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# Kings Park West Civic Association

— 2025 Membership Form —

## STEP 1: MEMBER INFORMATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Would you like to receive email updates from KPWCA? Circle: YES or NO*

## STEP 2: ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

### *Kings Park West Civic Association Activities*

- |      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| \$25 | 1. Membership Dues (Required) |
|      | 2. Herald Newsletter          |
|      | 3. Common Grounds Maintenance |
|      | 4. Parks & Lake               |
|      | 5. Scholarships               |
|      | 6. Scout Packs & Troop        |
|      | 7. Halloween Fall Festival    |
|      | 8. Spring Egg Hunt            |
|      | 9. Unrestricted Community Use |

### *Other Community Support*

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | 10. Volunteer Fire Department     |
|  | 11. Robinson All Night Grad Party |
|  | 12. Pools in Our Community        |
|  | 13. Braddock Nights               |
|  | <b>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT</b>        |

### I'm Interested in Volunteering:

- |                          |                          |                          |               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Block Captain/Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> | Signboards    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Herald Newsletter        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dumpster Day  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parks & Lake             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spring Egg Hunt          |                          |               |

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You can complete this form and pay via PayPal using the QR code or at [www.kpwca.org](http://www.kpwca.org)

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Fairfax Station, VA 22039



## STEP 3: PAYMENT TYPE

Cash     Check (# \_\_\_\_\_)     Online (PayPal Payer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Kings Park Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting  
September 2024**

**PROXY FORM**

Each active Civic Association member as listed in the membership database may vote on Association business. Any current member wishing to vote by proxy must complete this form. This form may be given to a KPWCA member who will attend any time prior to a regular or special meeting of the Association. Forms may be dropped off at 4782 Catterick Court as well. Proxy forms received after the meeting will not be accepted.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

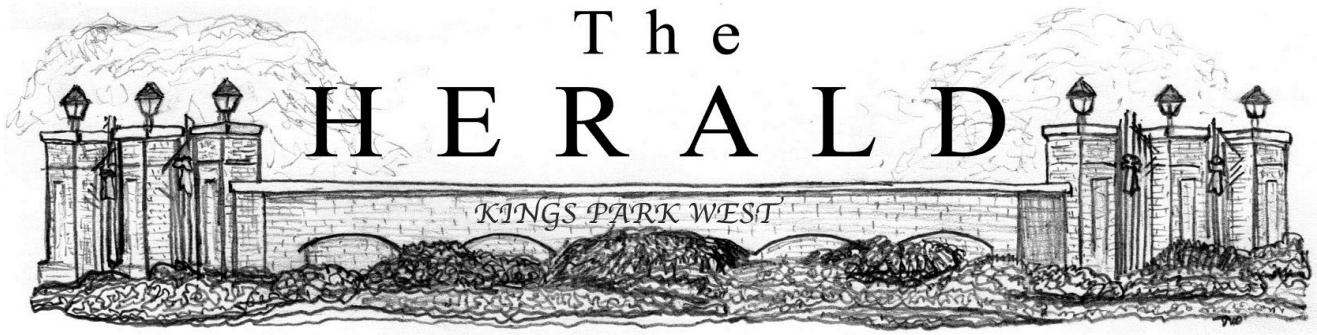
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

I assign \_\_\_\_\_ the authority to vote on my behalf regarding Association matters.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** *Membership Status of all parties will be verified upon presentation of a proxy. No individual may serve as proxy for more than two (2) members. Please contact [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org) to obtain another proxy form or to drop off a form.*



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*"If you can be anything, be kind."*

*Ciao vicini!*

As I write this, the leaves have almost all fallen and the cold has set in – finally! With Thanksgiving just under a week away, I've been thinking about how lucky we are to call Kings Park West home. Did you know we are one of the biggest subdivisions in Fairfax County? And yet despite that big-ness, there's a close-knit community thriving. There's so much to be thankful for here.

This time of year is all about gratitude, and I want to pause a moment and thank the most important person: you. You make a difference every time you join us at events, volunteer your time, or wave to your neighbor. Our Civic Association thrives because of the little things we all do to look out for each other and keep KPW the warm, welcoming place it is.

