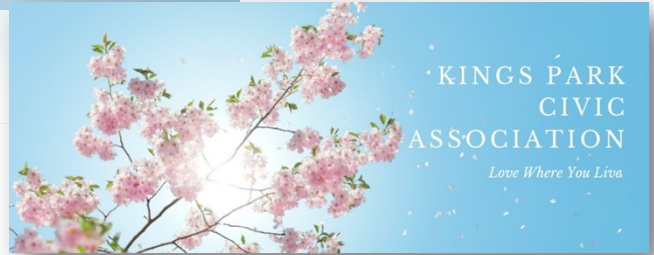




# Kings Park Gazette



## Letter from the President Jim Sobecke

We're excited for summer and the **2022 Kings Park July 4th Parade and Picnic!** For those new to Kings Park, the July 4th Parade began with a few neighborhood families gathering with the kids' decorated bikes and wagons for a one block parade. Each year that small parade grew larger but still retained the focus on home-made, patriot theme 'parade items', and costumes. This will be our 58th parade if I counted correctly. After the pandemic forced some changes to the picnic opportunity last year, we are hoping for great weather and more community participation in the celebration this year.

The new KPCA tradition of presenting a July 4th participation medal to the younger children will continue. Limited 2022 edition medals on lanyards will be issued at the KPES just before the parade starts. It appears that the July 4th medals are keepsakes for many kids to add to their room decor.

The parade will start promptly at **10:00 am at the flagpole in front of the KPES.** Please assemble and line up on Harrow Way in the street in front of the school. The side parking lot is for parade vehicles that will be inserted near the end of the parade along with the adult walkers. The Fairfax County CERT members will be providing safety marshals at several intersections, and their CERT Bike Team will attempt to wrangle the children on bicycles to keep them at a safe distance behind the lead parade vehicle.

The Parade ends at the Trafalgar Court entrance to Kings Park Park. You are cordially invited to proceed through the park to the upper parking area where the Picnic officially starts immediately after the parade ends at the park, but will be opening for food sales (picnic food and refreshments—\$7 for a combo meal, CASH ONLY) at 11:00 am. The Kings Park Band also continues the KPCA traditions with over an hour of live Patriotic music at about 11:15am.

We will continue to welcome everyone to the July 4th parade and picnic. These community events are for you to enjoy and support, and paid for by membership dues. We are seeing some increase in the number of attendees at community events which

is wonderful, but at the same time the number of KPCA members is not near what it was in past years.

As you probably know, **KPCA dues are only \$25 (\$20 for seniors) per family/household per year.** Being a KPCA member means that you are connected with your community, neighbors, and the continued great appearance of our neighborhood (and property values). Your dues help pay for the upkeep of the common areas of Kings Park (the entrances at Kings Park Drive and Southampton, median strip on Kings Park Drive, the two traffic circles, and the traffic calming nubs (bump outs) along Southampton), as well as community events. This is your community and we want you to be an active participant in any way you can. Reach out if you'd like to volunteer!

KPCA community meetings will continue to be conducted on-line for the convenience of our members. We realize that you have a busy schedule but we encourage you to attend whenever you can. Let us know if there's some topic or guest speaker you would like to hear from.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the traditional Senior's Luncheon again this year due to COVID restrictions - we hope to bring this tradition back next year! I always enjoyed the Senior's Luncheon as it gave me an opportunity to talk with our seasoned residents and answer their questions.

You should be aware that the VDOT planned upgrades to the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Project are moving ahead. VDOT has agreed to provide an on-line meeting with the KPCA on **June 16, 2022.** The VDOT staff will review the project alternatives and answer questions, upon your request. Details will be published on the KPCA Facebook page.

I owe a special thanks to the Kings Park Board members for their initiatives and work behind the scenes to keep providing community activities and opportunities for our members.

Respectfully,  
Jim Sobecke

## About the Gazette

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## **Treasurer's Report** VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

Since the last report KPCA has had an income of **\$2,540**, \$1,885 from dues and \$655 from donations. During that time period we spent \$934; \$834 for common area maintenance and \$100 for Braddock District Council dues. Thank you to all who have paid

their dues and also to those have donated. Please consider volunteering for the KPCA Board and Committees. At this time we especially need to fill the position of KPCA Secretary. Please join us! We welcome your new ideas and civic involvement!

