately, there is little we can do since each appliance seems to have separate procedures to access and numerous spare parts which are unique to the appliance. What we can do is to ensure there is power reaching the appliance. You can always ask us about what you need repaired. We will match the skills of our handymen to the request or advise you that we do not have the right skills and offer advice about your next steps.

Please call 703-401-0275 or email us at our new email address: [KPWNeighborAssist@gmail.com](mailto:KPWNeighborAssist@gmail.com). We changed our email now that we are independent of the KPW Civic Association.

## ROYAL LAKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

*By Andy Karp*

Maintenance of the trails around Royal Lake depends on neighborhood volunteers, overseen by the Friends of Royal Lake (FORL), in coordination with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). FCPA does major projects, such as pedestrian bridges over streams, and Boy Scout troops sometimes help out. However, when it comes to such tasks as spreading crushed stone over stretches of trail that get muddy, if this were not done by neighborhood volunteers, then it would not get done at all! FCPA does not have the ability to undertake these types of projects, since it now has a maintenance staff of only ten people (they are fully staffed at sixteen), and they are spread very thin with responsibilities for seventy-six neighborhood parks in our county.

Every three months, the FORL asks volunteers to work on maintenance of the parkland trails around the lake.

**THE NEXT TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH:** At 9 am, we will meet at the picnic area where the Braddock Nights concerts are held (near the tennis courts), and we will work until noon. We will be placing crushed stone on stretches of the circuit trail that get muddy when it rains in the vicinity of Shanes Creek. In addition, we will fill in a ditch on the trail spur that goes along Shanes Creek, where there is now a dilapidated and unsafe narrow timber bridge. We could use all the help we can get so please join us, whether it be for the full three hours, or for only part of that time. And if you have them, please bring shovels, rakes, tampers, and especially wheelbarrows. Every additional volunteer will make a real difference!

**A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT SCOUTS WORKING TO IMPROVE THE TRAIL:** By the time that this edition of The Herald reaches you, an Eagle Scout project will have taken place on October 12th. On that date, Scout Jagger Douglas and Boy Scout Troop 1508 are scheduled to build a new stretch of trail which will bypass the parking lot of Lakeside Park, allowing walkers and joggers who are going around the lake to no longer have to go through the parking lot, which can be a safety issue, especially for youngsters. As with all Eagle Scout projects in the park, FCPA helps supervise, but the Scouts do most of the work under the leadership of the Eagle Scout candidate. Previous Eagle Scout projects have included construction of steps on steep parts of the trail near the Lakeside Swim Club. Thus far, the Boy Scouts have worked on trail maintenance, but assistance from Girl Scouts would be most welcome. And baseball teams may want to help with the muddy stretches near the baseball field. FORL can be contacted at [friendsofroyallake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofroyallake@gmail.com) or [sarahjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjlennon@gmail.com).

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO JOGGERS:** Many of those who jog around the lake have on occasion stubbed their toes on the tree roots that protrude in many places along the trail. Ouch! This could be minimized if joggers were to each place some crushed stone in a small mound over at least a few of the protruding roots. You can find such crushed stone left over from our last trail maintenance day near the bridge over Rabbit Branch creek; there is also an old wheelbarrow and a shovel that you can borrow for this purpose. Also, you can join us on our November 16 work day, and take crushed stone for this purpose from the pile that will be near the picnic area.

Hope you can join us in our efforts to maintain the trail!

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### \*Veterans Weekend Concert!

#### Veterans Weekend Concert! King Street Brass

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#### Tower House Band ~ Sunday, February 16, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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One of the duties of the Vice President of the KPWCA is to be the scout liaison. This primarily focuses on the Boy Scout units, which are chartered by the Association. However, it also includes Girl Scout units that operate out of a service area that encompasses Kings Park West.

Recently, I visited a Cub Scout den in our neighborhood to help them complete a requirement for their "Building a Better Future" adventure. Sixth grade boys, as you can imagine, enjoy asking silly questions, but they also asked very thoughtful ones as well. I am not surprised, as the leader of their unit has called this, "a year of service." I had hoped to reinforce this by impressing upon them why it is important to volunteer and provide service in the community.

Over the years, Kings Park West has been the benefactor of many service projects from scouts in BSA and GSA units. As you may know, the signboards at entrances to the community were replaced this summer. However, the original signboards were built as an Eagle Scout project many years ago. As such, the Association thought it would be fitting to have the landscaping around the new signs improved as a project by one of the local scouting units. Cole Luther from Scouts BSA Troop 697 was the first volunteer to step up; he asked to take it on as his Eagle Scout project.

An Eagle Scout project, for anyone not familiar with scouting, can be one of the most daunting tasks for any youth to complete. It requires organization, planning, focus, financing, negotiation, and flexibility. A good Eagle Scout project should test the ability of the scout to lead, which he or she has been learning to do throughout their scouting career. This project certainly had all the qualities of an excellent Eagle Scout project, and I would personally like to congratulate Cole for a job well done. And on behalf of the KPWCA Board, I would like to say thank you to Cole and all of the volunteers and local companies that participated.

Let me wrap up by saying, while you are at the Fall Festival, take some time to thank the boys and girls from our local units, as well as the other volunteers who make the event a success. Kings Park West has many volunteers that work very hard to make this community special. Consider volunteering to help set a positive example for the youth of our community.

Michael Stonkey, Vice President KPWCA

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Mary Lipsey discusses how the Civil War's staggering death toll prompted the creation of the National Cemeteries, as well as other cemeteries recognizing those killed on both sides.

**Sunday, December 15, 3:30 pm**                      **Gold in Local History**  
Learn a bit of the science of gold, our 79th element, and hear about the regional history of this metal, including mining operations and some tales of lost treasure.

#### **BHS Seminar at Burke Centre Library**

**Tuesday, December 3, 7 pm**                      **Reconstructing a Historical Place**  
Historians Heather Bollinger and Jeff Clark discuss how to research what a locality was like in the past and how it evolved over time.

#### **BHS Speakers at George Mason Regional Library**

**Thursday, November 14, 7 pm**                      **The 14th Street Bridge**  
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