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Kings Park West Civic Association

Hey Neighbors!

It's spring... Hooray for sunny days and warmer weather!

As folks start to use the parks more in the spring weather, please consider doing your part to keep the parks and trails clean and in good condition. You (and family members) could (1) do your own mini clean-up by picking up trash as you see it in your corner of the community; (2) join a KPWCA-sponsored Parks & Lake clean-up, or (3) participate in the quarterly Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) trail maintenance workday April 30. More information can be found on the KPWCA or FORL websites (www.kpwca.org and www.friendsofroyallake.org), as well as Facebook and NextDoor.

Last year's revamped Spring Egg Hunt was such a hit with the community that we're going to reprise and revise for a whole new experience! Hopefully your calendars are already marked for the KPWCA Eggstravaganza on April 10 (rain date April 16) at Laurel Ridge Elementary School. Huge shout-out to the Mary & Cathy team for partnering with the Civic Association and Cub Scout Pack 1967 again! See separate article on this further on in this Herald.

As always, I love to hear from neighbors, so feel free to reach out to me at president@kpwca.org.

See you around the neighborhood!

Sarah G.J. Lennon
President, KPWCA

Community Calendar

- Herald Delivery – March 26, 2022
- Herald Content Deadline – April 6, 2022
- Spring Egg-stravaganza – April 10, 2022
- Passover begins – April 15, 2022
- Easter – April 17, 2022
- KPWCA Board Meeting – April 19, 2022
- Herald Delivery – April 30, 2022
- RL Trail Maintenance – April 30, 2022
- KPW Community Yard Sale – May 7, 2022
- Spring Dumpster Day – May 14, 2022



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Community Vision for Royal Lake Parks

by Paul Gross

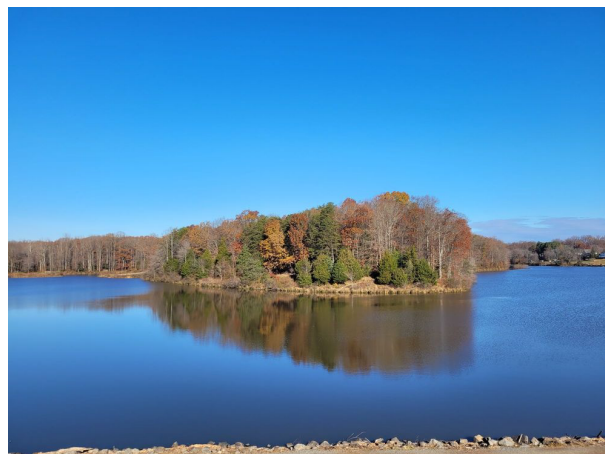
The Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) want to share some reasons why FORL was created and why it is important to all.

FORL has several purposes. Many of you may be familiar with FORL's coordination of volunteer efforts in the parks, such as quarterly trail maintenance, trash cleanups, and removal of invasive plants. These efforts provide all of us the opportunity to enhance the parks that we use.

Another equally important purpose of FORL is to advocate for the community concerning Royal Lake Parks to strengthen the parks' programs and facilities to benefit the community.

Our advocacy is most effective when we come together as a community. In 2018, we did just that when the FORL put together a comprehensive community vision plan for Royal Lake Parks. The vision plan provided a roadmap of proposed maintenance and capital improvement projects. What made the vision plan so important was the community participation in its development that highlighted what people liked about the parks, how they used them, and what the community wanted to see improved. The community's comments were gathered through a survey and several community discussion forums and wrapped up with a meeting for community-wide consensus.

We then presented the vision plan to the Park Authority and other county officials, including past and present Braddock District supervisors. Our plan was favorably accepted, and quite a bit has been accomplished since completing and issuing the vision plan.



Royal Lake Community Vision Plan Update:

We now want to build on successful park enhancements. In the FORL leadership's estimation, it is time for an updated vision plan. For the first step, we are preparing a new survey that we anticipate releasing in April. We encourage every park patron to complete the survey.

Following the survey, we will schedule several community-wide meetings to present survey results and gain additional inputs for the new vision plan. For the meetings, we will also invite park and county officials to discuss key issues.

The survey and upcoming meetings will be your opportunity to express your views and discuss them with others in our community. Please look for upcoming announcements (emails, www.friendsofroyallake.org, facebook.com/friendsofroyallake, and Nextdoor) about how you can participate in developing a vision for enhancing the Royal Lake parks.

Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) Trail Maintenance Volunteers:

Approximately every three months, the FORL organizes a morning when neighborhood volunteers work to improve problem areas on the trails around the lake. See the graphic announcement elsewhere in this issue for more information about the upcoming workday on **Saturday, April 30.**

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by cathy deloach

We are changing the name of the KPW Herald's List, and need your help! Maintaining and loving our homes involves so much more than just hiring contractors. We seek advice on all sorts of home topics, and think our group name should reflect this!