Thanksgiving is also a time to slow down and appreciate what really matters—family, friends, and community. If you know a neighbor who might need a little extra kindness this season, don't hesitate to reach out or let me know. Small gestures can mean so much.

As we head into the holiday season, I hope you find time to enjoy what makes this time of year special, whether that's sharing a meal with loved ones, cozying up at home, or – like me – making and eating way too many cookies. And if you are up for spreading even more cheer, join some of our parks and ground community members in hanging wreaths at our entrances!

Wishing you and your families a Thanksgiving filled with good food, good company, and plenty of joy. Thanks for being the best part of this amazing community.

Warmly,

*Helen Santoro*

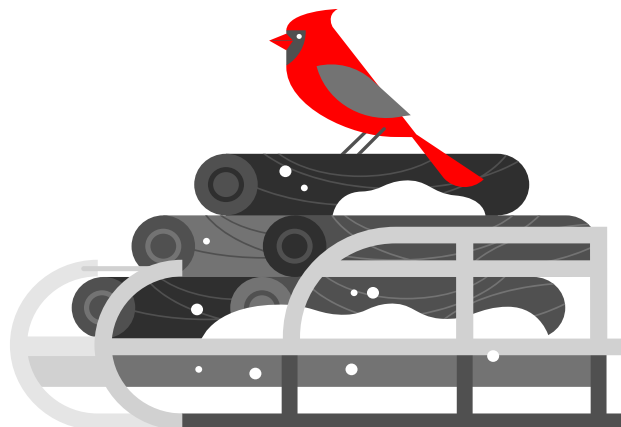
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Help us continue to provide fun activities to all. Join at [www.kpwca.org](http://www.kpwca.org)

**OR**

Scan the QR code to make the membership process even easier!



**Community Calendar**

KPWCA Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, December 17  
 First Day of Winter – Saturday, December 21  
 Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25  
 First Day of Hannukah – Wednesday, December 25  
 Kwanzaa begins – Thursday, December 26  
 Free Share Saturday! – Saturday, December 28  
 New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1

<b>Kings Park West Civic Association</b> P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114 General Information: <a href="mailto:info@kpwca.org">info@kpwca.org</a>   Community Association: <a href="mailto:kpwhoa@yahoo.com">kpwhoa@yahoo.com</a>   Website: <a href="http://kpwca.org">kpwca.org</a>		
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### THE GARDEN CORNER By Charlie Boring

In a previous article, published in February 2024, I mentioned that I had begun a new gardening project, Growing Artichokes in Kings Park West. I was encouraged by the fact that Thomas Jefferson grew artichokes at Monticello in Northern Virginia and brought artichoke seeds to Virginia from France and Italy. He may have planted his seeds directly into the soil, but he may have germinated them earlier in an ancient greenhouse. I used more modern methods that loosely followed Jefferson's gardening methods.



I bought my globe artichoke seeds online and planted the seeds in an indoor greenhouse in small plastic cups. Then I transplanted them around March 1 in my edible gardening landscape.

As I mentioned previously, artichokes require about 120 hours of vernalization (exposure to temperatures from about 38 degrees to about 50 degrees) in order to produce flowers, which are the edible part of the artichoke. After transplant, I covered the plants with pots to protect them from frost, when needed.



Apparently, my artichoke plants did not receive adequate vernalization, because they did not flower this year. Shown in this photo are my artichoke plants after winterization.

Winterization is my effort this fall to try to overwinter the artichoke plants such that they are exposed to adequate chill hours to allow them to flower next year, while protecting them

from freezes. This process consists of the following: 1) After the first frost day (October 15) prune the plants back to about 4 inches high. 2) Cover the plants with about six inches of mulch. I used shredded limb mulch that I got free from the Fairfax County Transfer Center.



Here is a photo of one of my artichoke plants that shows that the plant has continued growing after it was winterized. I am unsure that these plants will make it through the winter; but if they do, we should harvest some great artichokes. Perhaps my chances could be improved if I covered the plants with some kind of pot or row cover. What do you think?

This fall I have started an additional project. Many of you know that for a few years I have grown an asparagus patch. Unfortunately, because of the fact that I did not weed it often enough, the patch has been invaded by Bermuda grass and asparagus does not compete well with such grass. Bermuda



is extremely hard to remove and control. So, my project is to remove the all plants and grass from the bed and rebuild it for something else. This photo shows the before picture of the asparagus bed and the picture of the initial stage of the rework. Happy gardening!

