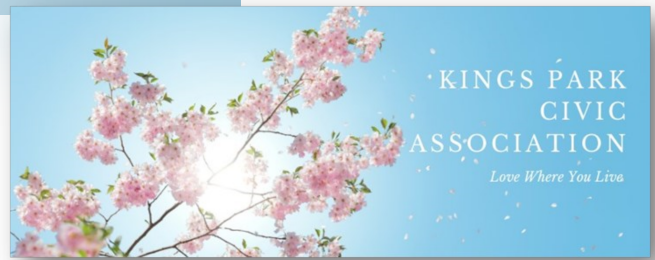




Kings Park Gazette



Upcoming and Recent Neighborhood Events

VP of Events, Susan Metcalf

Your Kings Park Civic Association is sponsoring the following events in the Spring:

KPCA Spring Movie in the Park: Saturday, April 22 TBC. Stay tuned for more details coming on the Kings Park Civic Association Facebook Page!

Kings Park Community Yard Sale: Kings Park Yard Sale, at everyone's own yard **Saturday May 6th 8am-12pm**, a great way to clear out your house, garage, carport, shed, etc. The yard sale will be well advertised and we will be putting balloons at each participating house to make them easier to spot and publishing a neighborhood map with all participating houses marked. This map will be included with all ads as well as given out to buyers as they come into the neighborhood. Questions? Comments? Or to have your house included on the map and balloon list, contact Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net (and make sure I have your address so I can add you to the list)

Kings Park Junk Removal Day: May 6. In conjunction with the yard sale, the KPCA is sponsoring a junk removal day by teaming up with Out Junk Out for KPCA members only. For a KPCA discounted rate, you can make an appointment with Out Junk Out to come and remove unwanted items from your house. Please visit www.outjunkout.com/ to sign up and to receive our discounted rate, please mention KPCA Clean-up Day.

KPCA Ice Cream Day Saturday: June 17 12pm-5pm This was so popular the KPCA voted to do it again this year! Your Kings Park Civic Association has arranged for Scoops2U ice cream mobile to drive through Kings Park with complimentary treats from the KPCA for

Kings Park neighbors. Starting at noon on June 17, the ice cream parade will start at the corner of Kenilworth and Kings Park Drive. In order to ensure the timeliness of the vehicles, cul-de-sacs and the majority of Southampton Drive will NOT be serviced due to tight maneuvering space and traffic. We will post a map of the route on the Facebook group closer to the date showing where the truck will be stopping. We will do live updates on the truck's progress on the KPCA Facebook group.

Food Truck Thursdays will be returning this summer. Know of a truck you would like to see join us, email: susan.metcalf@verizon.net

Summer Movies in the Park, your KPCA is planning to host summer movies/activities in the park. More details in the next Gazette.

First Annual National Night Out in the Park, August 1. Your KPCA will be planning a community wide event at Kings Park Park. More details later in this gazette.



About the Gazette

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Treasurer's Report VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

KPCA income since August 1 is **\$8,930**, with membership payments of \$6,343 and donations of \$1,332 making up most of the increase. Expenses for the same period are **\$9,095**. Our largest expenses since December 1 were \$800 for printing the Gazette with membership form included, \$612 for grounds maintenance, and \$505 for the holiday party and decorating contest. Please join KPCA now and help support our community events. Thank you to all who have joined this year.



"Don't you think you're taking this whole, 'neighbourhood watch' thing a little too serious, dear?"

Membership Committee Update VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

As of March 1, 2023, **216** families were official members of the Kings Park Civic Association. Thanks to all of the KPCA families who have joined so far in 2023!

Payment of your dues helps ensure your participation in the members-only as well as the other events that KPCA sponsors throughout the year.

Your membership helps fund the continued benefits the KPCA offers, such as: social events, neighborhood camaraderie, grounds maintenance, Neighborhood Watch, and affiliation with local government organizations. This year, we have an exciting lineup of events and efforts your membership directly helps facilitate such as Community-wide yard sale, Junk Removal Day, Ice-cream Social, 4th of July Parade, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, Oktoberfest, updated maintenance contract, and more.

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. Please join us! We welcome your new ideas and civic involvement!

