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Kings Park West Civic Association

"If you can be anything, be kind."

Hey neighbors!

I hope back-to-school has gone well for everyone and that all are re-settled in a new routine—but perhaps missing some kiddos who have moved on to college.

At the September 26 Fall Membership meeting (7 p.m. in the Robinson Recital Hall), we will hold Board elections—and of particular importance is the identification of a new vice president and treasurer. We will need a quorum to hold the elections, so bring a neighbor or friend to join us! This will also mark the kick-off of the 2024 Membership Drive, and we encourage as many block captains as possible to attend. If you cannot attend, please consider filling out a proxy form and giving it to someone who will join the meeting.

We will also share the results from the community survey that many of you took the time to complete earlier this year. I want to encourage people to attend so we can diver deep into some of the survey responses. There are some great ideas in there, and some comments I'd like to better understand.

I closed my last president's letter with a paraphrasing of a famous quotation by former President Kennedy: "Ask not what your Civic Association can do for you, but what you can do for your Civic Association." But in this iteration, with the community survey results on my mind, I do want to turn that around and ask for more specifics on the Civic Association can support our community in new and better ways!

As always, feel free to email me at president@kpwca.org or message me on Facebook! See you around the neighborhood...and on September 26!

See you around the neighborhood!

Sarah G.J. Lennon
President, KPWCA

Community Calendar

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



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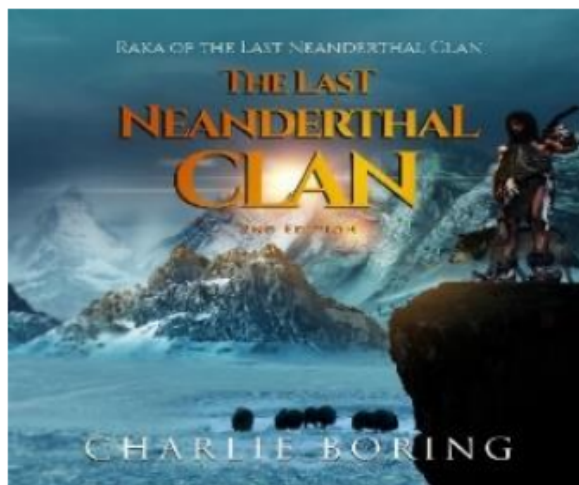
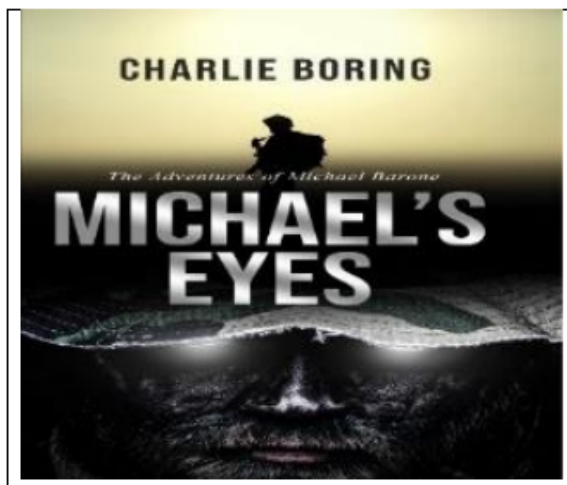
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Local Author, Charlie Boring, has published two books.



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by cathy deloach

Let's Support Local Businesses!

Introducing ONE Bar & Grill

10427 North Street, Fairfax

Mike and I visited the new restaurant in Fairfax, **ONE Bar & Grill**, located where The Great American Bistro used to live, and thoroughly enjoyed our meal. We especially loved the Baked Brie appetizer and the Chicken Breast with Risotto entrée. And for dessert, their Crème Brûlée is to die for! Here's a selfie with that delicious Chicken Breast entrée.



To encourage your support of this wonderful new restaurant right in our own backyard, we want to give you a chance to have up to \$100 of your meal paid for! During the month of October, visit **ONE Bar & Grill**, and take a selfie with a favorite dish and post it on the **KPW Recommends** FaceBook page in the comments section of the picture below. For an additional entry, if you loved your meal enough to give it a 5-star rating, include a link to your review. Keep your receipt! A winner will be picked at random from the comments section.



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Shanes Creek Rehabilitation Status

We have been reporting for many months the status of the Shanes Creek rehabilitation project (the creek from Roberts Road to Royal Lake). Many of us are anxious for the work to be completed and the trail open again. Project Manager Matthew Shepard's status report is below.