## **Membership Committee Update** VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

As of June 1, 2022, **325** families were official members of the Kings Park Civic Association. At this point in 2021, 425 families had paid their dues, and in June of 2020, 381 families had joined KPCA. We can do better!

**Mirabello. Each family won a gift card to a local business.**

Your dues, involvement, and volunteerism to support KPCA help to keep Kings Park one of the most highly desired neighborhoods in the Northern Virginia area.

Thanks to all of the KPCA families who have joined! However, we need to increase our 2022 membership in order to sustain all of the wonderful events and services provided by the KPCA!

To submit your membership for 2022, complete the membership insert from the January 2022 Gazette, include either cash or check, and mail to Kings Park Civic Association, P.O. Box 1243, Springfield, VA 22151-1243.

Your membership will ensure that more Kings Park neighbors will be able to take part in the benefits that the KPCA offers, such as: social events, neighborhood camaraderie, grounds maintenance, Neighborhood Watch, affiliation with local government organizations, and more.

You may also complete the 2022 Membership Form online at [www.kings-park.org](http://www.kings-park.org) and then submit your payment electronically via PayPal or via Bill Pay by setting up KPCA on your bank's bill pay option and have your bank mail the check! (Hint: making this an annual recurring transaction ensures that you never forget to pay your dues!).

**Congratulations! The KPCA family winners of our recent Membership Raffle were: Jozette V, John and Doris Miller and Robert and Barbara**





## Recent and Upcoming Neighborhood Events

VP of Events, Susan Metcalf

**Kings Park Community Yard Sale:** Despite having to reschedule from the original date and the heat on the new date, the community yard was a total success with over 40 houses participating. Looking forward to it again next year.

**Kings Park Food Truck Thursdays:** Scheduling for these is in the process and further information will be posted on the **Kings Park Civic Association Facebook Group**. We are having trouble finding trucks without a guaranteed minimum order. So far, we have:  
Zainy's Flying Grill Thursday **June 23 5:30pm**  
Ford's Fish Shack Thursday **July 14 4:30pm**  
Lady K's Catering Thursday **September 29 5:30pm**

**Ice Cream Day Saturday June 11th 12pm-5pm:** By the time you're reading the gazette, we hope you will have been able to enjoy your ice-cream, courtesy of the KPCA and membership

dues. I'm sure it was fun to see all the updates of the truck location and fun photos on the KPCA Facebook Group!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic in the park:** As Jim explained on the front page of the gazette, the parade will start at 10am on Monday, July 4th, and will be followed by our annual picnic (\$7 CASH ONLY for a combo meal of one hot dog, chips, and a drink) and Kings Park Band concert.

**Annual KPCA Oktoberfest:** We're thrilled to continue the Oktoberfest tradition on **September 24th** at Parliament Pool. Homemade brats, music, and fun. Stay tuned for more details on Facebook and in the next gazette.

## Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) Announcements

### **BENCHES ARE RETURNING TO THE TRAILS AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK**

All the benches were removed from the Lake Accotink Park Trails, due to Safety concerns. New benches were purchased and are being installed in all the same locations.

Questions? [Contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:Contact@flapaccotink.org)

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## It's Mosquito Time

VP of Community Safety, Susan Cappa

Lucky us! It's mosquito season in Kings Park, as it is every summer. Do mosquitoes seem to love you most? Maybe they do, because they are attracted to Type O blood, pregnant women, sweat, potassium, alcohol, and the carbon dioxide that you exhale when you breathe. They used to be mostly active at night, but with the advent of the Tiger mosquitoes, you can get bitten anytime! Also, their activity increases 500% when there's a full moon. So, mosquitoes really do love all of us! What can we do?

There are plenty of do it yourself mosquito control methods. They will not entirely eradicate mosquitoes, but will keep them at a tolerable level.

