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Kings Park West Civic Association

"If you can be anything, be kind."

Hey neighbors!

A friend told me some time ago that some of their neighbors didn't read the Herald anymore because everything in the newsletter caused guilt. I found that interesting and a bit curious.

In my mind, recruiting for new/more volunteers and members for the Civic Association, picking up trash, helping maintain the lake circuit trail, getting rid of harmful plants, and so on are all positive opportunities, not negative criticisms. I think the Herald is a showcase of just how wonderful our neighborhood is!

But, in the spirit of positivity, I want to dedicate this letter to giving a HUGE shout-out to everyone who volunteers in our community. Together, every effort or activity, big or small, makes our corner of the world a better place. I'm not going to name names, but they know who they are, and probably many of you reading this know them as well. The key is that everyone has something to contribute, some novel ideas for how to improve a process, expand a program, or make the community better.

I suppose the challenge is finding that niche or specific need or activity that perks up someone's ears to think to themselves "Hey, I can do that!" Perhaps volunteering in the school or with a sport is simpler to get one's mind around, because one can see the immediate impact. I recently spoke with two people for some of our opportunities to volunteer, and they said to me, "I didn't know about those activities. Can I help out there?" Seriously, how awesome is that?!?

I know for some, it's just not an option for any number of important reasons. But trust me when I say that both volunteering in some capacity in KPWCA and the \$25 KPWCA annual membership dues have an amazing return on investment, even if it seems intangible initially. Volunteering is a great way to make new friends, learn some new things, inspire your children, and have a real impact on others' lives.

As a closing note, I want to raise a vital volunteer need that we HAVE to fill this fall: Secretary. It is an important yet very manageable job. Basically, the Secretary's responsibilities are to record the minutes for the Board and Membership meetings (14 per year total) and handle any correspondence (which is practically non-existent). Our current Secretary is happy to work with the incoming Board member to ensure a seamless transition. I ask that you think on this, and please reach out to me at president@kpwca.org.

Thanks, and see you around the neighborhood!

Sarah G.J. Lennon
President, KPWCA

Community Calendar

Herald Delivery – September 24, 2022
 KPWCA Membership Meeting – September 27, 2022
 KPWCA Membership Drive – October 1, 2022
 Herald Deadline – October 5, 2022
 KPWCA Board Meeting – October 18, 2022
 Halloween/Fall Festival – October 23, 2022
 October Herald Delivery – October 29, 2022
 Halloween/Fall Festival Rain Day – October 30, 2022
 Parade: 1:45 pm – Festival: 2 to 4 pm

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This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.

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by cathy deloach

New Contest:

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?????

School is back in session, and that means homework, sporting events, hobbies, projects and well, less time to figure out dinner. Let's face it, some days you just need to have delivery or takeout. But from where?

Our latest contest, **WHAT'S FOR DINNER??** is to help those of you struggling to figure what to put on the table. If you have a recommendation for your dinner challenged neighbors, look for the picture below on our newly renamed FaceBook group, **KPW Recommends**, and post your go-to takeout or delivery joint INCLUDING your favorite meal in the comment section. The individual whose recommendation earns the highest number of **likes** or **loves** will receive a \$100 gift card to that restaurant or store!

WHAT'S FOR DINNER CONTEST

Best Takeout or Delivery Recommendations



And check back often for more contests, prizes and great recommendations from your neighbors!

The Fairfax Garden Corner

Charlie Boring

If planting space in your garden is a bit limited, I like to grow some odd plants, not easily available. One such fruit tree that is not well known is the Pawpaw tree. It also may be known as the Poor Man's Banana or the Hoosier Banana. Actually, the Pawpaw is the largest fruit that grows naturally in North America and is a member of the same family as the custard-apple. The Pawpaw is native to the woodlands of the eastern U.S. It was a part of the American Indian diet and can be found across the eastern U.S. to eastern Kansas and Texas and from the Great Lakes almost to the Gulf.

Since the Pawpaw is an American fruit, you might ask why you can't buy it in stores. The reason is simply that it does not store, nor ship, well enough to be of commercial value. The fruit is best consumed as soon as it is ready to be picked off of the tree.

