



Kings Park Gazette

President's Corner

By Charlotte Hannagan

FCPS is nearly over for the school year, and Parliament Pool has opened up for the season, which must mean one thing... summer is well on its way!

This has been a very busy spring. The KPCA is keeping informed on many initiatives and projects that have a potential to impact Kings Park residents. Please reach out if you'd like to learn more about the [Braddock Multimodal Improvement Project](#), the [comprehensive FCPS school boundary review](#), a [proposal to create Unified Sanitary Districts \(USD\)](#), and more!

The KPCA board has been working with Rachel, one of our amazing residents, to learn more about you and ways that we can engage to bring you the best our community has to offer. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete—so we hope you'll fill it out! [Click here to access the link.](#)

This newsletter is full of information—from composting tips, to *many* upcoming events, to updates on the coveted Royal Resident Flag, and more. Please let us know if there's content you'd like to see so we can continue to make this as relevant and useful to you!

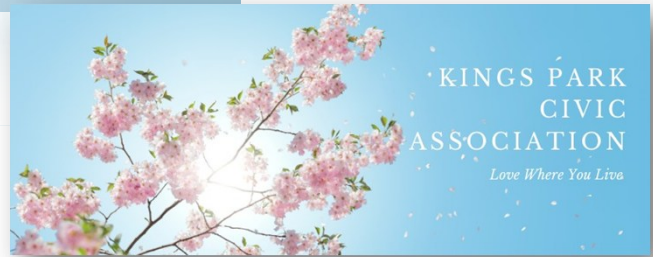
Contest Alert: The KPCA is looking to offer (for purchase) custom ornaments for the holiday season that represent Kings Park. We are looking for original artwork designed by residents, and will then have an open contest to pick the winning option! Please reach out to KingsParkCivicAssociation@gmail.com and stay tuned on Facebook for more information and to submit your entry. This will be a great gift to offer friends and family—and/or to keep for your house!

We look forward to hearing from you! As always, remember to renew your KPCA membership for the year!
See you around the neighborhood!

About the Gazette

The Gazette is issued quarterly: January, April, July, and October. Suggestions and submissions should be sent to Charlotte at KingsParkCivicAssociation@gmail.com.

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How is your street doing with KPCA memberships for 2025?



Street	Total Homes	Count Registered	% Registered
Piccadilly Pl	24	10	42%
Callander Dr	36	15	42%
Salisbury Ct	6	2	33%
Kempton Dr	23	7	30%
Lancashire Dr	10	3	30%
Parliament Dr	72	21	29%
Eastbourne Dr	40	11	28%
Cromwell Dr	108	28	26%
Kings Park Dr	71	17	24%
Ventnor Ln	40	9	23%
Thames St	130	28	22%
Durham Ct	14	3	21%
Trafalgar Ct	19	4	21%
Victoria Rd	131	27	21%
Kenilworth Dr	44	8	18%
Perth Ct	13	2	15%
Weymouth Dr	36	5	14%
Yorkshire Dr	37	5	14%
Southampton Dr	100	12	12%
Clydesdale Rd	50	6	12%
Derby Ct	10	1	10%
Rolling Rd	44	4	9%
London Ct	13	1	8%
Margate St	15	1	7%
Ramsey Ct	39	1	3%
Avon Ct	6	0	0%
Burke Lake Rd	12	0	0%
Copperfield Ct	5	0	0%
Grantham St	6	0	0%
Strand Ct	5	0	0%





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Treasurer's Report

VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

Since August 1, 2024, the Kings Park Civic Association income is **\$11,521**. Our income is made up of membership fees \$6,921, donations \$2,295, Gazette advertising fees \$1,600 and Oktoberfest revenue \$705.

Our expenses for this period are **\$9,881**. Payments were made for community events \$2,442, Gazette printing \$1,689, grounds maintenance \$3,865, administrative expenses \$1,336 and contributions \$550.

Thank you to all who have joined KPCA for 2025. The next few weeks include our July 4th parade and concert and our National Night Out event. Please attend and meet your neighbors!

