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Kings Park West Civic Association

Writing this letter was the most challenging of any that I have written in my almost six years as KPWCA President. Trying to strike the appropriate balance between optimism for the future and the current “new normal” wasn’t simple. The community spirit that I see every day walking through the neighborhood makes me optimistic.

| Community Calendar | |
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| KPW Scholarship Deadline..... | May 15 |
| Memorial Day..... | May 25 |
| Herald Deadline..... | June 3 |
| Herald Delivery..... | June 20 |
| Summer Begins | June 20 |

Neighbors are checking on each other (with appropriate social distancing, of course), buying groceries for each other when needed, and doing many other small acts of kindness that provide outstanding community support. Spring brings blossoms from the pear, cherry, and dogwood trees, and azalea blossoms are coming out. Lawns have turned green and you can hear lawn mowers again. Gardeners are figuring out different purchasing options to get their planting done. The kids are making chalk drawings all over the sidewalks. I see many stuffed animals in windows in the community, and all the above are signs that we’re going to get through this together.

KPWCA has had to shift many events due to Virginia’s stay-at-home order until June 10 by the Governor, noting that that date might change in the future:

- The process for the KPWCA scholarships has shifted to a virtual process. Instead of the past in-person interviews, additional questions will be sent to applicants, and the applicants’ responses will be sent back via email. Instead of submitting official transcripts, the GPAs and SAT and/or ACT scores will be self-reported. The Special Situation Application is part of this edition (and will be posted in the KPWCA website), and the deadline for submission of applications has been extended to May 15. The Scholarship Committee has done a wonderful job in making this transition and we hope to award the scholarships as usual. We are excited to be able to continue moving forward with the scholarship process to honor our KPW graduating seniors.
- The Spring Egg Hunt scheduled for Sunday March 29 has been cancelled.
- The Parks and Lake Cleanup scheduled for Saturday April 18 has been cancelled as the parks are closed.
- The Community Yard Sale scheduled for May 2 has been cancelled.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the Spring Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 12 has been cancelled.
- The Spring Dumpster Day scheduled for Saturday May 16 has been cancelled.

The Board and I felt that these events had to be cancelled, and we look forward to restarting the KPWCA events in the fall.

I have lived in this community for 34 years, and this community has always shown resilience. I hope that we can all continue to take one day at a time and to look forward to returning to normalcy soon. Stay well—stay healthy. Please email me at president@kpwca.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

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Volunteer Opportunities

*Note: Some volunteer opportunities may be temporarily suspended or altered at this time...
...but volunteers are always welcome!*

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.

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.

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.

Road Raiders: *30 minutes month.* Performs common area clean-up around neighborhood once per month early Saturday mornings. Please contact Tom McCook at trmccook@gmail.com.

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Opportunities to Give Back

by Kaycie Blaylock


I don't think I need to state the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in. But the thing about a pandemic—it's truly a "we" issue. We all are going to have varying needs for an extended period of time. Some of us are better situated than others to withstand the hardships this crisis presents.

For those of us who are in a position to help, here are some opportunities to make it happen:

- **Pet fostering:** In particular, many rescues that usually house cats in pet supply stores can't keep them there anymore. Volunteers can't go into the stores to take care of the cats, so the cats need to go home with someone. Two rescues that come to mind are Pets Bring Joy (petsbringjoy.org) and To The Rescue (totherescueinc.org). Patriot Pawsabilities (703-259-0174), the cat café at University Mall, works with Pets Bring Joy and was supposed to celebrate their one-year anniversary last month. They sell gift certificates that can be delivered curbside.
- **The NOVA Ronald McDonald House** (703-698-7080, ask for Doug or Celia) is asking for food or gift card donations. They currently host seven families that have no food allergies or restrictions. My husband and I lived in a Ronald McDonald House for several months, and these places are truly lifesavers for people with children in the hospital. They usually have groups come in with food and serve dinner, but that obviously can't happen now. So, I reached out to see what date I could have food delivered, then called a restaurant and ordered the food—supporting local restaurants and these families at the same time.
- **Mark at the University Mall Theaters** (703-272-2680) is selling popcorn and other concession items at \$3 (cash only) per item. If you are out getting supplies, it is worth a stop. They will take phone orders and deliver curbside.
- **29 Diner** (29diner.com) is basically running a food kitchen for all at-risk youth and families in Fairfax County. They are also supporting all first responders in the area. Many of us in this neighborhood know of all the giving they do. I don't think I can list all the organizations they support, but they are asking for donations so they can keep doing what they are doing.
- **BRAWS** (brows.org) is a nonprofit that provides feminine care and hygiene products to women and girls who are homeless or are in shelters. They have an Amazon wish list and other ways to support these vulnerable women during this crisis.
- **Food donation:** Joanne Walton (10411 Ashcroft Way) has a bin outside her house where you can put shelf-stable items, and she will take them to a food donation site. You may also consider checking in with neighbors who are at higher risk. One of my neighbors was having a difficult time using apps to schedule grocery delivery, so it made sense for me to order and to deliver the things they needed.
- **Adjustable mask ties:** Do you have a 3D printer? Mine is at school, but if you are interested, I have a file for an adjustable mask tie (boardmember2@kpwca.org). It's a great help for essential employees, like health care workers, whose ears begin to bleed from the ties on continuous mask wearing.