The Pawpaw is a deciduous tree, growing from about 12 feet to around 20 feet high. Pawpaw trees produce root suckers; therefore, a single Pawpaw tree can often grow into a Pawpaw grove. The Pawpaw is an "understory" plant, meaning that in the forest it grows naturally under larger trees. In fact, for the first two years of life, a Pawpaw seedling needs a bit of shade. It is a slow grower, particularly when it is young. It grows about 18 inches per year.

The Pawpaw fruit may weigh 5 to 16 ounces and maybe. 3 to 6 inches in length. The larger sizes will appear plump, similar to the mango. The fruit usually has 10 to 14 seeds in two rows. The brownish to blackish seeds are shaped like lima beans, with a length of 1/2 to 1-1/2 inches. Pawpaw fruits often occur as clusters of up to nine individual fruits. The ripe fruit is soft and thin skinned and

colored green with scattered dark spots. It tastes a bit like banana ice cream. It is often used to make ice cream, if not eaten fresh from the tree. A local Fairfax resident, Linda Lipford at <https://www.youtube.com/c/SoulReposeASMR>, is preparing to publish a video of a delicious pawpaw dessert recipe.

The Pawpaw existed in the evolutionary timeline before the existence of the bees that pollinate our fruit today. As a result, pollination of the Pawpaw blooms is performed by flies and beetles. Pawpaw flowers have both male and female reproductive parts but are not self-pollinating. The blooms female stigma matures and is no longer receptive when the male pollen is shed. This means that pawpaw blooms normally require cross pollination from another unrelated Pawpaw tree. Therefore, if you want to harvest Pawpaw fruit, you must plant at least two varieties of Pawpaw. You can pollinate your Pawpaw blooms by hand, using a small, soft artist's brush to transfer pollen to the stigma.

Pawpaw trees produced dark purple and even green blooms starting in early April. I have discovered by observing my Shenandoah pawpaw tree that there are often late blooms that can pollinate the early blooms on the tree. This year I will probably harvest about twenty-five fruits, if the squirrels and chipmunks do not beat me two them.

I have some small pawpaw trees that I germinated from my Shenandoah seeds that are free to gardeners that send an email to thefairfaxgardencorner@gmail.com for as long as they last.

You could eat Pawpaw fruit just like the early settlers did.



Parks and Lake Update

By Tom McCook

Hello, neighbors! Here are our plans for Fall 2022.

Road Raiders is a group of neighbors that meets (usually) on the second Saturday of the month from 8-9 am to improve our community.

Our next few events are:

- **September 17** – 8 am start at Commonwealth and Roberts (cleaning the area around Robinson Secondary)
- **October 8** – 8 am start at Roberts Road and Collingham Road (sidewalk/landscape improvements along Roberts)
- **Nov 12** – 8 am start at Monticello Dog Park on Guinea Road (cleaning the area around the dog park)
- **December 10** – 8 am start at Crooked Creek Park (improving the sidewalk landscape from the fall leaves)

These plans may change, and I'll alert the community via an email distro approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. If you'd like to join us, please send me an email at KPWRoadRaiders@gmail.com

AND if you have an area of our community neglected by VDOT or sidewalks and parks that need special attention, please let me know!

2021 Parks and Lake Budget and Activity Overview

By Tom McCook

I wanted to say thank you!! to all the generous KPWCA members who donate additional funds the parks and lake committee. This past year, we accomplished a lot!

- Over 5,000 ft2 of bamboo removal (~ \$600/year over 4 years) completed by FCPA contractors
- KPWCA pays for 6 months of the porta-potty at Lakeside Park; FCPA pays the other 6 months. Due to increased cleaning requirements due to Covid, our costs have increased to \$1,200 for 6 months
- IMA support: we provide small tools and supplies to the IMA teams as needed each year
- FORL (Friends of Royal Lake): KPWCA helps to sponsor the FORL website
- Road Raiders and annual Park clean-up supplies with 5 dedicated clean-up and school volunteer service hours during federal holidays
- Four Eagle Scout Projects in the greater Royal Lake area

Much more can be done with YOUR support. Thank you!

