



# The HERALD

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Kings Park West Civic Association

Hello KPW!

We are so happy to be providing you a printed version of the Herald. After a couple of months of electronic publications as part of our adaptation to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is nice to have our newsletter back in print.

The board and I hope you are well. We have adapted our routines to wearing face masks and social distancing. It is nice to see our three neighborhood pools are open. Scheduling a lap lane is a great way to cool off while getting good exercise. Also, after a long hiatus, I am happy to say that Park & Lake Clean Up will be held on August 29th.

On July 16th, we had our first ever Virtual Volunteer Appreciation Membership meeting on Facebook. I hope you had a chance to attend. It was a great opportunity to meet the community organizations that received a special pandemic donation from KPWCA. Also, our keynote speaker, Supervisor James Walkinshaw, gave us a Braddock District update and took general questions from attendees. Many thanks to our meeting hostess, Kaycie Blaylock, who did an awesome job in organizing this event!

It is always a pleasure for me to be part of the KPWCA appreciation meetings. While the COVID-19 pandemic caused us to rethink the meeting venue and shift to virtual, it certainly does not lessen the gratefulness to our membership. The board and I thank our members who give their time, talents, and funds to better our community. We had another successful year with well over 100 volunteers helping on a variety of community efforts with our eight committees and sponsored activities.

We have had several members who have a change in circumstances—they have moved, changed jobs, or have new opportunities that prevent them from continuing with their volunteer efforts. The Civic Association currently needs volunteers to help with the Membership Committee, which is the backbone of the Association. We are looking for a co-chair, data manager, data entry helpers, and block captains. Please consider helping!

The 2021 budget is published within this edition of the Herald. It is the recommendation of the board that the annual membership dues remain unchanged at \$25 to continue to provide the funds for the association programs. We are hopeful that our great community activities such as the spring egg hunt and fall Halloween festival will be back soon. Please refer to the article by Jim Mays, KPWCA Treasurer, within the Herald for the specifics and take a moment to look over the budget. *(Continued on page 3.)*

### Community Calendar

- Citizen Advisory Council.....September 1
- Labor Day.....September 7
- Herald Deadline.....September 9
- KPWCA Board Meeting.....September 15
- Autumn Begins.....September 22
- Herald Delivery.....September 26
- Herald Deadline..... September 30
- Membership Drive.....October 1

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Dumpster Day	Mary Hovland		
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<b>Special Activities</b>			
Spring Egg Hunt	Pack 1967		
Halloween Festival	Keith Jodoin		
Scholarships	Gayle Ostrom	scholarships@kpwca.org	(703) 323-0206

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How do I join the Kings Park West Civic Association?</b></p> <p>Send your name, address, and phone number, along with a check for \$25 to KPWCA, P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114, or visit kpwca.org and pay via PayPal. Members receive the Community Directory and support from community programs like Scholarship Awards, community school activities, parks and lakes clean-up, and a free subscription to The Herald.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Herald</b></p> <p>Published eight times a year by the KPWCA. Next deadline: September 9 for delivery on September 26. Note: Acceptance of articles and advertising does not constitute endorsement by the KPWCA, nor liability for products or services advertised in its publications. Subscriptions: If you are moving out of the neighborhood and want to keep in touch with community news, get a subscription. Send \$25 per year to: Kings Park West Civic Association, P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How do I advertise in The Herald?</b></p> <p><b>Classifieds:</b> Classified ads for the September issue must be received no later than September 9 to Gayle Ostrom, 4912 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032 or at 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 or \$40 per year (8 issues/35-word ad). Found items listed free.</p> <p><b>Advertisements:</b> Advertisements are received by Gayle Ostrom; please email classified@kpwca.org for rates.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How do I get my news in The Herald?</b></p> <p>The easiest way to get your news items in The Herald is to email the editor at 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 the KPWCA.</p>

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Membership Co-Chair: Kings Park West Civic Association needs your help!** A membership co-chair position is open, and we are looking for someone to help us! This is a shared effort in overseeing the annual membership campaign, which is held during the month of October. This volunteer will coordinate with the block captains, answer emails, prepare packets, and coordinate on data entry with a dedicated group of volunteers! Please consider getting involved and helping KPW. Interested? Questions? Please email [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org).

**Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) Trail Maintenance Volunteers:** Every three months, the FORL or 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:** *A few hours per month in the months leading up to the April and October clean-ups.* We are looking for 3-5 motivated members to help plan and organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups. Please contact Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:trmccook@gmail.com).

**Invasive Management Area:** *3 hours a few times per year.* Details at [grsykes.com](http://grsykes.com). Send an email to [greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com) and ask to be on the volunteer distribution list.

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We anticipate that the KPWCA Annual Fall Membership Meeting will be held virtually on **September 29, 2020**. Details will be given in the September Herald and on Facebook and Nextdoor. Please mark your calendar as we will review for approval the 2021 budget and elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary board positions. I encourage you to please attend (virtually).

Since this is my last August President's letter before my term ends next month, I wanted to appeal to the community for continued support through membership and volunteerism with KPWCA. Civic associations are all volunteer organizations that promote neighborly spirit by supporting and encouraging unified efforts to enhance the community and make it a better place to live. I am particularly proud of KPWCA's long history of over 50 years of community support and betterment.

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

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,  
Jeanmarie Roberson

# Kings Park West Real Estate Corner

by Cathy DeLoach



## KPW Market Gradually Slowing Down

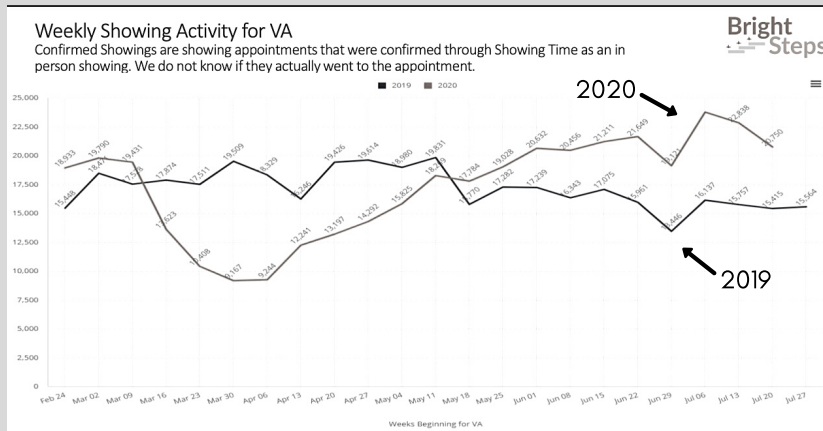
In an extremely atypical year, the market in Kings Park West is finally following normal, seasonal trends. After a slow start due to the shut down, activity picked up immensely with a lively late spring and summer selling season. Weekly showings, as noted in the chart below, continue to trend higher than 2019.

Overall, the number of 2020 transactions is down 24% YTD in our neighborhood. As of August 3, 2020, 43 Kings Park West home sales had been finalized. For the same period in 2019, 67 homes closed. However, the average sales price for 2020 is right around \$640,000. For the same time period in 2019, the average was closer to \$600,000. Low inventory is driving prices higher. Kings Park West homes, especially those meticulously prepared, continue to be very appealing to buyers.

## What are buyers looking for in Kings Park West?

Winding sidewalks, parks, pools, nearby schools – all of these features draw buyers to our neighborhood. But these days, savvy buyers are looking for special features that make staying home a little nicer.

Pandemic-friendly homes include home offices, ample space for schoolwork and projects, and outdoor living that makes going outside a destination. Consider some of these upgrades if you have some extra time and money on hand.



**KPWCA Board Offices Open for Nomination***Kaycie Blaylock*

During August and through September 15th, you can be a nominee (or nominate another KPWCA member) for the KPWCA board positions whose two-year terms will expire as of our September 15, 2020 meeting.

The nominees must be willing to serve the full term, act on behalf of and for the benefit of KPWCA and its members, and be approved by ballot by the members (or their proxies) present at the meeting.

