

Gazette

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KPCA Meeting

Please join us for the January KPCA meeting. Thursday, March 21 at Kings Park Elementary School from 7:30pm– 9:00pm. Speaker is Jon Runger of New Earth Landscaping.

He will be speaking about tips for getting your gardens ready for the season and will answer questions from those attending the meeting.



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Kings Park Clean Up Day

by Roy Warner

This year's annual Kings Park "Clean Up Day" will be held Saturday, May 18th from 8:00am to noon. Large trucks from Fairfax County will be stationed in the parking lot by the basketball courts off the Trafalgar Court entrance to KP Park for disposal of large items that trash companies will not pick up. You can take your items directly to the trucks at Trafalgar or call Roy Warner to schedule a pick up by neighborhood volunteers. More volunteers are needed so please contact Roy if you can help (and remember to bring gloves!). The Kings Park Civic Association will rent at least two 14' U-Haul trucks to pick up your large items and deliver them to the county trucks but you must call at least a week in advance to schedule a pick up.

KPCA dues make this service possible. KPCA membership is required if you need help with your large items. Volunteers will have membership forms with them when they pick up items from your home, so you can join the KPCA that day if you have not yet done so.

Our community is indebted to all those who have helped in years past. We are grateful to all our volunteers for their assistance. Call Roy at 703-250-5328 to volunteer or schedule a pick up. Please do not wait until the last minute as we cannot honor last minute requests for help. Thank you.

KPCA Calendar of Events

March 21	KPCA Community Meeting 7:30-9:00pm Kings Park Elementary
May 16	KPCA Community Meeting and Elections 7:30-9:00pm Kings Park Elementary
May 18	KPCA Clean-up Day - This is for large item pickup.
May 22	KPCA Senior Luncheon 1:00pm Hunan West
July 4	4th of July Parade and Concert in the Park - Parade Starts at Kings Park Elementary School at 11:00am

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

From the President

Neighbors -

How are you surviving the unusually wet weather and the cycling of seasons every few days? Spring is just around the corner! Hopefully.

There is still a notable decline in KPCA membership. The \$25 membership fee (\$20 for seniors) shouldn't be the reason. There are many new residents in Kings Park and we hope they will be joining the Kings Park Civic Association (KPCA) to show their support for the many community programs and services that make this a great neighborhood. A major expense is the maintenance of the common areas at the Kings Park Drive and Southampton entrances from Braddock Road, and the 'nubs' along Southampton. It isn't easy staying green and providing a welcome setting for our residents.

What else does the KPCA do for the community? How about the upcoming 53rd Anniversary of the 4th of July Parade and Picnic? It will also be the 52nd appearance of the famous Kings Park Band serenading the picnickers with patriotic music.

We are in need of many more to volunteer to help coordinate the picnic portion of the celebration this year. It's not a big task – preparations are well documented but the set up and coordinating the Park activities requires many helping hands. We have had to down-size a little bit - only because we can only do so much with the limited resources (people!) that step forward to contribute a little of their time and energy.

The parade part of the July 4th celebration will continue as originally intended. The KPCA Board has decided to allocate the additional cost of the hired police presence. Starting time is still 11:00am to make it easier on all the participants. We will still be awarding the younger participants a commemorative July 4th medal. We can always use some additional help in organizing the start of the parade and safety along the parade route.

Reminder to plan ahead - the KPCA sponsors the Community Clean-up day (Saturday May 11th) as an opportunity for KPCA member to dispose of unwanted 'recyclables' and other items that are no longer of any use. Watch for another reminder and details in the May-June Gazette article. Our appreciation goes to Roy Warner who has graciously organized this monumental task each year since 1984.

The now traditional Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, and the Children's Holiday Party are also planned and provided to KPCA members. All these activities

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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

are supported by your annual dues and made possible by the fabulous volunteers that do all the planning, preparation, and execution.

