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Kings Park West Civic Association

Neighbors,

I live by a few core principles. The first is simple: be human first. Relationships come before everything else — they're how I connect, create, and build things that last.

Beyond that, I come back again and again to four tenets that guide me in almost everything I do:

- Start with the destination: I work best when I know where I'm heading and why it matters.
- Find the leverage: When energy and time are limited, I look for the places where effort has the biggest impact.
- Remove the friction: I want to make it easier for people — myself included — to step in, to connect, and to contribute.
- Take ownership: When something needs doing, I try to step up, follow through, and take responsibility.

These aren't abstract ideas. They're the tools I reach for when things feel complicated, or when I need to remind myself what matters most. And they remind me that community isn't something that just "exists." It grows when we give it care. It stays strong when we show up for each other.

So what does this mean for us, as a community? It means we decide together what Kings Park West can be. These principles are not just mine to carry — they can guide all of us in how we show up for one another.

- We can start with the destination by reimagining the kind of neighborhood we want to live in.
- We can find the leverage by putting our time and energy into the places that matter most.
- We can remove the friction by making it easier for each other to connect and get involved.
- And we can take ownership by stepping up in the ways that feel right to each of us.

Kings Park West is a collection of our interactions, a reflection of our individual relationships with our neighbors and each other. Our community is a real and living thing, and flourishes when we each bring our care and energy to it.

I challenge each of you to do your part. Interact. Give back. Decide the role you want to play and the contribution you want to make. You know yourself best, and you know the unique ways you can add to this community. What you bring to the table is meaningful, and when each of us brings what we can, Kings Park West continues to grow and thrive.

There's space here for your energy, your ideas, and your commitment to keep reimagining what our community looks like and how we show up. Tell me what you want to see. Tell me how you want to show up. Share your reflections with me by email at board@kpwca.org or by text at 703-785-8565.

Let's keep breathing life into our community, together.

See you around the neighborhood!

Helen
 Helen Santoro
 President, KPWCA



Help us continue to provide fun activities to all. Join at www.kpwca.org

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Kings Park West Civic Association Annual Membership Drive!

Fall is almost here, which means it is also almost time for pumpkin spice lattes, sweaters, and the Kings Park West Civic Association’s Annual Membership Drive!

The Kings Park West (KPW) Civic Association serves all of Kings Park West and membership is open to everyone! Whether you are an original owner or new to the neighborhood, whether you plan to stay for decades or just a couple of years, whether you rent or own your home, and whether you live in an HOA section or not, you benefit from the work of the KPW Civic Association.

The KPW Civic Association is **not an HOA**. Membership is voluntary, but for just \$25 each year, you can connect with your neighbors and help us build a better community for all. Here are some of the many benefits sponsored or brought to you by the KPW Civic Association:

Community Services & Events	Keep KPW Beautiful	Neighborhood Communications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spring Egg Hunt ▪ Halloween Fall Festival ▪ Spring & Fall Dumpster Days ▪ College Scholarships ▪ Scouting Troops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entrance & Common Area Landscaping ▪ Royal Lake Community Clean-ups ▪ Sidewalk and Trail Maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Herald Newsletter ▪ Neighborhood Signboards ▪ KPWCA Website (kpwca.org)

Visit www.kpwca.org to learn more about the Kings Park West Civic Association and to join or renew your membership for 2026 starting on October 1, 2025!

Also, please be sure to join us at the KPW Civic Association’s Annual Membership Meeting on September 26th at 7pm in the Braddock Hall meeting room (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015).

If you have any questions, please contact us at membership@kpwca.org.

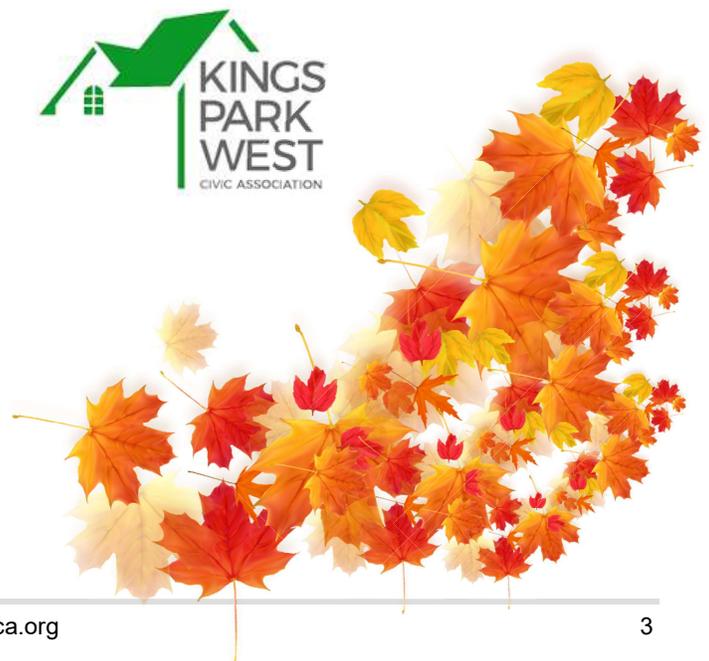


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● Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual 8-0101.7
 ● Fairfax Code of Ordinances Section 6-1-6

Be considerate and make sure your vehicles, overgrown trees/plants, etc are not blocking your sidewalk so everyone can enjoy free passage on our sidewalks.