Meadville continues to work in the stream and has completed over 85% of the project, with most of the work that is left being planting and cleanup. The project is still on schedule, and the reduced crew size and reduction in construction noise reflect Meadville's progress. The project is still on schedule to be completed by November, and the planting is starting around mid-September. The invasive plant treatments will continue and go on after the project has been completed. The trails inside the construction area will remain closed. I have inquired about how to safely open the trails early, but it's very difficult because of liability and safety concerns. It could cause a delay in construction and add additional cost to the project. Please see the following statement from the Project Engineer:

"I completely understand the community's concern, but, at the same time, we have the responsibility of taking this long process to an end. For site safety and security reasons, we can't open the trails officially until we hit the substantial completion. Since the major landscaping activity is tentatively scheduled between mid-September to the end of October, I believe we can discuss this option with the contractor around that time frame. Hopefully, the contractor will be done with both of their stream, as well as major planting work by then. I wanted to thank all the community members for their patience."

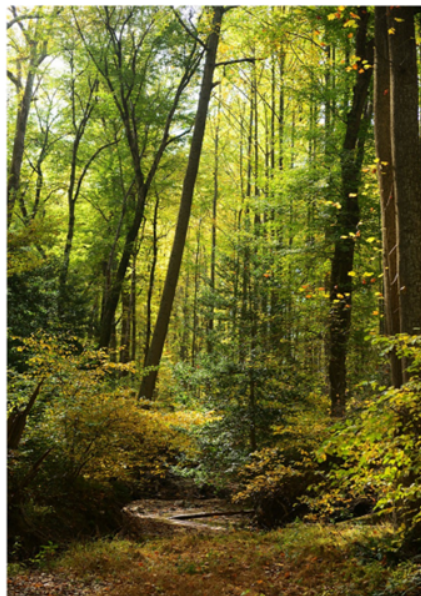


Photo by Greg Sikes

The whole project team is aware of the importance of opening the trail as soon as possible and will be working

to coordinate the plantings and fence removal in areas near the trail first. Please let me know if you have any questions: Matthew.shepherd@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Kings Park West Neighbor Assist

By Paul Gross

We thank those who have asked for assistance. We feel that some residents may still feel reluctant to call us. Don't be. Our volunteer handymen will call and arrange a time to see your project's scope. 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 handymen 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 service.

The handymen 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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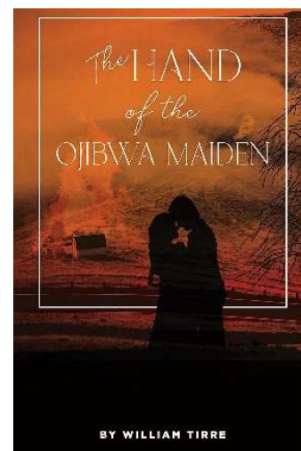
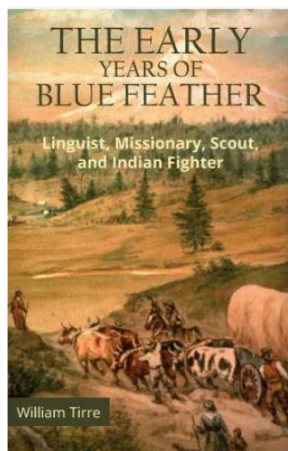
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The following books are intended for adults:

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



Thoughts on Selling Your Home in the Fall

Conventional wisdom has always recommended listing your home for sale in the spring, assuming that families seeking a change would prefer to move over the summer to prevent disruption to school routines for their children. In short, there are more buyers shopping around in the spring. However, in today's market, listing your home in the fall could result in a quick sale for an excellent price. Why? Low inventory.



For years now, our region has experienced an extreme housing shortage. Population growth in the area in conjunction with new construction slow-downs mean there are fewer available options for home buyers. As of August 27, only two homes in Kings Park West were for sale. Fewer options for buyers typically put sellers in a favorable position. AND because most buyers want to be settled in by the holidays, a quick closing date is often preferred.