Any questions or concerns, please let me, Tom McCook (KPWRoadRaiders@gmail.com) know.



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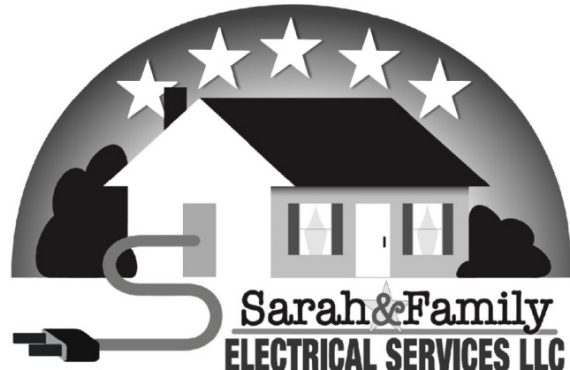
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Kings Park West has been my home my entire life, and I appreciate all the opportunities for fun it has provided, from soccer teams to Halloween festivals to Easter egg hunts. But during the pandemic, I found myself further acquainted with the community that calls this neighborhood home. Neighbors made grocery runs for each other; socially distanced impromptu choirs sang "Happy Birthday" across the neighborhood; people warmly greeted each other during walks. The caring attitude of Kings Park West is something I cherish.

This scholarship will support me as I attend Rice University, where I plan to study engineering, physics, and computer science while I continue to volunteer around the greater Houston metro area.

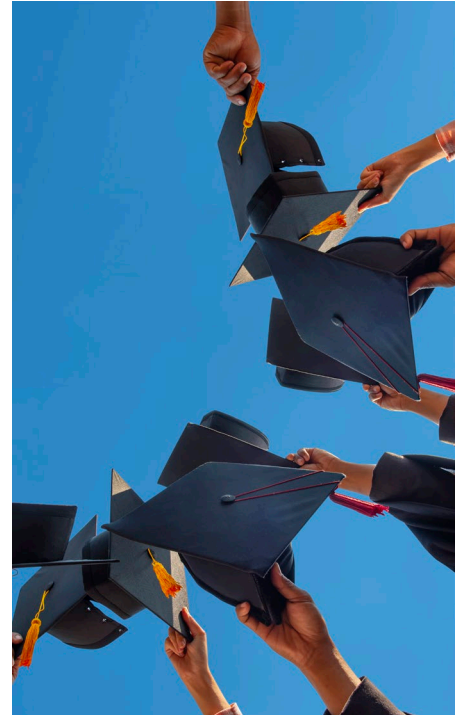
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Andrew James Wemmerus Rosene

Dear Neighbors,

First, I'd like to thank the KPWCA scholarship committee for considering me for this scholarship. Next, I'd like to thank all residents of Kings Park West who support the KPWCA. Your support allows KPW graduates each year to receive this scholarship, and as a recipient this year, please accept my thanks and gratitude. Growing up in such a community-minded neighborhood has enabled me to grow as both a student and a community member. I'm excited for my next steps in studying supply chain management at the University of Tennessee. This scholarship helps that endeavor.

Sincerely,
Evan Komnenous



Green Drop Donation Center

By Gaela Hime

Did you know that GreenDrop has a wonderful donation center at the lower level/back of University Mall?

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It is so nice to have such a reputable donation center so close to all of us in KPW!



Invasive Species Profile: Running Bamboo (Various Species) Part 2

Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

Part 1 of this series examined running bamboo's biology and ways to keep it under wraps. Getting rid of running bamboo is more effective than trying to control it. Beware of methods depicted online; while some are good, others are useless or outright dangerous. A pickaxe can remove a stray rhizome or two. To uproot a large patch mechanically, a bobcat or other earthmover will cut through the cable-like rhizomes. However, this method causes massive soil disturbance.