Scan here to join the KPCA



Membership Update

VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

As of June 1, 2025, **237** families were official members of the Kings Park Civic Association. Thanks to all of the KPCA families who have joined!

However, we need to increase our 2025 membership in order to sustain all of the wonderful events and services provided by the KPCA!

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.

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.

We are also still recruiting for the KPCA Board position of Secretary. Please join us! We welcome your new ideas and civic involvement!

To submit your membership for 2025, complete the 2025 Membership Form online at www.kings-park.org and then submit your payment electronically via PayPal or via Bill Pay. You can also pay by either cash or check, and mail to Kings Park Civic Association, P.O. Box 1243, Springfield, VA 22151-1243.

For those affected, remember to vote in the [June 17 Democratic Primary Election!](#) AND the [Special Democratic Primary to choose the nominee for Virginia's 11th Congressional District on June 28](#) OR the [Canvass \(Firehouse Primary\) on June 28th to choose the Republican nominee to challenge the Democrat for the seat.](#)





Kings Park Social Events

VP of Events, Susan Metcalf

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, 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, skateboarders, 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 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 fire truck. 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 to the band in comfort.

National Night Out Neighborhood Event...Promoting Police-Community Partnerships!

VP of Social Outreach, 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." In 2023 the Kings Park Civic Association (KPCA) hosted the first community-wide NNO event. It was a resounding success and this year the event is back!

Historically, many Kings Park residents on their respective blocks hold small events for NNO, and we still encourage those special activities. However, this year the KPCA will again host a community-wide event open to all Kings Park residents. This event will 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 KPCA is currently planning a fun filled evening at the lower park entrance off Trafalgar Court on Tuesday, August 5th. The event will take place 5 - 8pm and includes free food, live music, children's activities, sno-



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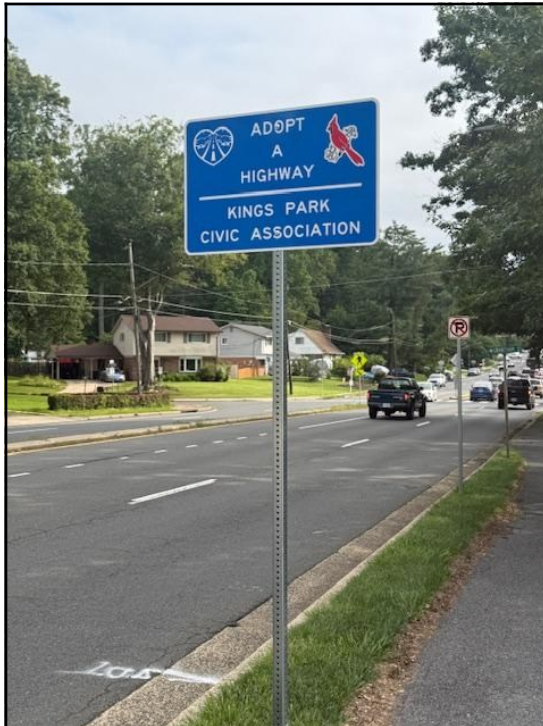
cones, public safety displays and best of all, great company. So, turn on your outside lights, lock your doors, bring your own chair, and come join in the festivities...we hope to see you there!

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 Vice President of Social Outreach, Eric DeTurk at eric.deturk@gmail.com.



Kings Park Civic Association's Commitment to Keeping Virginia Beautiful

VP of Social Outreach, Eric DeTurk



The KPCA has joined over 20,000 volunteers across Virginia as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Adopt-a-Highway program. In late 2023 the KPCA registered with VDOT to "adopt" a portion of Burke Lake Road between Rolling Road and Braddock Road that borders our amazing neighborhood. Since then, volunteers from across the community have participated in three litter clean ups. After completing two clean ups in the calendar year, VDOT installed an Adopt-a-Highway sign recognizing the KPCA's commitment to keeping Virginia beautiful.