# Hello Winter!





## Friends of Royal Lake Community Meeting Offers Details for Royal Lake Parks' Trail Improvements

By Paul Gross

On October 30, 2024, Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) held a community-wide meeting to discuss the trail and park improvements funded by the \$1.35 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and developer proffer money. The Fairfax County Park Authority trail project managers Tom McFarland and Beth Iannetta presented the status of the projects with projected timelines for completion. A copy of their presentation with some

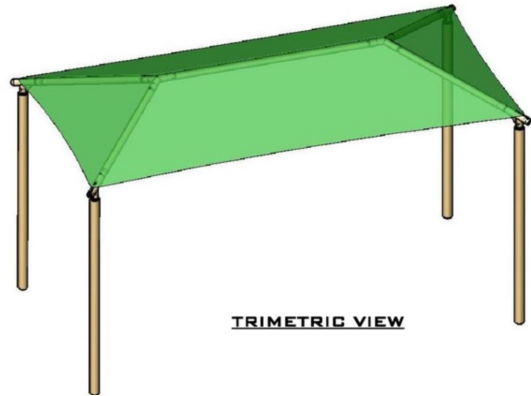


detailed drawings is on the FORL website.

The projects are:

- Trail connecting Commonwealth Blvd to Royal Lake Circuit Trail. This project will establish an 1800 foot by 6-foot-wide paved trail from the Royal Lake Circuit Trail to Commonwealth Blvd. The Commonwealth entrance will be near DeQuincey Drive.
- Rabbit Branch Bridge to be replaced. The current bridge, while safe, is nearing the end of its useful life. The new bridge will be a 45-foot x 8-foot fiberglass bridge. (See photo of sample bridge).
- Richardson Drive entrance to ball fields to be raised at the bridge crossing and repaved and expanded to include paving of the trail to the field near the soccer equipment shed.
- Lakepointe Community entrance from the top of the dam to the Circuit Trail to be paved with approximately 200 feet of 6-foot wide asphalt.
- Lakeside shade structure 20 x 30 feet to be installed over the picnic area at Lakeside Park, funded by developer proffer money. The picnic area project will include a shade

structure, a concrete pad and three large 8-foot picnic tables. The shade structure will have a fabric covering that will be removed in the winter but will be up during the rest of the year.



The status of the projects is:

- All projects have substantially completed design.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation is required for all projects funded by ARPA. Documentation is in progress. The Lakeside shade structure does not require NEPA documentation since it is funded by another source.
- The project managers anticipate completion of NEPA and building permit approvals by the summer of 2025 with construction to follow for Richardson, Lakepointe, Shade Structure and Bridge replacement projects.
- A Minor Site Plan will be required for the trail connecting Commonwealth Blvd to Royal Lake Circuit Trail. The Site Plan was submitted for review to county Land Development Services in September 2024. Approval is anticipated late Fall 2025.
- FORL will provide updates as they are available. Please see the [friendsofroyallake.org](http://friendsofroyallake.org) website or email [friendsofroyallake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofroyallake@gmail.com) for updated information.

## Parks & Lake Update



The KPW Road Raiders had their second cleanup season on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Rabbit Branch Park. A dedicated group of volunteers cleared 6 large trash bags of

garbage from the park and its neighboring woods. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Our next Road Raiders event will be held on December 14th from 9-9:30 a.m. at Robinson Secondary School. We plan to clean along the entrances to the school where litter often accumulates. We need volunteers to support our plans! And don't forget, the time provided can count as volunteer service hours.

If you are not on our email information distribution lists and would like to be, please send an email to Kelley Newsad at [Parks@kpwca.org](mailto:Parks@kpwca.org)

***"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.

## Josiah Park - Picnic area refurbishment

Royal Lake Park recently received a wonderful facelift thanks to the hard work of a local Scout who focused his Eagle Scout project on renovating the park's picnic area. This project, led by Josiah Park of Troop 918 at the request of Mr. Tom McCook, involved the restoration of four picnic tables and the thorough cleaning of two BBQ grills, making the popular gathering spot more welcoming for families and park visitors.