YTD Sold KPW Properties by Model

Model	Address	List Price	Sold Price	+/- List	Model	Address	List Price	Sold Price	+/- List
Baron	10431 Finchley Ct	\$949,500	\$992,000	↑	King	10201 Lister Ct	\$675,000	\$728,000	↑
Baron	4764 Farndon Ct	\$785,000	\$861,000	↑	Prince	10010 Eastlake Dr	\$784,900	\$814,000	↑
Baron	10303 Commonwealth	\$810,000	\$767,500	↓	Prince	5115 Pumphrey Dr	\$719,990	\$725,000	↑
Cromwell	5212 Mornington Ct	\$775,000	\$850,000	↑	Queen	5242 Morley Ct	\$849,500	\$883,000	↑
Cromwell	5215 Ashcroft Ct	\$795,000	\$795,000		Queen	5200 Pommeroy Dr	\$824,500	\$845,000	↑
Cromwell	5209 Pumphrey Dr	\$774,900	\$785,000	↑	Queen	9932 Commonwealth	\$799,999	\$810,000	↑
Cromwell	10158 Bessmer Ln	\$729,000	\$782,000	↑	Queen	5218 Claridge Ct	\$755,000	\$755,000	
Cromwell	10422 Stallworth Ct	\$765,000	\$765,000		Queen	10004 Commonwealth	\$725,000	\$675,000	↓
Duchess	5307 Richardson Dr	\$744,888	\$766,000	↑	Queen	9932 Commonwealth	\$620,000	\$575,000	↓
Duchess	5115 Pommeroy Dr	\$675,000	\$675,000		Regent	5104 Spring Rock Ct	\$924,500	\$1,000,000	↑
Duke	10025 Whitefield St	\$824,500	\$850,000	↑	Regent	4923 Wheatstone Dr	\$924,500	\$995,000	↑
Duke	4944 Gainsborough Dr	\$789,500	\$835,000	↑	Regent	10424 Collingham Dr	\$899,500	\$900,000	↑
Duke	9700 Galsworth Ct	\$749,888	\$750,000	↑	Regent	5206 Claridge Ct	\$824,500	\$865,000	↑
Duke	5213 Noyes Ct	\$700,000	\$672,000	↓	Regent	5382 Gainsborough Dr	\$849,500	\$865,000	↑
Essex	4760 Tapestry Dr	\$789,500	\$825,000	↑	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	↑

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A Closer Look at Those Most Vulnerable

By Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

During a day or two in mid-June, next to where Shanes Creek empties into Royal Lake, this year's American toad (*Anaxyrus americanus*) offspring emerged onto dry land for the first time (Figure 1). The well-camouflaged toadlets scampered from the water, across the trail, and into the woodlands. Some people took time to marvel at this annual event, being careful not to crush the amphibians. Some joggers and walkers were oblivious or disregarded warnings of the mini-migration. [Trails pose an inherent hazard](#) when next to breeding sites.



Figure 1 - A toadlet crosses a popular trail on its first day on dry land (A). They blend into the stone surface (B), thereby easily overlooked and crushed

People who witness the emergence year after year noticed that this migration was larger than those in the recent past. However, it was still much smaller than from many years ago. What happened?

(Continued on next page.)

Before dredging Royal Lake in 2016-17, this toad spawning ground was marshland. Silt deposits at the mouth of Shanes Creek created extensive areas where the water was only inches deep. This water level was too shallow for large predatory fish, deep enough for tadpoles to develop, and too extensive for herons and other hunters to eat all of the maturing amphibians. Wetland plants and submerged leaves added protective cover.