To submit your membership for 2023, complete the membership insert from the January 2023 Gazette, include either cash or check, and mail to Kings Park Civic Association, P.O. Box 1243, Springfield, VA 22151-1243. Please note that this year's insert includes a question regarding an additional \$5 for the printing of the hard copy Gazette. Please be sure to respond to this question!

You may also complete the 2023 Membership Form online at 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!). Please note that if you have signed up for Bill Pay in the past you must adjust the amount to account for the small dues increase that took effect in 2023.

As you may have seen on the KPCA Facebook page, **we are conducting a Raffle!** All KPCA members who pay their 2023 dues by April 30, 2023 will be entered to win valuable gift cards to local businesses!







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National Night Out Neighborhood Event...Strengthening Community-Policy Relations for 40 years!

Secretary, Eric DeTurk

Each and every year on the first Tuesday in August, neighborhoods and citizens come together across the country and participate in National Night Out (NNO). According to the National Association of Town Watch, "NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie." Historically, many Kings Park residents on their respective blocks hold small events for NNO, and we still encourage those special activities. However, this year at the request of many residents whose blocks do not host events, Kings Park will hold its **first neighborhood wide NNO event at Kings Park Park!** This event will celebrate 40 years of NNO and bring together residents of Kings Park with our community law enforcement, fire and rescue, and civic leaders along with other public safety organizations at our beloved park. The Kings Park Civic Association (KPCA) is currently planning a fun filled evening at the lower park entrance off Trafalgar Court on **Tuesday, August 1st**. The event will begin at 5pm and include family friendly food, entertainment, public safety displays and best of all, great company. So, turn on your outside lights, lock your doors, and come join in the

festivities...we hope to see you all there! If you would like more information on the KPCA hosted Kings Park NNO event or would like to volunteer in the planning efforts, please contact the event planner and our Secretary Eric DeTurk at eric.deturk@gmail.com.





FLAP Monthly Announcements

FLAP MONTHLY 2023 LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP

WHEN: March 12, April 9 (also Water Shed Clean-Up), May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Marina (at the sign-in tent)
Pick up gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP safety vest. Volunteer 4 times and receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize.

ACTIVITIES: Pick-up trash bags and find debris carelessly dumped, dropped, or forgotten. Refill dog waste bag stations if they are empty or near-empty. Clip vines and more.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

Questions? contact@flapaccotink.org

FLAP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 2023 MEETINGS

WHEN: 1st Qtr GM meeting March 22, 4th Qtr GM meeting November 16

TIME: 6:30-7:30

LOCATION: (Ravensworth Farm): Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Road, Springfield

WHEN: 2nd Qtr GM meeting May 24, 3rd Qtr GM Meeting August 10
TIME: 6:30-7:30

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Large Pavilion

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

WHEN: August 12, 10am – 3pm

WHERE: Lake Accotink Marina

FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK – FLAP BOARD POSITIONS

Board positions are open- It Is YOUR LAKE ACCOTINK PARK help make a difference for about an hour a month! Accepting candidates. Send email to contact@flapaccotink.org

LAKE ACCOTINK DAM STREAM CROSSING

The project consists of creation of approximately 300 linear feet of asphalt trail improvements and 325 linear feet of an elevated concrete pedestrian crossing over the dam outfall in Lake Accotink Park. Total project costs, inclusive of design, permitting, testing, utilities, construction, and administration is just over \$3 million dollars. Active construction is anticipated to be completed by early 2023. Residents should expect occasional construction traffic entering and exiting the Accotink Park Road entrance. Portions of the surrounding Lake Accotink Trail will be closed and posted during construction. The piers are complete, and crews are currently working on forming and pouring the decking. Questions? Heather Lynch heather.lynn@fairfaxcounty.gov Follow this link for updates and info: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planningdevelopment/development/lake-accotink-dam-stream-crossing>

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK UPDATE

Fairfax County staff is now recommending that Lake Accotink in Springfield not be dredged, but instead allowed to naturally develop into a wetland. Questions? Adam Wynn adam.wynn@fairfaxcounty.gov Follow this link for updates and info: [Lake Accotink Dredging Update \(https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/lake-accotink-dredging-ac89-0009\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/lake-accotink-dredging-ac89-0009)

Meet your KPCA Board: Leann Alberts Membership Chair

My name is Leann Alberts and I am your KPCA Membership Vice President. You may recognize me on my mobility scooter at various local events, including in the Kings Park 4th of July Parade!