Over the course of two weekends, a team of volunteers worked diligently to restore the picnic tables, which had weathered years of exposure to the elements. They replaced damaged wooden slats and bolts on the tables. The transformation was remarkable, and the tables are now not only more aesthetically pleasing but also safer and more comfortable for use.

In addition to the picnic tables, the team tackled two of the park's BBQ grills, which had accumulated rust, grime, and debris over time. They managed to restore the grills to their former glory through a combination of scrubbing, scraping, and removing ash. They are now fully functional and ready for park visitors to enjoy a summer BBQ or a weekend cookout.



The success of this project is a testament to the values of leadership, service, and community spirit that are at the heart of the Eagle Scout program. Josiah Park

organized the project from start to finish, including fundraising for supplies, recruiting and managing volunteers, and ensuring that all work was completed to the highest standards.

Parkgoers have already expressed their appreciation for the improvements, noting how much more inviting the picnic area looks and thanking the project volunteers. Cubmaster Brandon Fureigh for Pack 1967 had this to say about the project:

"Cub Scout Pack 1967 held our annual Pack Kick Off Event at Royal Lake Park. This is a long standing tradition, but this year there was a surprise waiting for us. Josiah Park was



completing his Eagle Project as we arrived. For years the picnic tables by the lake have been getting worse and worse. We even had several Scouts get splinters the last time we were there. But this time, thanks to Josiah's vision and the hard work of his fellow Scouts, our young Cubs and their families had the time of their life. There is nothing more centric



to Scouting than ensuring our community can enjoy the outdoors safely and comfortably. Josiah's project will benefit the lives of so many in our community by creating an inviting space that will help build a new generation of outdoor enthusiasts!"

This renovation will undoubtedly benefit countless families, friends, and community members for years to come, providing a clean and comfortable space for outdoor gatherings.



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by cathy deloach

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## Lakeside Park Hosts Fairfax Little League Softball Spring Registration Open

Fairfax, VA – Fairfax Little League first established roots in Kings Park West during its eighteenth season of 1972-1973 when the County granted the league land for two playing fields. One of these fields is dedicated to the memory of Steve Cox and David Spiegler, who lost their lives to leukemia. More than 50 years later, Fairfax Little League players can still be seen practicing and playing games at The Spiegler - Cox Ballfield at Lakeside Park, enjoying the view of Royal Lake while making lifelong friends and memories on the diamond. In its inaugural season this fall, Fairfax Little League Softball joined this community tradition as players enjoyed weeknight practices overlooking Royal Lake.

Until now, no Little League Softball program existed to serve residents of Kings Park West, or anyone else within Fairfax Little League boundaries. The successful launch of Little League Softball has filled this need, making Fairfax Little League's programs more inclusive and accessible to the children of our community. Fairfax Little League is partnering with Annandale-North Springfield Little League to offer Little League Softball for girls ages 7-12 (born January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2012) who live or go to school within the boundaries of Fairfax Little League or Annandale-North Springfield Little League.

Following a successful first season consisting of 56 players and 5 teams, Fairfax Little League will be expanding for the Spring 2025 season by offering three levels of play: Minors (AA & AAA) for girls ages 7-11 as well as Majors for ages 10-12. It is our hope that the Fairfax Little League Softball program will continue to grow in the coming years to include other levels of play in the same way our baseball programs have grown over the past 68 years.

Registration for the Spring 2025 Fairfax Little League Baseball & Softball season is open. Please visit <https://www.fairfaxll.org/> and select Spring 2025 Registration for registration details.

Further reflecting our commitment to inclusion and accessibility, financial assistance is available to ensure a child's ability to play is not determined by ability to pay. Information on financial assistance can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxll.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1004024>

If you have additional questions regarding Fairfax Little League's Softball program, please email [softball@fairfaxll.org](mailto:softball@fairfaxll.org).



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## KPW Real Estate Corner by Cathy DeLoach



### What's Next For the Housing Market?

On November 8, just days after the presidential election, National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) economists weighed in on home sales and mortgage rates—and how the election results, the economy and other factors could impact the real estate business in the year ahead. Regarding the election, Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the NAR, stated, “We’ve seen after presidential elections—and it doesn’t matter who wins—that there’s usually a slight boost in home sales. It removes some uncertainty.”

