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Kings Park West Civic Association

"If you can be anything, be kind."

Hey neighbors!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with fun and adventure. Now, our thoughts are turning to back-to-school, fall fun (including the KPWCA-sponsored Halloween Festival), and the KPWCA board meeting!

The proposed budget for the upcoming year is included in this Herald, along with some highlights. I want to note one additional budgetary issue... the printed directory. After significant deliberation, which started at last year's Membership meeting, we are planning to eliminate the hard copy directory.

There are a number of reasons for this, including rising printing costs, the environmental footprint of a printed directory, the labor required to produce it, the fact that most of the additional community information is now on our website, and—perhaps most importantly—decreased membership, which in turn makes the directory much less useful when not even half of the KPW households are members and thus could be listed in the directory.

At the September 26 membership meeting (7 p.m., Robinson Recital Hall), we will hold elections for a new vice president and treasurer. As you can imagine, the Civic Association cannot function without these board members, and, at the time of my writing this letter, we have no candidates identified.

The time commitment is not huge, but the value added to the community is! There are monthly board meetings, as well as spring and fall membership meetings. The incumbents, Mike Stonkey and Karen Emmons, will be happy to talk to those interested. Thanks to a previous treasurer, there is an invaluable notebook outlining the job in great detail, making the job easier for new volunteers. The vice president is, among other things, our liaison to the scouting community that depends on our support.

I have been part of the Civic Association in one way or another since I moved here almost 20 years ago, and one thing I've noticed is that every volunteer to the Civic Association brings something special, something unique to the table; everyone has new ideas and ways to improve a process or an activity. We all benefit from an infusion of new perspectives and energy to the KPWCA and the community as a whole. So, to paraphrase former President Kennedy, ask not what your Civic Association can do for you, but what you can do for your Civic Association/Community.

As always, you can reach me at president@kpwca.org.

See you around the neighborhood!

Sarah G.J. Lennon
President, KPWCA

Community Calendar

Labor Day – September 4
 Herald Delivery – September 23
 Fall Starts – September 23
 KPWCA Annual Meeting – September 26
 Herald Content Deadline – October 4
 Columbus Day – October 9
 Herald Online- October 18
 Halloween /Fall Festival - October 22
 Halloween /Fall Festival RD – October 29
 Halloween – October 31

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FY24 KPWCA Budget

The KPWCA Board has prepared a draft FY24 budget for the October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, year. We are presenting the proposed budget here for the membership's review.

We have several celebrations regarding our budget:

- Dramatic decrease in Herald costs in FY23 - Last year, after discussion at the membership meeting and in an effort to combat the dramatically increasing costs of printing, the KPWCA board chose to publish half of the Heralds in paper and half online. That single change significantly benefited the health of our finances.
- Continued, strong additional contributions for work in the neighborhood - This has allowed us to take on large projects in the neighborhood like common area upkeep and invasive species and tree removal.
- Continued generosity for causes that improve our entire community - This supports the volunteer fire departments, the Robinson all-night grad party, Braddock nights, increased scholarship amounts, neighborhood parties, pools, and scouts.

On another note, as we have all noticed, the costs for trash collection are rising rapidly. That is also impacting our Dumpster Day. Dumpster Day is an important event for our membership, so we are committed to continuing with two Dumpster Days in the year. To contain costs, though, we expect that we will only offer one dumpster, rather than two, in the spring.

There are no other significant proposed changes in our budget moving forward. KPWCA thanks you all for your continued generosity and embracing the Herald change. Please come to the fall membership meeting on September 26. Among other matters, you will have the opportunity to review/comment on the budget and vote on it.