Another eradication method is to continuously cut the canes down to the ground. The soft, new shoots are easily excised with any saw or pruners; these shoots are edible when properly prepared. The best and safest way to cut large, mature bamboo canes is with a special Japanese bamboo handsaw, which produces clean, efficient cuts without the blade dulling or getting damaged by tough bamboo as quickly as conventional saws or loppers. Whacking tools such as machetes are not recommended because the smooth, hard canes can make blades slip and cut someone. Saw just above the nodes because the hollow culms can collect water and become mosquito reservoirs. Always cut bamboo perpendicular to the culm since sharp angles and splintered ends can be hazardous.



Figure 1. In February 2022, a patch of running bamboo was identified at Royal Lake Park next to the Glen Cove II community. Since bamboo removal at this scale requires herbicides, only licensed contractors were allowed to treat this site after the Fairfax County's Park Authority granted permission, but this route required funding. The Kings Park West Civic Associate has a strong Parks & Lakes Committee (P&L) with money to help pay the expenses. The contractors, Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (IPC), provided a price quote and P&L donated half of that money to the Fairfax County Parks Foundation for this bamboo removal, which matched the donation dollar for dollar. IPC cut the bamboo. To save money, IPC left the cut bamboo and, several days later, Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteers ages 16 years and up hauled the culms to roll-on dumpsters (A). Glen Cove II's HOA permitted access across their property, which cut even more costs and time. All the bamboo was removed in an afternoon except for the cut bamboo and, several days later, Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteers ages 16 years and up hauled the culms to roll-on dumpsters (A). The filled dumpsters were sent to the incinerator. The plot was empty (C) because other plants cannot survive in the bamboo's shade, packed canes, and nearly impenetrable roots and rhizomes. Now, IPC and IMA site leaders monitor the site for bamboo regrowth. The cleared land will be allowed to heal. Quite a bit of dumping occurred here over the years, so public education on properly disposing of trash and yard waste is necessary. Native restoration plants may be added in the future depending on how the site fares.

Remember, sharp bamboo is used in nasty things like Burmese tiger traps and fortification defenses! Furthermore, bamboo has elasticity; a bent pole can easily spring back and thwack someone. While landscaping professionals may use reciprocating or specialty power saws, chainsaws are not advised because the culms easily make the chain slip. Pouring vinegar solutions into the cuts is inefficient because the solutions do little to kill the rhizome. Using salt (sodium chloride) can be risky as excessive salt buildup in the soil can prevent other plants from growing long after the bamboo dies.

Herbicide treatments should be avoided whenever possible. When used correctly, they are the most efficient way to destroy the bamboo patch. Glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup®, is especially effective on grasses including bamboo. Glyphosate is linked to cancer according to Zhang et al. (2019) and Portier (2020), although the EPA disputes this claim. Bear in mind that EPA has a history of approving chemicals only to ban them later. Glyphosate's hazards and long-term effects are still being studied. In addition to any active ingredient's toxicity, the unlisted "other ingredients" can be potentially hazardous chemicals, including surfactants and emulsifiers. Always follow the label's directions and wear proper PPE including impermeable gloves.

Herbicides are best used in the summer and fall months, when bamboo draws sugars from the leaves to the roots, and never in the spring, when the plant sends water and stored nutrients up into new growth. After testing many different methods on a large *Phyllostachys* patch on private property, here is this author's recommended technique that finally killed the bamboo within a year and a half. First, cut the bamboo culms with a bamboo saw to 3-4 feet high. This size is more manageable in the next steps than dealing with the full plant while remaining tall enough to avoid being a trip or impalement hazard.

After clearing the large bamboo debris, recruit a partner for the next step. One person cuts the bamboo to the ground, thereby removing a trip hazard. The other uses an old paint brush to apply 40% glyphosate onto the stump, ideally within 15 seconds of the cut—before the plant starts sealing off from the cut. For large patches, divide it into sections and tackle one part at a time over the coming days or weeks. In addition to this method's high efficacy rate, it negates any need for herbicidal sprays, missing the target, and aerosolizing and inhaling a potentially toxic substance. As this initial treatment will kill most of the patch, continue monitoring the area into the next growing season, treating any new bamboo shoots. Dispose of the paintbrush, excess herbicide, and any other chemically contaminated materials as regulated by the local municipality. Gloves can be thrown in the regular garbage; extra herbicides are household hazardous waste and brought to the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex.