The positions with vacancies are Board President, Board Secretary, and Board Treasurer. We are accepting nominations for four positions: Board President, Board Vice President, Board Secretary, and Board Treasurer.

To nominate yourself or someone else prior to the meeting, contact Kaycie Blaylock, Board Member At Large KPWCA, at boardmember2@kpwca.org, between now and September 15th, or submit the nomination virtually at the meeting.

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**Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) is Asking Everyone to “Let it Grow” and Obey the Law!***Sarah G. J. Lennon*

With apologies to Idina Menzel who sang “Let it Go” in the movie *Frozen*, we need people NOT to “...test the limits and break through...” because it is not true that there is “No right, no wrong, no rules for me.” [If you want a conservation-inspired giggle, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=726879071428961> or visit Samuel S. Lewis State Park on Facebook to watch “Let it Grow.”]

What do I mean by all of this? ***It is illegal to remove or cut down plants/trees on the Fairfax County Parks land without the express authorization of the Park Authority and is a legal misdemeanor offense.*** The rule is: the plants and animals in the parks stay in the parks and should not be damaged by humans. They should be left alone so they can grow and be enjoyed by the entire community. As you can see in another article in this Herald by Mary Boyer, IMA (invasive management area) volunteers can remove plants, but they have training and authorization from the Park Authority.

We have seen a recent up-tick in “social trails” that some residents are creating, to the extent that some trees were just downed earlier this month. In Royal Lake Park, some people cut into saplings (2-3 inches in diameter), which would be bad enough on its own. To make matters worse, however, the location of the tree felling was a pristine section of the park, one not troubled by invasive species yet. Habitats such as this need to be protected, not damaged by foot/bike traffic, which could track in invasive seeds and trash, not to mention the damage inflicted on wildlife and sensitive flora that tries to grow there. Park Authority experts have commented that most people destroy plants through ignorance of the law and, more importantly, not understanding the impact on the natural ecology.

Please watch for more information on upcoming activities on Facebook and Nextdoor. A FORL website should be launched next month, but you can “Like” us on Facebook right now! As always, you can email me at parks@kpwca.org or Paul Gross, President of FORL, at friendsofroyallake@gmail.com for more information, to share your expertise as a FORL volunteer, and to get on our mailing list. Thanks!

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**KPWCA FY21 Draft Budget**  
*James Mays, KPWCA Treasurer*

The KPWCA Board has prepared a draft FY21 budget for the October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 fiscal year (FY). The FY20 year has certainly been unique due to the COVID-19 situation.

The FY21 budget is based on the current FY20 budget income and expenses to date, with several adjustments:

- The KPWCA Directory is published every other year in odd FYs, so that expenditure will recur in FY21.
- This year's Common Grounds Maintenance Line had a one-time increase for the new message boards that is not in the FY21 budget.
- The Spring Dumpster Day was cancelled due to COVID-19, and it will probably not happen this fall, but it is in the planned budget in case conditions allow it.
- The Fall Halloween Festival was cancelled due to rain, and it will probably not happen this year, but it is still in the planned budget, just in case.
- Herald printing costs are down since the KPWCA will publish digital copies of the Herald until the parents of the children in the youth groups who pass it think it is safe to deliver the hard copy.
- The cost avoidance due to the pandemic resulted in a surplus, so the board solicited ideas on how to help our community. This resulted in \$3,500 in donations to the community pools, gift cards for counselors and social workers in the Robinson area to help families in distress, Food for Others, and other 501(C)(3) charitable organizations. The charities reported on their work during the KPWCA online Virtual Member/Volunteer Appreciation Meeting on July 16th, which can be viewed on the KPWCA Facebook page.
- The draft FY21 budget requires optional member donations and/or savings to help balance it, as it has in the past, but the shortfall will be also be reduced due to cost avoidance for activities that will probably be cancelled due to the pandemic.