Originally from Boston, I moved to Kings Park with my husband Brian in September of 2017. In November of 2018 we suffered a whole house fire on Thames Street, and were very happy to return to Kings Park a few weeks before the Covid lockdown of March of 2020. We especially appreciated the support of our Kings Park neighbors during that difficult time.

As a retired Government Contracts Attorney and MBA, I now enjoy volunteering throughout Fairfax County, serving on various Boards representing the Braddock District, including being honored as Lady Fairfax 2021.

Please feel free to stop by the KPCA Membership Table at any of our wonderful events and say “Hello”!



KPCA Neighborhood Appreciation Ice Cream Day 2022



Kings Park Heritage

By Herbert G. Persil

The land now occupied by Kings Park residents has been a part of the rich heritage of Virginia. Ownership of the properties can be traced to Lord Culpeper who, in 1690, transferred the lands which now include Kings Park and Ravensworth Farm to William Fitzhugh. The land passed through Martha Custis, the wife of George Washington, to her son George Custis, then to his daughter, Mary Randolph Custis, who married Robert E. Lee at Arlington when he was a young officer in the U.S. Army. After the outbreak of the Civil War, Mary Custis Lee moved to relative safety at the Ravensworth Farm. Ownership of the property remained in the Lee family until World War I when the land was sold to the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company. The company removed most of the softwood trees but retained the hard wood, many of which is still in abundance in Kings Park. In the early 1950's the properties were sold to a Baltimore investment firm and those which were to become Kings Park were later sold to Richmarr Construction Corporation.

A number of landmarks in and around Kings Park still retain vestiges of their early history. According to legend, Rebel Hill, known to a decade of Kings Park commuters, acquired its name from an ambush carried out by Colonel Mosby and his raiders during the Manassas Campaign. Braddock Road is said to have acquired its name from being part of the route followed by General Braddock, accompanied by George Washington, into Pennsylvania where General Braddock met his death at Fort Duquesne in 1755. Rolling Road is said to have been named for its use as a road on which to roll specially constructed hogsheads of tobacco to Occoquan Creek at Colchester. Herbert's Crossing (Rolling Road and the Southern Railway tracks) may have had a share in civil war activity. As recently as 1969, relics of the War, such as bullets and other Civil War accoutrements were discovered on the property of State Senator Omer Hirst, which adjoined the railroad tracks. In 1862, after a raid at Burke's Station, famed Confederate Cavalry General Jeb Stuart is said to

have telegraphed the Secretary of War Stanton complaining about the quality of Union rations he had captured. Within Kings Park itself, from about the intersections of Clydesdale Road, Victoria Road and Kings Park Drive, earthen emplacements could be traced along the hill running down to Piccadilly Place. These fortifications were destroyed with the building of homes in the area; however, it is possible that these were defensive positions constructed during the Manassas engagements or to defend portions of the railroad.

Kings Park, as we know it today, began in March 1960 when a 200 acre wooded tract was purchased by Richmarr. Initial construction began in late 1960 at the entrance of Kings Park Dr. from Braddock Rd. In July 1960, the Routh Robbins Corporation opened its sales office on the southeast corner of Victoria Road and Kings Park Drive near five model homes: the King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and Duke, with the Duchess added later. Construction proceeded down Victoria, east of Kings Park Drive, down Kings Park Drive, and east down Cromwell. (Homes were sold in the low \$20s). Subsequent sections opened west of Kings Park Drive and in September 1961 the remaining 265 acres on the east side were acquired and filled out Kings Park as it is known today.

This article was written by Herbert G. Persil in October 1971. Mr. Persil lived on Victoria Rd, was active in the Civic Association, served as President of KPCA 1967-1968. Mr. Persil also wrote publications for the US Office of Budget. Kings Park Heritage appeared in the Kings Park Directory in 1972 and was included in the KP Directory for many years.

Submitted for the KPCA Gazette by Beverly and Terry Boschert

Native Seedling Sale

By Beverly Boschert

Orders for the 2023 Native Seedling Sale open on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:00am**. The order site will be linked from <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/native-seedling-sale>. The plant selections for 2023 are listed on that website.

