

Gazette

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KPCA Meeting

Please join us for the January KPCA meeting. Thursday, January 17 at Kings Park Elementary School from 7:30pm– 9:00pm. Speaker is Michael Stewart, Crime Prevention Specialist from West Springfield police.


He will be speaking on general crime prevention and tax scams which always make an appearance around this time of the year.


It's a New Year and Time to Pay Your 2019 KPCA Dues! Membership Form is on Page 7

KPCA Neighborhood Watch Update

by *Beverly Boschert*

Kings Park Neighborhood Watch is now using SignUpGenius to schedule volunteers (Thanks, Jenny!). KPNW volunteers receive an email near the end of each month with

the  **SignUpGenius** link for the upcoming month. They pick the date that is best for them to patrol that month. The SUG invitation may come from Beverly Boschert, Susan Cappa or Jenny Stokes. A reminder email will be sent to you a few days before the day you picked to patrol.

If you are a KPNW volunteer and you did not receive a  **SignUpGenius** email, please let Beverly know at terry.boschert@verizon.net.

Thanks for helping to keep Kings Park safe! *Additional volunteers are always welcome.*

KPCA Calendar of Events

January 17	KPCA Community Meeting 7:30-9:00pm Kings Park Elementary
March 21	KPCA Community Meeting 7:30-9:00pm Kings Park Elementary
May 16	KPCA Community Meeting 7:30-9:00pm Kings Park Elementary
May 22	KPCA Senior Luncheon 1:00pm Hunan West

For a complete calendar of KPCA events go to www.Kings-Park.org

From the President

Neighbors -

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year.

We have welcomed several new KPCA members to our annual community events and hope that they will continue their involvement as both receivers and givers. The KPCA is only able to offer these events with the help of the many who volunteer their time and energy.

The Board is looking forward to generating more community participation in the KPCA sponsored activities. As you know with the declining number of KPCA members we have decided to make some of our community events "for KPCA members only." A lot of volunteer time, preparation, and planning go into making these events a return on the investment our members make to continue the efforts of the Kings Park Civic Association programs.

The Kings Park Civic Association is responsible for the care and upkeep of the common area – Braddock Road entrances, the Southampton bump-outs and the Kings Park Drive media. As a reminder, KPCA is not an HOA or Community Association with covenants and fees for services, etc. The KPCA is totally dependent upon member dues (\$25 per year, \$20 for seniors).

The Kings Park Civic Association only represents the residents in matters of common concern before Fairfax County authorities and ensures that the common areas (VDOT right of way) are well maintained.

The next KPCA sponsored community event is Clean-up Day (tentative date is Saturday, May 4). There will be an article in the next Gazette with all the details. Also coming up is the annual Senior's Luncheon, May 22, and of course the planning for the 56rd annual July 4th Parade and Picnic has started.

The Board is talking about planning another Pot Luck Dinner and want to determine if there is interest from the community.

The Board arranges to have only 5 KPCA Civic Association community meetings a year – January, March, May (elections), September (budget approval), and November. The plan is to have a specific theme and appropriate program and activity for each meeting. We open for suggestions and topics of interest. We are not limited to only evening meetings, but could arrange for several related events and/or activities over the course of a week.

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The Gazette is published every other month, and suggestions and submissions should be sent to Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net.

The KPCA reserves the right to not publish any material it deems inappropriate. To advertise, see the advertising form at www.kings-park.org or contact Susan Metcalf.

If you are moving and want to continue receiving the Gazette, join the KPCA and let us know that you need the Gazette mailed to you at your new address.

From the President cont'd

We continue to have had some rather unusual warm weather (and no snow) in December that was contrary to the Farmer's Almanac weather prediction. The coldest period is still expected in mid- January, but the snowiest weather may come in the next few weeks. Plan for the worst, and hope for the best.

Remember to always be prepared, drive carefully, and be mindful of your neighbors. For your own safety make sure you shovel the snow from around the fire hydrant nearest your home.