The membership drive allows members to make voluntary donations for community interests. Optional member donations and their expenses are not part of the budget process. We put the optional donations into QuickBooks-restricted accounts and only spend the optional donations for what they are intended. This fiscal year, KPW Civic Association members generously donated to these activities:

Common Grounds Maint Donation	\$ 1,555.00
Halloween Fall Festival Donation	\$ 610.00
Herald Newsletter Donation	\$ 1,093.00
Parks and Lake Donation	\$ 2,385.00
Pools in Community Donation	\$ 693.00
Robinson Grad Party Donation	\$ 1,276.00
Scholarship Donation	\$ 1,258.00
Scout Packs and Troop Donation	\$ 864.00
Spring Egg Hunt Donation	\$ 429.00
Unrestricted Community Donation	\$ 2,910.00
Volunteer Fire/Rescue Donation	<u>\$ 4,716.00</u>
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$17,789.00</b>

The expenses in the accompanying table are provided to the end of July. Members that would like to see the FY20 end-of-year actuals and comment on the draft FY21 budget are encouraged to participate in the fall membership meeting in September. The online option for participating will be published in multiple places like the Herald, KPWCA web page, Facebook, and/or Nextdoor.

**Kings Park West Civic Association  
Monthly Board Budget Report  
FY19, FY20 (actual, October 2019-July 2020; and FY20 budget), and FY21**

	Past		Present		Future	
	FY 19 Actual		FY 20 Actual To Jul 2020		FY 21 Budget DRAFT	
	Oct '18 - Sep '19		Oct '19 - Jul '20		Oct '19 - Sep '20	
					Oct '20 - Sep '21	
<b><u>Income</u></b>						
Annual Member Dues	19,275.00	21,100.00	23,750.00	21,000.00		
Herald Classified Ads	906.50	544.00	700.00	700.00		
Herald Display Ads	7,335.00	6,480.00	8,500.00	8,000.00		
Herald Subscriptions	40.00	20.00	50.00	50.00		
Investment Income	6.74	404.93	10.00	200.00		
KPW Directory Ads-print odd FYs	870.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		
Other Income	0.00	717.50	0.00	0.00		
Savings/Optional Donations	0.00	0.00	2,715.00	7,340.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,433.24</b>	<b>29,266.43</b>	<b>35,725.00</b>	<b>37,790.00</b>		
<b><u>Expense</u></b>						
<b>Admin &amp; Misc Activities</b>						
Bank Charge	0.00	110.00	60.00	90.00		
BDC of Community Assoc Dues	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		
Insurance-D&O/General Liability	3,595.00	3,842.00	3,600.00	3,900.00		
Other Misc Expenses	353.06	3,640.00	200.00	180.00		
PayPal Fees	287.21	272.56	275.00	280.00		
State Corporate Registration	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		
Tax Prep & Filing Fees	99.00	99.00	100.00	100.00		
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	342.57	0.00	350.00	350.00		
<b>Total Admin &amp; Misc Activities</b>	<b>4,801.84</b>	<b>7,988.56</b>	<b>4,710.00</b>	<b>5,025.00</b>		
<b>Common Grounds Maint. Committee</b>						
Area Maintenance Contract	3,000.00	3,361.00	3,200.00	3,500.00		
Beautification & Gardening Grp	137.59	47.70	150.00	150.00		
Message Board Maintenance	16,800.00	347.41	100.00	100.00		
Utilities	165.23	137.02	180.00	180.00		
<b>Total Common Grounds Maint. Committee</b>	<b>20,102.82</b>	<b>3,893.13</b>	<b>3,630.00</b>	<b>3,930.00</b>		
<b>Herald Newsletter Committee</b>						
Herald Administrative Expense	10.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		
Herald Delivery-\$350/issue	2,800.00	1,400.00	2,800.00	2,800.00		
Herald Printing-8 issues	14,000.00	6,464.96	14,200.00	12,000.00		
<b>Total Herald Newsletter Committee</b>	<b>16,810.00</b>	<b>7,864.96</b>	<b>17,100.00</b>	<b>14,900.00</b>		
<b>Membership Committee</b>						
Admin Expenses	152.08	246.96	150.00	200.00		
Block Capt Appreciat'n-100 blks	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00		
Directory Printing-odd FYs, \$3K	3,080.75	0.00	0.00	3,200.00		
Welcome Package/Marketing	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		
<b>Total Membership Committee</b>	<b>3,232.83</b>	<b>246.96</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>		
<b>Standing Committees</b>						
Halloween Fall Festival Committ	2,496.00	712.69	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Parks and Lake Committee	202.16	46.47	300.00	200.00		
Scholarship Committee	2,050.00	3,000.00	3,050.00	3,050.00		
Spring Egg Hunt Committee	300.00	366.18	360.00	360.00		
Web and Social Media Committee	142.65	115.73	200.00	600.00		
<b>Total Standing Committees</b>	<b>5,190.81</b>	<b>4,241.07</b>	<b>6,910.00</b>	<b>7,210.00</b>		
<b>Support for Special Activities</b>						
Spring/Fall Dumpster Day	1,553.00	850.00	1,600.00	1,700.00		
Winter Holiday Decortng Contest	0.00	0.00	75.00	75.00		
Yard of the Month	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		
<b>Total Support for Special Activities</b>	<b>1,553.00</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>	<b>1,875.00</b>		
<b>Support for Youth Groups</b>						
Robinson HS Grad Party	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00		
Scout Packs and Troop	700.00	800.00	800.00	800.00		
<b>Total Support for Youth Groups</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>52,641.30</b>	<b>26,134.68</b>	<b>35,725.00</b>	<b>37,790.00</b>		
	<b>24,208.06</b>	<b>3,131.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		



*Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.  
–Muhammad Ali*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**  
**POST-QUARANTINE PARKS & LAKE CLEAN-UP**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 8-10AM**

**It's been almost a year since our last Parks & Lake clean-up due to the global pandemic. The Park Authority is now allowing volunteer groups to have workdays again. This is a fantastic opportunity to help protect our natural resources, meet some new neighbors (from 6 feet away!), have fun in the sun, and make our special corner of the world a better place in a small, local way!**

Clean-up teams will start at Royal Lake Park (by the tennis courts) and Lakeside\_Park (by the playground). A Sign-Up Genius will be used to eliminate the need for sign-ins on the day of the clean-up; it will be posted on Facebook and Nextdoor.

We ask that everyone practice appropriate social distancing and wear face coverings (mask/bandana) if social distancing isn't possible. Gloves are strongly encouraged.



**The Parks & Lakes Committee is looking for new faces to help plan /organize twice-a-year clean-ups. We value *YOUR* ideas to make the clean-ups successful, fun, and inviting!**

***For more information on volunteering with the KPW Parks & Lake Committee or Friends of Royal Lake (FORL), please contact Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjlennon@gmail.com).***

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

**Burke Historical Society: *Images of America—Burke***



In late 2018, Arcadia Publishing, creator of the popular *Images of America* series, expressed an interest in publishing a book about Burke as a part of this series and contracted with the Burke Historical Society to produce it. Innumerable volunteer hours went into the production of this book. Numerous volunteers were involved in gathering, scanning, and cataloging vintage photographs; writing copy; page layout; editing; proofreading; and planning for marketing.

The end result is a snapshot of the history of Burke and its surrounding area. *Images of America—Burke* features 190 photographs, many of which are from private collections and have never been published. *Images of America—Burke* (published on August 10, 2020) can be purchased from the publisher at <https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467105408>.

The Burke Historical Society (BHS) is composed of people with an interest in preserving and learning about the area’s history, including the history of its people, its places, and its personalities. BHS is incorporated in Virginia as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For more information about BHS, check our website <https://burkehistoricalsociety.org/> and Facebook page. We can be contacted at [burkehistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:burkehistoricalsociety@hotmail.com).

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## “Shanes Creek” is Official!