Here’s an overview of the NAR’s predictions on key housing indicators for the year ahead.

#### Home Sales (Number of Homes Sold) to Rise

The housing market in recent years has faced challenges due to a housing shortage and increasing mortgage rates. Citing a continuing improving job market, and some recovery of the housing inventory shortage, Yun suggested that “maybe the worst is over.”

#### Here's Yun's forecast for the next two years:

- 2025 sales projection: Existing home sales to rise 9% year-over-year; new home sales to jump by 11%.
- 2026 sales projection: Existing-home sales to rise 13% year-over-year; new home sales to increase by 8%.



#### Mortgage Rates to Moderate

According to Freddie Mac, the average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has ranged from 6.08% to 7.44% over the past 52 weeks. Yun says the rates should stabilize at the low end of that range for 2025 and 2026. Potential buyers anticipating drastically lower rates should be cautioned that this is unlikely, mainly due to the substantial national budget deficit, which limits the availability of mortgage funds as the United States borrows large amounts to manage its debt.

#### Home Price Appreciation Will Slow

While homeowners have enjoyed record-breaking equity gains, home buyers have been struggling with affordability. A typical homeowner has accumulated \$147,000 in housing wealth just over the last five years, according to NAR’s research. “The strong price increases cannot be sustainable for another five years, or America will be divided ... with only a few getting to experience the tremendous housing wealth,” Yun said. “If we bring more supply to the housing market, home price increases will not be as outrageous ... and will be more in line with wages.”

*~excerpted from article by Melissa Dittmann Tracey, contributing editor for REALTOR® Magazine*

The entire article with citations can be read here:

<https://www.nar.realtor/magazine/real-estate-news/whats-next-for-the-2025-housing-market>.

#### KPW YTD Statistics on Homes Sold YTD

**54** homes sold at average price of \$856,699 (\$655,000 to \$1,27,000)

11 average days on market

## Kings Park West Neighbor Assist:

- Be prepared for the winter weather. The task of keeping sidewalks and driveways clear of snow and ice can be a good source of exercise. However, it could also overstress those not prepared for the tasks.
- So what to do? One of the first things often forgotten is to **hydrate**. Make sure you take water breaks. It's amazing when you realize that how much water your body needs to work in cold weather.
- The second thing is to **take breaks**. Either stay outside and enjoy the snowscape or go inside for some warmth. Finger tips and toes can become uncomfortably cold before you realize it.
- Once you have taken care of your property, it would be great if you looked out at your neighbors to see if they might need some help. This is specially important for older residents who physically can not clear the snow. We often see neighbors helping neighbors or clearing snow for older ones. That spirit is what Kings Park West is known for.
- We do have a number of older KPW residents who are willing to pay for snow removal. And we have some teens and others who could make some spending money by offering to work.
- To help connect those who need help and those who want to make some money, KPW Neighbor Assist is collecting names of workers and residents willing to pay for the snow removal service. We will try to link the two based on location.
- Residents willing to pay or willing to work need to send information. What we need is **Name, Street Address and contact Number and/or Email Address**. Please send the information to [kpwneighborassist@gmail.com](mailto:kpwneighborassist@gmail.com). That way we have a record to call once the snow arrives.

## Thank you from Property Sisters, The Mary & Cathy Team!

During a busy, busy late summer selling season, when approached by Keith Jodoin to sponsor the festival again, our plan was to abbreviate our efforts a little bit by focusing solely on funding Kona Ice and stroking a check to cover some general festival expenses. Keith, though, encouraged us to bring back Community Candyland as he hoped to revive the community spirit it embodied in previous years. "Oh boy," I thought! And then I thought, "let's go!"

With just about a month left before the festival, I enlisted help from the team. They turned their creative powers from home improvements and design to building the cutest darn Community Candyland to date! I hope you'll join me in thanking them for their creativity and energy supporting this event and our community! Team, you added so much pizzazz to the festival! I am so proud and grateful!

Community Candyland featured local businesses, many of whom built and ran games related to their businesses, to delight and entertain festival goers. A heartfelt thank you to Commonwealth Swim Club, Kings Ridge Swim Club, Lakeview Swim Club, Scout Troop 697, A&C Contractors, Friends of Royal Lake, Warrior Kids Yoga, Blanca's Kids and Out Junk Out, and Scout Troop 1967 for running tables in Community Candyland! You brought the magic!