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Last month, our contest prize was free smoke detector testing and assessment.

Congratulations to our winner, Kimberly Sanders!

Bamboo in Royal Lake Area

Tom McCook

As many of our neighbors know, “running bamboo” is a wicked, invasive grass that will continue to grow and advance through a strong root and rhizome system. The Civic Association teamed up with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) to tackle a large area of rampant bamboo growth in the Shane’s Creek area that feeds Royal Lake.

It was a great effort and significantly improved the Royal Lake watershed and nearby environment!

Your contributions to the KPWCA Parks and Lake Fund made this project happen—thank you! We removed over 5,000 square feet of bamboo growing in our neighborhood parkland.

KPWCA worked with FCPA to remove this bamboo; there is just too much bamboo growing throughout the county park system to eradicate individual areas. Once KPWCA was willing to fund the initial removal efforts, FCPA will fund the remaining years of effort to complete eradication via chemical treatments.

In the pictures, you can see the dramatic improvement in the parks. FCPA contracted for the IMA services with KPWCA funding for bamboo cutting and clearing efforts; then, a team of over 20 FCPA

and KPWCA volunteers worked together to move this cut bamboo to dumpsters.

BEFORE



AFTER



Shanes Creek Restoration Project: “Pardon Our Dust” Meeting

Paul Gross

Over the past several years we have written about the restoration project of Shanes Creek. After a lot of analysis and planning, the construction of the project will start in April.

The purpose of this project is to restore the natural channel and outfall of Shanes Creek. Restoration objectives include stream stabilization, water quality improvement, aquatic and riparian habitat enhancement, and reconnection of the channel to its floodplain. This is part of an overall effort to improve the conditions of the Chesapeake Bay.

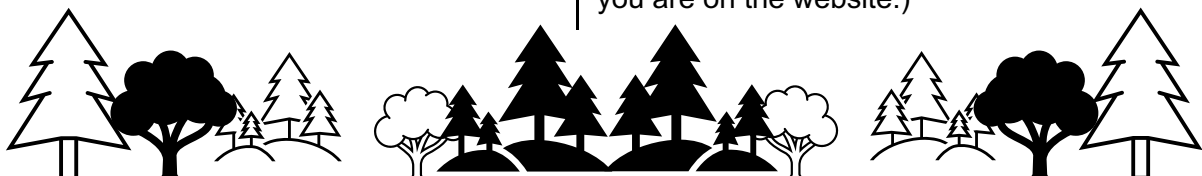
Want to find out more? The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is having a virtual “Pardon our

Dust — Shanes Creek” meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You can participate in the meeting in one of two ways:

- Go to the Fairfax County website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/rabbit-branch-tributary-restoration-project-collingham-drive to join on your computer or mobile app
- Call in (audio only) at 571-429-5982 (conference ID: 955 0550268#).

The website is a good source of information on the project. (Please note the project is officially called Rabbit Branch Tributary at Collingham Drive when you are on the website.)



2022 Eggstravaganza

Mike Stonkey, KPWCA Vice President

The Kings Park West Civic Association has teamed up with the Mary and Cathy Team at Long and Foster to bring you the 2022 Eggstravaganza!

Come out and celebrate spring with your neighbors in Kings Park West at the 2022 Eggstravaganza.

When: Sunday, April 10, 2 4 p.m.

(Rain Date: Saturday, April 16, 2 to 4 p.m.)

Where: Laurel Ridge Elementary School and Kings Park West

This year will be a bit of the old and a bit of the new. KPWCA Sponsored Cub Scout Pack 1967 will be running the Easter Egg Hunt for kids under the age of 5 at Laurel Ridge and games for all ages including an Egg Roll and Egg Dash.

Of course, everyone's favorites from last year—the Captain Cookie and Kona Shaved Ice Truck—will return courtesy of the Mary and Cathy Team. There might even be a surprise appearance of the Easter Bunny!

However, the excitement will continue through the neighborhood with the "Chick or Treat" Maps available at the Eggstravaganza tables in front of Laurel Ridge. Check out Chick or Treat houses decorated in Kings Park West Eggstravaganza Style that will be handing out candy for the kids. Vote for your favorite house—the top 3 will receive a prize provided by the Mary and Cathy Team. The deadline to be added to the Chick or Treat map and contest is April 3.

So, mark your calendars, get your best egg skills on... and come out to say hi to your neighbors and have some fun!

