Kings Park Gazette

Summer Edition July 2021

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Food Truck Thursdays:

6/24 at 5pm: Saffron Gourmet 7/22 at 5pm: Little Lady Grille 7/29 at 4:30 pm: Ford's Fish

Shack

8/19 at 5pm: New Gourmet

Delight

July 4th Parade and Bring your own picnic in the Park starting at 11am!

Please join your community for some family fun at the traditional Kings Park 4th of July Parade and Bring Your Own Picnic in the park. The King Park Civic Association has organized this event for many years, and we are hoping for the best turnout ever this year.

The parade line up begins in front of Kings Park Elementary School at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, July 4th. All bike riders, scooter riders, skate boarders, wagon pullers, stroller pushers, wheelchair riders or anyone else is encouraged to join the fun event! Decorate your bike, wheelchair, dog, etc. and join in the fun. Medals will be awarded to all kid participants.

If you have a classic or cool car, please join the parade. All vehicles should stage in the parking area of the school near the cafeteria entrance.

The parade will begin promptly at 11:00 AM. Volunteer safety personnel will be available along the route to help ensure everyone's safety. All parade participants are asked to stay behind the fire truck.

Once you arrive at Kings Park Park, you will be treated to patriotic music from our very own Kings Park Band. Don't forget to bring a chair and a picnic lunch so you can listen in comfort. This year the KPCA will not be selling drinks or hot dogs. There will be cupcakes and ice cream for sale. See you on the 4th!!

Happy Birthday, USA!!



About the Gazette

The Gazette is published quarterly: January, April, July, and October. Suggestions and submissions should be sent to Charlotte Hannagan, xarlot@gmail.com.

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 Charlotte Hannagan.

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.







I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer series! These free concerts present a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family and neighbors in a safe, socially distant atmosphere. Volunteers are always welcomed. For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

James Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax Friday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

- 9 Paul Reisler & Three Good Reasons (Folk Jazz)
- 16 Little Red & The Renegades (Zydeco)
- 23 Kadencia Orchestra (Bomba, Plena, Salsa)
- 30 Lesson Zero (Roots Rock)

AUGUST

- 6 Mark Puryear and friends (Blues)
- 13 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 20 Mars Rodeo (Rock)

Rutherford Park

4743 Guinea Road, Fairfax Wednesday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

- 7 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues)
- 14 Linwood Taylor (Blues, Rock)
- Soul Crackers (Motown, Soul)
- 28 TBD

- 4 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 11 Karen Collins & The Backroads Band (Honky Tonk Country Band)
- 18 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)



in the

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 a.m.

Wakefield Park

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

JULY

- 10 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 17 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs)
- 24 Ray Owen (Children's Songs)
- 31 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)

AUGUST

- 7 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 14 Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All-Stars (Children's Songs)

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Kings Park West Civic Association

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FCPA's Summer Entertainment Series follows current CDC and Health Department COVID guidelines for events and the Governor's mandates for entertainment venues.







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Board Reports

Membership Committee Update VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

As of June 7, 2021, 425 families have paid their 2021 KPCA dues. Membership in the KPCA is only \$25 per calendar year (\$20 for seniors).

As we transition to a more normal schedule this year, KPCA plans to sponsor many wonderful events and activities including: the Senior Luncheon, Safety Day, the 4th of July Parade and Band Concert, Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, the Kid's Holiday Party, Neighborhood Watch, Nub/Entrance Maintenance, Community Meetings, KPCA Gazette, local government organization representation and more.

This summer, we can look forward to additional events including Food Truck Thursdays, and the KPCA sponsored Ice Cream Appreciation Day. We need your volunteer support and your dues to sustain all these events and to fund additional activities as time goes on!

To submit your membership for 2021, complete the membership insert from the January 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!



Treasurer's Report VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

As of June 3, our income and expenditures for the fiscal year are listed below. The fiscal year ends July 31, and with expenses that we anticipate in the next few weeks, our expenses will probably exceed our income for this year. Thank you to all who have paid their dues and thank you to those who have donated!

