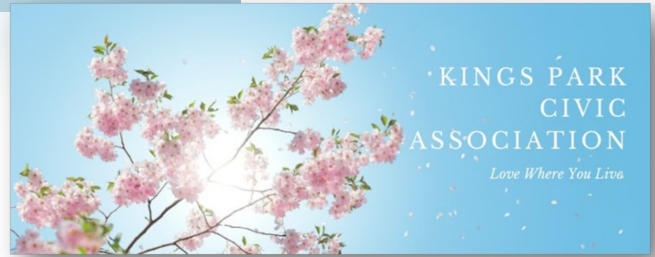




Kings Park Gazette

Upcoming and Recent Neighborhood Events

VP of Events, Susan Metcalf



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

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.

Kings Park Food Truck Thursdays: Look for the current week's truck information on the Kings Park Civic Association Facebook Group.

July 4th Parade and Sno Cones in the park: 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, (this is our 57th year!) and we are hoping for the best turnout ever this year. The parade line up begins in front of Kings Park Elementary School at 9:30am on 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 the first 125 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 10:00am. Volunteer safety personnel will be available along the route to help ensure everyone's safety. All parade participants are asked to stay behind the lead vehicle. The Parade ends at the Trafalgar Court entrance to Kings Park Park. 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, however, we will provide Sno Cones for all participants.** See you on the 4th!! Happy Birthday, USA!!

National Night Out on August 1st: Eric DeTurk and the NNO Planning Committee are hard at work preparing for our KPCA sponsored neighborhood-wide event. The event is free to all of the Kings Park Community and will be held from 5- 8pm at the lower entrance of Kings Park Park at Trafalgar Court. Several state and local law enforcement agencies, safety organizations, and civic leaders will be in attendance. An amazing chef curated community meal will be provided by Provision Kitchen in a "pay as you can" fashion. The event will also have fun activities such as face painting, balloons, and sno cones. We hope to see you there and if you would like to volunteer to help in the planning efforts please contact Eric DeTurk at Eric.DeTurk@gmail.com

Annual KPCA Oktoberfest: We're thrilled to continue the Oktoberfest tradition on September 16th at Parliament Pool. Homemade brats, music, and fun. Stay tuned for more details on Facebook and in the next gazette.

We would be remiss not to thank **Bobby Miller** (and Eric DeTurk) for the highly successful Outdoor Movie at the Park that took place in early May. Stay tuned for more fun upcoming events!

About the Gazette

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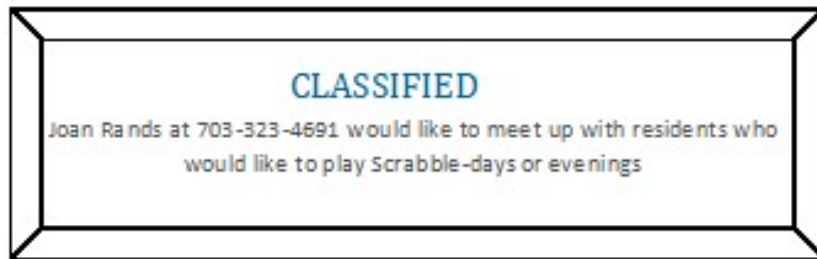
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Treasurer's Report

VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

KPCA income since August 1, 2022, is **\$12,235**, made up mostly by \$8,703 in membership, \$2,093 in donations and \$185 donations for printing the Gazette. The main expenses since the March report are \$644 printing the Gazette, \$350 membership advertising at the pool, \$855 lawn care, \$480 movie rental, and \$564 for July 4th awards. These expenses total \$2,913. The total expenses since

August 1 are **\$12,059**. Since membership season is pretty much over and there are a few larger expenses left this fiscal year, such as the ice cream truck and web site expenses, we will again be using some of our reserve funds for paying these expenses. Thanks to all who have joined the KPCA this year and supported our community events!



Membership Committee Update

VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

Congratulations! The KPCA family winners of our recent Membership Raffle were:

- Eric Schaefer
- Mary and Alan Maver
- Bobbi and Dave Pasternak

Each family won a gift card to a local business!

As of June 1, 2023, **311** families have paid their 2023 KPCA dues. Membership in the KPCA is only \$30 per calendar year (\$25 for seniors).

KPCA plans to sponsor fun during the summer of 2023 by hosting several events including: Ice Cream Day, July 4th 57th Annual Community Parade, Food Truck

Thursdays, and National Night Out.