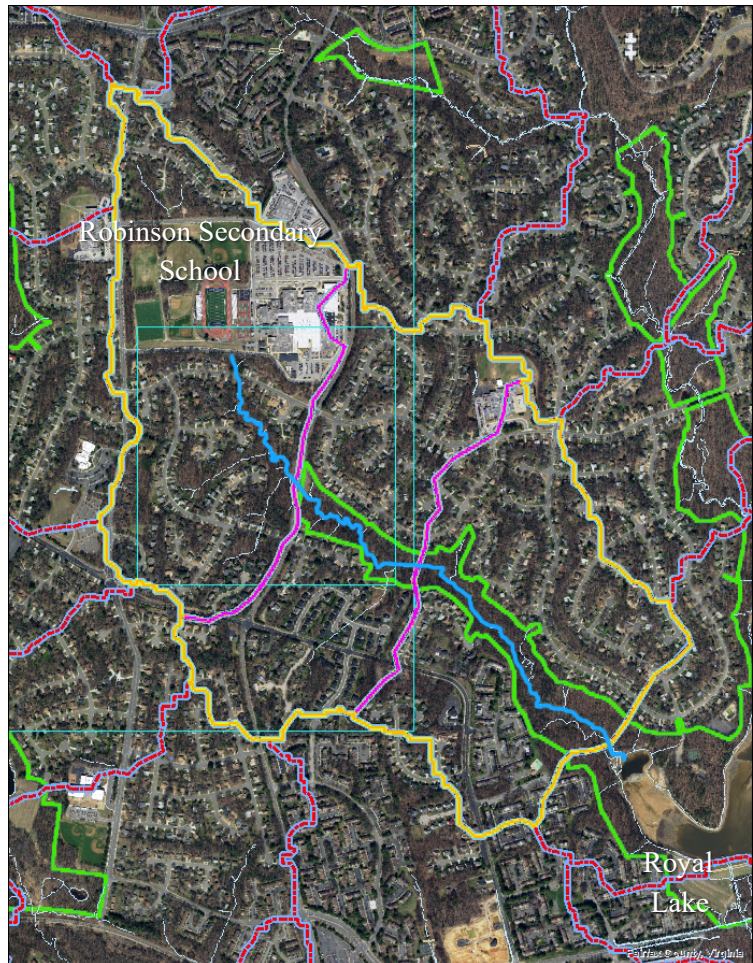
Greg Sykes ([greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com))

In the April 2019 article *The Naming of Shanes Creek*, we learned how a stream was christened after John McAnaw’s beloved Irish Setter. The moniker Shanes Creek is so prolifically used that many locals simply accepted it. This name helps identify the two major Royal Lake tributaries—the second and longest one being Rabbit Branch.

A major section of Shanes Creek is scheduled for stream restoration to fix problems caused by artificial factors, such as impervious surfaces and degraded or destroyed riparian buffers. Without naturally absorptive landscapes, the unimpeded stormwater eroded and continues carving out much of the stream banks. In addition to the physical damage, pollutants carried by the runoff contaminate the waterways. Shoring up the stream, a task falling under Fairfax County’s Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), will help reduce sediment accumulation in Royal Lake and improve this waterway’s health. More information about this project: [http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/90\\_2019-04.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/90_2019-04.pdf). The initial restoration draft was called “Fairfax County Watershed Projects, Rabbit Branch at Collingham Drive Pre-Concept Plan.”

Wait a minute—“Rabbit Branch at Collingham Drive?” What happened to “Shanes Creek?” Officially, this waterway is a tributary to Rabbit Branch. It is not formally a Royal Lake tributary because these designations pre-date Royal Lake’s creation with a dam placement shortly downstream of the Rabbit Branch and “Shanes Creek” junction. Time to make “Shanes Creek” an official name!

A process to naming or renaming natural geographical features (e.g., waterway, lake, mountain) is through the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN), which is part of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Artificial objects, such as roads, buildings, and bridges, fall under different naming procedures that are outside of this article’s scope. The first step is to research any name already given to that feature. In this case, the creek had more of a designation than a true name. *(Continued on page 13.)*



**Figure 1.** This image shows Shanes Creek, some of its tributaries, and the perimeter of its watershed. The map also features other tributary watersheds and park boundaries. Image courtesy of Fairfax County.