In the event of a power outage it doesn't hurt to contact Dominion Power (automated system: 888-667-3000) to report the problem yourself. The Dominion Power automated tracking system provides an online map and status report (<http://outagemap.dom.com>) – use the *search locality* tab: “Fairfax, Virginia” and drill down to see the Kings Park area.

Another reminder – if you think you smell natural gas odors in your home immediately evacuate – wait until you are outside to call the FIRE Department (9-1-1). If you detect the odor of natural gas on your walk through the neighborhood please call Washington Gas, 703) 750-1400 or (800) 752-7520.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Jim Sobecke

Retro Kings Park

by Terry Boschert

From the March 1990 edition of the Kings Park Gazette

Association Officers:

President: Nancy Irber

1st Vice President: Ken Malmberg

2nd Vice President: Gene Mercer

Treasurer: Donna Harris

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Corresponding Secretary: Marion Beavers

Public Hearing Traffic Solutions for Kings Park What Can I Do? We, the residents of Kings Park, must convince the Board of Supervisors to approve the test solutions for reducing Kings Park's traffic problems. Our chance to convince them is: The Public Hearing Monday March 12, 1990, 7:30 p.m., Massey Building. At the hearing, the Board of Supervisors must be shown that there is a widespread support for the test solutions.

Channel 44 has “Tax Tips on Tape” which is produced by the IRS. The series brings you the latest in tax information.

Time for Gypsy Moths. If you haven't done so, please remove the gypsy moth egg masses from your trees and yards. Burlap will be available from the County again this year.

May 16. Senior Citizens Luncheon at Kilroy's.

Ads: 1980 Chevette for sale. Needs work. Best offer.

Old ladies 26” Schwinn bicycle for sale. \$20

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Whimsy Corner

by Terry Boschert

Fourth National Climate Assessment. The Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4), completed in November 2018, is a comprehensive and authoritative report on climate change and its impacts on the United States and its territories. Representatives included people from the U.S. Geological Survey, Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center, Louisiana State University, Dow University of South Carolina, Tall Timbers Research Station, North Carolina State University, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Technical Contributors include representatives from Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network, Florida Atlantic University, and Chickasaw Nation. Coordinators include representatives from the United States Global Change Research Program.

The assessment focuses on the impacts of Climate Change on the United States and its territories. I selected the Southeast region which includes Virginia as its most northern state. There are 305 additional references for Chapter 18, the Southeast, alone. The report has 29 chapters plus briefing slides. The Assessment is most definitely not a blog!

Generally, the assessment does not paint an optimistic picture for living organisms whether animal, plant, fungi, or those tiny little wiggly things we saw under a microscope in High School Biology. The group backs their conclusions with thousands of facts and graphs in hundreds of pages within the assessment. However, I feel that the authors missed the many positive aspects of Climate Change, probably because of a valid concern for all American's health, well-being, livelihood, and property. I will explain below.

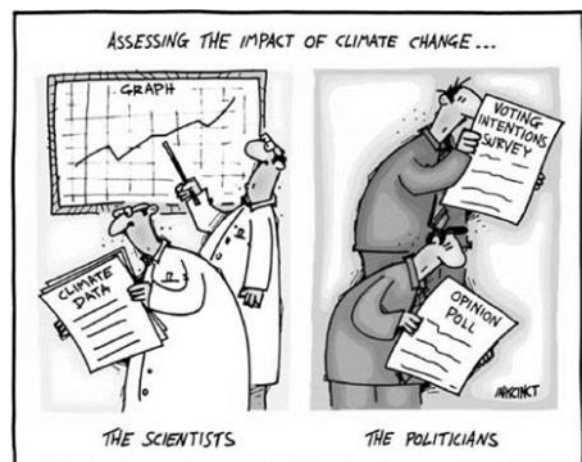
Health. The assessment points out impact and technical points under "Key Messages". One key message repeated throughout the document is concern of the impact of climate change on health; many more of us ill from heat, insect and vermin carried illnesses, and bad or no water. Well, I say they failed to look at the positive news! As more people fall sick with more serious illnesses, why that implies that meeting healthcare needs will be in greater demand; more doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals in the marketplace; more hospitals; more profit for drug companies; more tax income for the Federal Government; a robust economy and a richer America. Even our individual medical service wait times will be slashed as the more seriously ill patients, trapped in the environment that made them ill in the first place, die off uh, hmmm, rather, they leave the system.