We need your membership dues to host these traditional events and to fund additional activities in the future.

To submit your membership for 2023, complete the 2023 Membership Form online at www.kings-park.org and submit your payment electronically via PayPal or BillPay. You may also print out the online form and send your cash or check to the KPCA P.O. Box.

Let's uphold Kings Park's standing as the wonderful neighborhood that it has been since the 1960's!





FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

Summer Entertainment Series

2023

Braddock Nights

FREE!

Friday Evenings and Saturday Mornings

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer concert series and Children's Art in the Parks series! This series of free concerts and children's events will present a wide array of performances from classical, to bluegrass to comedy, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic, snacks, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family and neighbors. Volunteers are always welcome. 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 R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

Royal Lake Park

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

JULY

- 7 Soul Crackers (Motown, Soul)
- 14 Honky Tonk Casanovas (Country)
- 21 Bio Ritmo (Salsa)
- 28 Incendio (Latin)

AUGUST

- 4 HFS (WHFS Playlists/ Alternative Rock)
- 11 Memphis Gold (Blues)
- 18 Lua Project (Mexilachian)

Lake Accotink Park

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

JULY

- 7 City of Fairfax Main Street Community Band (Big Band)
- 14 City of Falls Church Concert Band (Concert Band)
- 21 Linwood Taylor (Blues, Rock)
- 28 The United States Army Blues Band Pershing's Own (Jazz)

AUGUST

- 4 Lyuti Chushki (Folk Music of Bulgaria)
- 11 Swingology (Gypsy Swing)
- 18 The Reunion Music Society Jazz Ensemble (American Popular Music)



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A R T S in the P A R K S

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale



JUNE

- 17 Ms. Niki (Children's Songs)
- 24 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra – Percussion Ensemble (Children's Music)

JULY

- 1 Groovy Nate (Children's Music)
- 8 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)
- 15 Mr. Lilo (Children's Songs)
- 22 Marsha and the Positrons (Family Show)
- 29 123 Andrés (Children's Songs)

AUGUST

- 5 the grandsons, jr. (Children's Songs)
- 12 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 19 Geoff Marsh (Juggling/Puppetry)

Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:



The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects.

Scan to donate!



For details, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

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.



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Adopt-a-Highway Program Comes to Kings Park

By Susan Cappa, VP of Community Safety

Kings Park is doing its part to make our community even better! The Kings Park Civic Association has joined Virginia's Adopt-a-Highway program, one of the largest in the country, to clean up parts of two major highways that border our community. We will be cleaning up Braddock Road from Wakefield Chapel Road to Southampton Drive and Burke Lake Road from Rolling Road to Braddock Road. Each section is a little over one half mile, and includes both sides of the highway.

Cleanups will be done by trained Kings Park volunteers at least twice a year and the program will be in place for a minimum of three years. Cleanups days will be announced on our Facebook page, by email, and in the Gazette.

Before the first cleanup day, volunteers will need to sign up and receive information and training. Contact Eric DeTurk (eric.deturk@gmail.com), our Adopt-a-Highway program coordinator, if you're interested in being part of the team. All ages are welcome, but volunteers who are

under 18 must have one adult for every six teens and should sign up together, informing Eric that you are under 18 and part of a group.

After training, the group will decide on a cleanup date using VDOT guidelines: daytime only, not during rush hours, good weather. To ensure participants' safety, there will be signs posted and volunteers will wear orange safety vests on cleanup day. Our participants' safety is our primary concern.

Take this opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a worthwhile community initiative and show your Kings Park Community spirit. Contact Eric DeTurk today!



Meet your KPCA Board: Susan Cappa VP of Community Safety



I'm Susan Cappa, the Vice President of Safety. When I started to write this article, it shocked me to realize that I've lived 60

percent of my life in Kings Park! Who Knew? When my husband Charlie and I bought our Queen model house in 1980, it was just the two of us in this 4 bedroom house. Our neighbor, Shirley (who is still my neighbor) welcomed us and inquired why we needed such a big house. We filled it up in a few years with our two daughters. Stephanie and Christine went to Kings Park, Kings Glen, and Lake Braddock schools and then to William & Mary and James Madison, respectively. Then, they moved on to wonderfully successful lives and careers. Although Charlie died 7 years ago, this house is still home to me, and now I'm planning to remodel it to allow for aging in place. I've come full circle in the same house.