This is just a small sampling of things around the community—these aren't the only local places looking for help or ways that you can give back. You may see services posted on the KPW or KPW Herald List Facebook pages. Do what you feel comfortable with. Fairfax County is encouraging the community to support small, local businesses first.





This is a hard time for everyone. **If you feel like you need help, please contact Fairfax County Resource Center at 703-267-3511.** If you are aware of a need, please feel free to post in one of the neighborhood forums.






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Reminders for Dog Owners

by Sarah G.J. Lennon



"If you can be anything, be kind!"

I don't know where I first heard that saying above, where it came from, or who said it, but that should be a fundamental tenet for us all. Recently I was approached—because of my dual hat of vice president of Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) and chair of the KPW Civic Association's Parks & Lake Committee—about the problem of dogs being allowed to run unleashed in the parks around Royal Lake. Besides the fact that there is a **leash-law** in Fairfax County, there are other reasons to keep your hound leashed.

You may think your dog is so well behaved, but when they're off-leash, they're out of your direct control. Not everyone is comfortable with dogs, so seeing a loose dog running in the field or down the trail could be very disconcerting. Dogs may also choose to do their business when off-leash, and then the owner might not be picking up that poop pile, which causes many other problems.

Two key points to keep in mind:

- 1) In Fairfax County, dogs are always required to be on a leash in public areas unless they're in a designated off-leash area (like an off-leash dog park—see below for more). It's the law.
- 2) Pick up dog waste and dispose of it in a public trash can or at home. Dog waste is not only unsightly, but it pollutes groundwater and is harmful to wildlife.

See: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/10-tips-for-responsible-dog-ownership/>

In normal circumstances, when we come out of the stay-at-home order and the parks are re-opened, there is the wonderful dog park at Monticello Park not far at all from Royal Lake—and that's the only public place dogs should be running around off-leash.

Additionally, there will be two new pet waste stations installed at Royal Lake park by the parking lot and Lakeside Park near the picnic tables/parking lot. These were purchased by the KPW Civic Association at the behest of FORL. These stations will provide dog waste bags and will be co-located with trash cans, so hopefully we won't see anymore bags tossed on the ground rather than in a trash can!

For a more detailed discussion of these issues, I encourage everyone to check out this article from a few years ago. Still very relevant!: http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/67b_2016-06.pdf

Getting some fresh air? RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

STAY HOME

If you are not feeling fully healthy or have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home. Do not risk the health of other trail users.



STAY LOCAL

All FCPA parking lots are currently closed. Stop the spread of COVID-19 by reducing travel. Choose a trail you can walk, bike or roll to.



AVOID CROWDS

Some trails are seeing increased traffic, making social distancing difficult. Please avoid these popular locations.

NO PLAYING ALLOWED

All courts, fields and playgrounds are closed. Avoid group activities.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Give people who aren't members of your household at least six feet of space. Notify others when passing.



STAY SAFE

Use hand sanitizer and face coverings (if desired). Avoid shared surfaces.



SMILE!

Enjoy the fresh air and don't forget to smile or wave at others.



LEAVE NO TRACE

Please take all trash with you instead of leaving it at park.



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Trails in the Time of Coronavirus

by Sarah G.J. Lennon

With apologies to the author Gabriel Garcia Marquez (author of *Love in the Time of Cholera*), I wanted to take a minute to highlight some key issues related to the Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPS) closure of all parks. We are fortunate that we live near so much open green space, woods, trails, streams, and, of course, Royal Lake and can get a respite from being confined to our homes (and work, if one is an essential worker. By the way, if you are an essential worker—THANK YOU!)

