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Kings Park West Civic Association

Neighbors,

Happy Spring, and I hope you're all excited for the Eggstravaganza on Sunday afternoon, March 22nd. The Civic Association is delighted to bring back this fun community event to celebrate the season.

In addition to the Eggstravaganza, we have a lot going on in the next couple of months. April 11th will be our Spring Dumpster Day and then June 13th will be our Spring Membership meeting. Stay tuned for more information — watch our Facebook, Instagram, and website for details.

Scholarship application season is in full swing! Every year, the Civic Association awards up to three \$1,000 scholarships to 2026 graduating seniors. Each scholarship is awarded on the basis of community service, civic activities and extracurricular service involvement, academic achievement, a written essay, and a personal interview. The scholarship is open to seniors who are enrolling in a university, college, trade or technical training, or a formalized Gap Year program. The applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of KPWCA on or before the application deadline of April 10, 2026. The scholarship application is available in this issue of the Herald, through the FCPS scholarship database, and on our website at [kpwca.org/scholarship](http://kpwca.org/scholarship).

As always, feel free to contact me at [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org) with any ideas or suggestions. See you around the neighborhood!

Helen Santoro  
President, KPWCA

### Community Calendar

- KPWCA Monthly Meeting – March 17, 2026
- KPWCA Eggstravaganza – March 22, 2026
- KPWCA Spring Dumpster Day – April 11, 2026
- KPWCA Monthly Meeting – April 21, 2026
- KPWCA Scholarship Deadline – April 25, 2026
- Mother's Day – May 10, 2026
- The Herald Deadline – May 16, 2026
- KPWCA Monthly Meeting – May 19, 2026
- Memorial Day – May 25, 2026
- The Herald Delivery – June 13, 2026

## 2026 AT A GLANCE

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
18th: Scholarship Form opens for applications	14th: Herald Submission Deadline	14th: Herald Delivery <b>22nd: SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA</b>	<b>11th: Dumpster Day!</b> 10th: Scholarship application deadline	16th: Herald Submission Deadline	13th: Herald Delivery <b>13th: Membership meeting</b>
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	15th: Herald Submission Deadline	12th: Herald Delivery <b>22nd: Fall Membership Meeting</b>	<b>17th: FALL FESTIVAL!</b>	14th: Herald Submission Deadline <b>14th: Dumpster Day!</b>	12th: Herald Delivery

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**2026 KPWCA Scholarship Application**

Mail completed form & required information to:

KPWCA Scholarship Committee

P.O. BOX 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114

**Deadline/postmarked by: April 10, 2026**

**Applicants parent/guardian must be a member of the King's Park West Civic Association on or before the deadline of the application - April 10, 2026.**

<https://kpwca.org/>

**The Kings Park West Civic Association will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to 2026 graduating seniors.**

Each scholarship will be awarded on the basis of community service, civic activities and extracurricular service involvement (40%), academic achievement (20%), a written essay (20%), and a personal interview (20%). This scholarship is open to seniors who are enrolling in a 4-year college/university, 2-year college, trade or technical training, or formalized Gap Year program.

**Please type or write legibly in ink.**

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2. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_
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4. Please attach an **unofficial** copy of your transcript.
5. **Self-reported** ACT or SAT (if taken) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_
- B. On a separate sheet of paper, list your community service, employment or volunteer work, extracurricular service activities, church service or any non-academic honors you have received. List only those activities and awards in high school. Describe these activities and indicate your level and number of years of involvement, including leadership responsibilities.
- C. Following this list, write an essay, not to exceed 350 words, about your involvement in one or more of these service activities. *The Kings Park West Civic Association is looking for individuals who are providing or have provided exemplary service to the community, our country or to the world. Tell us why you chose to do the work you did, what you have learned from the experience and how you believe you have contributed to others.*
- D. If you choose, attach information about financial hardships of which you wish the committee to be aware.

**Semifinalists will be invited to a panel interview on May 8 or 9, 2026. Awardees will be notified by May 15th, 2026.**

**This application must be signed by the applicant and his/her parent or guardian. Applicants will be disqualified if application instructions are not followed, including current membership with KPWCA, or if the application is incomplete.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian



## IN KINGS PARK WEST

By Linda H. Bassert

What do pets have to do with interior design decisions in the home? The kind of pets you live with, the number of them, and whether you allow them up on the furniture, all affect multiple decision points in the home. Safety of pets, durability of furnishings and fabrics, convenience, and practical accommodations factoring in normal pet behaviors should be included in design decisions.

**SAFETY FIRST:** Safety concerns with pets first begin with items which are toxic to pets. There are lists online of about 30 common indoor plants which are toxic to pets, with symptoms if ingested ranging from oral irritation to nausea and diarrhea. Typically, plants with milky sap, extremely shiny leaves, or thorns, rank high on plants of concern with pets. Lilies can cause liver failure in cats and should be avoided in homes with cats. Sago palm is another highly toxic plant if ingested. Other plants such as poinsettias, dieffenbachia, and philodendron have less severe symptoms but are still a problem if pets were to eat them. There are other lists of common plants which are safe for pets, which include spider plants, Boston fern, African violets, orchids, and Christmas cactus. If you enjoy plants and have pets, consider hanging plant containers, wall mounted shelves or vases, and plant stands to put the plants up and out of reach.

