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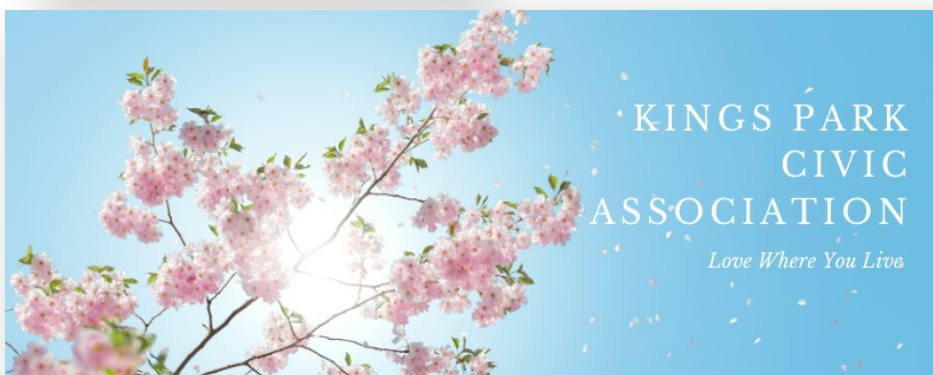


Volunteer Appreciation!

This month, we celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 18-24. Many thanks to all of our neighbors who volunteer their time, effort, and talents to keeping Kings Park a great place to live.

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President's Letter

Hello Neighbors,

It's been a chilly start to the spring season, but there is a great deal to be hopeful for as temperatures start to rise. As expected, the KPCA Board is hard at work bringing fun and safe events to the neighborhood. Be on the lookout for more information. The best way to stay up to date is through the Kings Park Civic Association Facebook group, NextDoor, and our website.

This month we celebrate National Volunteer Week (Apr. 18-24). We'd like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers who help keep KPCA running. From patrolling our streets with Neighborhood Watch to delivering Gazettes to your mailbox to supporting our events, KPCA and Kings Park wouldn't be what we are without our amazing volunteers. I'd especially like to thank the volunteers who have served as a KPCA Board Member. Our Board leadership is dedicated to supporting our community and we are a better neighborhood thanks to their efforts.

In May we will host elections to usher in a new team of board members. We welcome anyone seeking to serve in a board position. Please see a full description of our positions on page 3. If interested, please contact any present board member for more information.

Have a happy spring!

Jim

About the Gazette

The Gazette is published quarterly: January, April, July, and October. Suggestions and submissions should be sent to Ali Maruca, alisonmaruca84@gmail.com.

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



Board Reports

Membership Committee Update VP of Membership, Leann Alberts

In 2020, 415 families were members of the Kings Park Civic Association. As of March 31, 2021, 399 families have paid their 2021 KPCA dues. Membership in the KPCA is only \$25 per calendar year (\$20 for seniors).

In non-pandemic times, KPCA sponsors many wonderful and traditional activities including: Potluck Dinner, Senior Luncheon, Safety Day, 4th of July Parade and Picnic, Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, Kid's Holiday Party, Neighborhood Watch, Nub/Entrance Maintenance, Community Meetings, KPCA Gazette, KPCA Directory, affiliation with local government organizations, and more.

These dues covered additional events and services during the Covid -19 year including: Food Truck Friday, Ice Cream Day, the Graduation Parade, Scavenger Hunt, and the Holiday Light Contest. We need your volunteer support and your dues to sustain all of these events and activities and to fund more as time goes on!

To submit your membership for 2021, complete the membership insert from the last Gazette, include either cash or check and place the pre-addressed envelope in the mail. You may also complete the 2021 Membership Form online at www.kings-park.org and submit your payment electronically via PayPal.

Let's show our spirit and keep Kings Park thriving as the desirable neighborhood that it has been since the 1960's!

KPCA Board Elections May 2021

The KPCA Board is comprised of seven positions that are instrumental in promoting camaraderie, safety, and community within the Kings Park neighborhood. We will host virtual elections in May via a Zoom community meeting for the positions listed below. Please contact President, Jim Sobecke, jsobecke@gmail.com, by Monday, May 17 if you're interested in running for a position.

President

Serve as the face and voice of KPCA, overseeing smooth execution of community and civic outreach.