Volunteer Spotlight: The People Who Make It Happen

Each quarter, we'll highlight a volunteer who's making an impact. These are everyday people who decided to step up, and we're grateful for every one of them. Know someone we should feature? Let us know by emailing board@kpwca.org.

Obituaries

Margaret Downes Andino

January 8, 1936 - June 18, 2025



Margaret Downes Andino, 89, a long-time resident of Kings Park West, passed away on June 18, 2025.

Margaret was born on January 8, 1936, in Manhattan, NY to Margaret Mary (Lynch) and Stephen Alphonsus Downes. Margaret was the last of ten children (Robert, Stephen, Nicholas, Bernadette, John, Thomas, Anne, William, and Joseph) raised in the Downes' home, all who preceded her in death.

Margaret married Paul John Andino (p. 2017), and they raised two boys who survive them, Mark Burkhardt, Mark's daughter Laura, and Curt Downes Andino.

Margaret worked at George Mason University for twenty years in the Department of Public Administration, the Page Program, and the Honors Program. In each student she worked with she saw a future leader better prepared through thoughtful and individualized counseling and advocacy. If you were one of the students she worked with- you meant the world to her.

Margaret spent 35 years learning the Spanish language to no avail. Her career as a pianist, while briefer, yielded similar results. As a gardener, however, she was rarely matched and spent countless hours developing the classical terraced gardens surrounding her home.

The Catholic Church was an important part of her life. Baptized into the Holy Roman Church as an infant, Margaret saw the Gospels as an assignment- especially the Works of Mercy. Visiting the sick and imprisoned were parts of her life, as were charity for the poor, food for the hungry, and welcoming the stranger as you would welcome Christ. Margaret was a Lector at St. Mary's of Sorrows for 16 years; she saw this opportunity as one of her greatest joys.

Margaret saw civic engagement as an individual responsibility and an essential duty of citizenship. Her life exemplified this belief. When asked to serve, she showed up. Margaret was co-Chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority; she also served as a Director on the Fairfax County Water Authority. Her most enjoyable role, however, was her term as president of the Kings Park West Civic Association.

Margaret and Paul were nominated to be Lady and Lord Fairfax to honor their service to the community.

Per her request- In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting WETA or your local public radio station in her memory.

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IN KINGS PARK WEST

By Linda H. Bassert

One of the easiest ways to update your home is to transform your home with paint color changes. The colors we enjoyed at one point may seem dated or displeasing over time. We might have a greater need for light and airy spaces now, or long for more depth of color after living in a very light home for a long time. Perhaps we moved into a home with colors painted for resale purposes, or one painted in colors which worked for the previous owner, but which do not work for the furnishings we have.

To more effectively select paint color, it is helpful to understand the three different aspects of what we call color: three things to change about a color to get it right.

The first aspect of color is the **Hue** – the basic color family by which we call the color – red, blue, green, and so on. Think of the names of colors in a small crayon box of 8-12 colors, not the 152 count ultimate Crayola collection. All of these can be lighter, deeper, brighter, or more subdued, but they keep the same basic color family name, except pink. Before World War I, pink was no different than the others; pink was seen as a light red, very aggressive, way too strong a color for little girls to wear. Back then it was strictly a little boy's color. Culturally, we see pink differently today. Hue is the easiest to select – a color family you would like to use.

The second aspect of color is the **Value**, not in a moral, ethical, or financial sense, but simply where the color stands between white and black. Value describes the amount of contrast of the color. Is it lighter, or deeper as a color? "Dark" is not a Value, but a feeling, and it is personal, but never a good thing. If a client asks me if a color is too dark, I know they are getting tight in the chest and very uncomfortable with the depth of color. So at that point, either we select a lighter Value of that color, or we put something light on the deep color, to contrast with it.

For interiors, Value choices can be used to create pleasurable rhythmic changes as you walk through a home, and to transition from one space to another in subtle ways. Think of watching water moving, as seen from a dock or pier. The water as it moves goes lighter and deeper, creating a range of dappled colors of the water. It's mesmerizing, and you can watch it for hours. In the same way, if you vary the values of the colors inside the home, going from lighter in the hallways, which have less light, to slightly deeper in the destination spaces, you make the interior more interesting and pleasing to pass through. Even for resale, a few Value differences in the home make that home much more interesting than a house painted in just one wall color throughout.

If a family member has any color perception issues, which we often call "color blindness", they do not see the nuances of Hues very well. They do see Value differences, and may request more contrast between the wall color and the trim color than someone else, because that is more pleasing for them.