Boredom can cause a pet which normally leaves your plants alone to suddenly decide to try to taste a plant, or to dig in the potting soil. So it is far better to take precautions in plant selection and placement, than to assume that your pet won't have this issue.

Some animals require additional precautions, so you do need to know your pet. One of our German Shepherds died last Fall, and we adopted a Shepherd mix which had been rescued out of a starvation situation. He doesn't seem to have been abused, just neglected. Even though the rescue groups put 25 lbs on him, and we have added additional weight, so he is no longer skin and bones, we discovered he is a food seeking missile. He knew a Christmas present received in the mail had tea biscuits in it, and devoured them, because the packages were placed in the living room to be opened later. He found a tube of ointment on a bathroom counter, and decided to try eating it (something which fortunately was turned out not to be toxic but which did give us a scare and gave him a stomachache), so we have had to be more careful with not only food on counters, but also tubes of toothpaste, and other items which might be mistaken for food.

Another safety concern for your pets has to do with corded window treatments. New sales of cord lock lift systems for blinds and shades are now outlawed in this country, because when you pull the shade or blind up, the cord gets longer, posing a risk not only to small children but also to pets. If you have these types of older blinds and shades, use small cord cleats to wrap the cords up and out of the way of your pets. New blinds and shades today are either automated, cordless with manual operation, or have anchored continuous cord loops, which will not work if not anchored to the wall.

Other window treatment considerations related to pets that you might be asking include whether your pet needs to be able to look out of the lower portion of the window? If so, a "Top Down Bottom Up" shade would allow you to pull up the bottom of the shade somewhat for the pet to look out, but still keep much of the window on the bottom half covered for privacy, with the top half open for people to look out. Another question might be whether

the pets are likely to scratch the window treatment? Some dogs and cats are prone to destroy blinds, while others would not.

I had a client interested in Silhouette window shadings, but they had a cat. I expressed concern about selecting sheer shadings (horizontal blinds made out of fabric, with semi-sheer horizontal vanes and sheer fabric on the front and back, like Hunter Douglas Silhouettes, Tenera sheer shadings, and similar products). Since these would be installed on the windows above the sofa where the cat frequently was, there was a risk the cat could snag the sheer fabric on the shading. They decided that the cat had never before climbed draperies or blinds, so they were not worried about this. They ordered new sheer shades, two side by side for a large double window, but when a small bug became trapped inside one part of the new shading, the cat pounced, one of the shades was torn, and we discovered that the company would not guarantee if we reordered the shading that the spacing of the vanes would exactly match the shade next to it, due to slight variances from one batch to another.

Living with pets who go in and out of the house means more soil tracked into the home, when means making decisions regarding how the pets will go in and out of your home. Do you prefer the convenience of a pet door? If so, consider one which is digitally activated by proximity to the pet's collar, rather than just a door that any animal could use in either direction. This will prevent a raccoon or stray cat from wandering inside. Muddy Mats are a trademarked kind of dirt and moisture trapping area rug, available in many sizes and colors, designed to capture much of the soil on pet feet when they come back into the house. We have found them to be quite effective.

In our home, we don't have an automatic pet door, and use a sliding door to let our dogs out to our fenced back yard, and back in again. When we reupholstered a chair which sits next to the door, I had special armcovers made which would protect the entire side of the chair next to the sliding door, knowing that our two large dogs would be coming in after being out in the rain and immediately shake off inside right next to the chair or might brush against the chair. We remove the cover if company is coming over, but leave it on for everyday protection of the chair.



Custom arm cover to protect a chair next to a doorway.

Pets getting up on furniture is another source of soil on the upholstery. Whether ordering new furniture, or reupholstering furniture, it is desirable to order a length of fabric which matches the upholstery, and have it hemmed on four sides, as a pet cover on the furniture. This is much better looking than using assorted sheets, towels and blankets to protect the furniture, and when company comes, you simply roll up the pet cover and set it aside, for a pet-hair free seat.

I always recommend pet covers for any clients who do let their pets up on the furniture. We don't allow our dogs on the sofa or chairs, but when we used to also have cats, I discovered that the pet covers I created for our chairs became soiled just from the natural oils of the cat's fur. The pet covers which I ordered on general principle turned out to significantly protect the upholstery.

Choice of fabric is important in homes with cats. Cats scratching the fabric on chairs is a common reason for individuals to call about reupholstery. Woven Fabrics like tweeds are cat magnets, creating pleasurable vibrations in the cat claws, when the cats stretch up and scratch the fabric, usually on the back corners of the chair or sofa. Selecting a fabric like a velvet instead (these days, one of the most durable fabrics available for reupholstery) eliminates the cat's incentive to scratch the chair. "Performance fabrics" such as Crypton and other fabrics in this category are specifically woven to be easier to clean, and many also hold up well to abrasion. Keeping toenails trimmed on pets which do get up on furniture will also help.