Several options exist to dispose of the inevitable bamboo debris, which takes a long time to decompose. Preferably, repurpose them in useful applications such as vegetable garden stakes, fences, or trellises. Optional: many online resources demonstrate ways to preserve bamboo and extend this already hardy material's life. At one time, the National Zoo

accepted bamboo to feed their pandas but this option has many restrictions. Otherwise, bundle the bamboo for curbside household waste since Fairfax County no longer accepts bamboo with recycled yard debris. Lower canes are round without branches, so they slide out of bundles when tied in four-to-six-foot lengths; best to place them in a large bin. Never dump bamboo or other yard debris in parks or other natural areas.

Expect the area to be devoid of any native plants when the bamboo is gone. If needed, temporary groundcovers, such as annual ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*), can be seeded on this site. Wait several months before replanting with permanent specimens. Once the bamboo dies, the rhizomes remain tough and may take time to rot, though plants can be added after excavating a hole.

Virginia is home to a native bamboo genus, *Arundinaria*. Switch cane (*A. tecta*) grows in the southeastern parts and possibly Arlington according to the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora. River cane or giant cane (*A. gigantea*) is found in southwestern Virginia. Both species are more common in the

Deep South. *Arundinaria* looks similar to arrow bamboo, but the easiest way to tell them apart is looking at the junction between the leafy blade and sheath: that area is smooth in arrow bamboo and fuzzy in *Arundinaria*. Native bamboos are not recommended as an Asian bamboo alternative because this genus is also a runner and can spread aggressively. The extensive patches are called canebrakes. A good native alternative is black willow tree (*Salix nigra*). It reaches 30-50 feet tall, grows fast, and has narrow leaves similar to bamboo. Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) is an excellent native if a grass is still desired though it only reaches 10 feet. A mixture of native species makes a wonderful screen and a great habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Special thanks to Rob Soreng, PhD, U.S. National Herbarium at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, for technical consultation. This article is available online at http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/116_2022-09.pdf. It includes a bonus photo and the reference section.

Spot and Pull Those Invasive Seedlings!

Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)



Invasive weeds enter natural areas through different routes. These images focus on one method, via birds. Some birds eat the alien fruits and berries even though they lack the same nutritional value as native food sources. The seeds passing through the birds are deposited in the droppings.

Usually, the birds drop the seeds close to the parent plant. By definition, residential birds remain in the area. Migratory birds may stick around for several days to rest and fill energy reserves before moving on. These long-distance travelers carrying some seeds on their journey and drop them far away but many seeds are voided during their waystation stops. Since birds prefer resting (and therefore pooping) on shrubs and small trees, especially on woodland edges, significant amounts of these weeds germinate beneath these perches.

The immediate plot surrounding the forest floor in Figure A is devoid of any mature invasive plants. Birds brought here 1) wax-leaf privet (*Ligustrum japonicum*), 2) English ivy (*Hedera helix*), and 3) porcelain-berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*). The parent plants—the seed sources—were most likely growing on neighboring properties like residential lots, HOA land, and public VDOT stretches. These source plants reached maturity through deliberate cultivation or neglected landscape maintenance, such as an earlier bird dropping invasive plant seeds there and nobody doing anything about the growing weeds.

In a recent Friends of Royal Lake survey, 96% of the participants who answered the question about native plants

in the park supported having more natives for ecological improvement¹. Folks say they want to see a healthy landscape; let's put those words into action!

First, learn to identify invasive species at all life stages including the newly germinated English ivy (B) that is found more frequently than ever before. Pulling the seedlings and young plants seen here is much easier than wrestling with developed infestations! Since English ivy only produces berries on climbing vines, simply cutting the ivy at tree, fence and wall base helps curtail its spread through seeds. By checking around the home for any invasive plants and removing them, you will do a huge favor for your own property, especially since unchecked species like English ivy and porcelain-berry can take over the yard and smother other plants to death. In fact, porcelain-berry infestation is a major reason why Lakeside Park's junipers were removed. Preventing the spread will help the neighboring properties and natural areas.

Volunteering for invasive management workdays is a way to directly help the parks. A calendar for future workdays is at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area>.