The date for another of our popular KPCA traditions – the Seniors' Luncheon - has been set for Wednesday May 22nd. That event is hosted by Hunan West and we want to again thank Allen for his hospitality for I believe the 29th year. Reminder that all KPCA members that fit the 'senior' category are welcome to join us for a great meal, good stories, and festivities.

Looking forward to better and warmer weather?

Jim Sobecke

Kings Park Band

The Kings Park Concert Band will be performing a Spring Concert on Sunday, March 24th, at 3:00 at Lake Braddock Secondary School in the Auditorium. The theme this year is "Virginia is for Lovers" featuring Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, My Fair Lady, The Merry Wives of Windsor, as well as several Sousa marches and other tunes. Please join us for musical celebration of Spring.

Retro Kings Park

by Terry Boschert

From the March 1985 Edition of the Kings Park Gazette

Association Officers:

President: Roy Warner

Vice President: Dianne MacAskill

Vice President: Anna Foulz

Treasurer: Helen Tate

Secretary: Theresa Matlaga

Excerpts from the President's Letter:

Neighborhood Watch - Please call and volunteer for Day Supervisor. Don't let this program fall apart. (Note: *Neighborhood Watch in 1985 had enough volunteers to staff two patrols a day, one during the day and one during the night. In 2019, we average not quite a patrol every workday of the year. We currently have around 65 residents who patrol. That is out of 1130 homes!*)

Pedestrian Overpass – By this time, the meeting on Feb. 26 has been held. Something must be done to make crossing Braddock Rd. safer.

Harbin Awards – Scholastic and athletic awards will be presented to outstanding Kings Park high school students at the May meeting. Nominations are being accepted.

Advertisements:

Twenty-seven of our residents had lunch at Vinnie's new restaurant in the Kings Park Shopping Center.

Kings Park Barber Shop. Located at Rolling and Braddock Rd. in Burke Professional Center. 8 Barbers. Haircuts \$6.50

More than our name, True Value. It's our way of doing business. Kings Park Shopping Center.

Whimsy Corner

by Terry Boschert

Our Phoenix Vacation or Glad I Am Not a Golfer.

We grew tired this year of wintering in Kings Park. We have relatives in Phoenix. One travel site stated. "Greater Phoenix—affectionately known as the Valley of the Sun...". Historical weather sites cited 72/48 degrees Fahrenheit with 2 days of rain in February. Good enough for us; book, pack, fly, we are here!

To drizzle. We experienced 3 days of sunshine (one on the day we left) and 5 days of drizzle, hard rain, sleet, thunderstorms, the formation of ponds at the resort, 52/32 temperatures during rainy conditions, snowfall in other parts of the state (Flagstaff 34+ inches, a record for them). Hence the last part of the title.

Imagine you are an out-of-state golfer. You have already paid your fees and reserved times to golf as part of your vacation. What is a golfer to do? Well, the really, really dedicated golfers golfed anyway. We saw them as we were adjacent to a Wildfire golf course. The more reasonable ones stayed at the 19th green, quaffing local brews, lamenting the delays just as they were getting hot with par rounds back home. But money could be made by caddies even here as the now judgement impaired golfers paid for dedicated walkers to help them up the stairs. Just a note, I think all golfers are judgmentally impaired because golf requires such a viewpoint by its very design. Think, hit a small ball 300+ yards and sink it into a slightly larger hole and that is called fun? Instant frustration.

We visited museums instead. The sunny day on Wednesday we visited the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix; a great site for desert plants, animals, hummingbirds and butterflies. And ate at restaurants. Did you know that Phoenix has restaurants that serve other than delicious Mexican food? Try Soul – Modern Arizona Cuisine in north Scottsdale, the Arrogant Butcher in downtown Phoenix, Brio in Scottsdale. All great and they have healthy choices as well, not that I ever look for those.