- Remove standing water in your yard to deprive mosquitoes of a place to lay their eggs. The main species in our area lays its eggs in small, artificial containers like corrugated downspout extensions, dishes under potted plants, tarps that catch water, buckets, etc. (not ditches, creeks, ponds or lakes). If you have standing water that cannot be eliminated, treat it with a larvicide that is mosquito-specific, and environmentally-friendly, such as Mosquito Dunks®, available at hardware stores, garden centers, and from Supervisor Walkingshaw's office
- Plant mosquito-repelling plants: Strongly scented plants such as lavender, catnip, marigolds, rosemary, or bee balm are natural mosquito repellents and attract beneficial pollinators to your yard, too.
- Make a fire: Mosquitoes don't like smoke, so a fire pit or brazier will keep them away for as long as it burns.
- Run a fan: Running a fan around outside seating areas makes it difficult for mosquitoes to land. If they can't land,

they can't bite.

- Keep a clean yard: yard waste and fallen leaves are hangouts for mosquitoes. If you've got lots of mosquito activity in the yard, consider spraying with an insecticide, used according to package instructions.
- Wear loose fitting, light colored clothing: Dark clothing makes it easier for mosquitoes to find you.
- Repair your screens: If there's a hole in your screen, mosquitoes will find it.

**Unfortunately, nothing is 100% effective, so wear an EPA-registered insect repellent outside.** Read the labels and look for DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), IR 3535, para-menthane-diol (PMD) or 2-undecanone. Insect repellents are safe and effective for children and pregnant women, too, if used according to label instructions. If using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and then repellent.





## What is stormwater and where does it go?

By Beverly Boschert

Stormwater is runoff such as rainwater, melting snow and ice.

In natural areas where the land has not been paved, this runoff soaks into the soil and may be taken up by plants or enter the groundwater system.

In heavily developed areas, stormwater runoff from roads, sidewalks, driveways, roofs and other hard surfaces cannot soak into the ground, but instead flows rapidly off these impervious surfaces and into the storm drainage system.

The runoff is carried either to a stormwater management facility or directly to lakes, streams, rivers or wetlands. On its path to our waterways, runoff can pick up pollutants such as sediments, excess nutrients, toxic

substances and disease-causing microorganisms. These pollutants have potentially harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreation and our fish populations. Ultimately, this polluted runoff makes its way to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay through our many watersheds.

### How can you protect your water?

Everyone can help preserve our water quality and protect the environment. Ensure that only rain goes down the storm drain by limiting lawn fertilizer, picking up pet waste, managing trash, and properly disposing of paint, motor oil, and chemicals. Inside the home, avoid pouring fats, oils and grease down the drain, and never flush used medicine down the toilet.

Source: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/waters-journey>

*Congratulations to all our Kings Park residents that graduated this year! Whether from high school, middle school, elementary school, or “just” a grade to another—it’s been a hard couple of years and we take our hats off to you!*



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## WELCOME

As famously said by Elephant and Piggie, "waiting is not easy!" As they also famously said, "this was worth the wait!" We hope you'll agree, and that this pool season will be the best one yet. Take a look at what we have to offer... We host fun social events such as Adult Night Parties, Brew BQ Cook-off/Taste-off, Bingo Night, Raft Night, Family Day, The Lollipop Swim Meet, and more. We have awesome Swim and Dive Teams for kids of all ages, and Senior Swim sessions. You can reserve Lap Lanes throughout the summer or book one of our facilities for your own party. And, we've spruced up the facility. Put simply, Parliament Pool is ready for everyone to enjoy. Tell your neighbors and friends. The volunteer board is happy to meet with new or prospective members and show them around. Have any membership questions? Visit the Parliament Pool website at [parliament-pool.com](http://parliament-pool.com) or reach out to Charlotte at [xarlot@gmail.com](mailto:xarlot@gmail.com) or 484-431-6448.

## LAP LANES

Back by popular demand, Lap Lanes will be available to reserve via Sign-Up Genius on the Pool website. 45-minute time slots will be available for reservation during pool hours, except during special events such as Raft Nights. 2 lap lanes will be available Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. 1 lap lane will be available Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. 6 lap lanes will be available during home Dive Meets on Tuesday July 5 and Tuesday July 19.