FY Income, YTD	\$13,943
FY Expenditures, YTD	\$9,978



"It's always a good idea to get to know your neighbor."





2021 Neighborhood Events VP of Events, Susan Metcalf (Upcoming events on front page!)

Who doesn't love ice cream?? The KPCA sponsored Ice Cream Day was a success. With a plan and route in place, the Ice Cream Parade started at noon on June 11 and served ice cream to all residents who joined us at our preplanned stops. Original owners, new residents, family pets, people in their sweats, pajamas and bunny slippers, kids, and even Kit, one of our mail carriers, all excitedly participated. Everyone loved Ice Cream Day!! (Who wouldn't?!?) Some photos throughout the gazette, but more ice cream excitement can be seen on the KPCA Facebook Group.

Covid-19 Vaccine

If you have not yet received your COVID-19 Vaccine and you are medically able to do so, you can find information on where to schedule your appointment at

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/vaccine

Please stay safe and help stop the spread!

Solar EnergyBy Beverly Boschert

If the roof of your home receives sunshine, you might consider using Solar panels to harness that free energy. Many of us can help produce electricity and reduce our energy bills!

To see the approximate amount of solar energy that can be generated from the rooftop of your home go to www.novasolarmap.com and enter your address. It is free! On-site assessment performed by a certified professional will be more accurate.

Information on the process needed to apply for permits in Fairfax County is found at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/residential-solar-panels-0 Our solar company helped with all the permits needed as well as worked with Dominion Energy Virginia to connect to their grid so we now sell our surplus solar-produced energy back to Dominion.



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

Dear Neighbor,

I am glad to announce that, after last year's COVID cancellation, our Braddock District summer concert series is back and begins this month! In addition to Braddock Nights, the traditional evening concerts, this year we are adding a children's series called Arts in the Parks. Braddock Nights will take place at Rutherford Park on Wednesday evenings (beginning July 7) and Royal Lake Park on Friday evenings (beginning July 9). Arts in the Parks will take place Saturday mornings at Wakefield Park beginning July 10. I hope you will bring a picnic, blanket, and lawn chairs to enjoy these fun-filled concerts! For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw



A "Litt'l Bit o' Brit" Tour through Kings Park By: Sandy Kester, Anglophile and Kings Park Resident

Welcome and right this way, right this way to your "Lit'l Bit o' Brit" tour. Watch your step, watch your step. Move along, move along, get a great seat and let's cue the music start this tour so that I can sing for my suppa. Today, ladies and gents, we are visiting 2 manors or castles, both names start with "K": Kempton and Kenilworth. Strike up the music.

"Kempton ladies sing this song, doo daa, doo daa. Kempton race track two miles long, doo daa doo daa day. Going to run all night; going to run all day. I bet my money on a bobtail nag, some....."

Whad ja say? Ah-huh, ah-huh. Stephen Foster.....ah-huh, ah-huh Camptown, Pennsylvania....1856?...Oh, blimey. I'm singin' 'bout the wrong town and in the wrong country!

We're not going to Camptown, over the pond, we're going to Kempton, England. Well, Bob's your uncle (there you have it), pardons me. Hope youse not thinkin' I'm as thick as two short planks (idiot).

Kempton, the manor and occasional residence of King Henry III (1216-1272), was established in 1246, it also included an enclosed park and was hunting grounds for 300 years, frequented by King Henry VIII (you know, 8 wives, "off-with-her-head," Henry) and his short-reigned son Edward VI. Jousts were a noted popular activity held in Kempton park field in the 1270s. Henry VIII enlarged the park to 150 acres adding deer, rabbits and horses. In the 17th century the park was enlarged to 460 acres. By 1803 the park's 300 acres became private and in 1876 a company bought it for a racecourse (see, see I tolds ya..."Camptown races..."). In 1897 the New River Company established a reservoir & waterworks behind the racecourse. The manor & park was used during WW1 & WW2 as a prisoners of war camp. By 1929 the Metro Water Board opened a new engine house for pumps there; this is now the Kempton Park Steam Engine museum.