PROPOSED KPWCA Budget October 2023 - September 2024

Income	
Annual Member Dues	21,500
Additional Undesignated Contributions	4,000
Additional Parks & Common Grounds Contrb	2,000
Herald Classified Ads	600
Herald Display Ads	3,000
Investment Income	50
Total Income	31,150
Expense	
Admin & Misc Activities	
BDC of Community Assoc Dues	100
Insurance-D&O/General Liability	4,200
Other Misc Expenses	275
PayPal Fees	300
State Corporate Registration	25
Tax Prep & Filing Fees	100
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	200
Total Admin & Misc Activities	5,200
Common Grounds Maint. Committee	
Area Maintenance Contract	4,200
Beautification & Gardening Grp	150
Message Board Maintenance	50
Utilities	150
Total Common Grounds Maint. Committee	4,550
Herald Newsletter Committee	
Herald Administrative Expense	-
Herald Delivery	1,400
Herald Printing	7,000
Total Herald Newsletter Committee	8,400
Membership Committee	
Admin Expenses	250
Block Capt Appreciat'n-100 blks	300
Directory Printing-odd Fys	-
Welcome Package/Marketing	100
Total Membership Committee	650
Standing Committees	
Halloween Fall Festival Committ	4,000
Parks and Lake Committee	1,000
Scholarship Committee	3,050
Spring Egg Hunt Committee	200
Web and Social Media Committee	1,000
Total Standing Committees	9,250
Support for Special Activities	
Spring/Fall Dumpster Day	2,100
Decorating Contests	150
Total Support for Special Activities	2,250
Support for Youth Groups	
Robinson Grad Party	250
Scout Packs and Troop	600
Total Support for Youth Groups	850
Total Expense	31,150

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by cathy deloach

Nail Salon Recommendations Needed Win \$100 Gift Certificate!

We are seeking recommendations for great nail salons in the area. Head to the [KPW Recommends FaceBook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/kpwrecommends) and look for the picture below. In the comments section, mention your favorite salon and WHY you love it! A winner will be picked at random, and will win a \$100 gift certificate to that salon!



Nails are the only thing you can get into shape without exercise.

The Fairfax Garden Corner

Charlie Boring

Have you ever asked yourself why there are no longer dinosaurs roaming the earth, but we still have birds, which are apparently descendants of dinosaurs? I am sure that there were both positive and negative factors at play when God made his decision to make dinosaurs extinct but to leave us with a vast population of birds.

From a gardener's point of view, I humbly suggest that perhaps God was having a bad day when he made that decision. Some dinosaurs only ate plants, much like the deer; so, I guess the negative factor might have been that fences would not have kept dinosaurs out of your lettuce patch, like it does deer and rabbits. Another negative probably was that some dinosaurs ate meat and, if my research is correct, humans are mostly meat.

After careful consideration, I must admit that God probably got it right. But I still want to whine about the fact that birds make it difficult to grow berries and other fruit. What can you do?

Well, for my cherries, I simply share my harvest with the birds. Some of them are quite selfish, such as crows. They will eat cherries day and night without a thought of allowing me a cherry or two. This year, however, was an exception. I harvested several gallons of cherries that were allowed to ripen on the tree and they were delicious. My daughter-in-law, Linda, made cherry cobblers and pies from them.

Regarding blackberries, I have found that, if I am vigilant, I can harvest most blackberries before the birds attack. The same thing is true for raspberries. Blueberries and honeyberries are another story. For these berry plants, one needs to protect the plants with netting.

Did you know that kiwis are a member of the berry family? I have found that sharing my kiwi harvest with birds and even squirrels is an acceptable compromise. They don't seem to be that selfish about sharing. But those cute little chipmunks are devils in disguise.

They tend to want the entire kiwi harvest, even when they have already taken all of the peaches and pears. I know

that peaches and pears are not berries, but I like to whine. I have come to the conclusion that chipmunks are in fact makers of illegal alcohol from the fruit that they steal. They are no better than illegal moonshiners. So, how are they doing that?

First, they run roughshod all over the other pests that want a piece of fruit and they gath-er many pieces at a time by stuffing them into their cute little cheeks and taking them into their burrows. I am convinced that one or more of the rooms in their burrow is devoted to making peach brandy for which they pay no taxes to the state of Virginia or me. Another room is no doubt used for making kiwi wine, and another is devoted to the illegal distillation of spirits from pears.

These cute little creatures must sit around all winter sipping on pear liqueur, kiwi wine or peach brandy. Are we supposed to accept this blatant violation of tax laws and allow these chip-munks to become alcoholics, while the

rest of us have no fruit, just because they are cute?

I submit that if these crimes were being committed by a Tyrannosaurus Rex, we would not be so willing to look the other way.

So, I have decided to employ my big



guns to protect my fruit from the Tyrannosaurus Rex, I mean the chipmunks. I am going to use a mole-repellant sonar device to fight chipmunk alcoholism. If we join together, we can stamp out chipmunk alcoholism!