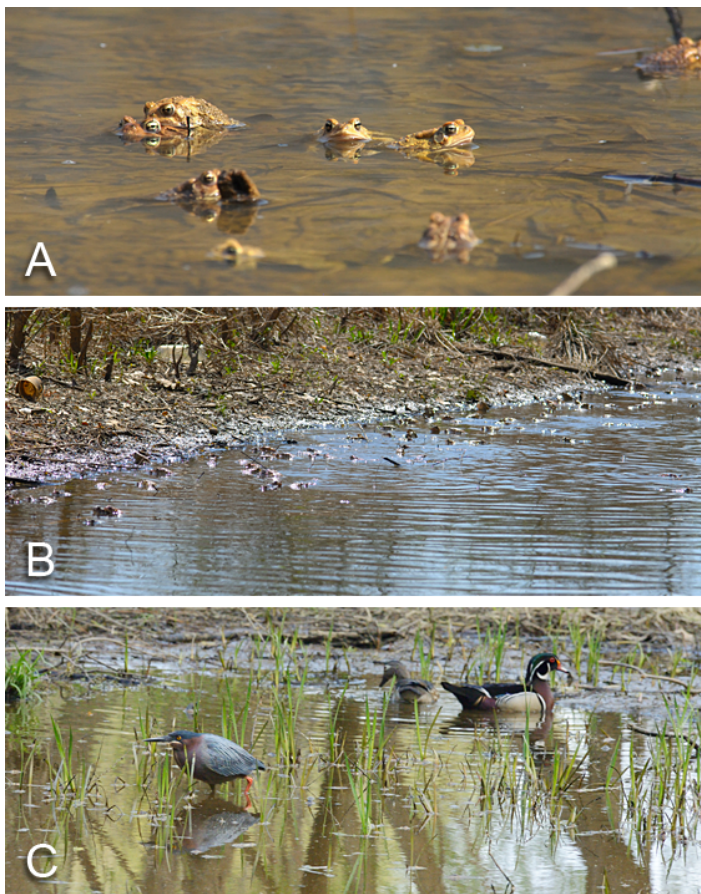


Figure 2 - At Royal Lake, toads spawn over several days in early spring (A). The shallow waters of silted marshland provided broad breeding grounds for hundreds of toads (B) and a place for tadpoles to develop. Throughout the year, other wildlife, such as green herons and wood ducks, benefited from this wetland habitat (C). All images were photographed prior to the dredge.

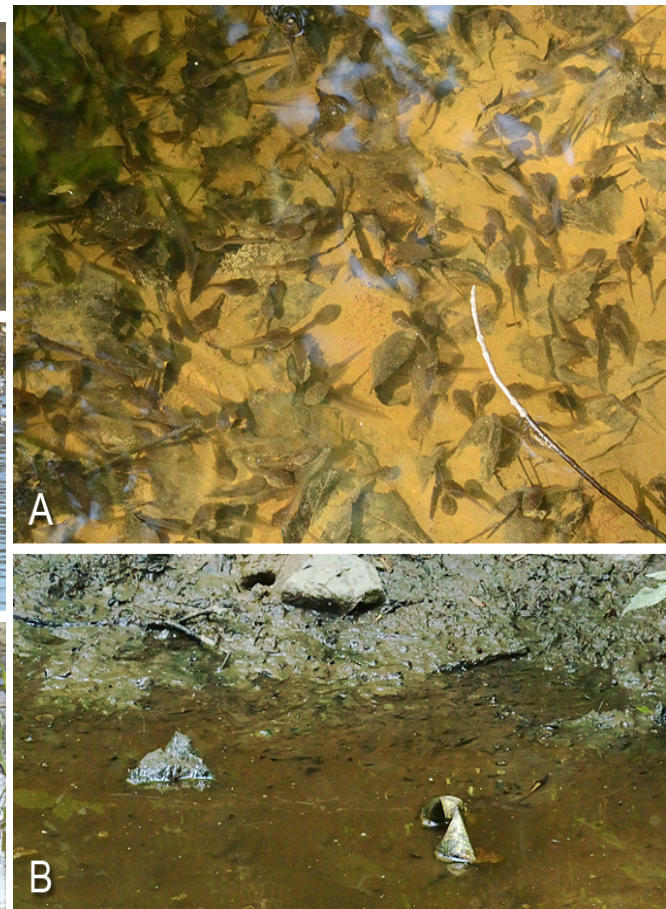


Figure 3 - By mid-June, vernal pools begin to dry yet some pools still support frog tadpoles and other aquatic life (A). The tadpoles will grow legs and emerge from the pool before it dries. While the immature amphibians and other aquatic critters live in the minute watery home, they are unable to flee from human pressures such as litter and disturbances (B).

The huge toad orgies and a perfect nursery for tadpole development (Figure 2) yielded many toadlets. During a community presentation prior to the dry dredge, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services ecologists predicted that there would be a big explosion in the frog and toad populations immediately after the lake water's draw down. The ensuing massive fish kill meant amphibians could propagate unchallenged before hungry fish repopulated the lake.

At the dredge's start, the draining produced the fish kill. The dredging replaced the marshland with a steeper shoreline slope and minimal transition zone, but without the anticipated amphibian population spike. Buffer areas with wetland plants were installed along portions of the shore, but not where the toads always chose to spawn.

In addition to habitat destruction, other possible reasons for the toad decline include some mid-sized fish that survived in the tributaries moved back to the lake, other predators could more easily devour the eggs and tadpoles, disease, and pollution impacts. Based on field observations, toads still spawned but those adult numbers declined, too, as did the general local toad population. Some toads reproduced elsewhere albeit in smaller gatherings.