Alright, mateys, we are now heading 90 miles NW of London for Kenilworth. A market town which lies on Finham Brook, it flows into the River Sowe which joins the River Avon, 75 miles long. Stratford-Upon-Avon is famous as the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Renowned for its castle, Kenilworth, still standing from Norman times (1070-1200), it was built in 1122. The castle is one of two major water castles, entirely surrounded by moats. Part of a six months' siege in 1266, thought to be the longest in Medieval English history, the castle became part of England's few civil wars. The castle's popularity increased after Sir Walter Scott wrote the book: "Kenilworth" in 1821 describing the royal visit of Queen Elizabeth the first in 1575. By 1830 the artist J.M.W. Turner painted a lovely watercolor of Kenilworth castle and in subsequent years a play written in 1865 called "The Masque of Kenilworth" made it popular again.

Well, my gents and genteels, it's been my pleasure to have you part of the tour. Join us next go-round as we move along the country visiting other places in our beloved England.

Cheers, Luv.



Kempton Park Steam Museum

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Neighborhood Safety Begins at Home VP of Community Safety, Susan Cappa

Neighborhood watch is about making Kings Park safe. However, you don't need to patrol to make the area safe (although we wish you would). Each homeowner or renter can do their part without leaving their property. For example, take a walk in front of your house. Do tree branches hang down, or do shrubs stick out; making it difficult for pedestrians to stay on the sidewalk? Find the offending branches and have them trimmed, or do it yourself. Pedestrians will thank you and your lawn and nearby plants will grow better because they'll get more sun.

Is your front entrance dark because it's poorly lit or because you've got overgrown shrubs? Poorly lit shrubbery is a great hiding place for intruders, either humans or animals (or cicadas). So get some lights and give those overgrown plants a trim. If you've got a corner lot, do you have any big plants or shrubs that block visibility at the crossroads? Right now, checking and pruning plants to promote visibility is particularly important, because plants and trees are leafing out.

Thunderstorms are common in the summer and sometimes they happen on trash day. If you're home, take in your trash cans from the street after they are emptied but before the storm hits. It's another obstacle that drivers coming home in the rain don't need and it saves you from going on a hunt for a wet trash can. Also, every time a storm is predicted, do a storm check for toys, bikes, plastic chairs and other front yard staples that could blow out into the street.

Can visitors or emergency vehicles find your house easily? Are your street numbers clearly displayed, either on the curb or on your house? Almost every summer, companies advertise painting your house number on the curb. It's cheap and can help people find your house.

Most important: LOCK YOUR CAR. Every time you leave it, lock it. If you've got a fob, just go to your front door and press 'lock'. You don't have to leave the house to ensure that your car is locked. Vandals make a career of stealing items from unlocked cars. Don't make it easy for them.

Next issue, we'll discuss working with government agencies to make our neighborhood safer. Meanwhile, if you've got suggestions to improve safety please post them on our Facebook page, or email them to me, at sjcappa@gmail.com.



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Parliament Pool is Open for the Season! By: Charlotte Rotteveel

Hi, my name is Charlotte and I am 8 years old. I have been to the pool for my entire life and it is awesome! I mostly like to dive off the diving board and to swim with my friends. I am on the diving team and the swim team. They are both a lot of work but a lot of fun. There is also a baby pool that is very shallow. There are also popsicles and treats during break! I also like making new friends and seeing other friends. My parents like that they can see their friends and that my sister and I get tired and actually fall asleep at nighttime. They also like that there are shady spots to sit at.



There is still time to join! Membership options available at www.parliament-pool.com/



Kids Corner

The Place in the Gazette Where Kids RULE!!

Welcome kids of all ages! This is Allie McKenzie, a fellow kid!

Bike Parade!