Eco-Articles on the plant species featured here are:

Wax-leaf privet: http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/74_2017-04.pdf

English ivy: http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/97_2020-03.pdf

Porcelain-berry: http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/69_2016-09.pdf

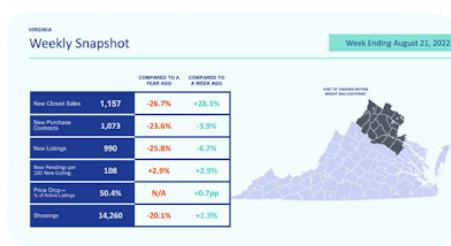
¹ Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) <https://www.friendsofroyallake.org/>, Spring 2022 Community Survey Report.

KPW Real Estate Corner
by Cathy DeLoach



House Not Selling: Drop Price or Invest in Updates??

If you are in the unfortunate predicament of having your home stagnate on the market, what is the best strategy to get the result you want? Is it time for a price drop? The most effective price reduction is at least \$25,000 though it's not uncommon to see up to a \$50,000 reduction in list price. Bright MLS reported last week that 50.4% of the active listings in its local coverage area have undergone price reductions. In zip code 22032, 19 of 39 active listings (48.72%) have dropped their price. By comparison, only 28 of 85 homes (17%) which have successfully gone under contract since interest rates increased in June underwent price reductions. With growing inventory, buyers now have what they recently lacked—time, and housing options from which to carefully choose—and a price reduction just might NOT be enough to capture those buyers.



If your home has been lingering on the market, it might be time to take a good hard look at the feedback, competition, and notes provided to you from your listing agent and to use that information to develop a plan for overcoming buyer objections. Obstacles to a quick sale in KPW generally include unimproved kitchen and bathrooms, too much carpet, paint that isn't fresh or is taste specific, original ANYTHING, and definitely deferred

maintenance items such as leaking basements. Improvement costs are typically 50% (or more) less than the amount a buyer will deduct from their offer price for those improvements. With choice and time on their sides, buyers are opting for move-in ready and are STILL willing to pay for that convenience.

Ultimately, a successful sale in this market requires just the right combination of both price and presentation. If your preference is to sell with fewer investments to home preparation, consider a list price well under that of the competition. Want to sell quickly and with a higher net? Stand out with move-in ready home presentation that appeals to the biggest buyer pool. In either case, mediocrity will not quickly move you toward your goal of selling your home in this evolving market. But do choose your listing strategy quickly! Bright MLS also reported another week of increased buyer activity! Be ready for those buyers!



KPW Home Sale Stats*

YTD Sold: **41**

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KPWCA BOY SCOUT TROOP 1966

Summer 2022

SUMMER SERVICE AND THE WORLD AROUND US

BSA Troop 1966 had a very busy summer with service projects, camping activities, and high adventure SeaBase camp in Islamorada, Florida!

Check us out online  BSA Troop 1966 Fairfax VA



Troop 1966 in Aug off the coast of the FL Keys at SeaBase Camp. Our scouts spent the week sailing, snorkeling, paddle boarding, swimming, and learning in the wonders of the Atlantic Ocean!

SUMMER SERVICE

Troop 1966 had a great summer filled with service in our community. Congratulations to our scouts who achieved Eagle by supporting our community in restoration and conservation projects. Many of our scouts also supported a local food pantry, picking up and delivering nourishing food for our community each week keeping the shelves full! This summer over 380lbs of food collected! Look out for **Scouting for Food** outreach this November and our support of local food collection throughout Braddock.

THE WORLD AROUND US

Troop 1966 had a great summer with outdoor activity including camping, biking and a week at **Goshen summer camp** and a week in **SeaBase High Adventure camp**. Thank you, KPW, for supporting us through our Doughnut and Mulch fundraisers which supports camping and outdoor supplies. The Troop is looking forward to a fun Fall ahead- Hersey Park, Horseback riding and Biking campouts!

Look for our **Fall Mulch** order form.

Pay online or check- premium mulch delivered!

Saturday October 15th!