To quote FCPA, "At this time, **all park amenities are closed. These closures are total** and include **tennis courts, basketball courts, dog parks, garden plots, volleyball courts, fishing and boat ramps, skate parks and all playgrounds**, to name just a few. Use of these amenities does not allow for adequate social distancing and draws too many people together."

This means it's fine to use the trails responsibly, but NO picnics, NO grilling, NO ball games, and NO gatherings.

Even when you're outside, it's important to continue to follow recommendations like practicing social distancing and wearing a mask. Keep your distance on trails and kindly notify people if you're about to pass them (keeping, of course, your six-feet of distance when you do). Maybe this is a time to be even more courteous than otherwise—when need be, step off the trail to let people go by.

And remember to be responsible with your masks: I recently saw a group where one individual improperly wore his mask pulled under his chin, and in that same visit, I saw a mask discarded on the ground.

Did you know Earth Day was April 22? In lieu of our Spring Parks & Lake Clean-Up, perhaps we could all do our part to help Mother Earth by cleaning up around our own homes, streams, and woods. There's currently no trash pick-up at the parks, so remember to take your trash out of the parks and dispose of it at home, too.

So, bottom line: Stay home and stay safe so we can flatten the curve as quickly as possible. When you *do* go outside and see someone, smile, wave, and perhaps call out a friendly greeting—but *please* obey the FCPA rules.

For additional information, check out this audio from FCPA:

<https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wpcomstaging.com/2020/04/10/audio-closure-of-park-amenities-due-to-coronavirus-explained>

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Pack 1968 News

While Pack 1968 is currently refraining from all Cub Scout gatherings, we are continuing to work on badges and rank advancement from home. Scouting offers many activities scouts can do from home, some of which you can view at <https://scoutingmagazine.org/2020/04/show-tell-scouting-at-home/>.

Pack 1968 always welcomes new members and encourages you and your child to get involved in this wonderful organization that boosts confidence, teaches life skills and teamwork, and promotes qualities expressed in the Scout Oath—being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

If your child would like to join Pack 1968, email our Cubmaster Ed Ryan at cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com or Committee Chair Alaina Watkins at ccpack1968@gmail.com. We welcome new families at any time of year.



Above: Our human foosball game that scouts enjoyed at our Blue & Gold Dinner in February, which celebrated the birthday of scouting.

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Kings Park West Real Estate Corner



by Cathy DeLoach

Selling Your Home During A Pandemic

This topic was not covered in the training I received to get my real estate license. Really, few have ever anticipated the impact of a pandemic on our society and the effect on normal functioning. As you can imagine, the stay at home orders and decrees emphasizing social distancing have greatly diminished real estate transactions making this a spring like no other in recent years. Fewer homes are being listed (down 16% nationwide and up to 70% in hard hit New York and California), and fewer buyers are currently house hunting.

YTD KPW Homes Sold: 17
Average List Price: \$633,650
Average Sold Price: \$636,130
Under Contract: 2 homes
For Sale: 7 homes

However, some houses are selling due to must-move scenarios amongst home buyers and sellers. For example, some home owners have homes under contract and must vacate by a certain date. These buyers are anxious to find a new place to live. Additionally, some prospective buyers without the burden to sell a home (apartment dwellers, for example) are eager to jump into the market during a time of less competition/fewer buyers overall.



Home marketing has morphed extensively with agents and sellers opting to skip ever-popular open houses. Virtual open houses are trending - those stuck at home seem to enjoy the visual distraction! Those who do venture into homes for a scheduled showing are encouraged to use hand sanitizer and minimize any touching of surfaces.

On the positive side: Lowered interest rates make home ownership more affordable, and the real estate market is less volatile than the stock market since housing is a basic need. Once life returns to normal, it is anticipated that the low inventory of available homes will protect and preserve home values.

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Pack 1967 News

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, kids were still in school and Pack 1967 held regular in person meetings... OK, so maybe it hasn't been that long ago, but sometimes it feels like it! Pack 1967 wishes everyone a safe and sane time in Kings Park West as we all work together to get through this.