PLEASE JOIN FRIENDS OF ROYAL LAKE FOR VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Saturday, April 30
9 AM - noon



Meeting location as well as what to bring will be announced as the date approaches. Check <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer> and Facebook: @FriendsOfRoyalLake and signs that will be posted around the lake.

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We Need Chick or Treat Houses! You Could Win \$100!

Sign up to be a featured **Chick or Treat House** for the KPW EggStravaganza on Sunday, April 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Decorate your home and have candy to hand out to the kids. Neighbors will vote for the best decorated homes, and the top three vote earners will win \$100, courtesy of **The Mary & Cathy Team!**

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KPW Community Member Spotlight: David C.

By Aziza Bayou

“I’ve lived here long enough to watch the trees grow from 10 feet to 40 feet,” says David C., a nearly lifelong KPW community member. David grew up in KPW and now lives with his own family in the house he grew up in, where his parents first moved in 1974.

David has always felt connected to our natural environment. He spent idyllic childhood days exploring the stream that fed into Royal Lake, enjoying our verdant surroundings. David recalls that when he was growing up, a section of stream ran near his home, through a large landholding that was developed in the mid-1980s into another area of KPW homes (in the vicinity of Bronte Drive and Guinea Road).

He and his friends played near the stream, pole vaulting across it, digging for crawfish in their little red clay ball nests, and straining the creek water in search of tadpoles. They loved climbing trees, and in wintertime, they enjoyed sledding near the lake. To this day, David remains close with some of those neighborhood friends.

Occasionally at night, David and a friend would go “frogging” down at the lake. With a child’s desire to hold elusive animal life, they would stun the frog by shining a flashlight in its eyes, pick it up, and become acquainted with the nightlife, curiosity briefly sated.

David is a multitalented KPW resident. He is a high school English teacher, a musician and songwriter who has played in multiple bands, and fitness instructor. His children have enjoyed many of the same activities and places: David grew up attending

Commonwealth Pool (when Commonwealth Blvd. was still unpaved) and still does. Some of his most cherished memories of summers in KPW involve swim team events there. He also played peewee soccer in the KPW league.

When David was growing up in the late 1970s, the local “Bunnyman” legend was in its heyday. Sometimes he and his friends would be playing, and someone would call out “Bunnyman!” and it would scatter the group. They all went running, exhilarated by the incantation. He recalls that during one of those escape-game times, he sliced his calf on barbed wire and still has the scar.

When asked if there is anything he would change about our community, David responded: “Make silent leaf blowers.” Sometimes their unwelcome cacophony rings throughout the neighborhood on peaceful weekend mornings.

David appreciates how friendly our neighborhood is and how many neighbors are willing to help one another out. When asked his advice to newer residents, he suggested checking out some of our fantastic locally owned restaurants (he and his family enjoy Korean BBQ in Annandale) and taking in some live music at places like Jammin’ Java, The Birchmere, 9:30 Club, Wolf Trap, and the Kennedy Center.

David’s take on what it means to live well in KPW? “Eat well, get lots of exercise, sleep well, be outside, hold hands with my wife, and talk to my neighbors.”



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Spring Clean-Up Events

Tom McCook

Neighbors,

We have had two great winter clean-ups working the Crooked Creek & Rabbit Branch parks and part of the Royal Lake watershed. Thank you to the 12 people at MLK Day and—wow!—37 volunteers at President’s Day! It was a relatively warm and very beautiful February Monday.

Our continuing spring plans are Road Raiders in March and Earth Day clean up in April.

Earlier in March, we did some work to improve the Fairfax Family cemetery and entrance to the soccer fields from Richardson Dr.



April 23, Earth Day, 9 to 11 a.m.: We will have two teams to clean the lake and surrounding parklands. We’ll meet at both Lakeside Park (off Pommeroy and Bronte) and Royal Lake Park (off Gainsborough). I hope you can support this effort!

CommonwealthSwimClub.org
Join the family fun this summer!