Our next Adopt-a-Highway clean up event will take place **Sunday, June 29 2025 from 10-11am.**

If you would like more information about the VDOT Adopt-a-Highway program or would like to volunteer at the next Adopt-a-Highway clean up please contact our KPCA Adopt-a-Highway coordinator Eric DeTurk at eric.deturk@gmail.com.

*Friendly reminder from Zoe the dog:
When you get the urge, use the verge*

CALL FOR

VOLUNTEERS!
KPCA ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM



Join us for a KPCA Adopt-a-Highway Clean up

Support our community and help clean up Burke Lake Road between Rolling Road and Braddock Road.

June 29, 2025
10:00am - 11:00am

What you can expect:

- Safety will be our first priority!
- Coordination with VDOT
- Safety vests, latex gloves, and bags will be provided
- Children must be accompanied by an adult

Meet at Kings Park Shopping Center parking lot near the Burke Lake Road Entrance (near CVS).

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Climate Corner

By Karen Vahouny

Free offer!



If you are collecting your vegetable and fruit scraps – or would like to start -- my husband Dan Mondloch and I can pick it up for you every Wednesday (free!) and donate it to the compost collection located at Audrey Moore's Wakefield Farmers Market.

The catch: This offer extends to the first 10 Kings Park residents who respond. If you're interested, please send me an email at kvahouny@gmail.com or call/text 703-624-2674.

Why are we offering this?

It's a way to combine our interest in composting and its positive effects on the environment with our long history as Kings Park residents. We're testing the waters to see if there's community interest.

If so, we may be able to take it a step further next year and gain the county's support for a neighborhood-wide compost collection project. Our hope is that the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) would consider a larger pilot compost collection program starting right here in Kings Park.

We could purchase a large, covered trash bin, specifically designated for compost material and placed in an easy-to-access spot, like the park. That way, anyone in the neighborhood could collect their food scraps and drop them off at the "Kings Park compost can" at any time. On Wednesdays, Dan and I would volunteer to collect the food scraps from this compost can and bring them to the Wakefield Farmers Market's compost collection site.

More about the Farmers Market and county composting

The Fairfax County composting program was initially launched at a few select FCPA farmers markets in 2022 and has since expanded to include all 10 markets. The compost collection at these markets is a free service to county residents.

The Wakefield Farmers Market has been open since the first week of May and will operate every Wednesday through Oct. 29. If you haven't been there, it's a treasure! It's only about a mile away, and market vendors not only offer a huge variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables but also a number of other products, from pies to bread to ice cream.

Three questions about composting

1. What is composting?

Here's one of the shortest and best definitions I've seen: Composting is like giving food scraps and other organic waste a new life by turning them into a rich, soil-like material called compost. It's a way of recycling these materials using natural processes, like those that happen in nature, to create a

valuable fertilizer for plants.

Want to learn more: Here's a super [source](#) about composting from our U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

2. Why DIY composting?

- You benefit because your soil benefits. Plus, your food waste won't be wasted; it will become nutrient-rich soil! You can use your compost in a vegetable garden, around trees, and in flower pots.
- It's easy and inexpensive. You're reaping the rewards from food scraps that you'd normally be throwing away.

3. Why compost at all?

- Landfills. Food is the single most common material sent to landfills, representing nearly one-quarter of municipal solid waste. If you count yard trimmings, wood and paper products, that brings the total amount of organic materials in landfills up to more than half!
- The environment. Composting is good for our planet. When food scraps are stuck in landfills with no oxygen to help decompose, they release methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.
- Reusing and recycling are becoming so much more important (and cool!) Composting is like nature's recycling.

Again, if you decide you don't want to start a compost heap at your home, bringing scraps to the Wakefield Farmers Market is a great alternative. Here are the [compostable materials](#) that the county accepts. Note that the FCPA farmers markets do not accept yard clippings.

Also, during the winter months when the FCPA farmers markets aren't open – and if you decide you don't want to create your own compost pile – there are two locations where residents can drop off food waste: the I-95 Landfill Complex and the I-66 Transfer Station.