Shanes Creek Restoration on Track for Fall Finish

Matthew Shepherd, project manager in the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services for the Shanes Creek Restoration, recently issued an update to the status of the project. He reports that:

Meadville Land Services, Inc. continues to work in the stream and has completed over 75% of the stream work and is still on track to be finished in the fall. In late June, rain was too much for the crew's pumps to keep up with, and they had to stop for the week. The invasive plant treatment is continuing, and the effect is very visible right now with another treatment scheduled at the end of the summer. The native plantings that were done in the spring on the stream sides are doing well, and the full landscape plan is scheduled to begin in the fall.

This project still looks like a construction site, but the crew has begun to remove the access path near the completed areas starting from the downstream moving up. The fencing will remain until the planting is complete and the trail will still be closed until it can be safely reopened.

The work schedule remains the same: Monday to Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Crews are not allowed to run equipment and pumps until 7 a.m. but are on site before then to set up and maintain equipment.

Mr. Shepherd is available if you have any questions.

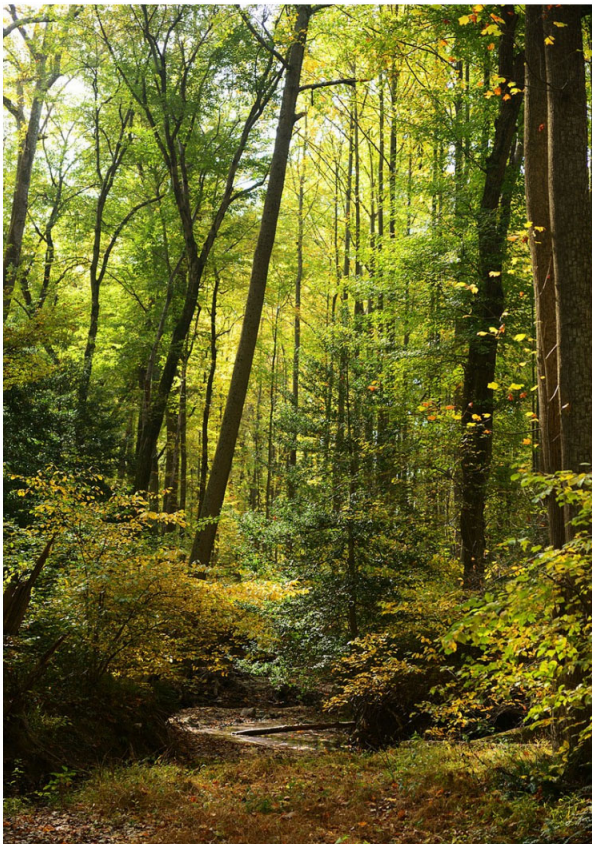


Photo by Greg Sikes

Kings Park West Neighbor Assist

By Paul Gross

We've had a few requests from individuals who have not previously requested our service. We thank you for contacting us. We feel that some residents may still feel reluctant to call us. Don't be. Our volunteers will call and arrange a time to come and see the scope of your project. They have lots of talent, so most jobs are within the scope of our service. If we don't have the skills needed (like fixing old KPW plumbing), we can advise you of potential options.

Since we are no longer connected with the KPW Civic Association, our volunteers may require that you agree to allow them to work and sign a form releasing them from any damage that might happen. The civic association insurance does not cover us.

To date, we have completed well over 100 separate services without incident. We don't expect any issues. We encourage you to ask questions about what we are doing. We want you to be happy with our services.

The volunteers are also residents of KPW and are dedicated to helping you stay and enjoy living in your KPW house by reducing the cost that commercial companies have to charge to send someone to do these tasks.

A reminder: these services are offered to all KPW residents. The labor is free to you, but we will ask you to cover the cost of parts and other materials involved.

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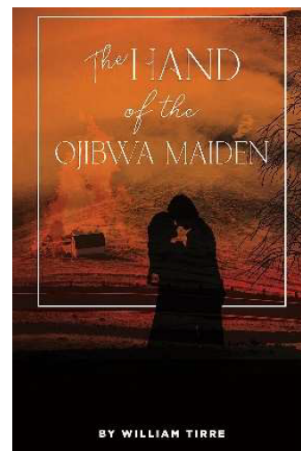
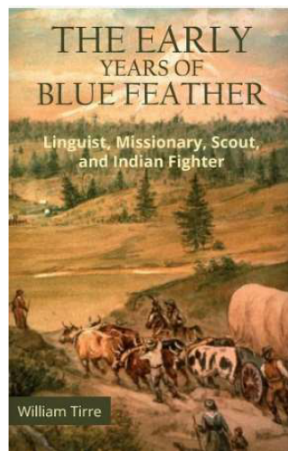
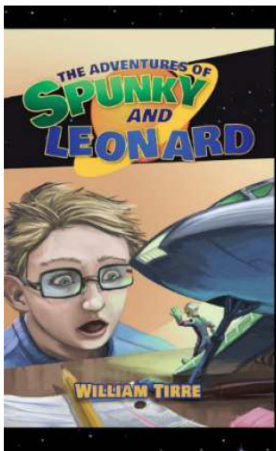