Chair with a pet cover over the seat and arms

Some pets are crated at night, or find comfort in having a crate as their personal retreat. The volume of the crate affects space in rooms. For both large and small pets, there are now crates built into end tables, or designed with table tops for the roof of the crate. The multipurpose use of these tables mean that the crates fit better into the natural use of space in a room.

Today whimsical dog-tail-shaped or paw-shaped hooks for hanging up leashes abound on Etsy. Additional products designed for pet-friendly interiors include stands for water and food bowls, pet bowl drawers built into kitchen cabinets (pulled out at feeding time, hidden at other times), or a drawer with food

bowls built into the bottom of a cabinet designed to hold large volumes of pet kibble, and water fountains for pets. Attractive baskets for pet toys are another useful item to add when you live with pets. Factoring in pet needs when remodeling a kitchen may lead to a drawer just for pet foods, snacks, brushes, and other supplies.

Exotic pets lead to other considerations. I have clients who have many pet birds, from parakeets to parrots of all sizes to cockatiels and macaws. Over time, they created outdoor cages for some of the larger birds to enjoy during the summer, and converted a screen porch into a year round sunroom with large ropes looping across the room, suspended from the ceiling, so their birds can take turns having play time out of their cages.

For those who prefer fish and reptiles, large fish tanks can be built into walls and room dividers, with filtered water plumbing for convenience and ease in cleaning and refilling the tank. If you are uncertain how long you might live in your home, you can build the tank into a freestanding cabinet instead of into a permanent wall.

Pets give us unconditional love, and for many of us they are valued, if furry, family members. Factoring in their needs in your interior design and decorating decisions will contribute to better choices. When working with any design professional, be sure to let them know about your pets, so they may include aspects of pet-friendly design in their recommendations.

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- Choose Membership type and payment option.
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# FORL: Royal Lake Trail Improvements: Mission Accomplished!

By Paul Gross

We have good news for the many park patrons who walk the trail around Royal Lake and enter the park and soccer fields using the Richardson Drive entrance. Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Project Managers Tom McFarland and Elizabeth “Beth” Iannetta and the Friends of Royal Lake are pleased to announce the completion of two significant Royal Lake trail projects: the Bridge across Rabbit Branch and the Richardson Drive Park entrance. As many are aware, these improvements were funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

**Richardson Drive Entrance:** The Lakeside Park entrance from Richardson Drive has been repaved and significantly expanded to allow easier access to Lakeside Park and, importantly, the soccer and baseball fields. The project included a new bridge crossing the culvert and repaving the existing walkway and expanding the trail with new paving. The trail expansion provides additional access to

the fields. The previous paving was cracked and broken and in need of replacement; this repaving was particularly important as the entrance is used by many young families going to the soccer fields for practices and games.

**Rabbit Branch Bridge Replacement:** We now have a new handsome pedestrian fiberglass bridge across Rabbit Branch on the Royal Lake circuit trail. This new bridge is a long-term substantial capital improvement to Royal Lake Park as it replaces an old steel bridge that was near the end of its useful life. We have received many favorable comments concerning the new bridge and would like to thank the Braddock Supervisor for enabling the ARPA funding and, of course, the dedicated efforts of the Park Authority staff, in particular Tom McFarland and Beth Iannetta for bringing the project to completion.



# FORL: Highlight Priority Projects and Past Successes with Supervisor Heizer

By Sarah J. Lennon

In mid-February, FORL leadership met with new Braddock District Supervisor Rachna Sizemore Heizer to introduce her to the work of FORL over the course of the past decade, current activities, and priority projects for the coming year. We shared with her the “Appendix A” of the Royal Lake Community Vision Plan, which can be accessed at <https://www.friendsofroyallake.org/copy-of-get-involved>.

This Appendix highlights the capital improvements and the maintenance actions that: 1) Have been accomplished over the course of the past 7-8 years; or 2) are needed to upgrade Lakeside Park and/or Royal Lake Park. Many of the projects were identified in FORL’s past community’s surveys and are reflected in FORL’s Community Vision Plan. As many in the community know, a variety of organizations, groups, and individuals accomplished the completed projects and are noted in the Appendix. For many of the projects, work was performed by FORL volunteers with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) providing materials. Additionally, we highlighted the excellent working relationship between FORL the Kings Park West Civic Association (KPWCA), which supports many FORL activities financially, including the dog waste stations at both parks and partial year support for the porta-potties at the parks. Several completed projects in the Appendix were Eagle Scout projects, supported by FORL and the KPWCA.