Our own "case study"

Years ago, Dan built a simple compost bin at the far end of our vegetable garden. Our garden soil, then mostly clay and rocks, is now brown and porous. Even though the FCPA farmers markets accept meat, animal bones and dairy items, we don't compost these in our bin (because they can attract animals and create a smell).

We deposit our fruit and vegetable scraps right from the sink into a small, attractive bin on the counter. We have two bins that we rotate, and it's amazing how much material we're able to collect in a week.



"LITT'L BIT O' BRIT" TOUR

By Sandy Kester, Kings Park resident since 1999

Worcha! [what's happening?] Good ta see ya folks again. Takin' a ride on our bus that is touring our Kings' Park neighborhood trying to determine why our streets have their names? Good, good. Glad to have ya. This time, our tour has a little bit of a controversy about it, it does. This tour we are going to: Cromwell Drive. But there are two very important historical British Cromwell's. So, which one is the street named for? Well, you decide. We'll have a cracking [excellent] time. Off we go....buckle up.



Thomas Cromwell (1485-1540), lawyer-by-trade, served as chief minister to King Henry VIII. He helped the king break from the Catholic church, was crucial in the dissolution of monasteries and

establishing Henry as Supreme Head of the Church of England. He was eventually executed by the king for possibly being perceived as having too much influence (treason) or Protestant leanings (heresy). Eventually, though, the king regretted his hasty actions. Cromwell's downfall may have been his failure to secure a suitable marriage for the King. He persuaded the king to marry Anne of Cleves from Germany (his 4th!). He is to have stated, after finally meeting Anne, "I like her not! I like her not!" But he married her in January 1540 and eventually divorced her in July of 1540. Next!



Oliver Cromwell, (great, great, grandnephew to Thomas) (1599-1658) was a leader in the Parliamentary army, helped establish the commonwealth and ultimately became its Lord Protector. Meaning he became Head of State during a time when

the monarchy was abolished (1649-1660). He was against King Charles I and saw it through until the king was executed (1649) at age 48. The King was convicted of tyrannical rule (a form of treason) and ignoring the rights of his subjects and beheaded. Cromwell's political actions made a profound impact on developing British democracy, the army and implementing religious tolerance.

Well, that was informative. Which Cromwell do you think our drive is named after? What? You think that one? You are barmy [crazy] and you may be thick as two short planks [an idiot]. Well, Bob's your uncle [there you go]. That's all for our tour this round. Until next time. Cheers, Love!

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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 or for 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!



Cub Scout Pack 1965 Welcomes New Lions, Tigers, and Bears...

By Christine Franklin, Pack 1965 Recruitment Chair

Cub Scout Pack 1965 wrapped up another fun-filled year and is now recruiting new members of all ages, especially rising Kindergarteners (Lions), to join us next year. We are a co-ed family scouting unit dedicated to helping students in grades K-5 learn new skills, enjoy outdoor adventures, and become good citizens. The Kings Park neighborhood is home to many Pack 1965 scouts and leaders that would love to share their experiences with you. Please stop by our table at the KPCA July 4th Parade and Concert or National Night Out to learn more. You can also visit our website (www.pack1965.com) or send us an email (pack1965burke@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!



Enjoy Walking in Kings Park!

By Beverly Boschert

Many of our Kings Park Neighbors of all ages enjoy walking through the neighborhood. Some walk for exercise, some walk the dog, some ride bikes or scooters on the sidewalks, some walk with help from a walker or medical support.

What everyone who walks needs is a clear sidewalk, free of trees, shrubs or plants taking space on the sidewalk.

Please check the sidewalks by your house and make certain that everyone can walk safely!