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BSA Troop 1966 Fairfax VA

Community Service Recognized Troop

Delivery Date: Sat October 15th, 2022



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Mulch Order- 9856 Natick Rd Burke, VA 22015
4. Orders must be received by Oct 5th
5. Our delivery range is 7 miles from Laurel Ridge Elementary

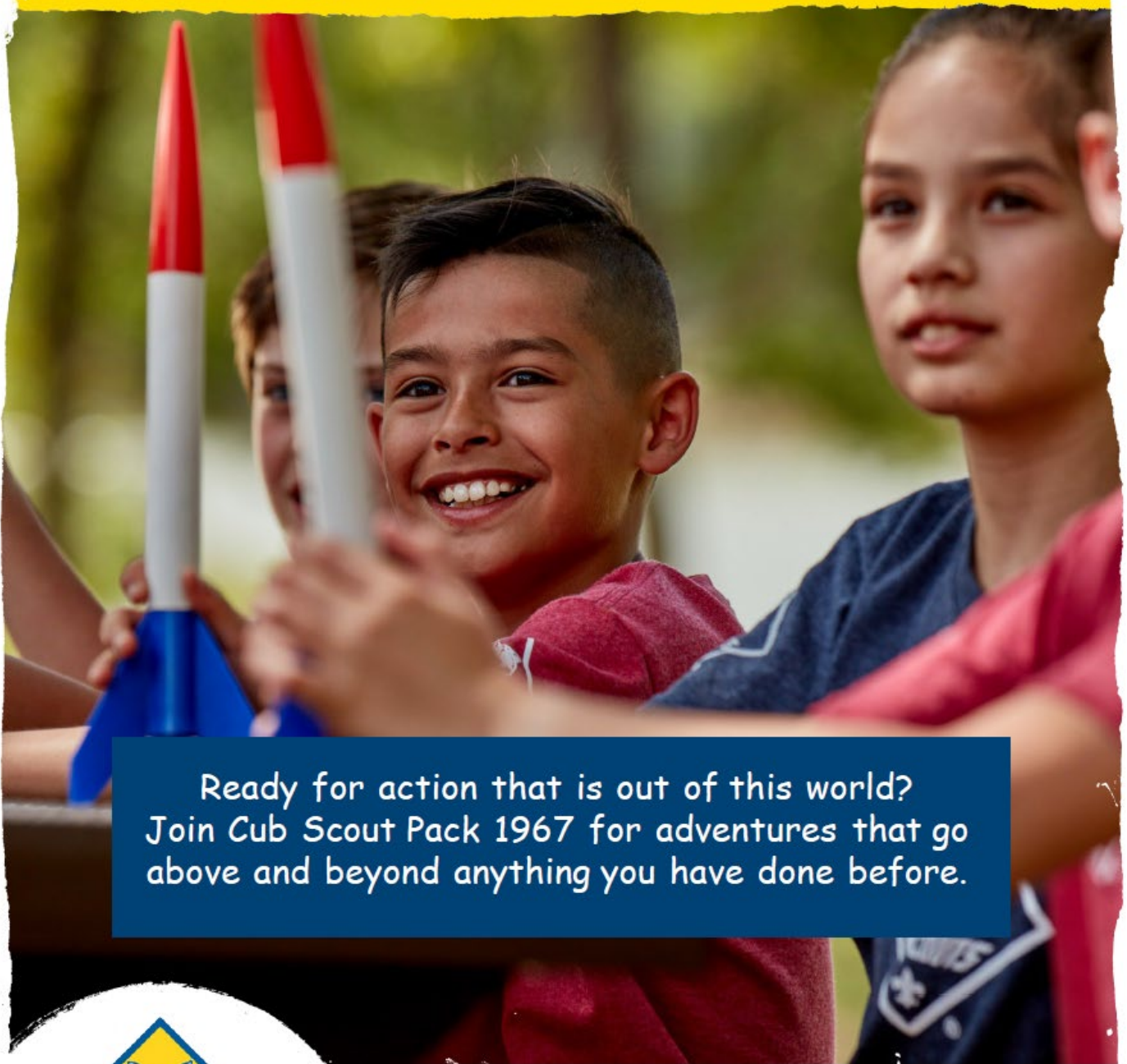


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Have questions, please e-mail Troop1966.Mulch@gmail.com