(Continued from page 12.) The new name must meet certain criteria, such as it needs to have community significance, cannot be named after someone living or within five years of death, and that person must have a marked connection to the feature.

The online application covers many aspects of the natural feature and its proposed name, such as:

- what it is (a stream)
- its description (starts at Robinson Secondary School at 38.815349, -77.304971 and flows southeast to 38.804546, -77.292119 for Royal Lake or 38.801908, -77.288558 for the currently submerged Rabbit Branch intersection)
- any existing names (the Rabbit Branch Tributary)
- administrative information (passes through HOA land, most of the area is owned by Fairfax County and overseen by agencies within the county)

Perhaps more important arguments to accepting the name change are in the supporting documents. When a colloquial name has a good history and enjoys broader use, the board considering the name request gives it stronger merit. In this case, the supporting documents contained the previously mentioned “Naming of Shanes Creek” article, which offers a historical perspective. John McAnaw’s obituary mentions Shanes Creek (misspelled with an apostrophe) and discusses John’s community service including several decades heading the KPW Parks & Lakes Committee. The application had a photograph of Shane’s tombstone, who is interred in the Noah’s Ark section of the National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA. An invitation to nearby residents from the DPWES to meetings and field tours of the proposed stream restoration work made a reference to “the area locally known as Shanes Creek,” which shows the name usage in an official government document. Finally, to be clear about the waterway in question, a map was provided with the creek’s course outlined.

Several months after submitting this application, the USBGN reconvened and approved Shanes Creek’s name, making it now official! It is currently in the national geographic names repository at [https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=138:3:::NO::P3\\_FID,P3\\_TITLE:2805413,Shanes%20Creek](https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=138:3:::NO::P3_FID,P3_TITLE:2805413,Shanes%20Creek). Everyone involved agreed that naming this waterway was a wonderful way to celebrate John McAnaw’s community contribution and legacy.

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## Do Not Disturb or Remove Plants Within Fairfax Parks!

*MaryAnne Boyer*

It is against park rules and laws to disturb or remove plants unless authorized to do so by the park management.

As a volunteer Fairfax County Invasive Management (IMA) site leader, I am gratified to clear invasive plants from Royal Lake Park. When these invasive weeds are removed, we can replant with native species. IMA, which has a very limited budget, buys plants in spring and fall from Earth Sangha, a nonprofit. Earth Sangha grows regional plants from seed and sells them to the public. Sometimes, I buy the plants from them myself—a good way to donate to the park, and Earth Sangha also donates additional plants. This work has many benefits, including providing resources for wildlife, improving water quality, and stemming erosion.

IMA volunteers spend hours clearing invasive plants including forbs, vines, shrubs and trees. Only then can we reforest with native plants. We have to keep new plants watered during the summer using buckets from the lake. After all this hard work, we are happy to see a crop of beautiful native plants that hikers and others who pass by can enjoy. We were devastated recently to see that a cardinal flower (pictured here) that we cared for and that others photographed was dug up and stolen. Equally saddening is when neighbors, who knew the property lines and were aware of the habitat restoration that involved an Eagle Scout project, deliberately encroached this spring and summer and repeatedly mowed over the new plantings.



Recently, I found someone in the park cutting Christmas fern fronds for her church altar. Ferns and other plants should not be cut or taken from the park. Plants are there for everyone, including the wildlife, to enjoy. Please help us keep the parks beautiful. Thank you!



# kings park west herald's list

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by cathy deloach

As the school year fast approaches, families are scrambling to set up the "school at home" environment that will maximize their children's academic success with minimal disruption to home life. Do you have a great home classroom area? Any programs that worked well during the spring? Are you anticipating the need for a tutor?

Please share your ideas on the Kings Park West Herald's List page on Facebook!

*Classroom Design*



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## Pack 1967 News

Pack 1967 hopes everyone is healthy and happy. Being at home makes life a little different these days, but the Scouts of Pack 1967 and their families are making do and hope you and your family are as well.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the National Capital Area Council Scouting organization encouraged Scouts of all ages to stay home and be Scout-safe throughout the crisis. The Council created a special award called the “Scouting at Home 2020 Award” to recognize the unique challenge this presents to our Scouts and their families and to encourage them to live the Scout Oath and Law even when typical Scouting activities are disrupted.