The seedling sale pickup will be Friday, March 31, 2023 from 9am-4pm and Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9am-12pm at Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Club, 3516 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church VA 22044. Any seedlings not collected at pickup will be donated to a reforestation project in Fairfax



County. **Seedlings must be purchased in advance; no day of sales or extras will be offered.**

We understand this is an unusual time. Please contact [NVSACD](https://www.nvsacd.com) prior to the seedling sale date should you require accommodations. We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 seedling sale!



Neighbor Seeks Help for a Kidney Transplant Sarah LeClaire, Kings Park Resident

When he was in his early 20's, Kings Park resident Rob Haupt found out he had Polycystic Kidney Disease. "I was in the Marines and about to ship out for a tour of duty in Iraq when I developed a hernia," he recalls. A routine, pre-surgery sonogram revealed that he also had the same condition that shortened the life of so many of his family members. Knowing all-too-well just how debilitating the disease's progression would be was quite a blow to such a young man.

Polycystic Kidney Disease (otherwise known as PKD) is a genetic condition where both kidneys slowly fill with growing cysts until the organs fail. The cysts also cause both kidneys to expand wildly, putting pressure on the near-by lungs, resulting in breathing difficulties. Normal kidneys are about the size of a cell phone and weigh between 4 to 6 ounces. Rob's are both the size of full-term infants and weigh just as much. Currently, there is no cure.

Now 41 years old, married (to --full disclosure-- me) and the proud father of two kids, he is in kidney failure. His days are marked by constant, nagging fatigue due to his kidneys inability to filter toxins out of his blood. Despite all of these challenges, Rob never complains, continues to work full-time and does his best to be present for his family. A kidney transplant would instantly restore his health.

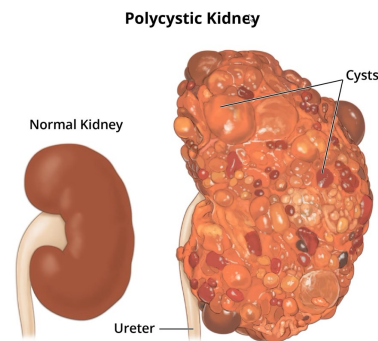
While he is currently on the National Kidney Registry's waiting list for a deceased organ, his best option is for a living donation for a variety of reasons. Firstly, the current wait on the list for his blood type is seven years. Also, the list only provides organs from people who have very recently died. Once a person passes away, their tissues start to immediately die, thus shortening the life of the donated kidney. Organs from living donors last far longer. Additionally, according to the National Kidney Foundation, a kidney from a living donor functions immediately since it is out of the body for a short amount of time. Because of the

testing done on potential donors, the kidney is guaranteed to be healthy. With a deceased donor, the kidney's overall health is unknown, resulting in far poorer long-term outcomes.

Thanks to a relatively recent development, people with any blood type can help save Rob's life. In 2000, a transplant surgeon in Ohio developed the Paired Exchange Program. It is a complex algorithm that pairs a donor with a recipient of the same blood type. In exchange for the donation of any healthy kidney, Rob is given a kidney voucher, which guarantees that he will receive a kidney of his blood type as soon as it is available. Suddenly, his seven year wait would be cut down to mere, much-needed months.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would visit his website to learn more. it is www.robsnewkidney.com. Interested in getting tested (both the testing and the surgery is fully covered by Rob's health insurance)? Click the blue box at the top of the site's page that reads "see if you are qualified to donate". If you aren't interested but would like to spread the word, you can easily share it via email, Facebook or Twitter with the links at the top of the page as well.

There are currently over 100,000 waiting on a life-saving kidney transplant. Your neighbor is one of them. Will you please help?



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Joan Rands at 703-323-4691 would like to meet up with residents who would like to play Scrabble-days or evenings



Make Our Streets Safer VP of Community Safety, Susan Cappa

How many times have you seen or been involved in a near miss traffic incident and wished law enforcement was nearby? How many times have you wanted to report unsafe road conditions and get them fixed? Well now you can communicate these unsafe conditions, courtesy of the **Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets**. It's a grass roots organization working to make our streets safer for everyone with chapters in Fairfax, Arlington, and Alexandria. I attended a couple of the Fairfax County group's monthly meetings and was very impressed by the initiatives being undertaken. Although there were 32 pedestrian fatalities and 53 serious pedestrian injuries last year in Fairfax County, pedestrian safety has not been an important factor in road construction and maintenance. Safe Streets seeks to remedy that by providing facts, figures and a voice for pedestrians. Check out their web site <https://novasafestreets.org/> for more about their mission and their activities.