The bike parade is happening this year! It is on July 4th, as usual, and starts at Kings Park Elementary School and lets out at the Kings Park Park. Some fun ways to make your bike shine in the parade are: wash your bike (the lack of dirt will make it shine brighter than any streamer) and to add some cheap décor. It doesn't have to be fancy to look cool! Also, remember to wear a helmet. There are usually lots of bikes and you don't want to get hurt.

Summer Challenge Course

Challenge your friends and siblings to this course! You can play it as a relay race, team game, individuals, or by yourself! Enjoy!

- 1. Spring to a line, grab a stick, and come back.
- 2. Hula Hoop for 20 seconds.
- 3. Do 100 jumping jacks.
- 4. Jump rope for 45 seconds.
- 5. Do 15 burpees OR a 30 second plank.
- 6. Run 5 houses down the street, run back, and do your best victory dance.
- 7. Drink water and celebrate. You're done!

7 Fun Riddles w/ Answers (Answers at the bottom!)

- 1. What runs but never walks, what has a bank but no money?
- 2. What has four legs and a body but cannot walk?
- 3. Hard One!: How do you make a six into an odd number without adding or subtracting?
- 4. Where does today come before yesterday?
- 5. You go at red and stop at green. What am I?
- 6. A girl fell off a 20-foot ladder. She wasn't hurt. How?
- 7. Two people were playing chess. They both won. How?

Answers

- 1. A river.
- 2. A table.
- 3. You take away the s and then are less with IX, the Roman numeral for 9.
- 4. A dictionary. T comes before Y in the alphabet.
- 5. A watermelon.
- 6. She fell at the bottom step.
- 7. The played two separate opponents and won both games.

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WHIMSY CORNER By Terry Boschert

Our Flag. As we celebrate the 4th amidst family and friends with food, speeches, parades, fireworks, patriotic music, tributes to our veterans, remembrances to those who fell so that we may be free, and salutes to our flag, let us remember what the colors of our flag symbolize: Red-hardiness and valor; White-purity and innocence; Blue-vigilance, perseverance, and justice. We Americans should honor and practice those traits.

1,196,524. The number of American Military who died in our wars from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terror. I will focus on WWII.

World War II. An estimated 420,000 Americans (military and civilian) died during WWII. Another 671,000 Americans were wounded. Among those military and civilian fallen were African Americans. Alongside their white counterparts, they served and fought for our Nation bravely and with distinction in every theater of World War II despite facing segregation and racism at the battle fronts and at home. By 1945, more than 1.2 million African Americans, you read correctly, more than 1.2 million, would be serving in uniform on the Home Front, in Europe, and the Pacific, including thousands of African American women in the Women's auxiliaries.

Inductions into the Army of Selective Service registrants from other racial, religious, and nationality groupings up to December 31, 1945. 13,311 Chinese Americans, 20,080 Japanese Americans, 1,320 Hawaiians, 44,000 American Indians, 11,506 Filipino Americans and 500,000 Latino Americans. Other groupings I found include: 555,000 Jewish Americans, 1,000,000 Polish Americans, 1,500,000 Italian Americans, 30,000 Arab Americans, and 18,500 Armenian Americans. Over 16,000,000 Americans served in WWII.

<u>Note</u>: Group Labels and Statistics differed between various web sites and, in some cases, reflect decades old perspectives.

<u>Back to the flag.</u> So, those red, white, and blue colors represent the sacrifices and dedication of Americans throughout the history of our country. Religion, skin color, native language, original immigrant country, politics, baldness, body profile, whatever idiotic measures we use to separate "them" Americans from "us" Americans, please discard. The Americans who now serve or have served to protect us and those who died for our freedoms, all deserve better. We are all Americans.

<u>How many Americans have died in U.S. wars? | PBS NewsHour</u>

https://www.nationalww2museum.org/sites/default/files/2 017-07/african-americans.pdf

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic minorities in the U. S. armed forces during World War II

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