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Local Kings Park West Author, William Tirre, has published these three books:



The Adventures of Spunky and Leonard: Spunky, a tiny visitor from the planet Quelle, journeys through time and space with Leonard, a boy from Fairfax! For children, ages 8-13.

The following books are intended for adults:

The Early Years of Blue Feather: Linguist, missionary, scout, and Indian fighter.

The Hand of the Ojibwa Maiden: Two teens from distinct cultures fall in love during the Sioux rebellion <<The books are available from Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. *Spunky and Leonard* can also be purchased directly from the author here in KPW. Contact him at Bill.Tirre@gmail.com>>

KPW Real Estate Corner by Cathy DeLoach



Regent in KPW Sells for \$1,000,000

An expanded Regent recently closed for \$1,000,000, \$75,500 **over** list price. This home ([5104 Spring Rock Ct](#)) had been expanded, updated throughout, staged and includes fantastic outdoor spaces. Three other homes (two Barons, and another Regent) closed in the \$900,000s (\$992,000, \$900,000 and \$995,000). These well-presented homes pushed our neighborhood average sales price to \$784,327 within a range of \$575,000 to \$1,000,000 with a total of 41 homes sold.

At the low end of the range of homes is the Queen I discussed last month, which sold "as is" for \$45,000 **below** list to a flipper who updated, staged and sold for \$11,000 **over** list at \$810,000. The average price for Queens sold this year subtracting the \$575,000 statistical outlier is \$793,000. There are many reasons to sell as is, especially if you are already well-placed financially for the next life stage after sale. Updating takes time and can be stressful if you either must live with construction or relocate while improvements take place. All factors are significant and should be taken into consideration when preparing a home sale. One size, one answer, does not fit all.

When contemplating selling your home, be sure to enlist a reputable real estate professional who can explore all financial scenarios with you. Over the past several years, statistical KPW data indicates an **excellent** return on investment for thoughtful pre-sale updates and upgrades. Be mindful that agents who specialize in flipping may attempt to undervalue your home for **their** maximum profit later, not yours. Selling your home "as is" should still reflect the true value of your asset.