But, before everything shut down, the Pack was busy as usual. On March 7, our Pack speed and show champions competed in the Patriot District Pinewood Derby. The District race included more than 170 Scouts from 17 different Packs in the area, and although the competition was stiff, our Pack had two Scouts who placed in the top three for their grades. Congratulations to Michael Kloman for winning second place in show for the Bears (third grade) and to Jack Szydlik for winning the Wolves' (second grade) speed championship!



Later, on March 7, we celebrated the accomplishments of our oldest Scouts (Arrow of Light; fifth grade) and wished them well as they began their Scouting adventures their new Scouts BSA Troop. While it is sad to see them go, we're proud of what they accomplished and can't wait to see what they do next.

Congratulations to Isaac Klontz (Troop 697), Andreas Wheeler (Troop 697), Max Lingenfelter, Sam Corley (Troop 1865), Chris Jones (Troop 1865), Evan Strawn (Troop 697), Sebastian Bezdicek (Troop 1966), and Shawn Shelby (Troop 1865). *(Continued on next page.)*



Pack 1967 News
Continued

Also in March, the Wolf and Bear Dens visited SunTrust Bank in Burke to learn about how interest works and to tour the bank. The Bears also spent a day learning how to fish at Lake Royal and even caught a fish!



The Scouts of Pack 1967 are continuing to work on their adventures through distance Scouting methods. Even though school is closed and we've stopped in-person meetings to be cautious, we're still working together remotely to learn about our environment and our community. If your child is interested in finding out more about Scouting, please join us at a Den meeting! If you have any questions or want to contact a Den Leader, we can be contacted at CubcScout.Pack.1967(at)gmail(dot)com.

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Invasive Species Profile: English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) Part 2

by Greg Sykes ([greg\(at\)grsykes\(dot\)com](mailto:greg(at)grsykes(dot)com))

[Part 1](#) of this series discussed English ivy, its invasive nature, and the problems it causes. Many people who have English ivy in their yard actually hate that “green wall of death” but are too daunted by the thought of removing an extensive patch. Furthermore, some people break out in a rash upon touching English ivy—much like an allergic reaction to poison ivy—even though the two species are unrelated! Clearing this weed is easy with some commitment. The basic strategy is:

1. Stop the spread. Cut the vines on anything the English ivy is climbing. This step is the very least everyone should do to prevent the ivy from producing seeds, killing trees, and damaging structures. Cutting and clearing ivy windows around trees from the ground to 3-4 feet up helps for easier spotting of any vines that still need severing. Everything above the slices will dry and die.

2. Pull up any expeditionary vines. These long vines straying from the main patch are

capable of expanding into a new patch. They come up easily. Get any root fragments as they can produce a new plant. Containing the patch is key.

3. Remove the patch, one section at a time. Hand-pulling and cutting vines with jab saws or gardening knives work the best. Attack a 1 foot by 2 foot section at a time, removing the roots along the way. Any missed roots (and we all miss some on the first pass) will start sprouting leaves, making them easier to spot and pull later. Use penetrating tools like a jab saw or dandelion remover to help tease out the little roots. Moving along the patch’s perimeter to whittle it down is more efficient than driving straight into the plot.

4. Monitor the site. After clearing a section, keep checking it for several months, digging up re-growths from any missed or fragmented roots. Pay special attention around the former patch’s perimeter, where vines are easily overlooked. Planting too early conceals English ivy re-emergences. Failing to monitor allows the English ivy to come back and retake the area within a few years.

5. Replant. After a section appears free of the English ivy infestation and residual roots, it is safe to replant, preferably with nice native species.

Fabulous native groundcovers that can substitute for English ivy include green and golds (*Chrysogonum virginianum*) and foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*). Wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*) thrives in shade and forms a lush, leafy carpet. Northern Virginia lacks native evergreen vines, which is a benefit given that additional foliage can exacerbate winter storm damage. (*Continued on next page.*)