Because living in Fairfax County offers a wide array of learning opportunities for all ages, it makes it easy to stay here. Currently, I attend knitting classes, movie classes, calligraphy classes and yoga. Each class is at a different recreation center, which are tremendous resources for the community. Now that I'm old, I get senior citizens discounts, too.

Over the years, I've seen many changes in the community. Of course, the demographics have shifted. As old families move out, younger families take their place. With the new families, comes a great increase in the use of social media. Facebook and NextDoor keeps everyone informed as to what's going on. Virtual meetings make it easier for the Civic Association to have productive meetings and an annual virtual meeting with the entire community helps get everyone involved. As a scheduler for Neighborhood Watch, I use Signup-Genius to fill up the patrol schedule. It's wonderful to see so many skilled residents bringing their talents to make Kings Park an even better community. It's a great place to live at any age!



Go Wild with Native Plants

By Megan Cunha Kings Park Resident

Ah, summer! The birds are singing and flowers are blooming. If you're like me, you're probably thinking about adding more flowers to your garden. But before you head to the garden center, consider something you perhaps haven't before: native plants!

A plant is native to our environment if it evolved within the local food web and has developed relationships with animals and other plants. Evolution takes a long time and our local insects have not had time to adapt to the chemical defenses of plants that have been introduced. Non-native plants that spread prolifically while having no predators can be invasive and become a threat to the ecosystem.

What is an invasive plant? Invasive plants have been introduced to an area, intentionally or accidentally, in which they did not evolve and cause ecological and/or economic harm. Invasive plants spread unchecked because they are not consumed by animals, escape from cultivation into natural areas, crowd out native plants, and eventually can create an environment where nothing else will grow. Some examples in Northern Virginia are English ivy, pachysandra, vinca (aka periwinkle), liriopse, running bamboo, and lesser celandine. Several of these can be found right in Kings Park Park!

So, what can you plant instead of the most popular, yet invasive ground covers? Try a sedge, blue-eyed grass, or Virginia spiderwort in place of liriopse. Golden ragwort, foamflower, woodland phlox, coral bells, and green-and-gold all make for great ground covers instead of English ivy, pachysandra, and periwinkle. If you're looking for an ornamental grass, pink Muhly grass, bottlebrush grass, and switchgrass are all beautiful natives you can choose from. Choose the right plant for the right place (sunlight and moisture conditions) and you're sure to have a low-maintenance and eye-catching landscape.

Besides looking pretty, there are many benefits to planting native plants. First, since they evolved in this area, they generally need less care than introduced species. So you can say goodbye to fertilizer and pesticides! Part of the joy of native plants is that we *want to feed insects*. *Native plants support pollinators in all life stages and can help us reestablish the food web in the area. Caterpillars eat the plants, birds feed the caterpillars to their babies, we get to enjoy more songbirds, adult birds eat other insects, including mosquitoes, and so on. And that's just one example.*

Many people think, "messy," when they think about native plants, but a wild meadow is not the only option. You can achieve a more formal look with native plants if you choose the right species. There are also cultivars – genetically altered versions – that are more compact than their natural form and can be more aesthetically pleasing. And you don't have to have a yard of only native plants to have a positive

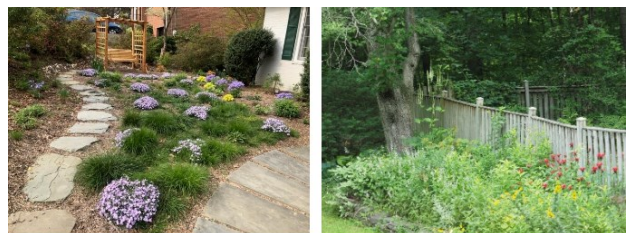
effect. Not all non-native plants are harmful or invasive. You can keep your favorite peonies and roses! Renowned entomologist, Doug Tallamy, suggests aiming for a 70/30 ratio of native to non-native plants as an eventual goal.

Where does one find native plants? Your favorite local nursery probably has a small section of native plants. Northern Virginia is also home to several specialty nurseries that sell only native plants. Nature By Design currently sells at the Del Ray Farmer's Market (pre-ordering is available). Watermark Woods in Hamilton is another option if you don't mind a longer drive. But the most interesting is right here in Springfield! Earth Sangha is a non-profit nursery that grows local native plants from seed and is located in Franconia Park. Be sure to check their website for how to shop. You can also find a list of local native plant sales along with so much more information about native plants on the Plant NoVA Natives website.