One of Safe Street's most exciting projects is a reporting system that enables anyone enter data on a near accident or an unsafe road condition. These citizen reports are summarized in a Dashboard, which is a graphical depiction of the information. The goal of the project is to supply data on unsafe conditions in an easy to understand format to be

used when making decisions on street safety. Fill out forms by going to the website and clicking on the Near Miss/Dangerous Locations Survey. Yes, I did fill out the form and it's easy to do. Then, you can access the Dashboard, which is really interesting. It shows the data from the survey as well as the data from TRENDS (Traffic Records Electronic Data System). By clicking on the dashboard map, you can go deeper and actually read the near miss reports. There are lots of near misses out there!

Since Safe Streets is grass roots, there was much discussion in the monthly meetings about how to get their message out to the public. An article in the Kings Park Gazette seemed to fit the bill. Someone from the Kings Park Civic Association will continue to attend their monthly meeting, with the goal of passing information on their activities to our residents and passing information, such as the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement project, back to the Safe Streets group.

So there's a new tool in town to help us get safer streets. As they say on the Safe Streets Homepage: Lives Depend on You.





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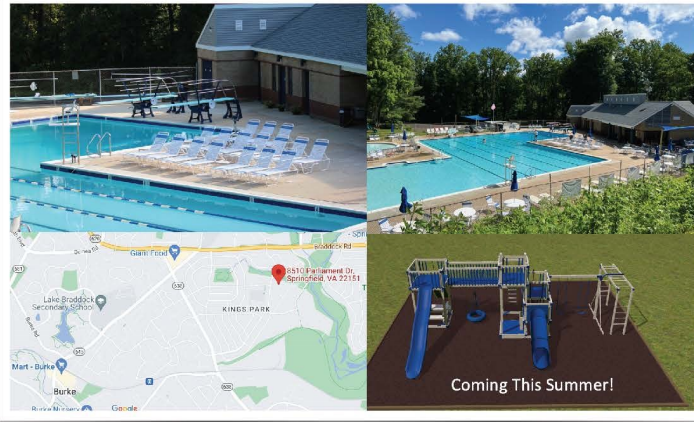


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“LITT’L BIT O’ BRIT” TOUR

By Sandy Kester, Kings’ Park resident since 1999

‘allo, Ducky. Prepared are ya for another bus tour of our neighborhood’s streets? We’re discovering why our streets are named after British people, places, and things. Today we’re going to two “Ds”: Durham and Derby Courts. Jump on in, we’re ‘appy to ‘ave ya.

Durham, known for its Romanesque & Norman-like Castle built in the 11th century, has housed Durham University since 1832. Durham means in Brythonic (Celtic) “dun” or “hill fort and “holme” is Old Norse for “island.” Durham has a famous *Dun Cow* legend first published in 1593. Villagers carrying St. Cuthbert’s (a popular saint whose shrine/bones were said to produce healings) bier were wandering in the north and became stuck on a hill at Warden’s Law. Despite much effort it wouldn’t budge. During the town’s three day fast, St. Cuthbert appeared to a monk and said, ‘Go to Dun Holm.’ Along the way they met a milk maid who was searching for her lost cow. Taking the congregants with her, she led them there and they settled on a “wooded hill island formed by the meandering river Wear.” (pronounced *weer*). They erected the original Durham stone church in 998 which was replaced by the present-day cathedral in the 11th century. In 1093 St. Bede’s bones were also entombed there and now draws many pilgrims to the city yearly.

The city of Derby was originally known as Derventio and was captured by Lady Aethelflaed of Mercia (the northern region of the English kingdom) away from the Vikings in 917. Its name was first recorded – in Old English – as “Deoraby” meaning, “village of the deer.” Its coat of arms has two deer standing on their hind legs. Down the city center flows the river Derwent. Here are some famous facts about Derby:

- Derby cathedral, originally All Saints’ Church, was built in 943 by King Edmund of Wessex. Its name changed in 1927.
- Shrovetide [mob] football was played yearly there since the 12th century.... until a mayor’s head was “severely bruised” and it was banned in 1846. Those dastardly politicians spoiling all the fun.
- Erasmus Darwin – Charles’ grandfather – founded

the Derby Philosophical Society, a gentleman’s club, in the 1700s.