1st VP of Social Outreach

Responsible for managing the Facebook group and NextDoor, the website, newsletter, sign boards, membership email roster, event marketing

2nd VP of Community Safety

Responsible for Neighborhood Watch, Neighbor to Neighbor committee, Government/Community relations, Event safety and logistics, Managing groundskeeping efforts

3rd VP of Events

Responsible for maintaining active event calendar, coordinating event info/marketing with VP of Outreach, planning event logistics, working with volunteers to staff/support the events, including but not limited to: 4th of July, Oktoberfest, Children's Holiday Party, Community Potluck.

4th VP of Membership

Responsible for managing membership roster, campaign efforts, providing monthly updates to the Board, providing routine updates to membership via newsletter

Secretary

Responsible for drafting meeting agendas, recording and publishing minutes, reserving venue space for meetings and events, maintaining copies of required organization paperwork such as donation letters, non-profit designation, up-to-date version of bylaws, etc.

Treasurer

Responsible for maintaining an annual budget, provide mid and end-of year reviews, provide monthly reports to Board of budget status, checking account status, etc; provide update to membership in newsletter.





2021 Neighborhood Events
VP of Events, Susan Metcalf

Yard Sale: May 1. Start clearing out your house, garage, carport, shed, etc in preparation for a neighborhood-wide yard sale! We will publish a neighborhood map with all participating houses marked. This map will include ads as well as be given out to buyers as they come into the neighborhood. We will be putting balloons at each participating house to make them easier to spot. To have your house included on the map and the list for balloons, contact Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net.

Food Trucks: We will be welcoming Food Trucks back on Thursdays this year!

Lady K's Catering, May 6, 5:30pm
Zainy's Flying Grill, May 27, 5:30pm
Little Lady Grille, July 22, 5:00pm
Ford's Fish Shack, July 29, 4:30pm

Graduation Parade, Tuesday June 8th at 5:00pm: To honor our high school and college graduates, KPCA will host a drive-by parade through the neighborhood. To receive more information and have your graduate included, contact Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net. Neighbors: Please gather on sidewalks, yards, and driveways and cheer on our grads. Signs, balloons, music, and school colors are encouraged!

IT'S TORNADO SEASON!
By: Sher Plunkett, CERT and Safety,
Committee Chair

I grew up in "Tornado Alley", on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border, and spent many an anxious hour with my family in shelter every Spring and Summer as the winds and rain whistled outside. My folks stayed prepared for tornadoes as part of our family routine. It's a good idea for us in Kings Park, too. Tornado season here in NoVA started in March and continues through the summer, with not only potential major tornados, but also occasional "mini-tornadoes" striking local neighborhoods, causing power outages, property damage and injuries.

Tornado response preparations start with knowing and appreciating your neighbors, since they will be your "first responders" in an emergency. Beyond that, there are several simple measures to take to prepare for tornado emergencies.

1. Sign up for Fairfax Alerts at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/alerts> to get timely warnings about storms and other emergencies.
2. Check <https://www.weather.gov/nwr/> and listen to NOAA weather radio broadcasts to track potential threats.
3. Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and related information. Make sure everyone in the family, including children, knows the plan and how to follow it.
4. Pick a safe room in your home, such as a basement or interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Don't forget your pets, either.

Stay alert, stay informed, stay prepared, and enjoy our Kings Park community during Tornado Season!

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**A “Litt’l Bit o’ Brit” Tour through Kings Park
By: Sandy Kester, Anglophile and Kings Park Resident**

Have you ever wondered how the street names of our King’s Park neighborhood were derived? The obvious commonality is they are all linked to England, but how or who or what are they? As a self-proclaimed Anglophile – one who loves all things British – I am happy to live in a neighborhood that relates to United Kingdom and am fascinated by the names. Welcome G’overnor to your “Litt’l Bit O’ Brit” tour. Since it’s still “monkey’s outside” (cold), come, sit down a while. Fancy a cuppa and a chinwag about this brilliant place? (Would you like a cup of tea and a chat about this good place?)

Maybe you have not noticed that the focus of the street names is of people, places and things of the England. It’s true. For example: Ramsey Court – named for a market town 65 miles north east of London and home to Baron de Ramsey (Edward Fellowes, 1887) and an important Benedictine monastery; Thames Street – (pronounced Tims, like the woman’s name Kim) is a famous 215-mile river that goes through the heart of London; Parliament Drive – Britain’s highest legislature consisting of the Sovereign (Queen), the House of Lords & the House of Commons.