For exteriors, Value differences are used to highlight architectural details, or to help a home stand out from its neighbors, especially if they are side-by-side, as with a townhouse. A home also is often marketed in black and white, as well as in color, so keeping in mind how a home would present

itself in the future, if put on the market, is a good idea as you select exterior colors.

To make something less noticeable, you make sure that it blends in, reducing any kind of Value difference. This can be done with utility meters, painted to blend into the brick or siding color behind them, as well as with vents, pipes, and downspouts on the exterior, and with HVAC vents and electrical outlet plates on the interior. It is helpful, however, to have some contrast at the light switch plates, so they can be located more easily.

The third aspect of what we call color is the Chroma, or how much gray a color does or does not have in it. Colors which are very high Chroma are the neon brights, such as you might find on toys, or black light posters. Camouflage uses very low Chroma colors. This is the aspect of color which is most difficult in color selection. If you choose colors which are too high Chroma, the interior walls can glow with color in a way which is not pleasing. The resulting room can seem far too bright, even though it seemed cheery in the small sample.

For the exterior, high Chroma colors used on siding or painted brick would look jarring and out of place in our neighborhood. The front door may need a Higher Chroma color as long as it works with the whole, to be welcoming, and to draw your eye to the front door. Exterior colors need to be a little more blackened, or lower Chroma than you would use on the interior, due to the intensity of the sun, and the need to reduce glare.

Chroma affects the energy of an interior space. Higher Chroma energizing colors work well in an exercise room, and are fun when used in a playroom, but are more intense than you would want in a room where you sleep. Lower Chroma colors can be serene and soothing, or dreary if they are too low in Chroma, with too much gray making the color murky. Some art may need a higher Chroma color behind it, which other works of art need softer colors.

I have more information on this topic in a webinar I gave to the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. Entitled "Color Harmonies for Your Home", the first part discusses these three aspects of color, and how to test color, while the latter portion focuses on exterior color. The webinar may be viewed online here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gsQb3_omcA

The most important thing to remember is that it is your home, and needs to be right for you. Colors which are a delight for someone else's living spaces may have an entirely different connection for you. Trust yourself, your feelings about color, and reach out to a professional for assistance if you would like help in fine-tuning your choices before you invest in having the painting done. You can also start with a small color change, and enjoy transforming your home in stages.

Linda Bassert is the Design Principal of Masterworks Window Fashions & Design, LLC, an award-winning interior design and decorating firm, based from her Kings Park West home. Linda was named Designer of the Year 2024 at the 2024 International Window Coverings Expo Grace Awards, and her business has been awarded Best of Houzz 2025 in Design and Service. Masterworks can be found on Houzz, Facebook and Instagram, as well as at www.masterworksdesign.com.



Friends of Royal Lake WORKDAY

By Sarah J. Lennon & Paul Gross

“Volunteering is crucial for both individuals and society as it fosters personal growth, strengthens communities and contributes to the well-being of others.” Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) invites you to a workday to prune vegetation that encroaches on the Royal Lake Trail and the Shanes Creek Trail.

The pruning effort will be led by Invasive Management site leaders. Meet at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, at 9:00 AM on **Saturday, September 27**. Bring clippers if you have them and stay until 11:00 AM if you can. Service hours can be earned. Questions: Contact: friendsofroyallake@gmail.com

Retired? Try Feeding Your Hungry Mind.

When KPW resident Debby Mossburg retired from Fairfax County Public Schools, she thought she was done with classrooms. But – no! With energetic discussions, surprising insights, and burgeoning friendships – and without homework, grades, or tests – the classrooms of the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University** (OLLI Mason) have lured her back, to her delight.

Debby says she particularly values the opportunities OLLI offers to meet people with widely varied backgrounds and intersecting interests, to discover new passions and dive deeply into old ones, and, in the words of lifelong learning guru Nancy Merz Nordstrom, to “feed (one’s) hungry mind.”

A member since 2012, she’s taken classes from state legislators, archaeologists, noted authors, local TV personalities, George Mason professors, and a wealth of other OLLI members with fascinating stories to tell and vast knowledge to share. Field trips have included visits to historical mansions, the Supreme Court, and other destinations as diverse as the Fairfax County Solid Waste Recycling Center & Landfill and the U.S. Capitol (with a private docent), all for less than \$15 a course.

Anyone 50 or better can join. OLLI also offers dozens of special interest clubs, including Bridge, Mah Jongg, Current Events, History & Theatre Lovers, Tai Chi, an Investment Forum and many others. Classes and clubs are held in the daytime and meet in person and/or via Zoom. OLLI’s nearest campus is only minutes away from Kings Park West at 4210 Roberts Road, next to the Fairfax Swimming Pool.