Model	Address	List Price	Sold Price	+/- List	Model	Address	List Price	Sold Price	+/- List
Baron	10431 Finchley Ct	\$949,500	\$992,000	↑	Prince	10010 Eastlake Dr	\$784,900	\$814,000	↑
Baron	4764 Farndon Ct	\$785,000	\$861,000	↑	Prince	5115 Pumphrey Dr	\$719,990	\$725,000	↑
Baron	10303 Commonwealth	\$810,000	\$767,500	↓	Queen	5242 Morley Ct	\$849,500	\$883,000	↑
Cromwell	5212 Mornington Ct	\$775,000	\$850,000	↑	Queen	5200 Pommeroy Dr	\$824,500	\$845,000	↑
Cromwell	5215 Ashcroft Ct	\$795,000	\$795,000		Queen	9932 Commonwealth	\$799,999	\$810,000	↑
Cromwell	5209 Pumphrey Dr	\$774,900	\$785,000	↑	Queen	5218 Claridge Ct	\$755,000	\$755,000	
Cromwell	10158 Bessmer Ln	\$729,000	\$782,000	↑	Queen	10004 Commonwealth	\$725,000	\$675,000	↓
Cromwell	10422 Stallworth Ct	\$765,000	\$765,000		Queen	9932 Commonwealth	\$620,000	\$575,000	↓
Duchess	5307 Richardson Dr	\$744,888	\$766,000	↑	Regent	5104 Spring Rock Ct	\$924,500	\$1,000,000	↑
Duchess	5115 Pommeroy Dr	\$675,000	\$675,000		Regent	4923 Wheatstone Dr	\$924,500	\$995,000	↑
Duke	10025 Whitefield St	\$824,500	\$850,000	↑	Regent	10424 Collingham Dr	\$899,500	\$900,000	↑
Duke	4944 Gainsborough Dr	\$789,500	\$835,000	↑	Regent	5206 Claridge Ct	\$824,500	\$865,000	↑
Duke	9700 Galsworth Ct	\$749,888	\$750,000	↑	Regent	5382 Gainsborough Dr	\$849,500	\$865,000	↑
Duke	5213 Noyes Ct	\$700,000	\$672,000	↓	Regent	5210 Mornington Ct	\$800,000	\$833,000	↑
Essex	10163 Bessmer Ln	\$749,000	\$810,000	↑	Regent	5313 Gainsborough Dr	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Essex	10161 Tapestry Ct	\$750,000	\$765,000	↑	Regent	4900 Gainsborough Dr	\$729,500	\$741,000	↑
Essex	4787 Catterick Ct	\$750,000	\$729,900	↓	Regent	5127 Lavery Ct	\$729,950	\$713,000	↓
Essex	5100 Spring Rock Ct	\$620,000	\$685,000	↑	Regent	10021 Commonwealth	\$675,000	\$650,000	↓
King	5418 Chatsworth Ct	\$785,000	\$790,000	↑	York	10448 Collingham Dr	\$674,500	\$685,000	↑
King	5302 Richardson Dr	\$750,000	\$750,000		York	5202 Commonwealth Ct	\$649,900	\$675,000	↑
King	10201 Lister Ct	\$675,000	\$728,000	↑					

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Taking a Look at Trails: Part 4

Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

Starting with [Part 1](#), this series studies different aspects of trails. Part 4 is the final installment.

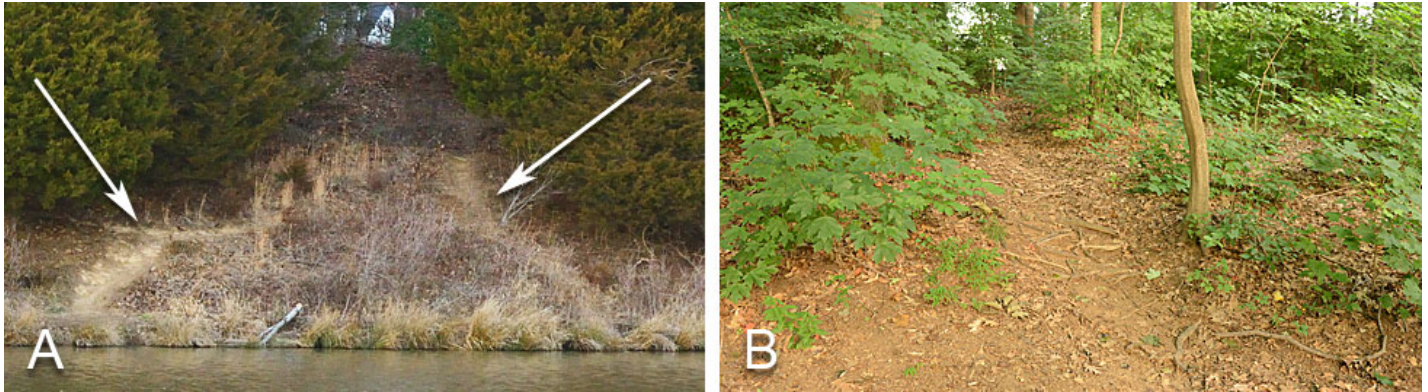


Figure 11. One common reason people make social trails is to access fishing holes (A). Social trails along shorelines escalate bank erosion and destroy the wetland plants where their soil-retaining roots are needed most. Another motive is when neighbors want personal access from their home to the main trail (B). In addition to the inherent impacts brought by trails, pathways leading to private property can be used by unintended intruders such as trespassers and burglars.