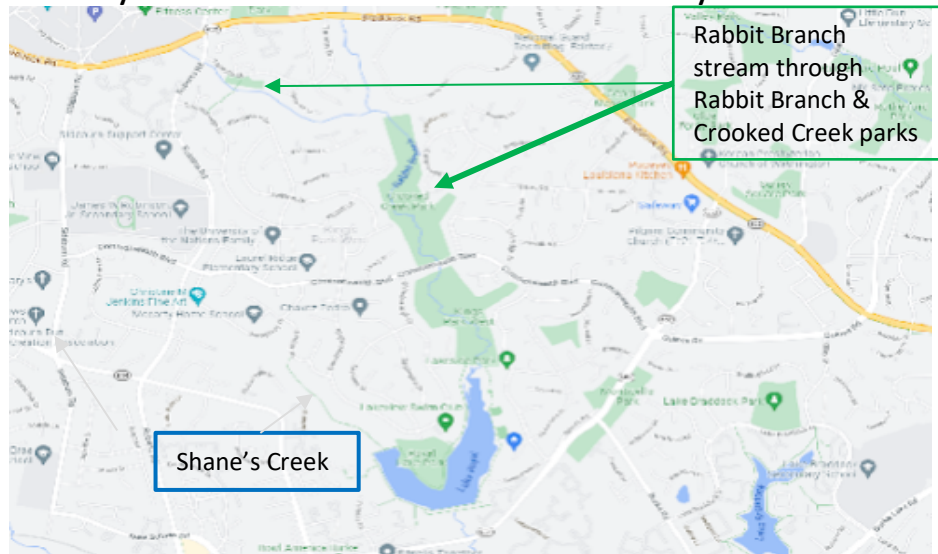


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- ❖ Columbus Day: Clean-up the lower portion of Shane's Creek area: Completed in 2021
- ❖ November 1 (FCPS fall break): Clean up the "upper portion" of Shane's Creek: Completed in 2021
- ❖ MLK Day: Clean up Rabbit Branch Park (off Tapestry Dr.): Completed in 2022
- ❖ President's Day: Clean up the Crooked Creek Park (off Commonwealth Blvd): Completed in 2022
- ❖ **Earth Day (April 23)**: Clean up Royal Lake (meet at Lakeside and Royal Lake parks)

Each of these activities will improve the environment, our local parks and Royal Lake. We will meet at 9 a.m. for two hours of dedicated actions to beautify our environment.

Neighbors of all ages can participate. This is a great opportunity to clean-up and support the Royal Lake park system. We look forward to your support!

Students and Scouts: This is a great opportunity for community support and service hours reporting.

Gold Star and Eagle Scout candidates: Are you looking for a project? Let's get together and plan a project to support our parks and community.

Questions? Contact Tom McCook, 703.839.5205. kpwordraiders@gmail.com. You can also email to join the KPWCA Parks & Road Raiders information list.

The Scented Garden

By Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

Folks select landscape and garden plantings for different reasons, such as beautification, preventing erosion, help pollinators, and entice wildlife. Some species offer an added benefit of lofting wonderful aromas, i.e., they are detected from short distances and not just directly sniffing the blossom. This article features four Virginia natives with staggered bloom periods so that when planted together, each adds fragrancy to the yard throughout much of the growing season. The flowering times are what Northern Virginia residents can expect but may shift according to the predominant weather patterns during that year. Whereas artificial fragrances, especially perfumes and colognes, may trigger headaches in people, folks prone to migraines generally like the odors emitted from the plants listed here without adverse reactions.

found throughout eastern Virginia from Stafford County down to the North Carolina boarder.

Picking up where summersweet left off, late boneset blooms in the first month of meteorological autumn: late August through mid-September. Officially called *Eupatorium serotinum*, the stalks may exceed 6 feet, topped by large clusters of tiny, white flowers. Those flowers fill the air with a delicious honey aroma. As do many other aster species, the blooms attract multitudes of pollinating insects—from majestic monarch butterflies to nearly microscopic bees. “Boneset” is a name shared amongst several related meadow plants that were falsely believed to help heal broken bones.