- In 1717 the first water-powered silk mill was established. It’s still in existence as a museum.
- The famous nurse Florence Nightingale, though born in Italy, grew up in Derbyshire, England but moved frequently. In the Derby cathedral is an alcove dedicated to her memory.
- Rolls Royce opened a factory in 1907 during the industrial boom and is still in usage today.
- In 1977, on the 25th anniversary of her ascension to the throne, Queen Elizabeth II awarded this town “city” status. Otherwise, it was one of the few towns that had a cathedral but not city status.

Well, fellow travelers, there you ‘ave it. Lovely people and lovely places to visit. Wish we could all jump on a plane to visit right now. Come back next time for another tour. Watch your step on your way out. Cheers, Love!





Real Estate Corner

Active/Coming Soon Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Queen	8920 Victoria Rd	\$749,900
King	5527 Eastbourne Dr	\$652,000

Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duchess	8434 Thames St	\$770,000
Duke	5501 Kings Park Dr	\$650,000
King	8937 Victoria Rd	\$710,000
Princess	5411 Weymouth Dr	\$649,000
Queen	8609 Thames St	\$725,000



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Style	Address	Price	Price				
Duchess	5617 Southampton Dr	\$680,000	\$680,000	\$2,000	\$678,000	-\$2,000	1/30/2023
Duke	8424 Thames St	\$630,000	\$620,000		\$620,000	-\$10,000	1/18/2023
King	5314 Weymouth Dr	\$624,900	\$635,000	\$19,975	\$615,025	-\$9,875	2/14/2023
Prince	5513 Southampton Dr	\$650,000	\$647,000		\$647,000	-\$3,000	2/28/2023
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Whimsy Corner

By Terry Boschert

Herbert G. Persil wrote a brief article about the beginning of Kings Park. In it he wrote that construction began in 1961. So, what U.S. and local events did the happy families of Kings Park experience while moving to their new houses? This issue attempts to answer that question.

US Events 1961

- January 20 – John F. Kennedy is sworn in as the 35th President of the United States, and Lyndon B. Johnson is sworn in as Vice President of the United States.
- March 1 – President of the United States John F. Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps
- April 15 The Bay of Pigs Invasion of Cuba begins; it fails by April 19.
- May 5 – Mercury program: Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space aboard Mercury-Redstone 3.
- May 25 – Apollo program: President Kennedy announces before a special joint session of Congress his goal to put a man on the Moon before the end of the decade.
- August 7 – Cape Cod National Seashore is established.
- October 1 – Baseball player Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hits his 61st home run in the last game of the season, against the Boston Red Sox, beating the 34-year-old record held by Babe Ruth.
- November 18 – U.S. President John F. Kennedy sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam.

Births 1961

- April 3 - Eddie Murphy, Actor
- May 6 - George Clooney, Actor
- June 6 – Boy George, Entertainer
- July 1 – Diana, Princess of Wales
- August 6 - Barack Obama, former President of the United States
- November 19 – Meg Ryan, actor

Deaths 1961

- May 13 – Gary Cooper, American actor (*High Noon*) (born 1901)
- July 2 – Ernest Hemingway, fiction writer, journalist and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *The*

Old Man and the Sea (born 1899)

- September 25 – Black voting rights activist Herbert Lee is murdered by Mississippi state representative E. H. Hurst.
- October 11 – Leonard (Chico) Marx, actor, comedian
- December 13 - Grandma Moses, Painter

Excerpts from Top 100 Songs, 1961

- 1. "Tossin' and Turnin'" - Bobby Lewis
 - 2. "I Fall to Pieces" - Patsy Cline
 - 11. "Calcutta" – Lawrence Welk
 - 19. "Hit the Road Jack" – Ray Charles
 - 23. "Travelin' Man, Ricky Nelson
 - 51. "Surrender" – Elvis Presley
- That is right. Welk ahead of Nelson AND Presley!

Civil Rights, 1961



The desegregation of the public schools in Virginia began on February 2, 1959, and continued through early into the 1970s when the state government's attempts to resist desegregation ended. Fairfax County attempts to integrate its school system was hampered by fear and by concern about State retaliation, that is, lower funding. "Desegregation of Public Schools", Brian J. Daugherty

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