Floods. The assessment expends quite a few pages on flooding; from storms; from increased rain; from storm surges, as well as the opposite, drought. Loss of low-lying areas, beaches and coastal marshland, is regrettable, but look at the bright side. Tourism will not be denied! We will build new beaches! Now, true, dead trees and brush will need to be uprooted from the fresh beaches, much sand added, and the part of submerged buildings above water will need to be eveled, but, with a little effort, you have a brand-new beach where only deer, black bear, beaver, bobcat, coyote, red and gray fox, groundhog, opossum, raccoon, squirrels, chipmunks, skunks, birds, reptiles, and amphibians once trod. And as for the marshlands, well they just got in the way of building homes close to water anyway.

Nature. The transformation of natural ecosystems by climate change was another Key Message. You will see the invasion of plants and animals to the north and a shift in tourist, farmland, and forested regions from their current locations. But even this has an upside! Imagine the thrill of watching out your kitchen window as your neighbor of 11 years jumps your backyard fence followed quickly by an interested alligator that breaks through your fence and chases your neighbor into another yard. Entertaining, especially because you have never talked to your neighbor and so you can appreciate the slapstick humor of the event. We Virginians should also brace ourselves for the annual summer migration of the tourist "sun-birds" from our Southern neighbors escaping the unbearable heat. Hectic and irritating as their numbers are at high-season, they are a great source of revenue and so we should tolerate of them.

There you have it; positive outcomes can occur with climate change! Just be flexible enough to take advantage of them. Or we could wake up and do something to soften the effects. Oh, I don't know; maybe volunteer for Green Projects and say, vote?

The *Real* Federal Government Assessment of Climate Change: <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>



Real Estate Corner

Active Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duchess	5303 Weymouth Dr	\$524,900

Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
King	5507 Southampton Dr	\$554,900



Sold				Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/ Increase	Date Closed
Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price				
Duke	5217 Kings Park Dr	\$534,900	\$535,000	0	\$535,000	-\$100	12/5/2018
King	5631 Southampton Dr	\$190,000	\$190,000	0	\$190,000	\$0	12/14/2018
King	8510 Durham Ct	\$480,000	\$470,000	\$14,100	\$455,900	\$24,100	12/7/2018
Prince	8903 Cromwell Dr	\$535,000	\$535,000	\$10,000	\$525,000	\$10,000	12/13/2018
Princess	8601 Cromwell Dr	\$554,900	\$554,900	\$5,980	\$548,920	\$5,980	11/16/2018
Queen	8609 Cromwell Dr	\$489,900	\$505,000	\$15,000	\$490,000	-\$100	11/28/2018
Queen	8607 London Ct	\$499,900	\$490,000	\$10,000	\$480,000	\$19,900	12/28/2018
Queen	8461 Thames St	\$559,900	\$555,000	\$45	\$554,955	\$4,945	11/15/2018

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If you're considering buying, selling, or renting real estate, if you know anyone who is, or if you have any questions, please give me a call!

Recent KPCA Member Events in Kings Park

Fun Times at the Annual KPCA Kid's Holiday Party!



Photo Credit: Rita Botting



KINGS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION (KPCA)
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2019 Membership Form

KPCA membership is open to all Kings Park residents - both home owners and renters.
One membership covers all adults in a household for the 2019 calendar year.

Two ways to pay:

1. Complete this form and mail it with your check for \$25 for a regular membership or \$20 for a senior membership (60+ years old) in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to the address above.
2. Pay via PayPal by visiting the KPCA website at www.kings-park.org, click on the KPCA tab, then click the Membership tab and follow the instructions. For further information, contact Marie Cullerton at 703-426-4904 or mcullerton42@mac.com

Please PRINT clearly and list your name exactly as you would like it to appear in the Directory. Put an X next to any information that you do not want to appear in the directory.

