

Gazette

MAY/JUNE 2019



KPCA Meeting

Please join us for the May KPCA elections and meeting. Thursday, May 16 at Kings Park Elementary School from 7:30pm– 9:00pm. Hope to see you there!



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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.



KPCA Calendar of Events

- 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 10:00am

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

From the President

Neighbors -

We continue to experience some unusual weather this year. The Farmer's Almanac predicts lots of rain, thunderstorms, and wetness during July and August. Hopefully it won't dampen our spirits for the annual KPCA 4th of July parade and picnic.

The KPCA sponsored Community Clean-up day is Saturday May 18th. This an opportunity to follow through on your Spring cleaning and get many of those unwanted items taken to the County disposal facility for you. The KPCA rents the trucks and provides volunteers to pick-up items There are restrictions on what can be picked-up at your residence so KPCA members must schedule with Roy Warner in advance. The drop-off location is the Trafalgar Court entrance to the Park.

The front entrances at Kings Park Drive and Southampton Drive, and the nubs on Southampton, are now being maintained by our new Grounds Maintenance contractor.

Jon and his crew have been working through all the weather obstacles to bring a new and better appearance to the community. Jon (New Earth Landscaping) gave an excellent and very informative presentation at the Kings Park Community meeting on March 21st. We are going to ask him back before Fall to give you more of his expert advice on taking care of your lawn, trees and garden.

We haven't been able to create more interest in the 'all volunteer' Beautification Committee to help us maintain Kings Park common area and assist in any way they can. Other communities around us make community care a family affair. If there is some interest in this approach, I am sure we could make the effort worthwhile and a little festive! Send us an e-mail if you are interested or want more information.

The KPCA's annual Gene Mercer Seniors Luncheon will be held on May 22nd at Hunan West. We want to especially thank Allen the owner of Hunan West for continuing to hosting this event for the past 27 years and his continued generosity to the KPCA.

Big change for the annual July 4th Parade and Picnic –the parade will start one-hour earlier (10:00 am). The awarding of commemorative July 4th medals (silver this year) will continue, since this seems to get the greatest response from the younger participants.

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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

The picnic in the park will have the Kings Park Concert Band performing for two hours. The Picnic Committee is adding activities for the kids and adults as well. This picnic requires a lot of volunteer time to prepare and execute. Each year we are seeing fewer and fewer 'helping hands' yet more attendance from the community. The cost of the hot dogs, drinks and chips is offset by your KPCA dues. Although this is a KPCA event it is open to all your guests and friends to enjoy.

Declining membership seems to be stabilizing a little, but still well below last year. We are seeing a few newcomers to the community becoming involved, and we really appreciate the community spirit and volunteering of their valuable time.

Just another reminder that the KPCA dues offset the extra costs involved in offering all these community events – Clean-Up Day, Entrance Beautification, grounds maintenance, Senior Luncheon, July 4th Picnic and, Oktoberfest, Trunk-or-Treat, and the Children's Holiday Party. With the decline in annual membership renewal we have found it necessary to conduct many of these events for 'KPCA members only' and cut back on general expenses. It would be great if more of your neighbors would pay for membership (\$25 a year - \$20 for seniors) and everyone donate a little of their time to assist in putting these events together.

Enjoy your spring – looking forward to summer!

Jim Sobecke

Retro Kings Park

by Terry Boschert

From the May 1986 Edition of the Kings Park Gazette

Association Officers:

President: Nancy Irber

1st Vice President: Michael J. New

2nd Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Kathleen Clark

Recording Secretary: Theresa Matlaga

Corresponding Secretary: Betty Osborn

Excerpt from the PRESIDENT'S LETTER - As you are aware, May is designated as Senior Citizen month. If you know of a Kings Park Citizen around the wonderful age of 60, please invite them to join us at Vinnie's Restaurant at 1:00 on May 20th for lunch.