Some accomplishments include:

- Added a trail segment to circumvent the Lakeside parking lot to improve safety
- Improved the circuit trail by widening and adding gravel/large rocks
- Repaired trail segments and trimmed back overgrown vegetation
- Repaired trail to eliminate wet sections at/near Rabbit Branch Bridge
- Added culverts and gravel/stone dust to Circuit trail to improve drainage to the lake

- Installed additional steps in 3 steep areas south & north of Lakeview Swim Club
- Rehabilitated two wooden bridges on the circuit trail
- Added pet waste stations at Lakeside Park and Royal Lake Park
- Refreshed the Royal Lake Park grills and picnic tables
- Planted shade trees at Lakeside Park
- Removed a large stand of bamboo near the Glen Cove Community
- Removed juniper bushes
- Installed used fishing tackle receptacles around Royal Lake

We highlighted several projects that are our top priorities to improve high-use areas that will enhance the public’s enjoyment and safety in the two Royal Lake parks:

1. Improve the official trail into Royal Lake Park from the access point at Roberts Road along Shanes Creek to the Royal Lake circuit trail.
2. Enhance two access areas on the current social trail from Commonwealth Boulevard that runs parallel to Pommeroy Drive to the Royal Lake circuit trail.
3. Install year-round toilet facilities at both parks: a portable facility at Lakeside Park due to the RPA restrictions and a permanent toilet structure at Royal Lake Park.
4. Provide open-air shade structure over the Lakeside Park playground equipment.
5. Upgrade the short trail to the fishing and viewing area on the rocky area jutting into Royal Lake near the Chatsworth Court entrance to Royal Lake park.

We informed Supervisor Heizer that there were some roadblocks on certain projects, and she committed to reach out to the relevant County authorities to seek resolution and solutions. We appreciate her interest and support for our lake and parks!

# The Fairfax Garden Corner

By Charlie Boring

This article will be published in March, but it is really about actions that need to be taken when fruit trees are dormant, normally December through February in Kings Park West. This article will address how I prune my fruit trees and how I subsequently save and root cuttings from some of my fruit trees.

I have the following fruit trees and bushes growing in my yard: 1) Peaches, 2) Persimmons, 3) Cherries, 4) Pawpaws, 5) Jujube, 6) Figs, 7) Pomegranate, 8) Blackberry, and 9) Blueberry. I also have two kiwi vines; but I have not decided whether to save them or not.

The tools that I use for pruning are a chainsaw for cutting limbs too large for other tools, a lopper for cutting limbs about one inch in diameter and a hand pruner for smaller limbs.

Pruning methods of individual fruit trees depend upon two goals. The first is height and width. At my age and due to the limited space that

I have for each tree, or bush, it is important to prune the tree to a height that is easy to harvest without climbing on a ladder. I do this for all of my fruit trees except my **persimmons**. The theory behind not pruning my persimmons to a short height is that friends and neighbors, who are younger than me, can harvest the fruit growing at heights requiring a ladder. Regarding width, the width depends upon available space and the possibility that the limb, when laden with fruit, will break from the weight of the fruit. This year a trimmed an extremely long limb from my persimmon tree to prevent breaking.

For **peach tree** pruning, in addition to keeping the tree smaller for ease of harvesting, I pruned the center limbs to allow air circulation and help prevent fungal diseases. I began pruning in December, but will need to finish it when the snow melts.



Persimmon Tree



Peach Tree

For my cherry tree, I do not plan on pruning it this year. I generally allow it to grow as tall as it can, even though my wife is against this decision, since the birds tend to attack the fruit and I allow them to harvest the fruit that is higher up the tree and I take the lower fruit.

The **Pawpaw Tree** is a beautiful tree with large beautiful leaves and fruit. Therefore, I only prune them to maintain a good shape. This

year I prune two lower limbs that drooped too low with the weight of the fruit to allow grass to be mowed beneath the tree.

I have one **jujube tree** which tends to grow too tall and spindly. This year, I need to prune it to keep it short enough not to interfere with the nearby fig and pomegranate trees.



Cherry Tree



Pawpaw Tree



Jujube Tree

I have two varieties of Fig Tree, the Celeste and the Black Mission. They grow a lot each year and have become so large that they interfere with other trees. This year I will prune them drastically to keep them small. The danger is that such a drastic pruning might cause them not to fruit this year, or even kill them.

I have three pomegranate trees or bushes. They are the Russian Red variety and, so far, have withstood the winter here very well. I will prune them just enough to control their shape. Pruning more that

about 20% can cause them to die down to the ground and regrow and not fruit for a few years.

I have two varieties of blackberry and each needs a different type of pruning. The Apache is a June producer and needs pruning that removes old canes and prunes last year canes to about three feet high. The Arkansas 45 needs to be pruned down to the ground, since they are an everbearing variety. The blueberry does not require pruning.



Fig Tree



Pomegranate Tree



Blackberry Bush

The only cuttings that I intend to take for rooting new plants are the pomegranate and the figs. The procedures for taking these cuttings are: 1) Use clean, sterilized pruning shears. 2) When taking a cutting, the cutting should be from last year's growth and larger than a pencil in diameter and six to eight inches long. 3) Immediately after taking the cutting, place the end that was the lower part of the branch into

moist potting soil in a pot at least six inches deep. 4) Place in a warm area out of direct sunlight until roots form. 5) Keep moist, not wet.

Do you feel the gardening itch? Prepare your garden for a great 2026 growing season!