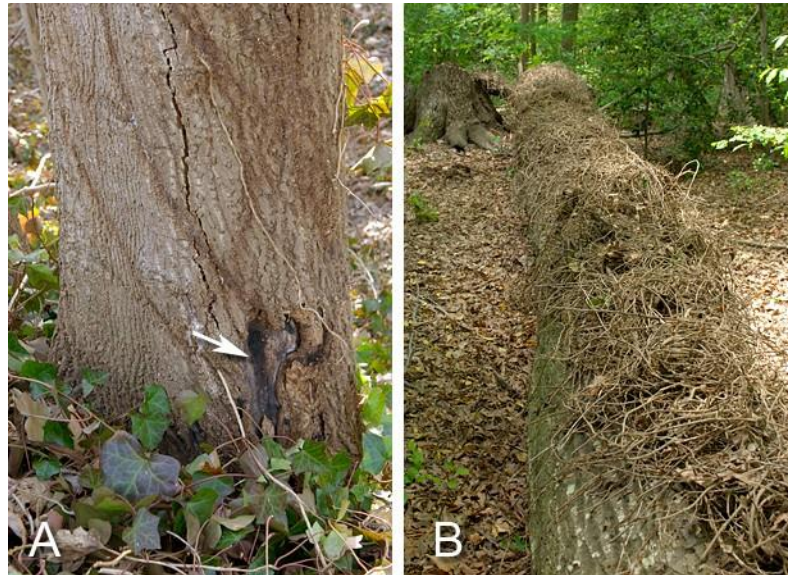


Figure 1. After cutting an English ivy window around this tree (A), the vine removal disclosed bark rot (arrow). This damage is often caused by the dense ivy trapping moisture. Large cracks in the bark run up the center. English ivy masks its damage so that a sick tree that needs to be cut down is more difficult to spot. Discoloration where the vines grew is harmless. Bundling vines into “nests” (B) and letting them “dry and die” above the soil (on a log here) is a good alternative to bagging and trashing non-fruiting ivy. Dead vines can be composted.

Invasive Species Profile: English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) Part 2

Continued

Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*) and trumpet or coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) are excellent vines native to Fairfax County. Pipevine (*Isotrema macrophylla*, previously called *Aristolochia macrophylla*), a Virginia mountain native, is another great vine worth considering, especially since it is the host plant where pipevine swallowtail caterpillars develop. A good native alternative exists for any location where English ivy grows.

Here are some simple “dos and don’ts” concerning English ivy:

- Bag all berries and fresh ivy debris for regular garbage pickup. Never send it out for recycling since it can survive an incomplete composting process. Add regular trash to the bag so that the sanitation engineers know it goes to the county incinerator.
 - Alternatively, if space is available, loosely bundle long vines into giant nests and allow them to dry on a log, patio, or other area where they lack soil contact. Keep them off of live bushes, which could get smothered by the piles. Dry and die time usually takes several months, depending on the temperature and humidity. Once completely dry, compost the husks. Always remove any fruits before doing a dry and die.
- Never dump any part of the ivy in natural areas as it grows new roots when touching moist soil.
- Do not try to mow it—mowing it does nothing to kill it.
- Do not use herbicides against English ivy. The waxy leaf protects it against many types of chemical treatments, so folks need excessive amounts of herbicides, which wastes money and is bad for the environment.
- To avoid a rash, the best precautions are to cover up, wear gloves, and then wash up after working with English ivy.

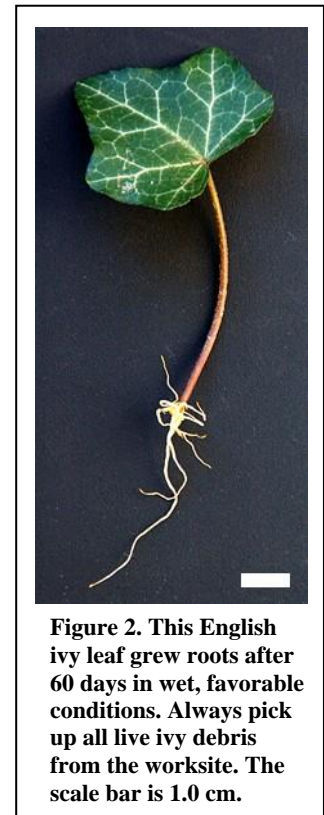


Figure 2. This English ivy leaf grew roots after 60 days in wet, favorable conditions. Always pick up all live ivy debris from the worksite. The scale bar is 1.0 cm.

Wiping out English ivy or any other invasive weed is easier and more efficient to do while the patch is small than waiting until it grows into a large tangle. When connecting properties all suffer English ivy overgrowths, an owner might dislike the weedy patch but does nothing about it, fearing that after the ivy’s removal, it will infiltrate back from a neighbor’s yard. Based on IMA plots, once the volunteers wiped out the ivy from parkland, around half of the neighbors removed the vines from their own property. When the owners left the weeds growing, an IMA volunteer simply monitors the property line once per year, pulling out any vines creeping onto parkland.