And now to family. Beverly's sister lives in Phoenix with her older daughter. The other daughter lives around 20 miles away. The younger daughter and her husband have two daughters; one daughter is a lawyer for the Office of the City Phoenix Prosecutor. The other daughter, a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a degree in Mathematics, joined the USAF as a second lieutenant. She will receive her Masters' degree soon from the Air Force Institute of Technology. I scanned her dissertation. I understand every single word of the dozen or so words in the papers' title. I do

not comprehend the title. In fact, I didn't even know some of the words could possibly be found side by side. OK, I am now an old Mathematician; placed behind glass with words that state "Do Not Ever Break Glass".

Despite the blows dealt us by mother nature, we enjoyed our vacation. Besides, not everyone can claim that they saw rain in the deserts of Arizona! Again, and again, and again.



Desert
Botanical
Garden
Phoenix




The Heard Museum
Phoenix


Kings Park Neighborhood Watch Missing Emails

by Beverly Boschert

Kings Park Neighborhood Watch continues using SignUpGenius to schedule volunteers. KPNW volunteers receive an email near the end of each month

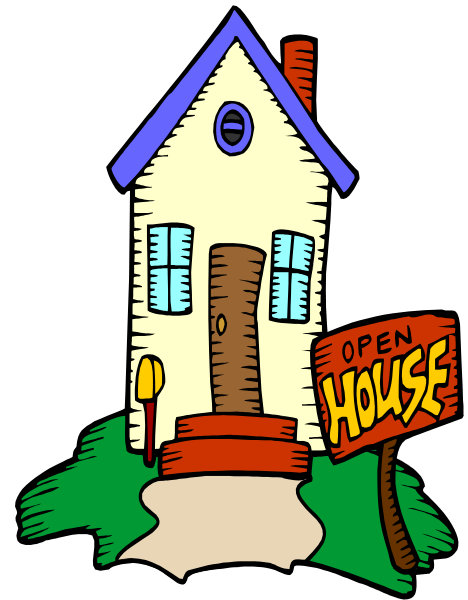
with the  **SignUpGenius** link for the upcoming month. Volunteers pick the date that is best for them to patrol that month. The SUG invitation may come from Beverly Boschert, Susan Cappa or Jenny Stokes. A reminder email will be sent to you a few days before the day you picked to patrol.

Some emails are not being delivered by SignUpGenius. If you are a KPNW volunteer and you have not

received a  **SignUpGenius** email, please let Beverly know at terry.boschert@verizon.net. We're working to correct errors, we don't want to miss any volunteers.

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

Real Estate Corner



Active Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Princess	8716 Piccadilly Place	\$619,950

Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Prince	8650 Victoria Road	\$549,000
Queen	5406 Weymouth Street	\$590,000

Sold

				Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/ Increase	Date Closed
Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price				
King	5507 Southampton Drive	\$554,900	\$560,000	\$10,200	\$549,800	\$5,100	1/25/2019

Provided by Susan Metcalf, Avery Hess Realtors

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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!

Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District 2019 NATIVE SEEDLING SALE

Edited by Beverly Boschert

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES

This year's seedling sale features shrubs and trees that serve as valuable food sources for wildlife and delicious treats for us! These berries, fruits, and nuts are sure to bring new life to your garden! They also help clean our water and air, prevent soil erosion, provide valuable habitat, and add beauty and resilience to your landscape. Enjoy!

The **Shrub and Small Tree Package** features 10 seedlings for \$17.50. The **Tree Package** includes 6 seedlings sold for \$12.50. A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by **Tuesday, April 2**, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt with a map to the pickup site at **Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Club, 3516 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church VA 22044**. Orders may be picked up on **Friday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.-noon**.

Tree Package (6 Bare-root Seedlings for \$12.50)

This year's seedling sale features native shrubs and trees that serve as valuable food sources for wildlife and delicious treats for us! These fruits, berries, and nuts are sure to bring new life to your garden. They also help clean our water and air, prevent soil erosion, provide valuable habitat, and add beauty and resilience to your landscape. Enjoy!

2 FLOWERING DOGWOOD (*CORNUS FLORIDA*)

Height 20-50 feet. White flowers April-May, red fall foliage. Migrant fall birds are attracted to the red-orange berries. State tree of Virginia. Part sun, dry to moist soils.