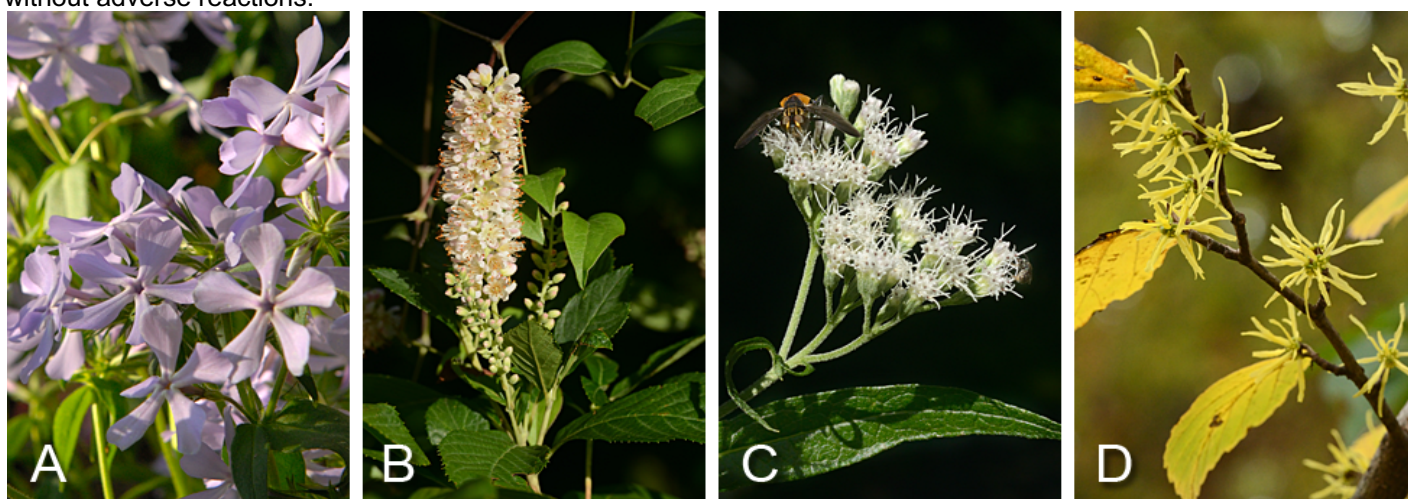


Figure 1- Scented Virginia natives include A) woodland phlox, B) summersweet, C) late boneset, and D) witch hazel. Some of these images also show the pollinators attracted to these plants.

By mid-April, woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*) is out in full bloom. It prefers woodland environments with shade to partial sun. Its alternative common name, wild blue phlox, indicates the color though it comes in varying intensities and hues, from purple tones to nearly white. The fragrance is gentle; planting them throughout the yard intensifies the collective floral smells. Woodland phlox grows low so it can be added next to walkways and give passers by a whiff. It spreads both vegetatively and by seed.

True to its common name, summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) infuses the air with a strong, sweet essence from late July to mid-August. Pollinators gravitate to the cream-colored flowers. Though some wild type specimens have slight blushing, the ‘Ruby Spice’ cultivar has pink blossoms. Planting wild types whenever possible helps preserve the species’ genetic diversity. Reaching 5-10 feet high, this bog bush prefers wet soil with full sun (perfect for rain gardens) but can do well in drier, partial shade areas. Once established, the roots send out suckers. Also called sweetpepperbush for the fruits’ appearance, it is the only one listed here that is non-native to Fairfax County, but is

American witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) is one of the last natives to flower. Its spindly yellow blossoms open around mid-October. As the petals blend with witch hazel’s golden autumn foliage, the unique floral smell announces the buds are opening. The flowers become more visually conspicuous when they remain on the branches long after the leaves drop. Bloom time lasts through much of November and sometimes into early December. On windless days, the delicate fragrances are detectable 100 feet away from a single blooming tree. In the wild, these small trees populate forest understories. Tinctures and extracts made from witch hazel date back to the American Indians and are still used today.

Creating a native scented garden is more than planting species that sport aromatic flowers. Foliage and bark add wonderful smells. Unlike blossoms that emit volatile compounds on their own, leaves must be rubbed or brushed against and bark scraped to release those odor chemicals. It makes yard work around these plants smell delicious, especially around short-toothed mountain mint and spicebush! Mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*) grows in many different soil and light

conditions, thriving in native meadows to forest edges. Its stalks reach 2-3 feet tall. The pale, sea green to emerald leaves may be used to flavor simple syrups. It can spread through rhizomes but lacks peppermint’s aggressive growth.

Reaching 15 feet in forest settings, spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) has small, yellow flowers in the spring that are a footnote compared to its stunning golden fall foliage and scarlet fruits. Historically, people consumed zesty parts of spicebush, for instance, making teas from the leaves and bark or substituting powdered fruits for allspice. Both spicebush and mountain mint are predominantly deer-resistant while offering other species nourishment, such as the many pollinators attracted to the mint flowers. Birds and some mammals eat spicebush fruits while the spicebush swallowtail (*Papilio troilus*) caterpillars munch on these leaves and those of sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*).

In addition to enhancing the landscape with scents, planting any or all of these species brings a visual impact, too! Watch the way these plants give a helping hand to local wildlife through food resources and habitat. Sit back and enjoy the smell of sweet success!!

Figure 2 - Spicebush (A, in autumn) and mountain mint (B, in summer with a potter wasp) are two species with scented leaves and bark or stems. Their twigs or dried husks retain the odor compounds throughout winter and add aromas to the garden year-round



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KPW Real Estate Corner
by Cathy DeLoach



Selling "As Is" May Be A Mistake...

Two recent transactions were quite eye-opening regarding the desire for "move in ready" properties in today's real estate market. Both were Kings, one with a finished basement and one with an unfinished basement. Logically, one would expect the finished

basement King to sell for a higher price. However, the finished basement showed evidence of water damage which had not been repaired prior to listing, the floors looked like they needed some attention, and the house wasn't staged. This property was listed at \$725,000 but closed at \$657,000 with \$7,000 in seller subsidies for a total of \$75,000 **below** list.