Cub Scout Pack 1967 heard this call and developed a robust program of socially distant activities to further promote scouting during the summer. First, Pack 1967 established a “Summer Adventure Club” open to Cub Scouts of all ages. Club participants completed virtual National Park Service Junior Ranger programs, served their community, and participated in fun STEM activities (including a marshmallow-shooter competition!). Each week had a different theme. For eight weeks, Scouts and guests would participate in an interactive, virtual meeting on Monday, complete a variety of fun and educational activities during the week, and then meet again on Thursday to share their experiences. The Summer Adventure Club had an average of 28 participants for each week of the program. Through their participation and completion of activities, the Scouts could earn up to four patches: one for each type of activity and one summer bucket list patch for doing at least one of each!



In addition, Cub Scout Pack 1967 offered three NOVA Award programs during the summer to Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and AOLs. Through these programs, Cub Scouts learned how math affects their lives each day, explored the wonders of archaeology, and learned about computer coding. Finally, the Pack hosted several fun Pack events, including a virtual ice cream social and virtual campout.



Scouts were encouraged to “bring a friend” to all of these events, and Pack 1967 worked closely with Pack 1968 to ensure all Cub Scouts in Kings Park West had the opportunity to participate in the Summer Adventure Club and NOVA Award programs.

Even though 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, join us at a Den meeting (once they restart!) 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).





# Boy Scout Troop 1966 Fairfax, VA



## Fall Mulch Sale

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**KPWCA Scholarship Winners Say Thank You**

Dear Kings Park West,

I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am to have received one of the 2020 Kings Park West Civic Association scholarships. In the fall I will attend Pepperdine University where I plan to major in Nutritional Science with a minor in Spanish. This scholarship has lightened my financial burden and will allow me to focus on the most important aspect of school—learning! Growing up in Kings Park West has benefitted me in so many ways. Most recently, I was touched by the extraordinary amount of support shown at the parade honoring high school seniors. I have also been blessed by the neighborhood pools. Since joining the Lakeview Swim Team as a child, I have discovered a deep love for athletics and a passion for volunteer work. Having lived in this neighborhood for eighteen years, my fondest memories and lifelong friends are all here. Kings Park West is my home and has made my formative years special. Leaving for college will be bittersweet, but I am already looking forward to visiting! Thank you again for your generosity. A scholarship means more to me than just financial assistance. Your support and recognition motivate me to accomplish great things this upcoming year.

Warmest regards,  
Claire Burton

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Dear Kings Park West Civic Association and members,

I would like to take this opportunity to express deep gratitude for your generosity in awarding me the Kings Park West Civic Association Scholarship. I am very grateful that I have been raised in such a positive community that has allowed me to grow in different aspects of my life. When participating in neighborhood activities, I have always admired our community's ability to work together especially during difficult times. For instance, this year during the pandemic my graduating class was not able to participate in a traditional graduation, however, this neighborhood stepped up by allowing our class to have a graduation parade. I cannot express how much that parade meant to me and my classmates. The amount of people who were outside and cheering for the class of 2020 was astounding. The strong sense of community I felt during that day represents what makes our neighborhood so special. I am so proud to have called Kings Park West my home for the past 18 years, and I hope to find a similar community as I move on in my life.

Thank you so much!  
Natalie Shannon

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Dear Kings Park West Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for awarding me with your generous 2020 Kings Park West Community Association Scholarship. I am very grateful and appreciative of the support as I continue my education at the College of William and Mary in the fall. This scholarship will greatly help me as I study neuroscience, with the goal of becoming a physical therapist.

The Kings Park West Community has been a great place to grow up throughout the 13 years I have lived here. I have had fantastic teachers, coaches, and role models growing up in such a caring community. I have especially enjoyed the friendships I have formed through the many activities the neighborhood has provided.

Thank you again!  
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