SCOUT NEWSLETTER – On Friday, March 20, 1986, Kirk Wheeler was awarded his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held at Messiah Methodist Church. Kirk's Eagle Scout project consisted of building benches and a cross for the youth room of the church. (Troop 1121)

Robert Schonberger was awarded his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor at the Kings Park Community Center on Wednesday March 25, 1986. He directed the activities of fellow scouts in removing debris that was building up against the bridge behind Kings Glen school. The Fairfax County Park Authority was concerned that the debris would become a dam which could then wash out and take the bridge with it. (Troop 1121)

CLEAN-UP – FIX-UP DAY MAY 24 – 8:00 TO 12:00 – On Saturday, May 24, the County will have trucks at the Kings Park Elementary School, Kings Park and Harrow Way from 8:00 to 12:00 noon ONLY.

CLASSIFIED ADS

MAGICIAN – young magician performs for children's parties. Call Brian Greer.

Whimsy Corner

by Terry Boschert

In search of the elusive wild strawberry vine. Ahhh, finally, Spring weather has arrived. Someone once described Spring as the season where it is Summer in the sun and Winter in the shade. Trees and bushes leaf, flowers bloom, grass grows, and weeds stir in our gardens.

So, what is a weed. A weed is any plant growing where you don't want it to grow. But I prefer this internet definition: "If you pull it and it grows back, it is a weed". Which brings us to the wild strawberry vine. If you pull a wild strawberry vine, it will grow back a hundred times over. The vine craftily hides its leaves under desirable plants. The yellow blossom and berries are just small enough to evade detection unless you look very carefully. "Look very carefully" means you get on hands and knees, brush aside good plants, first espy and then pluck, the wild strawberry plant. Unfortunately, that also kicks up tons of white and yellow pollen, the result of which is one or more hearty sneezes. Your aim is compromised, and the stem, rather than vine roots, are plucked. "I will return!"

After this ineffective effort all over your garden, you must still stand back up. This is where you find that gravity is not your friend as you stumble down the driveway to regain your footing. Fortunately, a giant wild strawberry vine will lend a tendril to steady you. That is how you discover that you are a friend to wild strawberry vines everywhere. So, what to do? Rationalize that a wild setting for a flower garden looks pretty good after all and hobble away to do chores that require standing upright.

Chores that require standing upright. Such chores can include; prune deadwood from trees and bushes, dig holes for even more trees and bushes (wait, what; oh, that's right, Beverly wanted the new plantings; sigh!), water gardens (the vines love this; I know because they send thank you cards, postage due of course), mulch, and vacuum the kitchen floor of pollen and seed hulls; again, and again, and again. You also take the yard-waste to the curb for pickup where it may or may not be picked up on the allotted day. Actually, "no pickup" is a good happening. "Sorry Beverly, but the yard-waste can wasn't emptied, so no more outdoor chores for now." Fortunately, she hasn't seen my "Do Not Empty" sign yet. If she does, I may need to hide under friendly wild strawberry vines.

My favorite chore is the hunt for nesting birds. We have at least three nests in our yard, Dove, Robin, and Cardinal (more on the latter later). There are probably a few more nests about. Guests who overnight have

been known to close windows because of all the chirping and cooing. We have gotten used to it; even when the birds come to the kitchen window and glare; oops, time to refill the bird baths. They have me well trained. I wonder if the birds are in cahoots with the strawberry vines?

But at least Major League Baseball has started. After chores, I can relax and watch the Nats game. The birds watch from the windows and chirp play-by-play to the vines. Yep, in cahoots!

Looks like a Cardinal Farm team has set up by the garage door of a Nats fan.

What to do? What to do?



Volunteers Needed for KPCA Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic

by Alison Maruca

Nothing says "Happy birthday, America!" more than grilling hot dogs on a hot summer afternoon, sporting your very best red, white and blue attire, waving flags at a parade and cooling off with a popsicle. It may seem like the 4th of July is still far off on the calendar, but we are already deep in planning the details of the 2019 King's Park Civic Association 4th of July Parade and Picnic. This event is a time-honored and beloved tradition for our neighbors. We have some new ideas to incorporate into this year's picnic but need your help! There are a variety of different ways you can help out and we'll have some planning meetings in the coming weeks.