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

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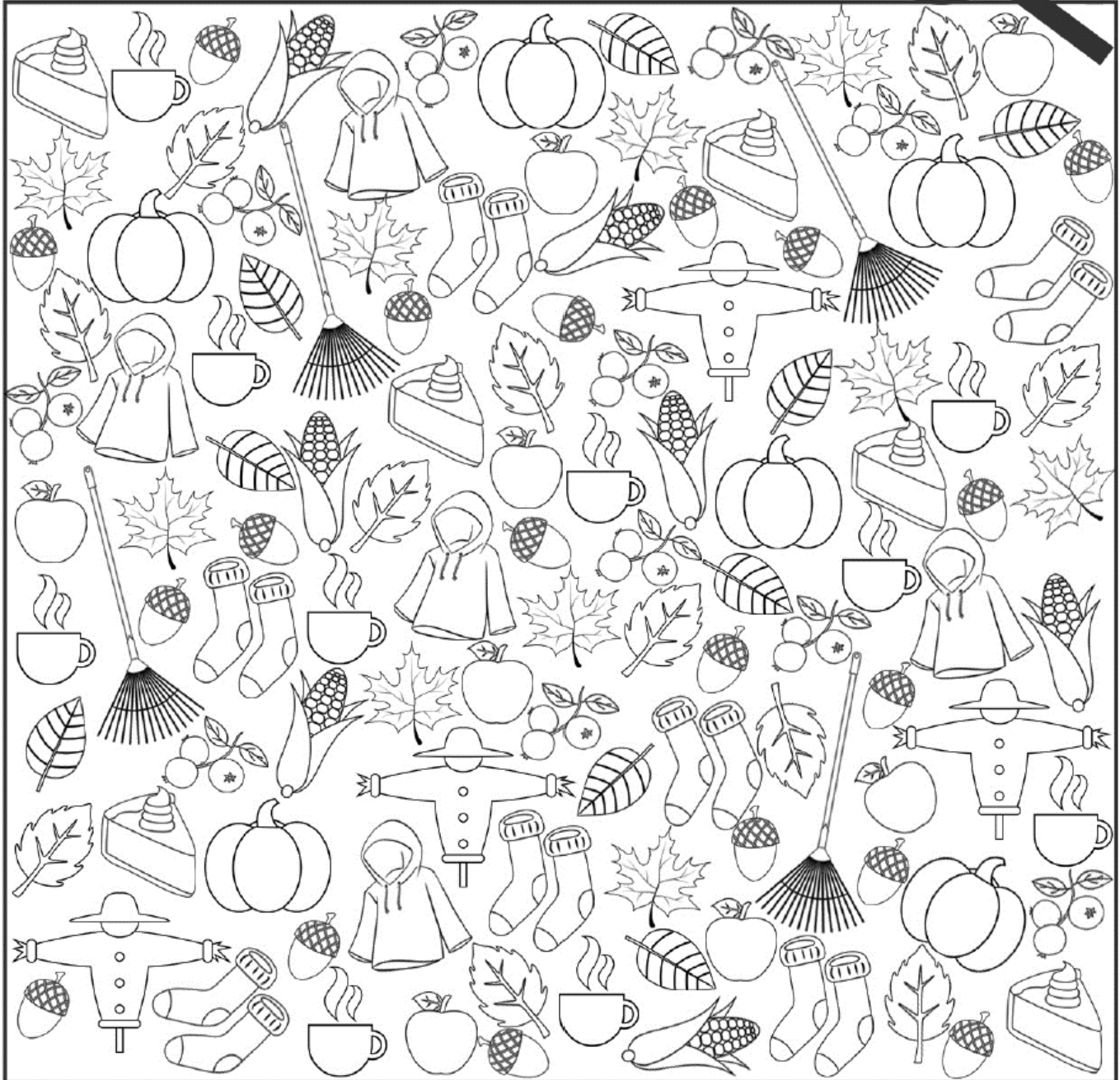
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