In the six years since completing the dredge, silt continued flowing into the lake. Erosion was so bad along Shanes Creek that [stream restoration](#) was necessary to stabilize the streambank. The good news is some of the silt entering Royal Lake accumulated along the shores. (Continued on next page.)

Though not the nice wetlands that once were, this sediment created a better breeding ground for the toads than the steep bank. Furthermore, migratory spotted sandpipers (*Actitis macularius*), a species that needs shallow waters and mudflats to feed, returned again this year after last appearing before the dredge.

Clearly, human activities can severely impact toads in a large area like Royal Lake, which itself is an artificial body of water. Amphibians, such as wood frogs (*Lithobates sylvaticus*) and spring peepers (*Pseudacris crucifer*), that reproduce in [vernal pools](#) and other miniature, fish-free bodies of water are even more vulnerable.

For example, some of the [unauthorized social trails](#) run next to vernal pools, where people litter and toss stones (making those big splashes) into the aquatic nurseries (Figure 3). Harmful actions at Royal Lake and along its tributaries, such as netting for live bait, leaving dog and human feces to wash in, tossing cigarette butts, or dumping debris, can decimate a tiny pool's residents. The more a trail gets stomped and established, the more people it invites; a small number of people can inflict lasting damage. Therein lies a consideration when park administrators establish new trails: "self-entitled" visitors who disregard park rules will blaze social trail connections to the official pathways, though some parks are better staffed to stop unauthorized footpaths than others.

Amphibians serve important roles as both predators and prey. These sensitive critters are considered "canaries in the coal mine" to environmental change. Ways to help them and their habitat include:

- Visiting parks respectfully,
 - watch your step to avoid crushing the critters.
 - stay on the official trails <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails/trail-buddy>.
 - remove invasive seeds by cleaning footwear before entering and after leaving a park.
 - leave no trace of your presence.
- Never litter. Please clean up trash if you see it. Some of Royal Lake's frogs died from trash entanglement and others were rescued.
- Clean up pet poop. Lately, that extends to human open defecations and diapers. All this waste should be bagged and placed in trash cans. Do not toss this trash in recycling bins!
- Fix any motorized vehicle leaks, such as oil, gasoline, or antifreeze.
- Allow roof runoff to absorb into the yard instead of it emptying directly into the street, storm drain, or tributary.
- Avoid synthetic lawn and garden chemicals. More information is in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's publication, [Homeowner's Guide to Protecting Frogs — Lawn & Garden Care](#).
- Replace lawns with native gardens and landscaping.
- Leave the leaves! Many toads, terrestrial frogs, and their food sources shelter or overwinter in leaf debris. Leaves dispersed throughout the yard are more beneficial than large leaf piles.

An e-version of this article is at https://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/122_2023-06.pdf.

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Parks and Lake Update

By Tom McCook

Hello neighbors, here are our plans for Fall 2023 – looking forward to a great new year of volunteer activities in support of our wonderful parks and lake!

Based on school calendars, we plan to provide several opportunities to clean up the parks on Columbus (Indigenous Peoples’) Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther Day, Presidents’ Day.

I hope you, your students, Scouts, neighbors, and friends can come out and support our beautiful parks.

In the remaining months (September, December, March, May, and June), we will complete our normal “30 minute” clean-ups around the neighborhoods (county/state property—not HOA or personal areas) as Road Raiders team.

In April, we participate in the worldwide Earth Day special day of activities.

Wow!

We cannot do this without YOU! We need volunteers to support our plans. If you are not on our email information distribution lists, please send an email to KPWRoadRaiders@gmail.com.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has...” - Margaret Mead

Our first event is the annual – let’s clean up the area around Robinson Secondary School, let’s meet at 8AM for ONLY 30 minutes on Commonwealth Blvd (near Roberts and the KPWCA sign).

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

Looking for Help – It’s time for new leadership in Parks & Lake; anyone interested in please contact KPWCA President (Sarah Lennon) or me, Tom McCook.





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Cub Scout Pack 1967 News

On August 26, Cub Scout Pack 1967 officially kicked off the new scouting year with a BBQ and Pack Meeting at Royal Lake.

We were grateful to be joined by Scouts BSA Troops 697 and 1887, who led the cub scouts through stations on fire building, tent making, and first aid. And of course, the cubs learned about making smores and partook in all the best BBQ staples of hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, and more.

A huge thank you to Troops 697 and 1887 for providing the cub scouts an amazing start to what will be a fun year for Pack 1967.

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