Another huge thank you goes to the volunteers who helped set up and clean up--the Heppners, Lindsey and Logan Sullivan, Lisa and Kennedy Hughes, and Doug Larson were all lifesavers! Daria and Kennedy Akers, thank you for showing up and running the scavenger hunt--a big job beautifully done! To all the people who donated candy, pies, and cupcakes, we are so grateful! Paul and Kathy Gross thank you for sharing your water! To "the husbands" I thank you.

Community Candyland came together with the help of so many--some named here but so many others as well--for the benefit of the whole community. To quote Willy Wonka, "We are the music-makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams." How lucky are we to live in a community that values and supports creating magic for another generation of KPW kids? I know I feel so lucky, and I thank you all.

When you renew your KPWCA membership for 2025, please consider adding an extra donation to the Halloween Festival.

Thank you! ❤️

Cathy DeLoach



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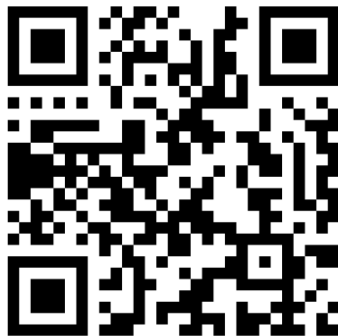
### October / November Highlights from **Scout Pack 1967**

What a fantastic Fall it's been for Pack 1967! On October 15th, our scouts came together for a fun and informative den meeting all about healthy living. They got hands-on with activities exploring food groups, staying active, and learning why rest is so important. A highlight of the evening was a visit from State Police officers, who shared valuable safety tips and exemplified what it means to serve the community. Later that week, several of our scouts proudly suited up and joined the Robinson Homecoming Parade. Walking alongside schools, local groups, and even some mascots, they brought smiles to the neighborhood and handed out candy along the way.

November kept the excitement going with plenty of outdoor fun and community service. On November 2nd and 3rd, our scouts headed to Camp Snyder for the Fall Campout. From hiking the wetlands to playing in the GaGa Ball ring, there was no shortage of fun. Despite the cold weather, the night wrapped up with a hearty dinner and goeey s'mores around the campfire!



Throughout the month, our pack also participated in the annual Scouting for Food drive, collecting food donations to support local families in need. We would like to give a huge thanks to all the scouts, leaders, and families who made it such a memorable month. We're so proud of everything our scouts have accomplished and can't wait to see what's next. If you're new to scouting or eager to join our vibrant community, we encourage you to visit our website to discover how you can get involved!



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# KPWCA, Sponsors, and Volunteers Pull Together Amazing Halloween Festival and Dumpster Day with Support from Our Members

If you missed the Halloween Parade and Festival on October 20th, you missed what may have been the best festival ever! If you missed Dumpster Day on November 16th, that was your chance to take advantage of this member only event to declutter your home and avoid a trip to the I-66 Transfer Station.



Thanks to our amazing Festival Coordinator, Keith Jodoin, our incredible sponsor, the Property Sisters Mary & Cathy Team, and

dozens of volunteers – approximately 700 people came to Lakeside Park to enjoy awesome musical entertainment, fun games, and a candy-filled stroll through Community Candyland. The survey results were overwhelmingly positive and the Kings Park West Civic Association plans to use this year's festival as our template for future success. Now if we could only find a way to guarantee the amazing weather!



Around 35 members of the Kings Park West Civic Association took advantage of the Fall Dumpster Day on November 16, which was open only to KPWCA members who

have active memberships for the 2024-2025 membership year. Two dumpsters were packed full with professional-



level, Jenga precision by volunteers who supported this event. Big thanks to Lakeview Pool for hosting us again!

We love to see so many

members of the community enjoying our events, but we can only continue to do so with your support. So, how can you support?

\*If you aren't sure if you are a current member, you can check on the [kpwca.org](http://kpwca.org) home page.

\*If you aren't a current member, you can join online right from that same page. Be sure to fill out the Google Form as well as make your PayPal payment so you are properly registered.