If you are looking for more ecologically-sound ways to manage your yard, try leaving the leaves in your garden beds in the fall. The leaves break down and return nutrients to the soil and are important habitat for fireflies. Another thing you can do is make a mosquito "trap" using mosquito dunks or bits, rather than spraying your yard. After doing all the work of planting flowers for pollinators, you don't want to harm them with a spray! Mosquito dunks contain bacteria that are harmful only to mosquitoes, black flies, and fungus gnats (works great for houseplants!) and kill the larvae before they ever get the chance to turn into a biting adult. A couple seasons of use in addition to removing breeding grounds like English ivy and pachysandra should result in a decrease in mosquitoes in your yard.

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to learning about native plants. For more information and to start on your journey in planting native, check out these local resources:

- Plantnovanatives.org
- Earthsangha.org
- Nature-by-design.com



Rosy sedge and moss phlox have been planted to replace the turf lawn in front of this home.



This Event is Open to the Community!
More information at parliament-pool.com

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60 Years

Join us for appetizers, cocktails, music,
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The KPCA is proud to once again sponsor our community pool, Parliament Pool! We look forward to seeing lots of our neighbors there this summer!





Protect Our Water: Only Rain Down the Drain

Help Keep Accotink Creek, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay Clean!

By Eva Cunha, Kings Park Resident, LBSS 9th Grader

Have you seen new labels on the storm drains around King’s Park that look something like this?



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Much to the surprise of many, water (and anything else) that goes down the storm drains does not get treated in a facility before going into our local streams, lakes, and rivers. That means any pollutants in our yards, driveways, and streets can be carried away by water and go straight into our waterways. The King’s Park Neighborhood is in the Accotink Creek watershed. But eventually, that water makes its way to the Potomac River, which is a source of drinking water and place of recreation, and Chesapeake Bay.

What pollutants could make their way into our storm drains?

- Animal waste
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Motor oil
- Trash (plastic, wrappers, cigarettes, styrofoam, cans, etc.)
- Fertilizers
- Paints

When these pollutants make their way into our storm drains, they also make their way into our local lakes, and rivers, affecting the ecosystems within and around them.

Here some ways you can help:

- Dispose of trash properly, not in the drain or on the sidewalk. Trash can get swept away and into the drain by rainwater and flooding.
- Sweep away and discard fertilizers

and pesticides that make their way onto the sidewalk or street.

- Pick up your dog’s poop and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Go to park, street, or river cleanups.
- Don’t dump waste such as motor oil, cooking oil, or chemicals down our storm drains. These should be disposed of as household hazardous waste.

If you see hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, or motor oil being dumped into storm drains, please **report the storm drain dumping** to Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services by going to their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/report.

Thanks to many volunteers, we were able to label the storm drains in King’s Park to help remind residents of this important information. This project was supported by the King’s Park Civic Association and approved by Fairfax County, the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Virginia Department of Transportation. For more information, contact the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District at [703-324-1460](tel:703-324-1460) or conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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“LITT’L BIT O’ BRIT” TOUR

By Sandy Kester, Kings’ Park resident since 1999

‘allo, you knackered [tired], away with the fairies [daydreaming], people. I’m sure it feels like it’s been donkey’s years [years and years] since you’ve ‘ad a break, yes? I bet you are ready to go on holiday [vacation], am I right? You deserve one. We’re going to two holiday resort towns on this tour. Where you ask? *Eastbourne (Drive)*, on the southeast tip of England - my hometown (if you get my drift) and *Ventnor (Lane)*, to the southwestern tip of England on the Isle of Wight. Get on board. Ooooo, I can feel the relaxation comin’ on me.

Eastbourne is a seaside resort 54 miles south of London at the tip of the county of East Sussex. “Burne” is Anglo-Saxon for ‘stream,’ which ran through the Old Town area, but is now just a pond in Motcombe Gardens. In the 11th century this area was referred to as “*Borne*” with 28 ploughlands, a church, watermill, fisheries & salt pans [flats]. Fast forward to present-day with the seafront of Eastbourne consists entirely of Victorian hotels along with a pier which stretches 4 miles from Sovereign Harbor [a marina] to Beachy Head [a chalk headland]. This town boasts of 3 large theatres: The Congress (which the London Philharmonic makes regular appearances); Devonshire Park and the Royal Hippodrome. Other notable places, The Lighthouse on Beachy Head, once served the coast, now a private residence. The Eastbourne Redoubt [a circular coastal defensive fort] was built in 1805 during the Napoleonic Wars. Notable Eastbournians: author Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland) holidayed here nine times; American novelist Charles Webb (*The Graduate*) moved here permanently; author George Orwell went to school here (1984/*Animal Farm*); composer Claude Debussy (*Clair de Lune*); and former Prime Minister Teresa May (2016-2019).