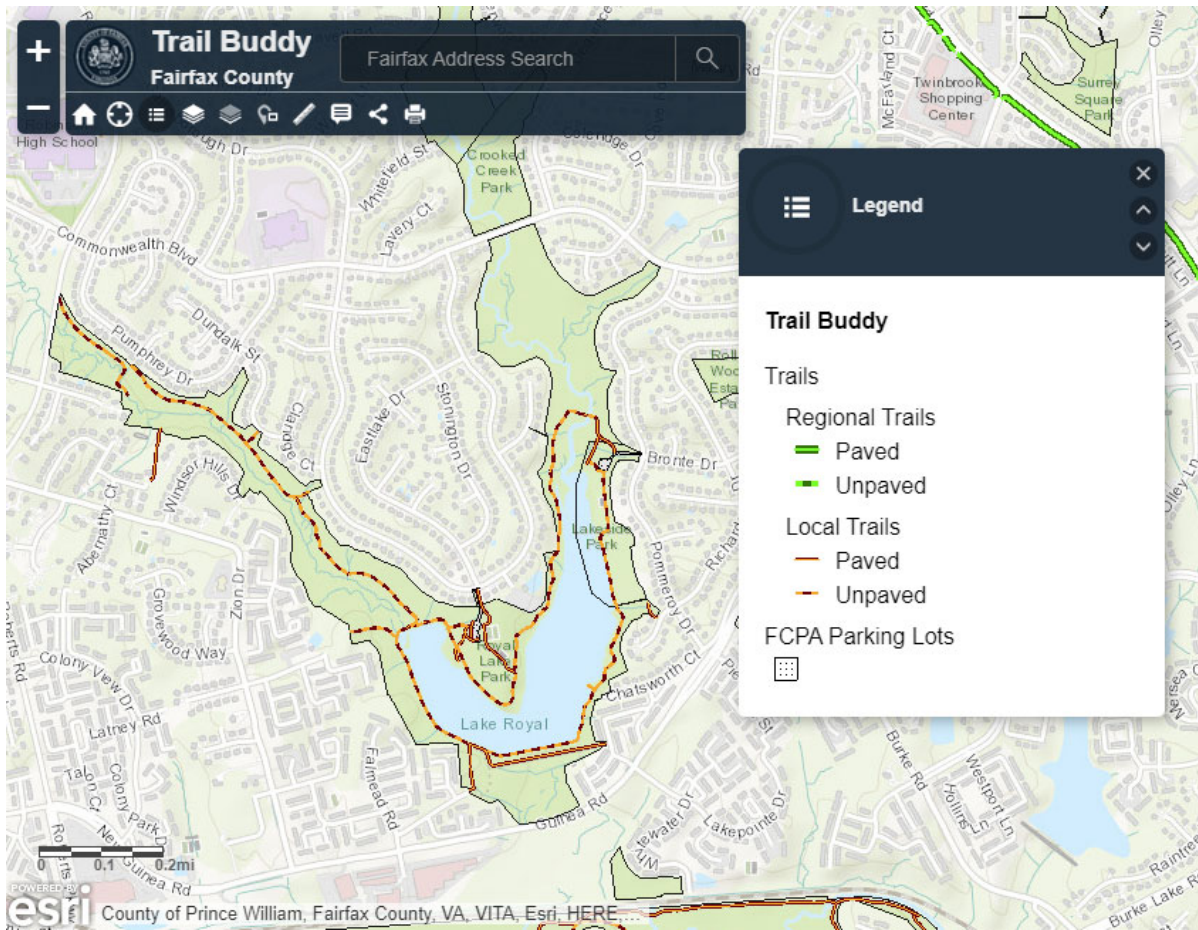


Figure 12. Before exploring a park for the first time, trail maps assist the trekker to gauge the travel distance. At the park, these maps help the user know where to go and prevent folks from getting lost! Some trail websites display maps based on crowdsourced input and GPS data as contributors wander the trails. Besides showing legitimate trails, many of these private maps often display social trails, which should be avoided.

Official trail maps are the best guides for people and to preserve the environment that visitors come to experience. Maps of authorized trails within Fairfax County are available at Trail Buddy <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails/trail-buddy>. Whereas this webpage is supported by the Fairfax County Park Authority, it features additional areas such as Great Falls National Park and green spaces within the City of Fairfax. This image shows the official trails completed around Royal Lake Park and Lakeside Park.

Further reading about trails and sustainability:

<https://www.americantrails.org/resources/building-sustainable-trails-key-design-elements>

<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/eesc/science/sustainably-designed-trails-recent-recreation-ecology-findings-design-factors>

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<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/trails/stream-valley-trail-presentation-082820.pdf>

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<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/plandev/trail-management/trail-development-strategy-plan.pdf>

Pommeroy Trail Information and Maintenance Plan

By Tony Vellucci

Many of you may know that there is a trail behind Pommeroy Drive that extends from Commonwealth Blvd., just opposite Commonwealth Swim Club, to Lakeside Park. It is not an FCPA-recognized nor FCPA-maintained trail; it is a trail that has been used for decades by members of the community.