## SWIM LESSONS

Parliament Pool's Lifeguards will be teaching group swim lessons again this season for members and non-members. One of our experienced swim coaches and lifeguards will lead the team of lifeguards teaching group lessons this year. Group Swim Lessons will take place from 10:30am-11:00am, Monday-Friday, during the weeks of June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, and July 18. We anticipate the group size will be 3-4 swimmers per lifeguard. For more information, or to sign up for lessons, visit: <https://parliament-pool.com/swim-lessons/> or contact the pool at [ParPoolOps@gmail.com](mailto:ParPoolOps@gmail.com).

## FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Parliament Pool is a great place to celebrate the important moments in your life with your friends and family. For 2022, there are *two* facility reservation options. You can rent the entire Pool before it opens on select weekends, or you can rent the Picnic Area or Multi-Purpose Room while the Pool is open. Please sign-up and submit payment at least two weeks in advance to complete the reservation process. To sign-up, visit: <https://parliament-pool.com/facility-rental/> or contact the pool at [ParPoolOps@gmail.com](mailto:ParPoolOps@gmail.com).



## SWIM & DIVE

Parliament Swim & Dive Teams - All Parliament Pool members between the ages of 4 & 18 are invited to join the Swim and Dive Team. Practices are after school until June 10, and switch to mornings when school is out. Swim & Dive Team is not just about swimming and diving. It's about making friends, having fun, setting goals and creating memories. Check out the Swim & Dive Website: <https://parliamentpanthers.swimtopia.com/> or email [parliamentswim@gmail.com](mailto:parliamentswim@gmail.com) with questions!



## OFF SEASON IMPROVEMENTS

Parliament Pool’s Board Members and Volunteers have been hard at work, donating literally hundreds of hours of their valuable time over the off-season getting the pool ready for the summer. Many of the changes and improvements should be obvious, but in case you were wondering, here are just some of what we have been working on since last year:

- New landscaping contract for weekly mowing and weeding around the property.
- Installed new siding, fascia, and soffits around entire Clubhouse.
- Painted all exterior doors, window frames, and picnic tables to match columns and lighting fixtures (no more teal!).
- Replaced all exterior lighting with brighter energy-efficient LED fixtures and installed parking lot lighting.
- Painted Multi-Purpose Room, Kitchen, Entry, Locker Rooms (bathrooms), Staff Bathrooms, First Aid Room, and Hallway.
- Established First-Aid Room and stocked with AED, first-aid supplies, and new backboard.
- Removed one of two half-fences between picnic area and pool to open up the deck space.
- Felled dead/leaning trees and cut back brush around parking lot to ensure safety of members' cars.
- Scrubbed bird droppings and installed spike strips in Multi-Purpose Room and Entry rafters to prevent future infestation.
- Replaced aging furniture with 6 tables, 12 umbrellas, 30 loungers, and 50 chairs.
- Streamlined sign-ups for Lap Lane and Facility Reservations, and Swim Lessons.
- Established new Staff Procedures Manual for the Lifeguards to ensure excellent support to members.
- Installed new bulletin boards at front desk to facilitate the flow of information to members.
- New plantings and fresh landscaping throughout pool deck, hillside, and welcome area.
- Repaired and cleaned overhead lighting in Multi-Purpose Room.
- Cleared the brush and overgrowth on the hill above the pool.
- Replaced broken windows on front of Multi-Purpose Room.
- Repaired broken concrete blocks in Staff Bathroom.
- Numerous plumbing and electrical fixes and upgrades.
- Installed shade sails over picnic and BBQ areas.
- Enhanced Sponsorship outreach.
- Top to bottom deep clean of entire Clubhouse.
- Purchased 5 new trash cans.
- Installed new speakers on Clubhouse.