Do you see an English ivy patch in parkland and would love to wipe it out? Perhaps you would like more information about the IMA program or becoming a site leader. Please send an email to me at [greg\(at\)grsykes\(dot\)com](mailto:greg(at)grsykes(dot)com) letting me know.

kpw herald's list


 by cathy deloach

Social Distancing and Contractors Who You Gonna Call?

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- Roof repair/replacement.
- Landscape projects.
- Window washing (outside only).
- Deck sealing.
- Exterior painting.

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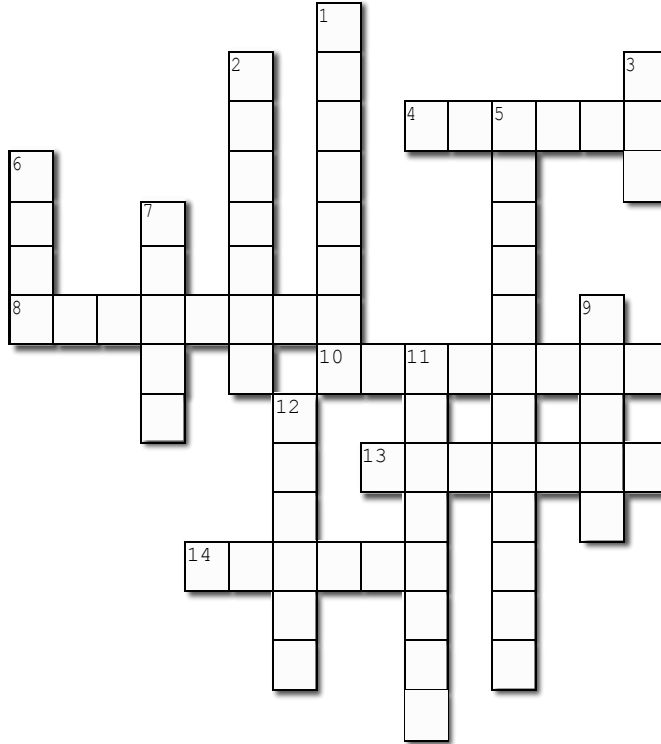
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Kings Park West Crossword

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Across

- 4. _____ after your pet!
- 8. What you might do to update an older home.
- 10. This is the neighborhood secondary school.
- 13. The grocery store at Twinbrooke Shopping Center.
- 14. The _____ newsletter (what you're reading!)

Down

- 1. _____ Day is when the trash bins come to us.
- 2. This is the county we live in.
- 3. Our neighborhood.
- 5. This long road winds through all the neighborhood.
- 6. This big woodland creature sometimes visits us.
- 7. Join one of the community _____ this summer!
- 9. _____ Lake
- 11. This is the district we live in.
- 12. _____ Mason University

Answer Key
 Across: 4: pick up; 8: renovate; 10: Robinson; 13: Safeway; 14: Herald
 Down: 1: Dumpster; 2: Fairfax; 3: KPW; 5: Commonwealth; 6: Bear; 7: Pools; 9: Royal; 11: Braddock; 12: George



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KPWCA Scholarship Application

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KPWCA Scholarship Committee PO Box 7114 Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114

**** NEW deadline/postmarked by: May 15, 2020 ****

The Kings Park West Civic Association will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to 2020 graduating seniors whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of the KPW Civic Association as of the deadline of the application, May 15, 2020.

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 additional questions (20%). This scholarship is open to seniors who are enrolling in a four-year college/university, two-year college, trade or technical training, or formalized Gap Year program.

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

- A. 1. Name _____
- 2. Address _____ Phone # _____
- 3. Email address: _____
- 4. Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
- 5. Parent Email _____
- 6. Name of High School _____
- 7. Self-Reported GPA: _____ Self-Reported ACT or SAT composite score: _____
- 8. Kings Park West member in good standing? Yes/No _____
- 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. Describe these activities and indicate your level and number of years of involvement, including leadership responsibilities.
- C. 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. Please attach the answers, **in 2-3 sentences**, to these additional questions:
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 - 2. Tell us something about yourself that makes you the proudest?
 - 3. What are some of the things others might say are your strengths?
- E. If you choose, attach information about financial hardships of which you wish the committee to be aware.

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

Signature of applicant

Signature of parent or guardian