A meeting between Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) members and the FCPA Area 4 Maintenance Manager Marcos Suarez on June 30 discussed the Park Authority putting the trail on its list of maintained trails and also outlined a series of actions that could be taken by FORL volunteers to improve and sustain the trail, with FCPA assistance and approval.

Sections of the trail have had various levels of maintenance in the past, performed by community volunteers, and other sections have had little to no maintenance whatsoever.

FORL is looking for volunteers for Saturday, September 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. for trail maintenance efforts. A section of the trail—behind 5114 Pommeroy Drive to 5108 Pommeroy Drive—is concave due to stormwater running down it as the path of least resistance, parallel to the stream, during periods of rain. The section is about 200 feet in length and has an inclined grade of about 4-6 degrees (the higher point being closer to Commonwealth Blvd.)

The task envisions laying down a sufficient amount of 21A gravel so that the current trail is crowned and storm water can run alongside the trail. A 6 - 8-inch culvert may need to be placed under the trail at its lowest point to facilitate the flow of stormwater into the stream. The Park Authority will provide the material.

If you are interested in volunteering and/or in receiving a copy of the maintenance plan, please send me an email at ajvellucci@gmail.com. Hope to see you on Saturday September 23



Girl Scout Troop 5790 Conquers Costa Rica

Sixteen days after graduation, seven recent graduates, four of their underclassmen troop mates, one class of 2022 troop alumnae, and five brave adults set off on the Costa Rican adventure of a lifetime.

Three years in the making (thanks, COVID-19), this final “Big Trip” for Troop 5790 was one to remember. Spending eight days on the ground in Costa Rica, this trip’s participants learned about growing and manufacturing coffee, chocolate, and pineapple; made authentic Costa Rican empanadas; hiked the Arenal Volcano; climbed 526 feet down and back from La Fortuna Waterfall; and enjoyed hot springs, kayaking, extreme ziplining, and white water rafting.

The girls shopped at local grocery stores, and many were able to converse freely with local guides and shopkeepers thanks to the awesome Spanish teachers at Robinson (and Laurel Ridge). In addition to all their adventures, these girls saw spider monkeys, scarlet macaws, sloths, poison dart frogs, iguanas, crocodiles, a coati, and finally, on the last day, toucans!

Troop 5790 was founded in 2010 at Laurel Ridge, and over the past 13 years, these girls have gone horseback riding, done the ropes course at Sandy Springs and, traveled to the Hershey Park Camporee, Virginia Beach, and a Girl Scout Heritage pilgrimage to Savannah, all in preparation for a big trip as teens. Costa Rica didn’t disappoint.

These girls have truly become sisters. Each member of Troop 5790 made the conscious choice to keep Girl Scouting on their very active calendars, and their dedication has paid off with an extended group of friends who share a unique bond different from classmates or teammates—they chose the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement. Throughout the trip, I personally kept thinking, “This trip is special because it’s with these people at this time in all of our lives.”



We’re sending our seven graduates (two of whom are thankful recipients of the KPW Scholarship) to college this month. They will be attending NOVA, Virginia Tech, William and Mary, James Madison University, University of South Carolina, and Ithaca College.

Thank you, Kings Park West for supporting them during 13 years of Girl Scout fall product and cookie sales! We’ve got one more year with our third and final batch of graduating seniors, so look out for us at the Commonwealth Cookie Booth in February!

¡Pura Vida!

Participant Quotes:

“Everywhere we went, the views were breathtaking.” – ML

“Loved the cultural aspects of our trip and hearing about what is important to the Costa Rican people.” - DS

“We experienced so many things Costa Rica had to offer! Can’t reflect in one sentence!” – VP

“It was really special to see how in-tune Costa Ricans are with their environment.” – CC

“Our tour guide, Rebecca Gomez with Tropical Paradise Tours, brought our trip to the next level! She was awesome!” - SM







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Cub Scout Pack 1967 News

During the week of July 10, scouts from Pack 1967 attended Camp Ross in southwest Virginia for a week of camp. The scouts partook in activities such as archery, water safety, boating, bb-gun shooting, and fire making.