Ventnor is another seaside town resort built on the steep slopes leading to the Atlantic Ocean, on the Isle of Wight, 78 miles southwest of London. The upper part is known as St. Boniface Downs [downs are chalk hills exposed at the surface]; the lower section, where most businesses are, is known as Ventnor. This became a health resort in the late 19th century. The climate was “ideal for people with chest complaints,” it was said once when

Consumption or Tuberculosis was a common cause of death. The town developed rapidly from fisherman cottages only to hotels, boarding houses and shops catering to the sick visitors. Queen Victoria herself visited there for her health in 1855 and the hotel she stayed in was renamed *The Royal Hotel* afterwards. Charles Dickens spent the summer of 1849 there writing part of *David Copperfield* here. He described it as “the prettiest place I ever saw in my life, at home or abroad”. Communist Karl Marx lived here from 1881-1883, saying, “this island is a little paradise.” The musical composer of *Pomp and Circumstances*, Sir Edward William Elgar, spent his three week honeymoon here in 1889. Also, the coastal town in New Jersey, here in the states is named after this seaside town. Another notable is The Blackgang Chine which is the oldest United Kingdom’s theme park has been in existence since 1843. The St. Catherine’s lighthouse here is one of Great Britain’s oldest. Their railway has been running since 1866. Their most famous garden is the Ventnor Botanical Gardens, which was built in 1970 on the 22-acre site, using the former Royal Hospital for Chest Diseases.

Well, chum, I can feel the muscles relaxing right out of their kinks, can’t you. Just imagine you’re sunning yourself in either of these two seaside towns. Ah, feel the balmy breezes and pass me a cuppa [tea]. What? Oh, sigh. You got to be ruining me fun, eh? Sigh. It’s time to move the tour bus right on outta here. Sigh. ‘Til next time, blokes! Cheers Love.



Figure 1 Beachy Head, Eastbourne



Figure 2 Royal Hotel, Ventnor



Living with Wildlife

Living in Kings Park, we share our habitat with lots of wildlife. It's one of the wonders of living in a suburban environment. We are fortunate to be surrounded by many organizations and licensed individuals that help maintain the delicate ecosystem and are willing to educate the residents in cohabitating.

Here are a couple of friendly tips to remember:

- It is illegal to feed any wildlife in Virginia, except under the supervision of a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. While your intentions are worthy, please don't leave food out.
- If you want a fox to leave your yard, spray a hose in its direction. Foxes don't like water. However, if you see one with kits—don't do this. A vixen can only carry one kit at a time. Just seeing you will make her want to relocate. Don't use mothballs or bleach soaked clothes to rid your yard of any wildlife. This kills both

wild and domestic animals, especially birds. Spray vinegar, use chili pepper or citrus peels—all odors foxes and most wildlife dislike. Use diluted bleach to clean concrete/brick areas where you see animal feces. Animals mark their routes with urine and feces. Remove bird feeders, they attract the prey foxes prefer—squirrels, mice, rats, and snakes.

If you find an injured or orphaned wildlife on your property, here are some useful links:

- <https://www.wildliferescueleague.org>
- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/injured-and-orphaned-wildlife>
- <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators/>

Recognizing Jim Sobecke's service, and Annual Meeting and Elections By Charlotte Hannagan, Incoming KPCA President



The KPCA Annual Meeting and elections were held in hybrid format on May 30th at Braddock Hall.

We were delighted to have Supervisor Walkinshaw speak and give an update on issues pertinent to the community, including Lake Accotink, the Braddock Road

Multimodal Improvement Project, and the budget.

Supervisor Walkinshaw also helped us recognize Jim Sobecke's over 10 years of service as KPCA president. While Jim is stepping down from the leadership role, he has affirmed us that he's not going anywhere and we look forward to seeing him around the community, including with his ongoing work with CERT (for which he was also recognized at the Volunteer Fairfax 2023 Volunteer Service Awards. Thank you Jim for all you've done (and continue to

do) to make Kings Park and Fairfax County such a fantastic place to call home!