The Swim & Dive Team have also made significant contributions to their members and the pool community:

- Donated 2 new BBQ Grills and 2 new BBQ Grill Skillets to the pool.
- Donated 2 new composite (i.e. Trex) 8' picnic tables to the pool.
- Established a new Logo and Colors.
- Purchased Logo canopy, 2 Logo canopy backdrops, and 2 Logo Flags to show off the Pool's new standardized colors.
- Purchased 2 additional new dual-use canopies for both Swim & Dive and Pool use.
- Purchased 6 new Timer Boards and 6 new Lane Marker Boards for swim meets.
- Purchased new bouncy dive trainers, kick boards, pull buoys, and storage carts.
- Painted Dive Stands to match Clubhouse, and donated 2 new diving boards to the pool.
- Installed new faucet in Kitchen.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at one of the four Clean-Up Days...or any other time, for that matter. You have helped make Parliament Pool a great place to be this summer and should be proud of what you have accomplished! And remember...this is only the beginning of what the Board has planned for the pool. Stay tuned...



## LITT’L BIT O’ BRIT” TOUR

*By Sandy Kester, Kings’ Park resident since 1999*

‘alo, love. Now that the lads and lassies ‘ave finished their schoolin’ this year, we still have more to l’arn on this tour of discoverin’ the origin of our street names in Kings’ Park neighborhood. Now, don’t leggit [run away] thinkin’ it’ll be borin’ ya. We’ll ‘ave a crackin’ [very] good time of it today. Ya probably know that we ‘ave two schools in KP but did ya know two of our streets are named in honor of prestigious schools in England: Harrow Way & Eton Lane. But pretty cheeky they are – they surround our Kings’ Park school on either side. Innit [isn’t] somethin’? Let’s go!



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Harrow school, established in 1557 by John Lyon, a landowner and farmer under a charter by Queen Elizabeth the 1st, for parish [county] boys-only ages 13 – 18 with the purpose that they would continue onto Cambridge or Oxford. By 1591 fee-paying “foreigners,” i.e., non parish residents, were admitted. By 1620 there were 120 students with many boarding yearly; others were considered “day-students”, they walked to school. Parents were expected to provide paper, ink, pens, books, candles, bows & arrows. Presently, there are 820 boys, all living full-time at the school which is mandatory now. Tuition costs \$18,330 per term (three terms per school year). Harrow has amongst its alumni seven British Prime Ministers; PM of India Nehru; King Hussein of Jordan; two kings of Iraq; the current Sheikh of Qatar & one Emir of Zanzibar. Several Nobel laureates, two Wimbledon tennis champions and numerous notable present-day actors, too. Students’ uniform include gray slacks, black dress shoes, blue

blazer, white shirt, black tie with Harrow-blue stripes and a straw hat. Harrow’s motto is Stet Fortuna Domus Donorum Dei Dispensatio Fidelis, translated: Let the Fortune of the House Stand, The Faithful Dispensation of the Gifts of God.



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Similarly, Eton College, is a boys-only school founded in 1441 by King Henry VI for 70 poor boys who would then go onto Kings College, Cambridge. Eton has produced 20 British Prime Ministers, including the current PM Boris Johnson. Also, British royalty including princes William & Harry. By the 1670s the student-body numbered 207, in the 1800s, 300, while today there are over 1,300. Presently the annual tuition is close to \$60,000. Uniforms consist of a black tailcoat, white tie and waistcoat and striped pants. A top hat is added for special occasions. Its alums have included one Nobel Peace prize winner; PMs and princes from France, Thailand, Nepal, Ethiopia, Romania, and Yugoslavia. Writers including Ian Fleming (James Bond novels & “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”); George Orwell (1984 & “Animal Farm”); actors Jeremy Brett (Sherlock Holmes), Tom Hiddleston (Thor & Loki), Hugh Laurie (House), Damian Lewis, Eddie Redmayne, to name a few. Plus, 37 Victoria cross (a medal for valor during wartime) recipients. Its motto is: Floreat Etona, translated: May Eton Flourish.

Well now, mates, you’ve been to the school of life today, l’arnin’ about two street names from two famous schools. Go and impress your mates with this. Til next tour. Cheers, love.