Name: _____

No. and Street: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email*: _____ (will not be listed in directory)

**By providing my email address, I (we) agree that notice of meetings and other community information may be provided to us via the above e-mail.*

Youth Job Listing in Directory

BB – Babysitting	OJ – Odd Jobs	HS – House Sitting
YW – Yard Work	PC – Pet Care	SS – Snow Shoveling

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Jobs (Use Above Codes)</u>
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Volunteer Opportunities (optional) Check all those you are interested in:

☐ July 4th Picnic/Parade
 ☐ Beautification
 ☐ Emergency Preparedness
☐ Potluck Committee
 ☐ Neighborhood Watch
 ☐ Children's Holiday Party
 ☐ Oktoberfest

Special Needs

In case of an emergency/disaster would you need special help in relocating to a safe location? Yes _____ No _____

In case of an emergency/disaster would you be willing to help an elderly/physically challenged resident? Yes _____

_____ No _____

Are you registered with the Fairfax County Special Needs Office? Yes _____ No _____

Dues – Make check payable to KPCA

_____ Regular Membership	\$25.00
_____ Senior Membership	\$20.00
_____ Optional contribution for KP beautification/upkeep	\$ _____
_____ Total Enclosed	\$ _____

New Recycling Realities: 5 Ways You Can Help Stop “Wishful Recycling”

Edited by Beverly Boschert

What happens to your recycled items these days? The worldwide recycling market has changed dramatically in recent months, especially due to “Operation National Sword” in China.

Here in Fairfax County, the **local third-party recycling processor says nearly 30 percent of material received is actually trash**. To do our part in this worldwide process, everyone needs to focus on **reducing the amount of contaminated materials placed in recycling bins**. There are five ways you can help stop the practice of “wishful recycling” – placing items in the recycling bin because you think they will probably be recycled.

5 Ways to Adjust Your Recycling Habits

Wishful recycling actually harms the whole process, so here are five ways you can help:

- Only place **empty, clean, dry, loose** items in your bin
- Dump the Filthy Five! **These five items should never be placed** in your recycling bin:
- Plastic bags
- Shredded paper
- Tanglers (hoses/hangers/cords)
- Styrofoam containers
- Dirty diapers

Purchase products made with **high recycled content**

When in doubt, throw it out

Make an effort to reduce the amount of waste you create — **reuse what you can**

If changes aren’t made to how we recycle, then that could lead to even higher costs and future changes to pickup procedures (such as sorting your recyclables rather than placing them all together).

Where Does Your Recycling Go?

Materials collected in the curbside recycling program are transported to third-party sorting centers. Fairfax County pays the sorting centers a fixed processing fee plus the cost to dispose of non-recyclables. While processing and disposal costs have remained fairly steady, recycling program costs have risen significantly for Fairfax County collection customers to \$80,000 per month now.

Until recently, the ultimate destination for much of our processed recyclables was China’s manufacturing industry. China has enacted stricter standards (“Operation National Sword”) on imported recyclables and is accepting only a fraction of the volume of what it had in the past. China had been buying most of the material that is difficult to recycle domestically (number 3-7 plastics, mixed paper).

Again: **Approximately 30 percent of the material that passes through the sorting facility is not recyclable — it is actually waste that was placed in the wrong container or acceptable recyclable material that has been contaminated by dirty items.** The cost to process/sort this waste is greater than the cost to dispose of it if it is collected as trash.

To reduce the cost of processing and disposal of non-recyclable material, **the amount of contamination being delivered to local processors needs to be significantly reduced.** The recycling industry has responded by slowing down the sorting process to allow their employees to remove contaminants (trash and undesirable material) to improve the quality of recyclables being exported. This change has increased the per-ton cost to process recyclables.

Source: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/adjusting-to-new-recycling-realities-5-ways-you-can-help-stop-wishful-recycling/>

The Neighbors

by Terry Boschert