In the other King, the basement was unfinished but tidy, and the house was staged and overall well-presented. It was listed at \$675,000 but sold for \$751,000, \$76,000 **over** list! This King with an unfinished basement sold for **\$101,000 more** than the poorly presented finished basement King!

Buyers are willing to pay more for move in ready homes, especially if they feel well-maintained. Fix problems before listing! Even with the low inventory of available homes for sale noted in our area and nationwide, buyers are willing to pay a premium to avoid a fixer-upper scenario.



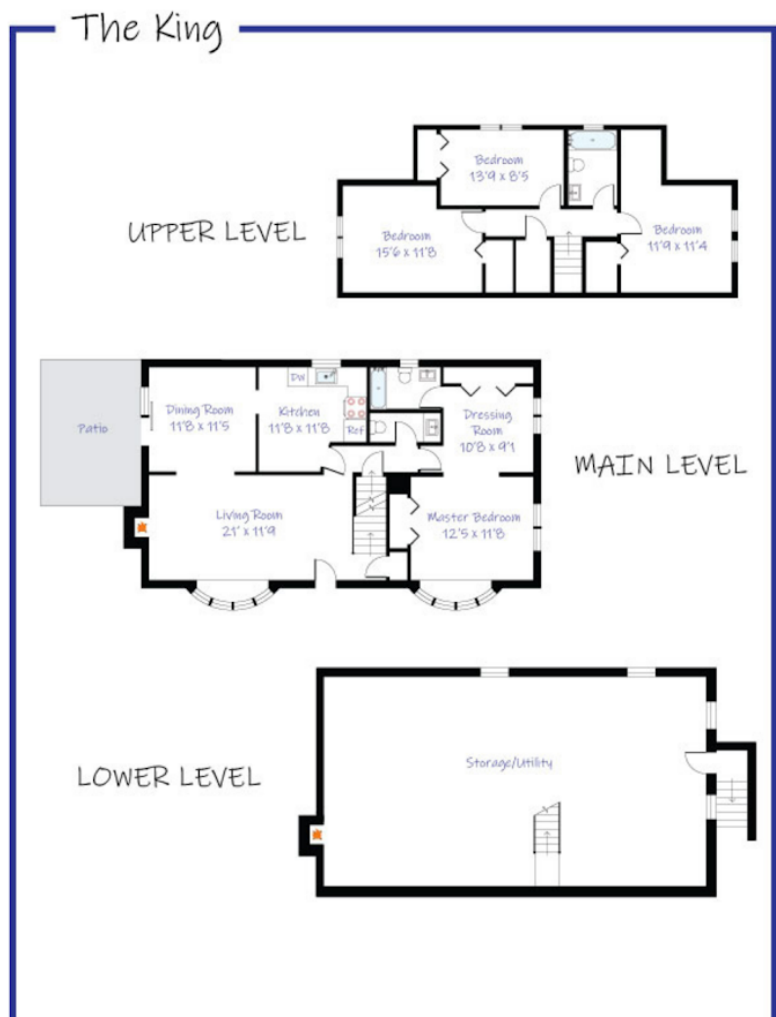
KPW Home Sale Stats*

YTD Sold: 6

Average Price: \$760,678

Active Listings: 3 (\$774,500-\$824,500)

*as of 3/5/2022





EggStravaganza 2022

KPW Civic Association • The Mary & Cathy Team

Sunday, April 10
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Laurel Ridge Elementary & KPW



RAIN DATE: Saturday, April 16



Girl Scout Service Unit 54-15 News

Girl Scouts Service Unit 54-15 successfully held their 2nd Annual Juliette Cup Race, known more widely as the Pinewood Derby.

Cadette Troop 1465 (7th graders) hosted the in-person event of 58 racers at St. Mary of Sorrows Church on Saturday, February 19, 2022. The race included Daisies (kindergarten/1st graders) through Cadettes who built cars that were not only fast but also incredibly creative and beautifully designed. The event included trophies, medals, and certificates that recognized best in speed and best in show

categories.

The event was exciting, with the Daisies leading off the event with an incredible amount of enthusiasm, cheer, and good sportsmanship.

The Juliette Cup Race has become an important STEM activity for the Girl Scouts in this service unit.

A big thank you to Cub Scout Pack 1967 for the loan of their track and much-appreciated assistance. Girls are already excited and talking about next year's race. Thank you to all of our participants!

Speed (overall): 1st – Emmalyn K., 2nd – Ella C., 3rd – Kate W.