The scouts lived in two-person tents for the week and bravely used and cleaned the latrines for the entire week. The camp counselors also had an ongoing skit mystery/adventure for the week, which our scouts greatly enjoyed. By the end of the week, the scouts earned pins for archery, bb-guns, aquanaut (water rescue), and earth rocks. It was a fun time had by all, and it was a great final camp for our older scouts, who will be bridging to Boy Scouts next year.





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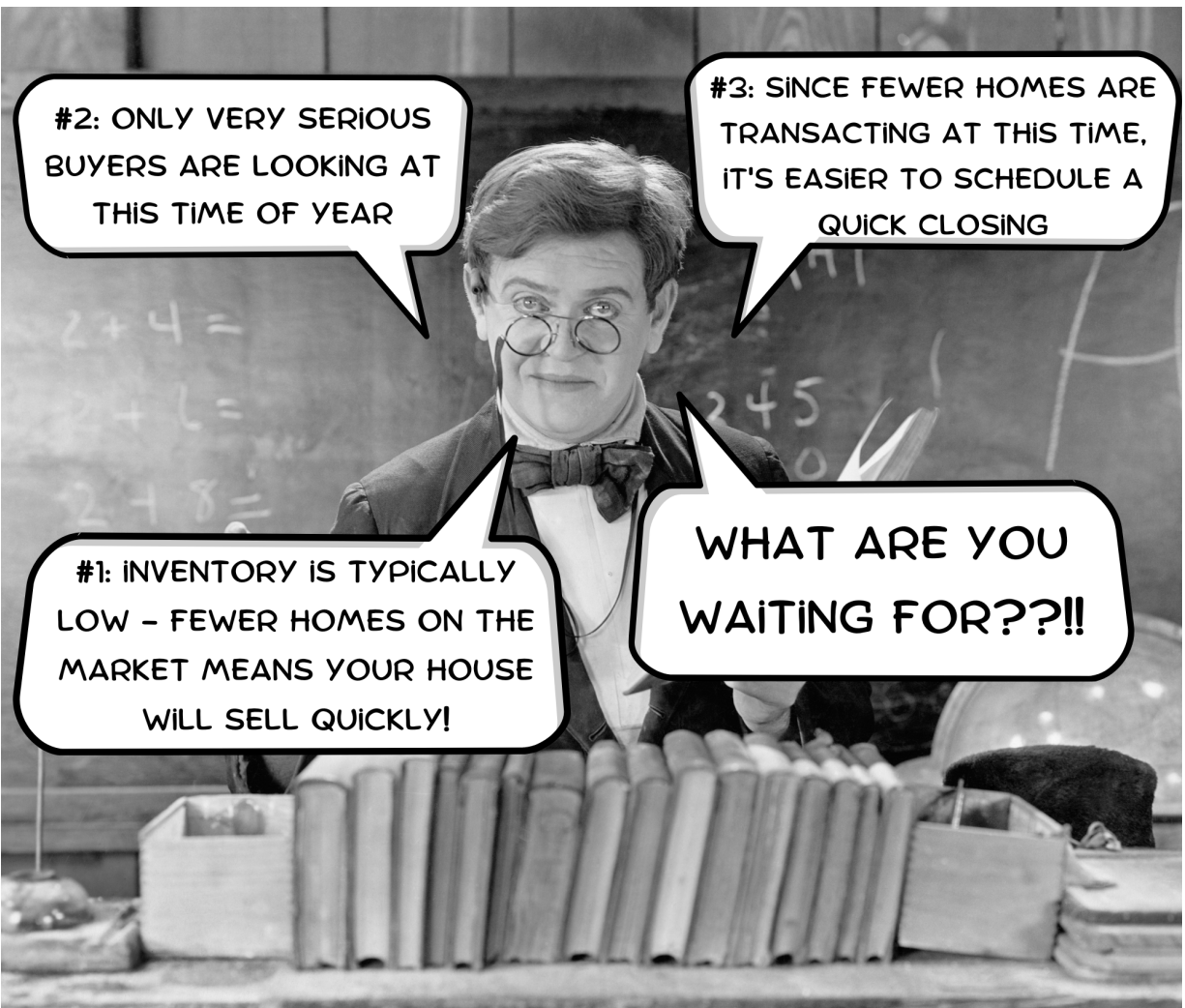
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