- Set-up
- Clean-up
- Games for children
- Donate baked goods for the bake sale
- Assist with grilling/food prep
- Parade assistance



If you'd like to volunteer and be part of this neighborhood tradition, please contact Alison Maruca, 484-269-7229 or alisonmaruca84@gmail.com.

Real Estate Corner



Active Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duke	5311 WEYMOUTH DR	\$520,000
Prince	8705 PARLIAMENT DR	\$525,000

Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duchess	5303 WEYMOUTH DR	\$535,000
Duke	5408 YORKSHIRE ST	\$475,000
Duke	8936 VICTORIA RD	\$519,000
Duke	8715 VICTORIA RD	\$530,000
King	8921 VICTORIA RD	\$534,999
Queen	8609 PARLIAMENT DR	\$559,000

Sold

Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/ Increase	Date Closed
Duke	5508 EASTBOURNE DR	\$549,000	\$542,000		\$542,000	(\$7,000)	04/25/19
King	8805 CROMWELL DR	\$539,000	\$539,000	\$5,000	\$534,000	(\$5,000)	04/23/19
King	5502 SOUTHAMPTON	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$12,000	\$578,000	(\$12,000)	04/19/19
Prince	8511 PARLIAMENT DR	\$544,900	\$559,800		\$559,800	\$14,900	04/18/19
Prince	5515 MARGATE ST	\$549,000	\$555,000		\$555,000	\$6,000	04/15/19
Prince	8650 VICTORIA RD	\$549,000	\$550,000		\$550,000	\$1,000	04/01/19
Princess	8716 PICCADILLY PL	\$619,950	\$660,000	\$1,800	\$658,200	\$38,250	04/08/19
Queen	8900 CROMWELL DR	\$564,888	\$577,100		\$577,100	\$12,212	04/25/19
Queen	5406 WEYMOUTH DR	\$590,000	\$595,000	\$5,000	\$590,000	\$0	04/10/19

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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!

Fairfax County Farmers Markets Open for 2019 Summer Season

by Alison Maruca

The sun is out and with warmer weather on the horizon, Fairfax County Farmers Markets officially opened for the season the first weekend of May. With vendors ranging from locally grown produce to savory baked goods, delicious snacks and sweet treats, each market offers something for everyone, depending on your schedule and taste buds. “These local markets are strictly producer-only, meaning that all farmers and producers may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch. The County encourages vendors to use local ingredients in the creation of their products as much as possible. The farmers and producers who participate in Fairfax County Farmers Markets come from within a 125 mile radius of Fairfax County.”

County residents who receive support from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can receive up to an extra \$20 in SNAP dollars every time you shop at the Herndon, Lorton, Reston, and McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Markets! The markets will match your SNAP dollars from \$2 up to \$20. The matching SNAP dollars can be used for any of the Market’s farm-fresh local fruits and vegetables. Stop by the SNAP table at the market to take advantage of this free offer. You can find out more information on the SNAP partnership with local farmers markets at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/snap.

Each market runs its own schedule and many offer updates and news on their individual Facebook pages. The schedule is listed below and you can also find the full list with links to details and directions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

2019 MARKET SCHEDULE

(There are no markets on Mondays or Tuesdays)

WEDNESDAY

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon

May 1 - December 18

8 a.m. – Noon

Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

Oak Marr

May 1 - November 13

8 a.m. – Noon

Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

Wakefield

April 17 - October 30

2 p.m. - 6 p.m

Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

FRIDAY

McLean

May 3 - November 15, 8 a.m. – Noon

CLOSED for Mclean day set up May 17

Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

Kingstowne

May 3 - October 25, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m

In the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

THURSDAY

Annandale

May 2 - November 7, 8 a.m. – Noon

Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

OPEN for 4th of July

Herndon

April 18 - November 14, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m

Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., By the Red Caboose

OPEN 4th of July

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

SATURDAY

Burke

April 13 - December 21, 8 a.m. – Noon

VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Reston

April 20 - December 7, 8 a.m. – Noon

CLOSED for Multicultural festival September 21

Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

SUNDAY

Lorton

May 5 - November 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m

VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd

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.