The KPCA elections meant a few people changing roles within the board. Eric DeTurk is now VP of Social Outreach, and I am now President. We're extremely grateful to Susan Metcalf, Susan Cappa, Susan Malmberg, and Leeann Alberts who have all agreed to carry on as officers of the board for another year. The KPCA is currently looking for a secretary—the time commitment is not intense, and you'll join an enthusiastic board working with the community for the betterment of Kings Park. Reach out to KingsParkCivicAssociation@gmail.com for more information!

The KPCA board is excited for the upcoming year. We have ideas for fun events and initiatives, and are hoping to partner with residents and local organizations. We're also hoping to hear from you about what you'd like us to focus our energy on, and how we can make this neighborhood even better than it already is.

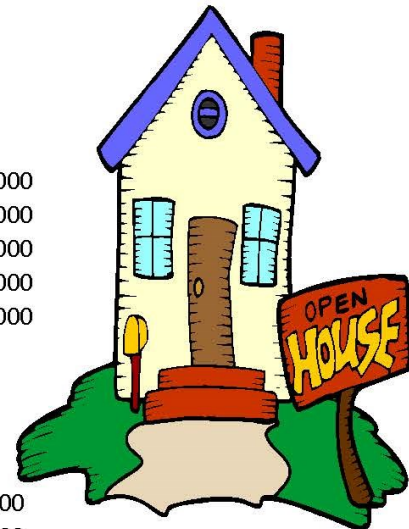
Join the KPCA if you haven't already, and get in touch with us!



Real Estate Corner

Active/Coming Soon Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duke	5505 Eastbourne Dr	\$725,000
Prince	8621 Cromwell Dr	\$635,000
Prince	8723 Victoria Rd	\$649,000
Prince	8800 Parliament Dr	\$759,000
Queen	5615 Rolling Rd	\$740,000



Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
King	8807 Cromwell Dr	\$720,000
King	8802 Parliament Dr	\$729,000
Princess	8722 Parliament Dr	\$729,000

Sold

Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/Increase	Date Closed
Duchess	8434 Thames St	\$770,000	\$750,000	\$11,500	\$738,500	-\$31,500	03/27/23
Duke	5501 Kings Park Dr	\$650,000	\$665,500		\$665,500	\$15,500	03/31/23
King	8937 Victoria Rd	\$710,000	\$710,000		\$710,000	\$0	03/20/23
King	5527 Eastbourne Dr	\$635,000	\$610,000	\$7,000	\$603,000	-\$32,000	05/18/23
Prince	5409 Weymouth Dr	\$739,000	\$752,000		\$752,000	\$13,000	04/28/23
Prince	8445 Thames St	\$614,900	\$675,000		\$675,000	\$60,100	05/05/23
Princess	5411 Weymouth Dr	\$649,000	\$649,000		\$649,000	\$0	04/04/23
Queen	8609 Thames St	\$725,000	\$808,000		\$808,000	\$83,000	03/14/23
Queen	8920 Victoria Rd	\$749,900	\$827,500		\$827,500	\$77,600	04/10/23
Queen	8811 Kenilworth Dr	\$680,000	\$761,050		\$761,050	\$81,050	05/15/23
Queen	5502 Kings Park Dr	\$749,000	\$749,000		\$749,000	\$0	05/16/23

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Patriot's Corner

By Terry Boschert

Excerpts from The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America:

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

A list of 21 grievances against the King appears in this section of the Declaration.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.



Grand Union
1775



Betsy Ross
1776



Old Glory
1960

KINGS PARK PATROL **By Beverly Boschert**

Kings Park Neighborhood Watch schedules patrols of the KP neighborhood on non-holiday workdays.

As a volunteer for Neighborhood Watch, you have your choice of day and time of day to help. We have a suggested route to follow on the patrol. There is a sign to display on the vehicle during a patrol. A patrol takes about 1 ½ hours. Preferably two

people drive a patrol together. We also welcome solo drivers.

We need new volunteers to help patrol. This is a great opportunity for any resident wanting to get to know Kings Park better. A student needing driving hours or community service hours. Help by driving a patrol once a month or once a quarter. All are welcome!

Email terry.boschert@verizon.net to volunteer!



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