2 American Persimmon (*DIOSPYROS VIRGINIANA*)

This tree grows to a height of 15-100 feet. It blooms bell-shaped yellow flowers April to June with large sweet orange fruit in Autumn. It prefers full sun to shade and is adaptable to many soils, including wet to moist soils.

2 COMMON HACKBERRY (*CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS*)

This tree grows to a height of 40-100 feet. Yellow-green flowers bloom in April to May, followed by small purple berries. This tree serves as an important host for butterfly larvae. It grows best in full sun to full shade, in dry to wet soils.

SHRUB AND SMALL TREE PACKAGE (10 SEEDLINGS FOR \$17.50)

2 AMERICAN WILD PLUM (*PRUNUS AMERICANA*)

This small tree grows to a height of 20-35 feet. It has small white blossoms April to May. It grows yellow to red edible fruit and pale-yellow foliage in fall. Perfect for rocky or sandy soils. It grows well in full to part sun, dry to moist soils.

2 PAWPAW (*ASIMINA TRILOBA*)

This small tree grows to a height of 20-35 feet. It has long, broad leaves and the largest fruit native to our continent. It forms stands from root suckers and has yellow fall foliage. It grows best in full sun to shade in moist, well-drained soil.

2 AMERICAN ELDERBERRY (*SAMBUCUS CANADENSIS*)

This small shrub grows to 6-12 feet. White flowers bloom in May to July and dark purple berry-like fruit appear in July to September. It is a great food source for birds. It grows best in part shade and moist soils, but it is very tolerant to most conditions.

2 BLACK CHOKEBERRY (*ARONIA MELANOCARPA*)

This small shrub grows to 3-6 feet. White or pink-ish flowers bloom April-May, followed by black berries and crimson red fall foliage. It can be pruned as a hedge. It grows best in full to part sun, wet to dry soils.

2 AMERICAN HAZELNUT (*CORYLUS AMERICANA*)

This medium shrub grows to a height of 10-15 feet. Brown or red flower clusters appear in May to April with yellow orange foliage in fall. The brown hazelnuts that grow in the fall are edible. This tree supports a variety of wildlife including songbirds and small mammals. It grows best in partial sun, dry to moist soils.

Photos and order form available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/native-seedling-sale>

Help Wanted!

by Terry Boschert

The Kings Park Civic Association (KPCA) Board of Directors seeks new recruits/members to serve on the board for a one-year term. Board of Directors elections will be held in May for KPCA board members for 2019-2020.

If you are:

- A Kings Park resident, age 18 and over, and property owner in Kings Park
- A KPCA member in good standing
- Interested in helping your neighborhood
- Willing to attend/organize Kings Park activities and meetings
- Willing to plan/organize activities for KPCA members

please consider running for a position on the KPCA Board of Directors.

The elected offices are:

- President
- Vice-President – 1st, 2nd and 3rd VP positions
- Secretary – this can be two positions, a corresponding secretary and a recording secretary.
- Treasurer

Check with a board member to find out details.

If you have not experienced a KPCA Community Meeting, please come to the KPCA Community Meeting March 21, 2019, 7:30pm at Kings Park Elementary School.

You may also want to attend a KPCA Board meeting; meetings are usually held the first week of the month, day and location may vary. Please contact Terry Boschert, terry.boschert@verizon.net If you want to attend a Board Meeting. The meetings are currently held in our home. We may need to change venues as we have not added an auditorium as a part of our home remodeling.

Parliament Pool – Our Neighborhood's Summer Hot Spot!