Parliament Pool – Our Neighborhood's Summer Hot Spot!

Parliament Pool is gearing up for another summer filled with family activities, social gatherings, and much more. Our neighborhood pool is an important pillar of our community – providing a place for neighbors to get to know one another better, children to socialize in a safe and healthy setting, and for families to enjoy time together in the summer months. My family has enjoyed many days at the pool each summer, starting our morning with swim team or swim lessons (the kids swim while the parents drink coffee and chat), and ending our day by bringing dinner to grill in the common area while relaxing under a summer sky. Please visit our website at www.parliament-pool.com in order to learn more about membership. We would love to see some new faces at the pool this year!

Swim and Dive Team News

Parliament's Swim and Dive Teams are a fun and healthy way to fill your summer schedule, keeping your kids moving while meeting and mingling with new and old neighborhood friends. If you are interested in learning more about our teams (we are always looking for more participants!), please email our swim rep, Fran Migdal, at fjmgidal@gmail.com.

We are pleased to announce that last year's head coaches, Doug Beavers (dive) and Dan Callahan (swim), have eagerly agreed to return and coach our children again this summer. We are looking to hire a paid assistant dive coach, as well as a few more volunteer assistant coaches to round out the teams. If you know of swimmers, divers, or otherwise qualified individuals that are interested in these opportunities, please have them email fjmgidal@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, 19 May at 4:00pm at the pool. At this meeting you can learn what swim team is all about, and get answers to any questions you may have!



Electronics Recycling

by Beverly Boschert

Definition: Computers and peripherals (i.e., printers, scanners, ZIP drives, keyboards), phones, cameras, televisions, fax machines, portable gaming devices, video equipment, audio equipment, etc.



Specific Types of Electronics:

- Computers and Televisions
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Cell Phones - Cell phones are also accepted at various government office drop-off locations.

E-CYCLE LOCATIONS

I-66 Transfer Station
4618 West Ox Road
Fairfax, VA 22035

I-95 Landfill Complex
9850 Furnace Road
Lorton, VA 22079

HOURS OF OPERATION:

I-66 TRANSFER STATION

MONDAY – SATURDAY (8 A.M. – 4 P.M.)

MONDAY – FRIDAY (7 A.M. – 6 P.M.)

I-95 LANDFILL COMPLEX

SUNDAY (9 A.M. – 4 P.M.)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY (7 A.M. – 4 P.M.)

Note: Drop-off is NOT permitted after hours!

Why is proper recycling and/or disposal of electronics important?

Products are made from metal, plastics, and glass -- all of which require energy to mine and manufacture. Reusing and recycling these materials conserves natural resources. In addition, many electronics contain lead, mercury, beryllium and cadmium. If improperly disposed of, these contaminants may be released into the environment.

What happens to the electronics after they are collected?

When possible, electronics are refurbished and/or resold. In some cases, electronics are disassembled, sorted by material (metals, plastics, glass, etc.) and sold on the recyclables market. Hazardous components, such as leaded glass in certain computer monitors or TVs, are removed and sent for proper recovery and recycling in a permitted hazardous waste facility.

Source: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/electronics

Kings Park Directories

by Beverly Boschert

Thanks to Kings Park volunteers who delivered the Kings Park Directory. Directory deliveries were made by Ann Gordon, Jean and Tom Kennedy, Susan Malmberg and Susan Metcalf.

The 2019 Directory contains information provided by residents who joined the KPCA (paid dues) in 2018. If you were a 2018 member and did not receive a directory, please check with Beverly Boschert at terry.boschert@verizon.net.

The Kings Park Civic Association provides the directory as a KPCA member benefit. Join and get your own Kings Park directory!



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.

Please - Clean up
after your dog!

The Neighbors

by Terry Boschert