Best in Show (overall): 1st – Jada W., 2nd – Ava R., 3rd – Marissa T-L.



A big thank you to Commonwealth Swim Club for hosting our annual KPW Girl Scout Drive-Thru Cookie Booth! And many thanks to all of our neighbors who came out to support local Laurel Ridge and Robinson girls grow their business and entrepreneurial skills!

The KPW booths continue to be some of the most successful booths of cookie seasons for our troops. Well done, Girl Scouts!

To learn more about Girl Scouts go to www.GSCNC.org or contact su5415info@gmail.com for placement in a local troop! To learn more about Commonwealth Swim Club (Go Cudas!) go to www.CommonwealthSwimClub.org



KPW BSA Troop 1966

In action in nature and in our community



BEST OF BRADDOCK

Congratulations to KPW BSA Troop 1966 for recognition as a Best in Braddock volunteer by our own Supervisor James Walkinshaw

BSA Troop 1966, KPW Civic Assoc Chartered, had a busy winter with outdoor activities and service projects across our Braddock community. We are most proud of the service to our community including support of the Stuff the Bus food drives in the late fall. With Supervisor Walkinshaw Troop 1966 supported the collection over 4,000 lbs. of food and supplies for our local community— supporting the ECHO food pantry. The Troop was recognized in December as a Best of Braddock volunteer! Troop 1966 also had 7

Eagle Projects with over 40 scouts that refurbished our local community trails, created safer school paths, and beautified local pools and churches. Troop 1966 is dedicated to a good turn daily, helping other people at all times and to be helpful, friendly, kind and courteous in the great KPW community around us.

Check us out online BSA Troop 1966 Fairfax VA.



Pack 1967 News

Pack 1967 hopes everyone is healthy and happy. Pack 1967 wants to wish Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, a happy (belated) birthday! Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was born on February 22, 1857, in London.



Pack 1967 has designated certain days of observance for scouts to wear their Class A uniforms to school to commemorate significant events and promote pride, scouting awareness, recruitment, and civic awareness in support of the Pack's "Year of Citizenship." Following a scouting year impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, many of Pack 1967's scouts had little or no opportunity to wear their Class A uniforms to events.

In continuing with the Year of Citizenship theme, Pack 1967 started off February by visiting Mount Vernon. Scouts from the Pack performed the flag-raising ceremony, toured the mansion, and took part in a scavenger hunt on the house grounds.

Later in the month, the Pack held its annual Pinewood Derby race. After last year's race was

conducted entirely virtually, this year was conducted in person, with staggered arrival times for Dens to keep attendance lower. As it is every year, it was great to see how Scouts take the same block of wood and four wheels and turn them into so many different cars.

We had cars that looked like cars, sailboats, fishing boats, book characters, superheroes, and food items, as well as those based on video games and Star Wars. In the more than 50 cars we received, all were unique and very creative.

Congratulations to all our Den champions! After racing and judging each of the Dens, the Pack had a champions race and judging. Congratulations to Holden Riley for winning the overall Pack speed championship and to Collin Fucci for winning best in show for the Pack! Best of luck to our Den champions at the Patriot District Pinewood Derby in March!



Lion
Tiger
Wolf
Bear

Speed
Ivan Glaze
Raleigh Lyon
Laure Jones
Avik Hekel

Show
Max Milgram
Holden Cooper
Maddie Fucci
Collin Fucci

Pack 1967 is looking for boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade. Scouting in-person with safe COVID-19 precautions. Campfires, Pinewood Derby races, outdoor fun, and making new friends. If you're interested in learning more about Cub Scouts, please contact us and join us for a Den meeting.



For more information contact:
Matt Jones, Cubmaster
CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com





Boy Scout Spring Mulch Sale

BSA Troop 1966 - KPW Civic Assoc Sponsored

Best in Braddock Volunteer Award Troop

Delivery Date: Sat April 16th, 2022



- Premium (double-shredded, dark brown, finely screened hardwood mulch)- premium black mulch also available for additional cost
- 3 cu. ft. bags **(NO price increase from last year even with increased cost!)**
- You do not need to be home to receive your order. Beginning morning delivery day, friendly Boy Scouts will neatly place & stack bags along the side edge of your driveway unless otherwise noted.
- **Spreading service available** –let our scouts spread your mulch and beautify your home this Spring. We have 2 crews going to SeaBase Camp this summer and need extra fundraising for the trip to the Florida National High Adventure Camp in Islamorada, FL!!