Introductory memberships are currently available for just \$300 for the first year. Retirees of GMU or any Northern Virginia school system can check the website for a new promotion that offers them a further discount. The yearly membership fee lets you sign up for as many of the more than 500 classes, clubs, and special events as you want (a few field trips and special events do require additional fees for food, admissions, or transportation). Membership also includes access to the George Mason library, discounted Mason gym membership, and other student perks. Want to know more? Visit the OLLI-Mason website at www.oli.gmu.edu, call (703) 503-3384 to request a catalog, or contact Debby at debby.mossburg@verizon.net. The Fall session begins on September 22; registration is ongoing

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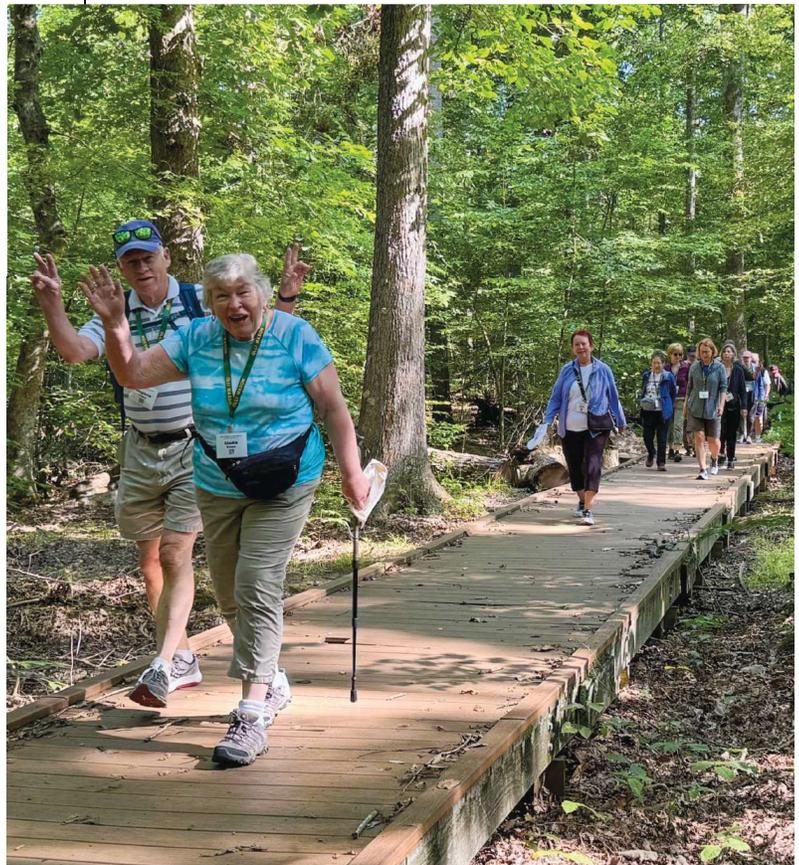


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KPW Real Estate Corner

by Cathy DeLoach



The real estate market is currently “normalizing” both regionally and in KPW, shifting away from being a strong seller's market. From the MLS’s weekly snapshot of the Washington, D.C. area:

- Sellers are becoming more cautious, leading to a slight decline in new listings.
- Canceled listings have risen by 45% compared to this time last year and are up 22% from last week, often indicating properties that have remained unsold for an extended period.
- Active listings with a price **decrease** are up 2 percentage points over this week in 2024.
- While new listings are down, active listings have increased by 32% year-over-year. Coupled with a rise in median time to contract (up an average of 7 days), this suggests that properties are taking longer to sell.
- Showings are up by 6.5%, driven by the increase in inventory as buyers now have more properties to consider and compare.
- Interest rates remain high, rendering monthly mortgage payments higher than in recent previous years.
- Median list prices are up by 1.7%, one positive indicator amidst more sobering statistics.

The key takeaway remains the same, especially in Kings Park West: Sellers eager to achieve a quick sale at the best price should ensure their home is well-prepared, free of noticeable defects, and attractively styled.

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Weekly Snapshot

Week Ending August 3, 2025

		COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO	COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO
Showings	19,514	+6.5%	-5.7%
New Purchase Contracts	1,262	-0.2%	-6.7%
Median Time to Contract	33 days	+7 days	+1 day
New Listings	1,285	-1.3%	+1.3%
Median List Price	\$599,900	+1.7%	+0.0%
Active Listings	9,716	+31.7%	-1.2%
% Active Listings with Price Decrease	9.4%	+2.0 pp	-0.0 pp
Canceled Listings	146	+44.6%	+21.7%

pp = percentage point

KPW YTD SOLD STATISTICS*

45 Sold Properties

Average Sold Price: \$905,222 (\$680,000 - \$1,175,000)

Average Days on Market: 14

Use QR Code to see all the listings ➔



*as of August 9, 2025



The Fairfax Garden Corner

By Charlie Boring

I have often said that if planting space in your garden is a bit limited, your objective might be to grow some odd plants, which are not easily available. One such fruit tree, which thrives in the northern Virginia environment but 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.

Why can't you buy Pawpaw fruit 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 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 may be 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. It tastes a bit like banana ice cream. It is often used to make ice cream, if not eaten fresh from the tree.

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 to them.