Real Estate Corner

Active/Coming Soon Listings

Style	Address	List Price
DUCHESS	5211 SOUTHAMPTON DR	\$730,000
DUCHESS	8601 PARLIAMENT DR	\$819,000
DUKE	8618 KENILWORTH DR	\$749,000
KING	5403 ROLLING RD	\$714,995
KING	5518 KEMPTON DR	\$779,000
KING	5420 EASTBOURNE DR	\$799,999
PRINCE	8606 LONDON CT	\$725,000
QUEEN	5525 ROLLING RD	\$829,980



Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
DUKE	5507 KINGS PARK DR	\$775,000
KING	5523 VENTNOR LN	\$775,000
PRINCE	8459 THAMES ST	\$699,950
QUEEN	8608 LONDON CT	\$719,000
QUEEN	8513 PARLIAMENT DR	\$749,999
QUEEN	5526 YORKSHIRE ST	\$825,000
QUEEN	5517 YORKSHIRE ST	\$925,875

Sold

Style	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/Increase	Date Closed
DUKE	5616 EASTBOURNE DR	\$750,000	\$780,000		\$780,000	\$30,000	4/7/2025
QUEEN	8727 CLYDESDALE RD	\$780,000	\$800,000		\$800,000	\$20,000	4/18/2025
QUEEN	8941 BURKE LAKE RD	\$814,900	\$855,000		\$855,000	\$40,100	4/30/2025
PRINCE	8511 PARLIAMENT DR	\$799,000	\$864,900		\$864,900	\$65,900	5/12/2025
PRINCESS	8704 PARLIAMENT DR	\$799,000	\$835,000		\$835,000	\$36,000	5/12/2025
QUEEN	8610 CLYDESDALE RD	\$724,999	\$700,000	-\$47,500	\$652,500	-\$72,499	5/16/2025
PRINCE	5517 SOUTHAMPTON DR	\$800,000	\$775,000		\$775,000	-\$25,000	5/20/2025
DUKE	8651 CROMWELL DR	\$799,000	\$841,000		\$841,000	\$42,000	5/23/2025
PRINCE	8716 KENILWORTH DR	\$730,000	\$730,000		\$730,000	\$0	5/30/2025

Provided by Susan Metcalf, Corcoran McEneaney

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Sustain Fairfax

By Beverly Boschert

Here are several additional *easy ways to save energy and money*. Implement these to help all of us.

(<https://sustainchallenge.fairfaxcounty.gov/>)

A short video with ideas is available (<https://sustainchallenge.fairfaxcounty.gov/actions/categories/65>)



NEWS ALERT:

*On **June 29, 2025**, Metro will launch its new bus network. All Metrobus Routes and Schedules Will Change. Better Bus is Metro's initiative to improve regional bus service. This is the first major overhaul in 50 years! You can find more information on the WMATA website:*

<https://wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/index.cfm>

The KPCA is collecting feedback; reach out with issues, concerns, and thoughts!

Kings Park Royal Resident

The story of the traveling flag

As you may recall, the KPCA honors residents who have gone above and beyond to better our community. **Nominations for Royal Flag recipients can be sent to KingsParkCivicAssociation@gmail.com for consideration.**

Since our spring edition of the gazette, the Royal Flag made its way to a few wonderful Kings Park residents.

The tenth recipients of the Kings Park "Royal Resident" flag were **Ed and Jen Argenta**! Ed and Jen were nominated by a fellow resident for their outstanding dedication to our community. Ed has been the president at Parliament Pool Association for over a year, and Jen has been involved in the Kings Park/ Kings Glen PTA for many years, and was just elected as President for the upcoming school year. We are lucky to have them in Kings Park!

Our current recipient of the Royal Flag is **Nancy Norfolk**. Nancy was nominated by fellow residents for her ongoing dedication to keeping Kings Park beautiful, both by helping to maintain the circle at Kings Park and Parliament, and by helping clean up the debris at the Kings Park and Braddock Rd sign. We are thankful to have Nancy (and Jim) in our community!





Climate Corner: **Spotlight:** Kings Park resident Beverley Rivera, an activist in improving Lake Accotink

By Karen Vahouny

Third in a continuing series

Beverley, a [Fairfax Master Naturalist](#), has combined her interest in the environment and voluntarism to make a big difference in the health of nearby Lake Accotink Park.

She is credited with starting the Invasive Management Area Program at Lake Accotink. As a volunteer site leader, she leads a team every Thursday who remove invasive plants around the creek that feeds the lake. The volunteer team's work allows the native plants to flourish, ultimately improving the health of the lake and its surroundings.