## Rabbit Branch Stream Valley Trail is Under Construction

By Paul Gross

The long-awaited Rabbit Branch Steam Valley Trail project in Royal Lake Park is now under construction. This project will be a 6-foot-wide paved trail that will run from Commonwealth Blvd (across from Crooked Creek Park) to Lakeside Park. The purpose of this new trail is to add another entrance for patrons to enter the parks and Lake without driving a car to Lakeside Park. This trail will connect with the Royal Lake circuit trail and the Lakeside Park picnic area, playground and athletic courts and fields. While the current Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) approach is for natural trails, this trail will be paved due to the nature of the terrain and to reduce the overall long-term maintenance cost.

The trail will not go in a straight line like most new roads but instead will meander through the park that will, hopefully, provide for a scenic and pleasant walk. Part of the reason for the trail having some bends and curves is to reduce the loss of tree canopy and to limit the impact to wetland. The trail meets all the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. An additional feature will be a small bridge across the unnamed Rabbit Branch tributary.

You may ask how the new trail came about. As you may remember, the Friends of Royal Lake through community meetings and surveys documented the needs and wants of the community for Royal Lake. This and the other four projects were highlighted as future capital improvement projects. The trail was also on the FCPA list for future projects. This project is funded using the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money.

The construction of the trail started in January but has been delayed due to the winter snowstorm. Depending on the weather, the new trail is expected to be completed by June 2026. I know many of us like to be sidewalk superintendents; however, FCPA and the construction company have asked everyone to follow the construction signs for safety reasons.

Several community members have asked about the current social trail that runs from Commonwealth Blvd to the circuit trail and Lakeside Park, often called the Pommeroy Trail. The trail will remain open as its use has increased, and it supports another part of the community on Commonwealth that the new trail does not serve.



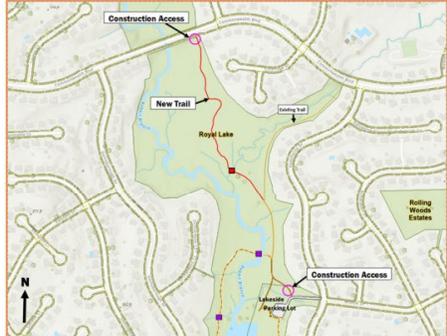
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The Rabbit Branch Stream Valley Trail Project will start in:

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# When Not to Recycle Plastics in the Yard

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Many people show care for the environment by tending to their yards and recycling whenever possible. While this [Eco-Article series](#) has writings on healthy land

stewardship, there are some applications where plastics in outdoor projects cause more harm than good.

## Rubber Mulch



Figure 1. Usually dyed brick red or dark brown, recycled tire mulch is depicted here in a garden (A) and as specimens collected off the street (B).

Made from recycled tires, rubber mulch is marketed to be longer lasting than tree-based mulch and is environmentally friendly. Like other mulches, raking, waterflow, wildlife activity, and other disturbances move the rubber mulch from where it was originally placed. Like other plastic litter, volunteers retrieve rubber mulch during watershed cleanups. Aside from the tire chunks winding up in natural areas, there is increasing concern about the microplastics and toxic chemicals leaching into the environment. These chemicals impact different critters in various ways, ranging from agents that inhibit fish reproduction to human carcinogens. Some tire-derived contaminants are now appearing in human urine. These health and environmental concerns extend to other items made from recycled tires, such as crumb rubber used in artificial turf. Scientists are researching environmentally safer alternatives that offer tires the same or better

strength. While tires shed some rubber with each mile driven, let's voluntarily restrict using tire-based products whenever possible.

**Corrective Actions:** Rake up, bag, and place the rubber mulch in the household trash bin.

**Eco-Friendly Alternative:** Plants reap the most benefit from leaf-based mulch—one of many reasons to [leave the autumn leaves](#). Bark and wood-based mulches are other options, but keep them away from houses to deter termites and out of artillery fungus' range, which shoot black spore packets that are hard to remove. Stone and pebble layers are other choices, which never decomposed and come in different forms. Avoid light-weight lava stones that can easily wash away.

## Landscape Fabric and Plastic Bags



Figure 2. Landscape fabric remains at a tree base years after installation (A). Depending on how it is made and environmental conditions, the plastic material can persist for decades where roots entangle in it (B).

Landscape fabric is made from plastics. It is commonly used as a weed barrier since the fine, black mesh is sufficiently dense to obscure light and plant growth. The textile allows water to permeate while retaining soil moisture. Metal staples secure the sheets. Bushes and trees grow through cuts placed in the material. Sometimes, it is concealed by a mulch topcoat. Instead of

the cloth, homeowners sometimes use large plastic bags. Whether applying reused bags or commercial fabric, the problem is this strategy does not work. Growing through breaks or in debris accumulating on the surface, weeds are the first things to recolonize above the plastic layers. Instead of removing and replacing the old covering, people often slap new ones over the old, creating a plastic

lasagna. Those fabric holes get clogged and prevent proper water drainage and the bags always obstruct good water penetration. The disrupted hydrology, nutrient flow, and air circulation can suffocate soil organisms and roots, thereby harming or killing the cultivated trees and shrubs. During hot, sunny summer days, the fabric can trap too much heat and [solarize the soil](#). When excavating and weeding the site, the landscape fabric and entangled roots confound the work. Most commercial fabrics have ultraviolet light (UV) resistance; plastic bags soon degrade under UV exposure. Torn plastics become litter and the pieces disintegrate into microplastics.