I have two Pawpaw trees that I planted in 2013, a Shenandoah and what was planted as a Susquehanna. The Susquehanna died back to the root stock and grew again.

Here are pictures of my Pawpaws in 2025



A Close-Up Photo Study of a Mature Forest: Part 2

By Greg Sykes

Part 1 of this series took a close look at mushroom species found in mature woodlands—at or approaching an old growth forest. This edition is a photo essay of the plants in the same habitat, many dependent upon specific soil microbes for survival. Since plant poaching is a problem and some of the species herein would not survive transplantation anyway,

suffice to say that these pictures were taken at or near undisclosed parks and protected natural areas in Northern Virginia. Close-ups provide detailed individuality that majestic panoramas lose. For continuity, figure numbers resume where they last left off.

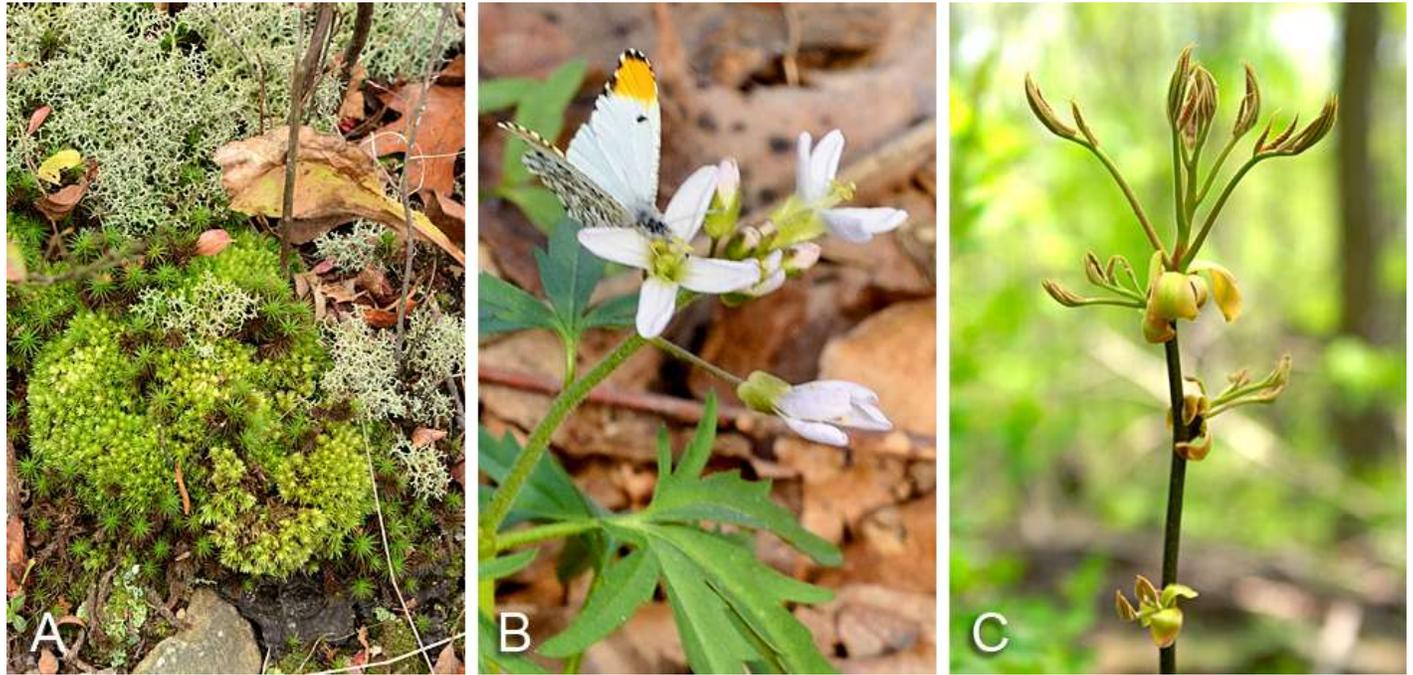


Figure 5. (A) Mixed mosses and lichens on an exposed, rocky prominence, (B) falcate orangetip butterfly (*Anthocharis midea*) pollinating cut-leaf toothwort (*Cardamine concatenata*), and (C) hickory (*Carya* species) with leaves emerging in spring.



Figure 6. (A) Crane fly orchid (*Tipularia discolor*), (B) showy orchid (*Orchis spectabilis*), and (C) pink lady's slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*). More on orchids is in "Understanding Orchids" (June, August 2018).