For our tour today, we will focus on one street that has an unusual name: Piccadilly Place. What in the world does piccadilly mean? Is it a person, place or thing? Answer: It’s equivalent to NYC’s Times Square. It is officially called PICCADILLY CIRCUS. A circus? You mean with animals? Not even close. It was created in 1819 as a junction or traffic circle where Shaftesbury, Coventry, Haymarket and Glasshouse Streets intersect. It is ablaze of lights in the evening -- neon signs, displays, entertainers, cinemas, theatres, restaurants and famous pubs. In the middle of the circle stands Shaftesbury Memorial fountain with a statue of the winged god Anteros on top built in 1893. The meaning is derived from the word, piccadill – a large broad circular collar of cut-work lace popular in the late 16th – 17th century. The term circus is from the Latin root of circ or circle. So Britain’s Piccadilly Circus is a junction of many roads that circle round the traffic, hence circus.

There you have it. Our nod this tour is to those who live on Piccadilly Place. It is derived from the famous traffic junction and marketplace in London. Thank you for joining us on our “Litt’l Bit O’ Brit” tour. Jump on the trolley next news cycle focusing on another street or two in our lovely neighborhood. We hope you were chuffed (pleased) with our bits and bobs (various) of information this go round.

Cheers, Love.

**Treasurer’s Report
VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg**

As of March 23, our income and expenditures for the fiscal year are listed below. Thank you to all who have paid their dues and thank you to those who have donated!

FY Income, YTD	\$11,812
FY Expenditures, YTD	\$7933
Account Balance	\$56,893





WAKEFIELD PARK FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 5 THIS YEAR!

The Fairfax County Park Authority's Farmers Market at Wakefield Park will open at 2 PM on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. For 15 years, the Market has offered fresh local produce, unique and flavorful bakery products, and a variety of other foodstuffs. It is one of the few mid-week, afternoon markets in Fairfax County. Many of its vendors specialize in products designed to enable busy families to pick up quick and tasty evening meal ingredients. This season, vendors include fresh produce; fruit and berries; herbs and honey; breads, croissants, and pastries; ready-made gourmet dishes; exotic food specialties and lemonade; wonderful pies; and many flavors of ice cream. COVID-19 restrictions will still be in place, meaning masks and distancing, pretty much like what we experience in our local supermarkets, but no hindrance to shopping and enjoying the Market's atmosphere. Since it's so close to Kings Park, and its vendors' offerings are always exceptional, plan to visit the Wakefield Farmers Market!



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Operating guidance, events, concessions subject to change based on Fairfax County and CDC requirements

Neighborhood Watch Salutes Its Volunteers! VP of Community Safety, Susan Cappa

It's time to celebrate volunteerism in Kings Park and Neighborhood Watch is certainly the embodiment of the volunteer spirit. It's a totally volunteer organization that has been active in our community for almost 40 years. During that time, volunteers came and went, but our mission remains the same: to keep our community safe by patrol. Volunteers patrolled the streets in Kings Park; other volunteers scheduled patrols and sent out reminders; still other volunteers trained new patrollers and served as liaisons to the police department and to other Neighborhood Watch organizations.

We started off with CB radios, transitioned to cell phones and later social media. We've improved over the years and we will continue to improve our techniques. However, the mission of Neighborhood Watch is still the same: to keep our eyes open and our neighborhood safe. If you'd like to become a Neighborhood Watch volunteer, contact Beverly or Terry Boschert, at terry.boschert@verizon.net to arrange for training and become part of a great tradition.





Kids Corner

The Place in the Gazette Where Kids RULE!!

Welcome kids of all ages! This is Allie, a fellow kid! I have 4 fun topics for today. I hope you enjoy this new section!

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you like to help out in your community? Here is the perfect way to do that! On the second Sunday of each month, there is a Lake Accotink cleanup. This is a great way to get outside and help out.

How To: Keep Your Schedule Organized

Keeping your schedule organized is a Herculean effort. You don't want to drop anything, yet you almost have no time! Well, I have some tips for you! Start by buying a cheap planner or calendar, or make your own. Mark off your average homework time. Then, fill in your other activities, like dance, soccer, or cooking class. After that, plan time to have free time, hang out with friends, or play with your younger brother. There you have it! Your clear and organized schedule.