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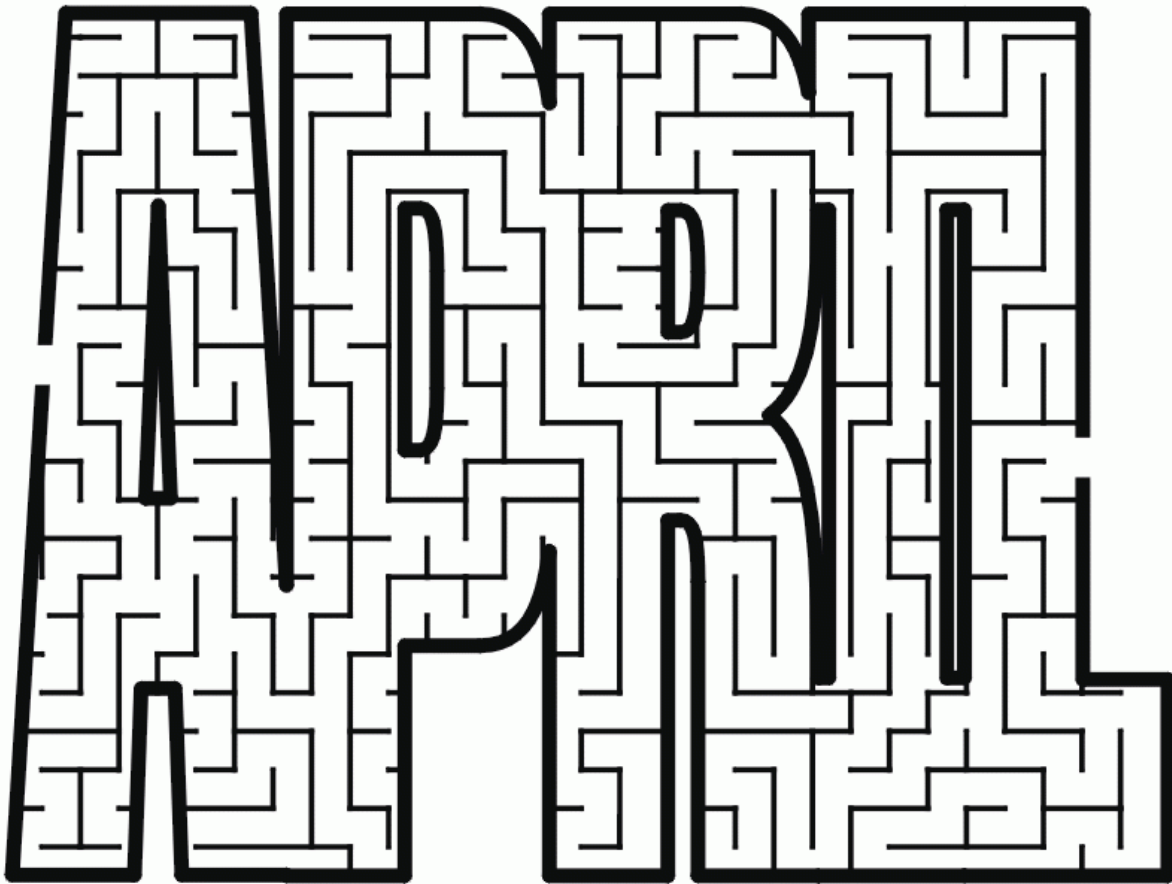
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Have questions, please e-mail Troop1966.Mulch@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support for our Troop and supporting our outdoor programs, including our upcoming high adventure camp! Check us out online Troop 1966, BSA, Fairfax VA to see how active Troop 1966 is in our community with service, nature, and the world around us. Thank you! Troop 1966

Maze



Sudoku

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Welcome Spring!

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2022 KPWCA Scholarship Application

Mail completed form & required information to:
 KPWCA Scholarship Committee
 c/o Ostrom at 4912 Gainsborough Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032

Deadline/postmarked by: April 22, 2022

The Kings Park West Civic Association will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to 2022 graduating seniors whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of the KPW Civic Association as of the deadline of the application April 22, 2022.

Each scholarship will be awarded on the basis of community service, civic activities and extracurricular service involvement (40%), academic achievement (20%), a written essay (20%), and a personal interview (20%). This scholarship is open to seniors who are enrolling in a 4-year college/university, 2-year college, trade or technical training, or formalized Gap Year program.

Please type or write legibly in ink.

- A. 1. Name _____
2. Address _____ Phone # _____
3. E-mail address: _____
4. Please attached an **unofficial** copy of your transcript.
5. Self-reported ACT or SAT (if taken) _____
6. Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
7. Parent Email _____
8. Name of High School _____

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

Semifinalists will be asked to come for a panel interview on April 28 or April 29. Awardees will be notified by May 2nd, 2022.

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

 Signature of applicant

 Signature of parent or guardian