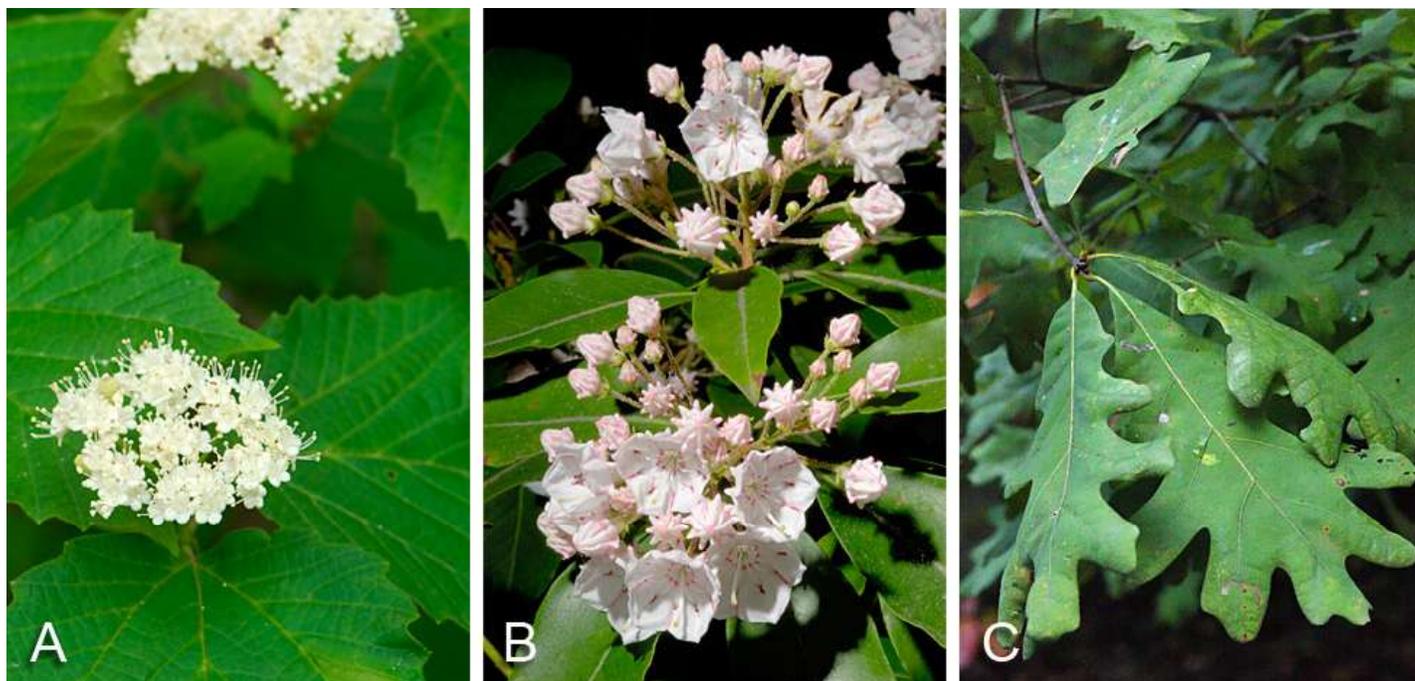


Figure 7. (A) Maple leaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*), (B) mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*), and (C) white oak (*Quercus alba*).