**Corrective Actions:** Pull up or dig out the sheets, bag or tie into a bundle, and place the waste in the household trash bin.

**Eco-Friendly Alternative:** An easy way to impede weeds is with a natural mulch, especially with cardboard or newspaper beneath it. Biodegradable burlap (made from natural materials, not the synthetic kind) and coir netting will cover and stabilize the soil until plants grow into the area. Planting a dense, biodiverse native groundcover effectively combats weeds. The taller and more closely arranged, the better the weed suppression.

### Styrofoam Peanuts to Lighten Soil



Figure 3. Two views (A and B) of Styrofoam packing peanuts contaminating garden soil.

People mix Styrofoam peanuts and broken foam blocks into soil to help reduce a flower pot's weight. The benefits end there and the problems begin. Styrofoam is the plastic, polystyrene. In soil, it hinders aeration and drainage. Like rubber tires, Styrofoam can last in the environment for centuries. During this prolonged time, it leaches chemicals, especially toxic styrene, into the soil; the exact rate depends on time and the surrounding conditions like pH, temperature, and interactions with other chemicals. Exposed Styrofoam breaks into smaller pieces and microplastics as it weathers and is irradiated with UV. When folks are done with the plant or wish to change the media, tossing the soil in the yard is bad enough. Frequently, people dump the fouled soil in parks and other natural areas, thereby polluting the environment. The health issues raised here might have folks wondering about the safety of Styrofoam coffee cups. That answer is unknown since research into chronic, low-level exposures to polystyrene and related chemicals is currently underway. Reusable mugs are the safe, eco-friendly option.

These comments only pertain to **polystyrene** materials, not the starch-based biodegradable packing peanuts. Starch peanuts dissolve too quickly to offer any soil structure. Biodegradable peanuts can be thrown into compost piles or scattered in the yard and immediately watered.

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**Corrective Actions:** Though listed as Recycle #6, that label amounts to “greenwashing” because polystyrene is inefficient to recycle. Unwanted Styrofoam should be sent to the garbage. Instead of outright trashing Styrofoam-tainted soil, there are some methods to recover the soil and reduce the waste load. Option 1) Sift the dry soil through quarter-inch metal screens, reuse the clean soil in pots or the yard, bag the Styrofoam peanuts, and place the bag in the household trash bin. Option 2) When mixed with heavy soil, place the soil and Styrofoam in a bin, add water to float the peanuts, scoop and bag the Styrofoam, and place the bag in the household trash bin. Return the cleaned, muddy soil to the yard.

**Eco-Friendly Alternative:** To lighten soil and improve drainage, root growth, aeration, and the plant's health, perlite is the most common additive. Vermiculite and coconut husks (aka coco coir) are also good to incorporate. Commercial potting media are blends of these ingredients, along with organic nutrients such as compost. Steer clear of peat moss products since peat is ancient, preserved plant matter that locks carbon out of the atmosphere. Excavating and using peat enables it to rot and release that carbon. Peat bogs form slowly, so the ecological recovery at a large-scale peat mining site can take centuries.

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## What's Missing from Tonight's Sky?

By Greg Sykes (greg@grsykes.com)

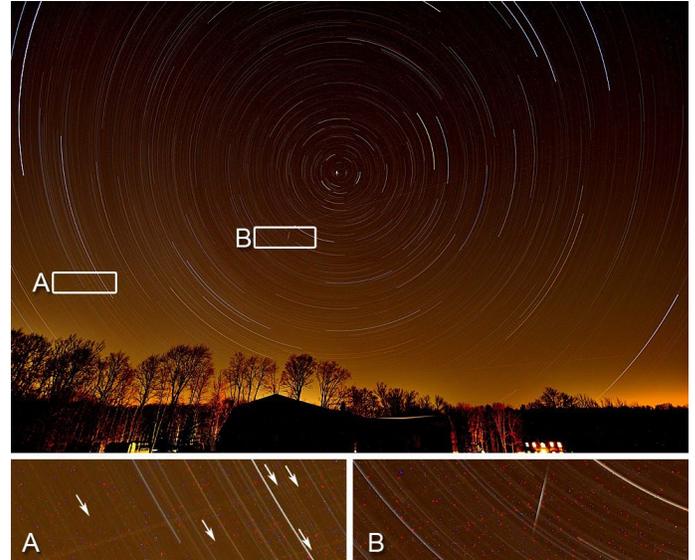
In Spectacular Spectacles in the Night Sky (December 2025), we learned about the Stable Auroral Red arcs, aurora borealis, and comets that appeared in the Northern Virginia skies. Aurora lights normally occur at latitudes too far north for observations here and when they are present, light pollution obscures the display. Comets can be tricky since their tails are most brilliant when they pass closest to the sun, so the glaring sun is a natural obstacle. Furthermore, the solid comet core or nucleus needs to be large enough to produce a sizeable tail and ideally aligned with Earth for the tail to be seen.