Their newest project: creating a large pollinator garden next to the carousel. A local Boy Scout troop also has added a few wooden beehives.

As part of my new "roving reporter" duties, I went to the lake in the early spring to interview Beverley and talk to some of the morning's volunteers. One group of young men, associated with a church mission, hailed from Utah, Washington, Hawaii, and Australia. Their views on the joys of volunteer service: teamwork and cooperation. Plus, as they've continued to "chop and lop" "invasive trees, shrubs and other plants, they have witnessed a tangible outcome of their work. They also noted that the snacks that Beverley provides are an added bonus!

In this Question & Answer column, Beverley shares her thoughts about the progress that's been made in cleaning up the lake, as well as ways individuals, families and organizations can help improve our local environment. Even a few hours can make a big difference.

Q: How would you describe your role with the Fairfax County Invasive Management program and specifically with coordinating volunteers at Lake Accotink?

A: It is very meaningful work and gives me the chance to be outdoors, in nature. I'm able to meet and work with both new and regular volunteers, and we can really see the progress that's made.

Q: Is there a down side?

A: It's a never-ending task. The invasives – especially vines – can quickly take over the native plants, so while we've been successful in cleaning up a wide area, we have to continue to backtrack and keep removing these fast-growing "invaders."

Q: How many volunteers do you get each Friday?

A: Sometimes, there may be just one or two of us; other

times, we've had as many as 15 or 20.

Q: What invasives do you hate the most?

A: The porcelain berry, because its roots can be up to 20 feet deep! Others include Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and Asiatic bittersweet.

Note: Those "beautiful" small yellow flowers that decorate the trails around Lake Accotink in the spring are particularly invasive, spreading quickly around the paths and into the wooded areas.

Q: How about the native plants; what are your favorites?

A: Swamp milkweed, Carolina rose, blue flag iris, lobelia, columbine, goldenrod, coneflower, and aster.

Q: Why did you decide to add a pollinator garden?

A: It was an open space near the creek and the carousel, and we hope that it will add beauty to the area and create healthier native plants by attracting more bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

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Beverley and Philip Latasa, the founder of Friends of Accotink Creek, have worked with volunteers to create the new Pollinator Garden.



Climate Corner: Spotlight—continued

Q: What are some things that we, as Kings Park residents, can do to learn more and help create a more climate-friendly community?

A: There's so much we can do, and I'll share just a handful of examples:

- Investigate before you plant trees, shrubs or flowers in your yard. There are so many online resources to check on invasive/non-native plants and native plants, and I'd encourage you to plant natives.
- Take a look at the free brochures at Lake Accotink Park that include pictures and information on Northern Virginia's native plants. Another resource: [Plant NOVA Natives](#).
- Try to identify and remove invasive plants from your yard, making room for the natives.
- Consider volunteering with or donating to local organizations like [Friends of Accotink Creek](#). The website's Projects and Volunteering section has a number of options, like stream monitoring to assess the health of our local waterways. The organization also hosts about 24 "adopt-a-stream" cleanups each year.
- Check out free resources offered by the [Virginia Native Plant Society](#) and the [Northern Virginia Bird Alliance](#).
- The Fairfax County [Soil and Water Conservation District](#) has an annual seedling sale, hosts green breakfast events, and offers ideas and potential funding for projects that reduce or prevent erosion.

Q: Is it all right for Kings Park residents to call or email you if they'd like to learn more?

A: Absolutely! My email address is beverley.rivera@yahoo.com, and my phone number is 571-314-2107.

Do you have your own Earth-friendly tip or initiative you'd like to share with our community? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please send an email to Charlotte Hannagan at KingsParkCivicAssociation@gmail.com.



Beverley notes that her team's progress at the lake would not have been possible without the continued dedication of these young church volunteers.



Beverley's climate-focused voluntarism extends to her own home, with "sheep mowers" adding an eco-benefit. Here, Noelle Gray, a KP elementary school student, enjoys the experience.



You can find more information at <https://parliamentpanthers.swimtopia.com/bingo-fundraiser>.



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