# Real Estate Corner

## Active/Coming Soon Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duchess	8434 Thames St	\$750,000
Queen	5512 Margate St	\$780,000

## Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Craftsman	5631 Southampton Dr	\$1,349,000
Duke	5618 Eastbourne Dr	\$710,000
Duke	5529 Yorkshire St	\$719,000
Queen	8917 Cromwell Dr	\$710,000



Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/Increase	Date
							Closed
Duchess	8529 Parliament Dr	\$633,000	\$650,000		\$650,000	\$17,000	5/23/2022
Duke	8628 Cromwell Dr	\$550,000	\$620,000		\$620,000	\$70,000	4/14/2022
Duke	5620 Eastbourne Dr	\$679,000	\$680,000		\$680,000	\$1,000	4/22/2022
King	5526 Kempton Dr	\$725,000	\$725,000	\$3,500	\$721,500	(\$3,500)	5/17/2022
King	5304 Kings Park Dr	\$749,000	\$775,000		\$775,000	\$26,000	5/27/2022
Prince	8805 Parliament Dr	\$739,888	\$853,805		\$853,805	\$113,917	5/18/2022
Queen	5517 Yorkshire St	\$750,000	\$805,000		\$805,000	\$55,000	5/4/2022
Queen	5621 Eastbourne Dr	\$697,500	\$750,000		\$750,000	\$52,500	5/6/2022

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Sincerely,  
James R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

## Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax  
Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### JULY

- 8 Thrillboillys (Roots Rock)
- 15 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 22 Black Masala (Funk, World)
- 29 Jess Eliot Myhre and Honky Tonk Heroes (Country)

### AUGUST

- 5 Daryl Davis (Swing)
- 12 Mars Rodeo (Rock)
- 19 Frank Sullivan & Jillian Lea (Bluegrass)

## Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield  
Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### JULY

- 8 Kings Park Band (Big Band)
- 15 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)
- 22 The Annandale Brass Ensemble (Light Classical & Popular Songs)
- 29 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)

### AUGUST

- 5 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 12 The Nitehawks Swing Band (Swing)
- 19 The Annandale Jazz Ensemble (American Popular Music)



The Uncle Devin Show

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A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center  
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The Hillbilly Gypsies

### JUNE

- 18 Mr. Lilo (Children's Songs)
- 25 Ms. Niki (Children's Songs)

### JULY

- 2 the grandsons, Jr. (Children's Songs)
- 9 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 16 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 23 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)
- 30 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Percussion Ensemble (Children's Music)

### AUGUST

- 6 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs)
- 13 Rainbow Puppets Production (Puppets Show)
- 20 The Uncle Devin Show (Children's Songs)

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Performances are held outdoors, bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather call the concert hotline at 703-324-7469 before leaving home. Cancellations are posted one hour prior to the show time.

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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## Whimsy Corner By Terry Boschert

The History of the Pie: Ah, one of my favorite topics. I received a “Pie of the Quarter” as a Christmas gift. In it (the package, not the pie) the bakers placed a history of pie. I will borrow parts of the article for this Whimsy Corner.

Not surprisingly, the Egyptians kept recipes for their pies. Those inventive Egyptians also followed **two** calendars. The first tracked the flooding of the Nile so they could prepare for the immense amount of water that would come their way. But, while useful for farming, bureaucrats could not relish plus or minus weeks to the flood event, so they invented their own 10-month calendar based on the star Sirius. Farmers and bureaucrats were happy! Not so much for the bakers who baked just after the flood event of one calendar but were taxed by the month in another calendar. They got their revenge.

The first Egyptian pies featured honey, fruit, and nuts as filling, the crust a baking vessel, akin to pottery, not to be eaten. The tipoff about the crust? Crusted pies were named “coffins”. Oh, and when the pie consisted of a type of bird, the legs were left outside the pie and used as handles; The first fast food.

Between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, the dough

was referred to as “bullet proof” dough. These pie doughs were of such strength that they could hold a small orchestra to enliven a royal feast; One could only hope that their pie remained unbaked before serving.

England and their colonists soon changed the nature of the dough so that the whole pie could be eaten without losing your teeth, gums, esophagus, and stomach. As the pie gained popularity, colonial fairs began to feature pie eating and pie throwing contests. The pie crusts could be baked the “old-fashioned way” if the pie recipient was unpopular. Hey, we could hold elections that way! And measure validity of an election by the average density of the pie dough thrown at each candidate?

I hope you enjoy a delicious slice of pie, but check the dough.

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