With comets and auroras best observed in dark skies yet frequently drowned by light pollution, what else is lost in a moonless sky? That answer is to look where the skies are much darker than the D.C. area. The image here was taken in rural northeastern Pennsylvania. The DSLR camera shutter was open for 2.4 hours, f 5.6, ISO 100, enabling the earth's rotation to cause the stars to produce "star trails." Polaris, the North Star, is nearly stationary and creates the central dot. The neighbor's lights and horizon's glow from towns are artificial light sources, but their cumulative light pollution is not as blinding as what Northern Virginia endures. The seemingly random dots are hot pixels and long exposure noise—both are digital photography artifacts. To preserve the raw image, methods to digitally subtract these artifacts were not applied.

A darker background sky helps people detect more stars, especially the faint ones. As seen with aurora and comet tail photography, long camera exposures make faint lights visible, though those extended exposures have limited effect when light pollution saturates the sky.

In both A and B insets, dim stars are perceived as faint star trails. Inset A shows a new problem astronomers face: vast artificial constellations of Starlink satellites transversing the sky, each trail indicated with perpendicular arrows. Starlink satellites are such a problem that some astronomers allude to an original Star Trek episode and equate them to the Tholian web! Inset B captures a natural phenomenon, a meteor burning up in the atmosphere. This example is one of the many pieces of space dust and pebbles hitting Earth daily. Meteor showers, when numerous

meteors are countered per hour, occur as our planet passes through a dust cloud, like old trailing comet debris.



Other celestial objects are clearly seen with the naked eye in the dark night sky. The Milky Way's arm looks like a softly glowing band across the heavens. At approximately 2.5 million light years away, the Andromeda Galaxy's diffuse flare is the most distant object that an unaided eye can see. Short-period comets, like Halley's Comet (orbiting once per approximately 75 years), typically have small displays because they lose ice with each close brush with the sun, so newly discovered, long-period comets and those that only visit our solar system once before burning in the sun or heading to deep space tend to have large cores and even more impressive tails. Telescopes help reveal and magnify fainter comets as well as nebulae, star clusters, and more distant galaxies. Keeping nighttime skies dark open a universe of discoveries!

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### Tips for Suburban Backyard Nighttime Observing

- Find the darkest area of your yard, away from streetlights and neighbors' lights, where the sky is unobstructed by trees. In small Northern Virginia yards, compromises may be necessary.
- Turn off **all** outdoor lights including ones that seem dim and outdoor string lights.
- Turn off indoor lights that shine outside of windows or at least close their shades. Blackout curtains work great at preventing indoor lights from contaminating nighttime darkness.
- When a light is needed, such as a flashlight, install a red filter. Red light has less of an impact on night viewing than other parts of the visible spectrum. The same applies to using smartphones or switch them to night mode.
- Allow your eyes to adapt to the darkness for at least 20 minutes. During the initial adjustment time, brighter celestial targets can be observed. As time goes by, seek fainter ones.
- Avoid nicotine and any other substances that negatively impact eyesight.
- Winter has the best observing because the cold air contains less humidity, resulting in clearer skies, than a muggy summer night. During winter skywatching, dress in layers, wearing more clothes than when walking or jogging in the same temperature.
- When using telescopes, binoculars, and cameras on cold nights, keep the equipment outside for an hour before viewing to allow the temperatures to equilibrate.
- Invite your neighbors to a mini-star party! Doing so helps promote cool citizen science and encourages others to switch off unnecessary outdoor lights.

## What's Cookin' KPW?

Did you know that the Irish soda bread found in many American bakeries – sweetened with sugar, raisins, and caraway seeds – is actually a significant departure from tradition? In Ireland, the classic loaf traditionally required only four humble ingredients: flour, baking soda, salt, and buttermilk.

If you would like to give it a try, here is a recipe adapted from Darina Allen, a well-known Irish television personality and founder of a cooking school in Ireland. This recipe is best enjoyed hot out of the oven with butter.

### Irish Soda Bread

- 3 ½ cups All-purpose flour (about 3½ cups)
- ½ tsp Salt
- ¾ tsp Baking Soda
- 1 ½ cups Buttermilk (more as needed)

Heat oven to 450 degrees. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, salt and baking soda. Make a well in the center and pour in the milk. Using your hand, mix in the flour from the sides of the bowl. The dough should be soft but not wet and sticky.

Turn the dough out onto a well-floured work surface. Knead the dough lightly for a few seconds, then pat the dough into a round about 1½ inches thick. Place it on a buttered baking sheet and using a sharp knife, cut a deep cross in the center of the dough reaching out all the way to the sides.

Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to 400 degrees, and continue to bake until the top is golden brown and the bottom of the bread sounds hollow when tapped, about 30 minutes longer.