\*If you particularly love one of our events, like the Halloween Parade and Festival and Dumpster day, you can make specific additional donations to support those events directly.



\*If you are interested in becoming more involved in the KPWCA, please let us know at [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org) or [vp@kpwca.org](mailto:vp@kpwca.org)



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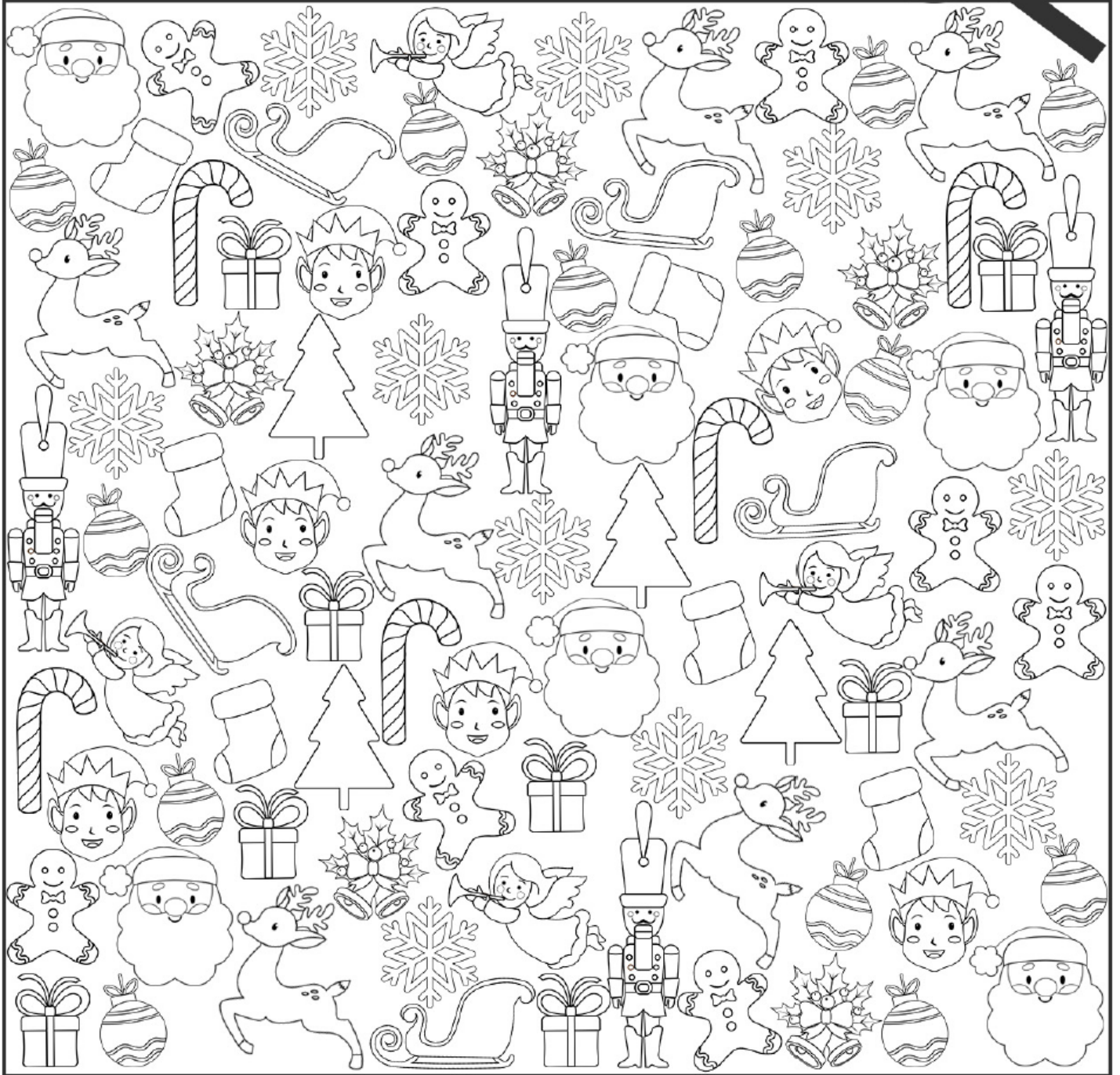
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