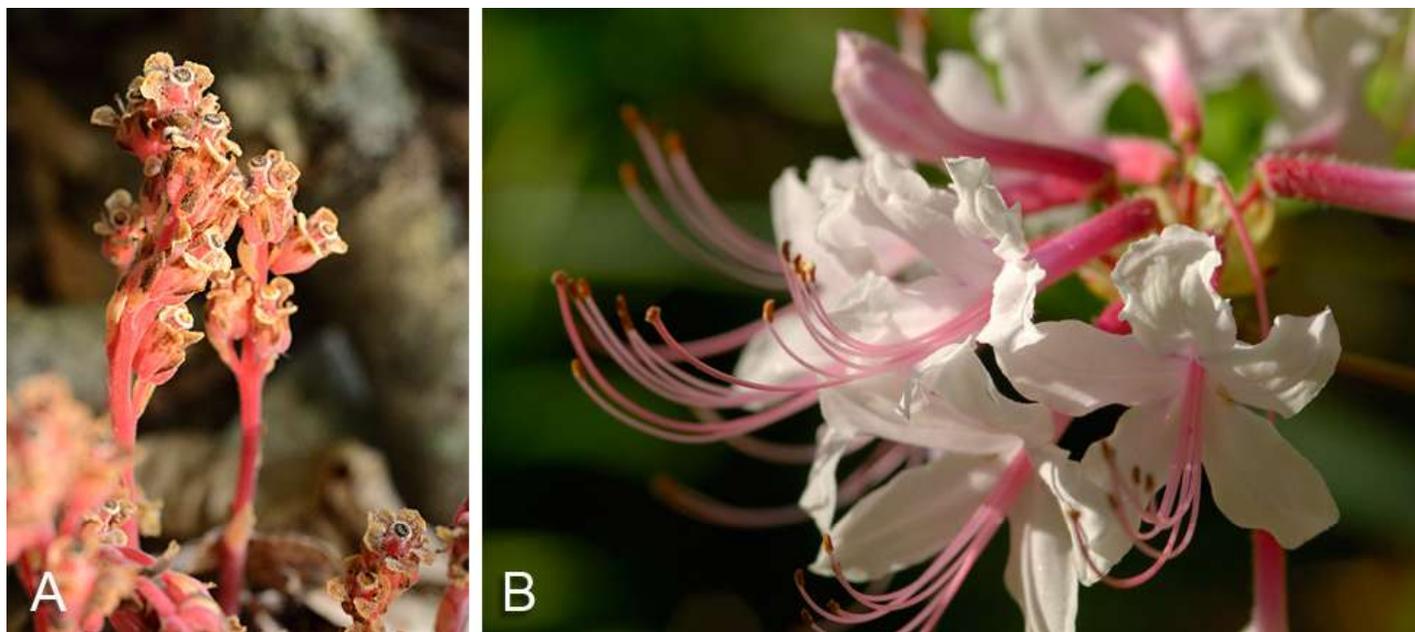


Figure 8. (A) False beechnuts (*Monotropa hypopitys*) and (B) pinxterbloom azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*).

A Note about Mature Forests

As when photographing the mushrooms in Part 1, all the plant images seen here were captured along trails. These images prove that cool things can be found while respecting the land without venturing off pathways and stomping and compacting soil, tracking in invasive plant seeds, or causing other disturbances to the woodlands. Older growth forests straddle between being fragile and resistant. Treat the land right and be rewarded by the fantastic organisms and biodiversity that Mother Nature has to offer. Visiting natural areas respectfully is a bargain investment in the environment with short term dividends paying in the coming years while your children and grandchildren enjoy the decades of compound interest! Everyone wins in the end! Some tips towards healthy land stewardship are in "Simple Steps to Help the Environment" (October 2023).

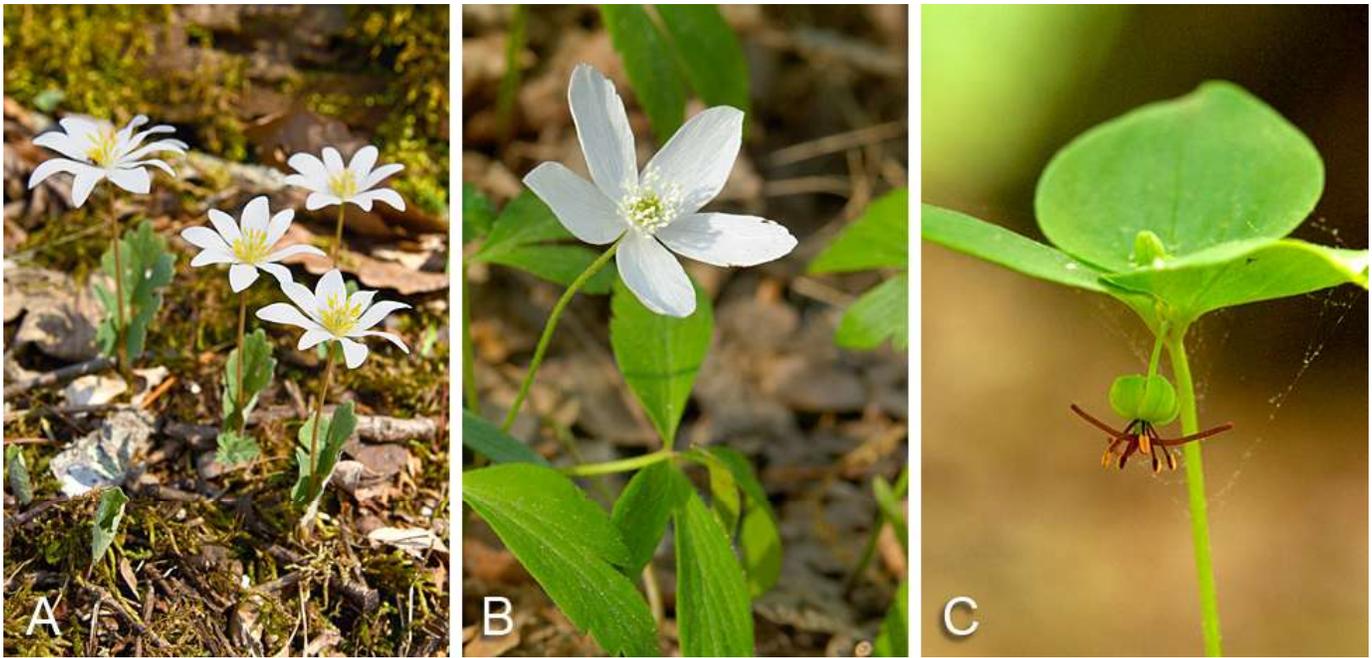


Figure 9. (A) Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), (B) wood anemone (*Anemone quinquefolia*), and (C) Indian cucumber-root (*Medeola virginiana*).