It may be cold outside, but the Parliament Pool Board is already busy preparing for a summer season full of fun activities and community building for the whole family! Parliament, located at 8510 Parliament Drive, is walking distance for many Kings Park residents, and provides a great place to gather and socialize in the summer months (for swimmers and non-swimmers alike!). In addition to our beautiful pool, we have a large grassy area for picnics, a playground, a rec room available for party rental, and a comfortable seating area with shaded tables and gas grills accessible for member use at all times. The pool hosts social events throughout the summer such as family movie nights, raft nights, taco dinners, food trucks, and adult nights. The pool offers a diving well with two one-meter springboards, a dedicated lap lane for lap swimmers throughout the day, and a large wading/baby pool. We offer swim lessons for toddlers through swim-team age (for an additional fee), and our Parliament Panthers Swim Team participates in the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL). Additionally, we are lucky to have a competitive Dive Team which also participates in the NVSL. The teams have many fun events throughout the summer, including Friday night Pep Rallies, Trick-or-Treat in July, Potluck Supper, and much more.

Parliament offers various rates for persons interested in joining, including options for families, individuals, and members of the military. An early bird discount of \$25 is available for those who register by April 30th. Please visit our website at www.parliament-pool.com or email the Board at board@parliament-pool.com for more information or specific membership questions. We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!



**Join us at Parliament
Pool this summer!**

Senior Luncheon

The Kings Park Civic Association will host its annual luncheon for seniors at Hunan West Restaurant in the Kings Park Shopping Center on Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00.

Please note that all Kings Park Seniors are welcome but that the lunch is free of charge only for current members of the Civic Association. If you are not sure your dues are paid please contact Marie at mcullerton42@mac.com or 703-426-4904.

Please email Marie at mcullerton42@mac.com if you will be attending. Please provide your email address, home address and phone number or call Marie at 703-426-4904 with the information.

Since not all members are on Next-door please let your neighbors know about the Senior Lunch. Marie will get in touch with those who plan on attending. Thank you to Alan at Hunan West for keeping this event affordable and convenient for so many years.



SPRING 2019

by Beverly Boschert

Spring is coming, I hope! As snow turns to rain it will wash out some of the tree pollen and the rain needs to be able to get to the storm drains in out Kings Park streets. Please remember to clean the street gutters on your yard. Leaves always collect over the winter. If there is a storm drain on your curb, please clean it also. Everyone can help. Clean up "starts at home" the more leaves and debris we keep out of the storm drains in Kings Park the less we contribute to pollution in Lake Accotink, the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, and all the nearby waterways.

Earth Day for the year 2019 is celebrated/ observed on **Monday, April 22nd**.



Neighborhood Watch

Kings Park Neighborhood Watch currently has 41 active patrol volunteer pairs. At the recommendation of the Fairfax County Police, we schedule patrols for non-holiday workdays. Some patrols are scheduled during the day others during the evening depending on the availability of the volunteers. Three volunteers also schedule the volunteers who patrol. Some volunteers patrol every month on a regular schedule while others patrol 4 or more times a year as they are available. Some volunteers patrol on bikes. Thanks to all our KPNW volunteers.

New volunteers are always welcome and needed. It is a great way for new drivers to fulfill driving hours for a driver's license. It is also an easy way for students to complete volunteer hours for community service. A regular monthly patrol is especially helpful for the schedulers.

Imagine Our Kings Park Community

by Joe Camacho

- With no Kings Park Independence Day Parade, no music from the Kings Park Band, and no community picnic.
- With no Kings Park Neighborhood Watch Program (a few years ago, a patrol located and helped recover a resident's stolen car).
- With no Kings Park Halloween Trunk or Treat for the 100+ little ones from the Kings Park community.
- With no Kings Park Oktoberfest and no German-style music played by the Kings Park Band.
- With no Kings Park Children's Holiday Party and no holiday music from the Kings Park Band.
- With no neatly maintained Braddock Road entrances.
- With no representation before the Fairfax County government authorities.
- With residents in a few years wondering "whatever happened to all those things Kings Park used to have and do?"

With some of the discussions noted in the recent KP Gazette and the NextDoor site, I hope you'll be encouraged to join the King Park Civic Association and submit the \$25 yearly dues (\$20 seniors), if you can afford it.

I believe your support will help to re-vitalize the Kings Park community.

The Neighbors

by Terry Boschert



"Is it too late to get the flu?"