Five AWESOME Sandwiches

- Roast beef, provolone, club roll.
- Cucumber, tomato, white bread.
- Turkey, mustard, wheat bread.
- Ham, cheddar, toasted bread.
- PB, J, cinnamon bread.

Outdoor Activity Time!

Are you looking for something fun to do outside? Try this! Burke Lake Park has an awesome Frisbee golf course. You don't need fancy equipment, unless you want specific Frisbees. Get a Frisbee for each member of your party, and set off for Burke Lake Park. Hope you enjoy this outdoor adventure!



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- Leeann Alberts
- Bev and Terry Boschert
- Susan Cappa
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WHIMSY CORNER

By Terry Boschert

How did Virginia come to exist? I will not address that modern stuff like discovery, colonization, revolution, and Commonwealth-hood. Let us go back, even before humans and dinosaurs.

Virginia has a maritime history, either completely or partially submerged. Five hundred million years ago, we were part of a land mass labeled Baltica; contained most of modern United States in a Southern Ocean that no longer exists. The animal on the right was a sea worm approximately 25 inches long and probably ate organic debris off sea sponges; Nature's windshield wipers.

Flash forward to 300 million years ago. Then Virginia was a land-locked region inside a supercontinent called Pangea Proxima. Our climate would have ranged from Desert to Tropical Summer Wet. Virginia will return to merge with a supercontinent, Pangea Ultima, 200 million years from now; small or no Atlantic Ocean; all Pacific.



200 million years ago



Our future

This article is only a quick overview of land mass movement over hundreds of millions of years. Virginia land movement is much more complex and varied and should continue to be so until our Sun charcoals the Earth a few billion years from now. Avoid that event if you possibly can!

A Note from Supervisor James Walkinshaw Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Braddock District

Governor Ralph Northam announced that starting April 18, every Virginian 16 and older will be eligible to register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Now that vaccine supply is steadily increasing and everyone will soon be eligible, it is important to get everyone vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines train our immune systems on how to recognize and fight the virus. Once fully vaccinated, you will be able to go back to some of the normal activities you were able to do prior to the pandemic. The more people who are vaccinated the less of an opportunity the virus has to spread and mutate into other variants. To register for the vaccine, visit [COVID Vaccine Registration](#).

Many of our neighbors have been significantly impacted by COVID. Fairfax County has several resources available to residents:

Shepherd's Center offers transportation for older adults - (703) 323-4788

Coordinated Services Planning can offer financial assistance, access to food resources, rental assistance, etc. - (703) 222-0880

Fairfax County Health Department – (703) 324-7404

Fairfax County Mental Health – (703) 383-8500

Domestic Violence Services – (703) 246-4573

COVID Testing locations can be found [here](#).

For the latest information on COVID or other happenings in Fairfax County and the Braddock District, [subscribe](#) to Supervisor James Walkinshaw's newsletter, The Braddock Beacon.



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Style	Address	List Price
King	5502 YORKSHIRE ST	\$650,000
King	8505 THAMES ST	\$659,000
Queen	8715 KENILWORTH DR	\$620,000



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Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/Increase	Date Closed
Duke	8426 THAMES ST	\$610,000	\$635,000		\$635,000	\$25,000	01/04/21
King	5513 KINGS PARK DR	\$600,000	\$630,000		\$630,000	\$30,000	01/08/21
Prince	8601 PARLIAMENT DR	\$659,900	\$655,000		\$655,000	(\$4,900)	01/29/21
Queen Expanded	8714 KENILWORTH DR	\$834,900	\$815,000		\$815,000	(\$19,900)	02/05/21
Duke	5613 EASTBOURNE DR	\$499,000	\$560,000		\$560,000	\$61,000	02/16/21
Princess	8712 CLYDESDALE RD	\$679,000	\$660,000		\$660,000	(\$19,000)	02/22/21
King	8805 VICTORIA RD	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$1,500	\$608,500	(\$1,500)	02/22/21
Prince	5505 VENTNOR LN	\$649,900	\$685,000		\$685,000	\$35,100	03/08/21
Queen	5518 YORKSHIRE ST	\$669,000	\$740,000		\$740,000	\$71,000	03/31/21

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