Help Our Feathered Friends Avoid Window Strikes

By Greg Sykes



Bird migration season is here and with it brings an increase in dangerous window strikes. This rescued red-eyed vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) is an example of a window strike victim and, without serious injury, was soon released to its habitat. Installing stickers onto the exterior of glass is an easy way to help prevent this problem. Many bird species migrate at night and are attracted to or confused by light. Turning off exterior lights is a big help. Indoor light can draw birds to the windows, so turning off those interior lights when nobody is in the room or using darkening curtains are beneficial. Additional tips and techniques:

- The paracord “Zen Curtain” method: <https://www.birdsavers.com/>
 - A great DIY video that uses this paracord technology: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8QRVMYw2fE>
 - Samson’s Amsteel rope AMSTEEL - Samson Rope withstands weathering and UV degradation better than paracord.

- The sticker and tape methods: <https://www.collidescape.org/>
- More on the problem and solutions: <https://www.audubon.org/news/reducing-collisions-glass>
- Join the Lights Out program: <https://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out>

Help a living bird who is stunned or injured in a window strike by contacting AnimalHelpNow <https://ahnow.org/>, a national non-profit that provides local rehabilitator’s contact information. They can assist with other wildlife emergencies, too. More locally, Fairfax County’s Animal Protection Police can also help with injured animals. Use the police non-emergency number, 703-691-2131, or email FCPDAnimalProtection@FairfaxCounty.gov.

KPW Recommends



by cathy deloach

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To seek recommendations from your neighbors, or to recommend a contractor or service that has done an amazing job, head on over to the the KPW Recommends Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kpwrecommends>.



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- Leaf Removal
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- Routine Shrub Pruning
- Bed Edging
- Mulching

Wooded Backyard Renovation

- Removal of Invasives (Including English Ivy)
- Brush Removal
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- Turf Restoration

Landscape

- Plant Native Plants
- Renovate/Redesign
- Add trees for Beauty or Shade
- Drainage Solutions
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Cub Scout Pack 1967 - Summer '25 Highlights

Scouts in Pack 1967 have had a busy and fun Summer! We kicked off the summer with a week-long Day Camp where Scouts participated in activities like archery, slingshots, fishing, STEM, and learned about the Outdoor Code and conservation.

Pack 1967 joined with local VFW Post 8469 in the Fairfax County 4th of July parade. Scouts were able to meet Veterans and better understand the service and sacrifice they have made on our behalf. Scouts also handed out American Flags to those along the parade route.

Our Webelos (4th graders) and Arrow of Light Scouts (5th graders) attended a week-long campout at Camp Ross in Goshen, Virginia. They participated in activities like archery, BB guns, boating, swimming, nature hikes, service projects, first-aid, and much more. They even had a chance to prepare and cook their own tin foil dinners!

Finally, we joined the NARHAMS Model Rocket Club and the NASA Goddard Center for a model rocket build and launch. Some of our Rockets will be on permanent display, hanging from some of the neighboring trees at the center, but Scouts had a great time launching and recovering most of our rockets!

As we look forward to another exciting school year of Scouting, we're excited to invite all families and youth (K-5th Grade) who are interested in learning more about our Pack and the Scouting America program to our Annual Kick Off Event at Royal Lake Park on Saturday, September 20 at 5:00 PM. Please email cubscout.pack.1967@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or if you would like additional information about our program.





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KPW Troop 1966

September 2025

Adventure Calls

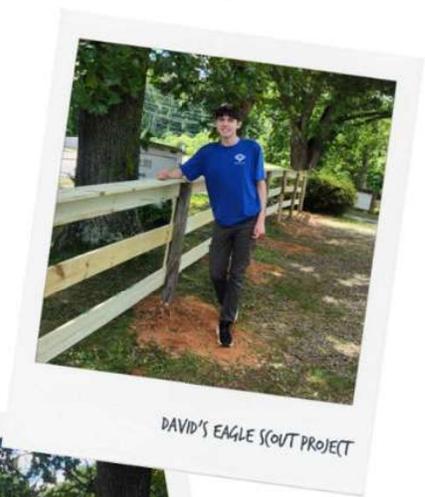
Summer fun! Nothing says summer fun like time spent in the great outdoors – enjoying fresh air, learning new skills and sleeping with the beautiful stars overhead. Ten boys from Troop 1966 spent a fun-filled week at Goshen Scout Camp. The scouts' days were filled with lots of hiking around the forest, learning new skills, earning merit badges, and making memories with friends! The scouts came home with exciting stories of their great adventures!



GOSHEN- CAMP BOWMAN SUMMER 2025

Scout Highlight

On May 23rd, David Taylor led scouts from Troop 1966 in a construction effort for his Eagle Scout project. The scouts built a 50-foot long plank and board fence at the New Covenant Church in Burke, VA. The new fence replaced a previous one that had been knocked down by a snowplow. The scouts built the fence in a style to match existing nearby fences on the property of the historic church, which was built in the late 1800s.



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Take a look at all we've sold so far this year:

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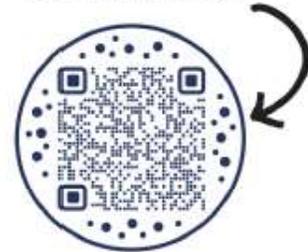
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