*Calling all cooks and bakers! Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your neighbors? Please send it to [editor@kpwca.org](mailto:editor@kpwca.org) and your recipe may be featured in one of our upcoming issues. Our next issue will be published in June, which will be a perfect time to share a favorite summer recipe!*



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Derby – which took place in early February. The Scouts, Pack Alumni, and friends and family had a wonderful time building their cars and taking part in spirited races. Awards were given for “Best in Show” and “Best in Speed” in each Den and for the Pack, with winners being eligible to compete in the District Pinewood Derby in early March. The Scouts are looking forward to a fun spring in 2026, including our upcoming Spring campout. If you are interested in joining Pack 1967, please email [cubscout.pack.1967@gmail.com](mailto:cubscout.pack.1967@gmail.com).



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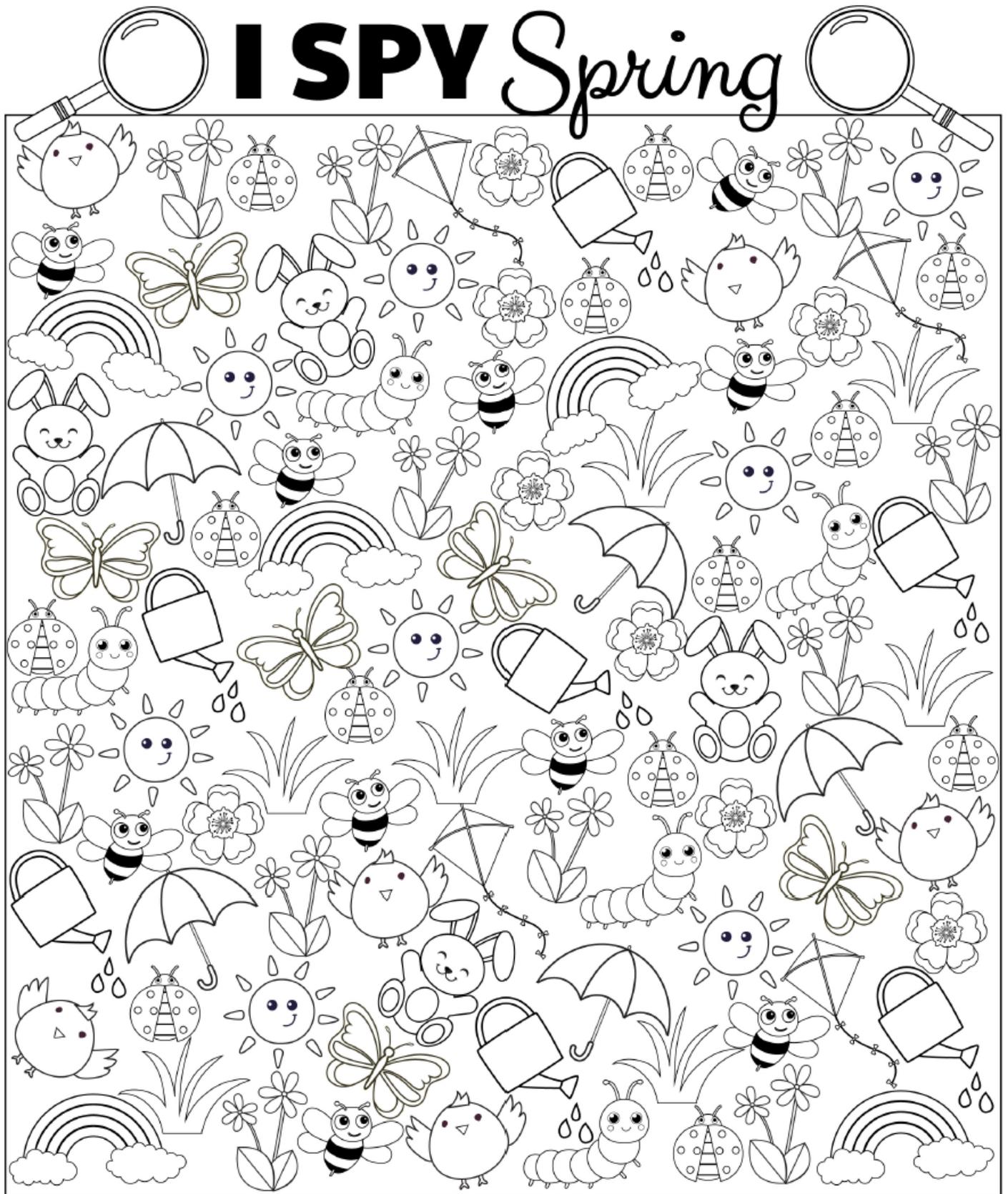
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5208 Gainsborough Dr	\$950,000	5202 Faraday Ct	\$790,000
<b>10197 Wavell Rd</b>	<b>\$935,000</b>	10020 Eastlake Dr	\$755,000
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9807 Lord Ct	\$906,500		
<b>10217 Pumphrey Ct</b>	<b>\$899,500</b>	<b>Duke (5)</b>	
5212 Noyes Ct	\$896,071	<b>10017 Whitefield St</b>	<b>\$891,750</b>
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