



Kings Park Gazette

President's Corner

By Charlotte Hannagan

Summer's over and fall is here. Northern Virginia has lots to offer during this season (and all the time, really), and the KPCA is also getting organized to offer many of the community's favorite events! You can read more about them in this quarter's gazette; we hope we'll see you there and around the neighborhood!

If you'd like to join us for the **Annual KPCA Oktoberfest**, please remember to [join the KPCA](#) for the year, and then RSVP to Susan at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net. We will have the popular Kings Park German Band again this year and a traditional German feast of Bratwurst (homemade by sausage-meister, Don Metcalf), German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Apple and Cherry Strudel, and sodas for \$15 per plate. For the kids, we will have hot dogs, potato chips, strudel, and a drink for \$5 per plate.

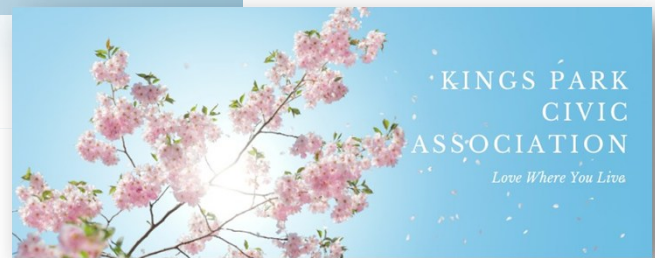
This quarter's gazette includes information on the new Kings Park Library StoryCorp's One Small Step initiative, a new article in the "Litt'l Bit O' Brit" tour" series, information on our latest Kings Park Royal Residents, and much much more.

If you have an article you'd like to see published or a topic you'd like us to cover, please send it our way for consideration!

We are working on finalizing the very first **Kings Park holiday ornaments**—stay tuned for more information and how to purchase one!

If you haven't yet, it's not too late to join the Kings Park Civic Association—your dues make all our initiatives possible!

See you around the neighborhood!



About the Gazette

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Treasurer's Report

VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

The KPCA's fiscal year ended July 31, 2025. Total revenue for the year was **\$13,575**, with the sources being membership \$7,535, advertising \$1,600, interest \$860, donations \$2,574, revenue from Oktoberfest \$705 and a donation from Giant of \$300 for National Night Out.

Expenses for the year were **\$11,606**. Expenses were made up of Gazette printing \$1,935, various community events \$2,581, grounds maintenance \$4,333, contributions \$1,050 and administrative expenses \$1,707.

Thank you to all who joined KPCA and

thank you to all those who made extra donations to help fund neighborhood activities. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join KPCA so that we can continue to provide community events and fund neighborhood beautification projects.

The KPCA is proud to once again sponsor the Kings Park Kings Glen PTA and help them in reaching their goals for the 2025-26 school year!

Membership Update

VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

As of **September 1, 2025**, **261** families have paid their 2025 KPCA dues. On this same date in 2021, 440 families had paid their dues. **Membership in the KPCA is only \$30 per calendar year (\$25 for seniors).**

This is a significant drop in membership that has caused the KPCA Board to discontinue some long standing much loved activities.

KPCA plans to round out 2025 by hosting several events including: the Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat and the Kid's Holiday Party.

We need your membership dues to host these traditional events and to fund additional activities in 2026.

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 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!). Or, use the QR Code found below.

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

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

Scan here to join the KPCA





Upcoming Events in Kings Park

VP of Events, Susan Metcalf

Halloween Decoration Contest (Tuesday, October 28th)

Back by Popular Demand, the KPCA Halloween Decoration Contest, Tuesday, October 28th (rain date October 29). Our panel of judges will judge during the day and again during the night and pick their three favorites. Each winning house will receive bragging rights and a coveted sign in their front yard. To ensure that your house is on the judges "not to be missed" list, please pre-register with Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net. You do not need to be pre-registered to be judged as our panel of judges drive around. Please have your lights on at dusk and leave them on until at least 9:30pm.



KPCA Trunk or Treat (Sunday, October 26th from 3-4PM @ the pool)

Families and neighbors, children of all ages, please join us for the 12th annual Trunk or Treat on **Sunday**, October 26th from 3 to 4 pm in the parking lot of Parliament Pool. Children in costumes will walk from car to car to gather small prizes and treats from adults who have decorated their vehicles and parked them in a semi-circle. If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and giving out candy, please arrive by 2:45 pm to set up and prepare for the children to arrive at 3 pm. Please do not bring treats containing peanuts as some children have significant allergies.

This event is perfect for any child who may be too young to stay up late on Halloween and/or children who would love an extra opportunity to dress up! Adults without small children are welcome to join the group; the children love being admired and getting goodies!

Kids' Holiday Party (Friday, December 5th at 6:30PM at Kings Park ES)

Please join us for the KPCA's annual Children's Holiday Party on Friday, December 5th. in the cafeteria at Kings **Park** Elementary School. The festivities run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and include Holiday music by our beloved Kings Park Band, arts and crafts, face painting, a Cupcake Walk, and an appearance by the famous man in red, Santa Claus! Please bring your own camera to take photos with the famous "man in red."

All **KPCA Paid Members** are welcome to bring their children/grandchildren to this KPCA sponsored event. If you have not paid your dues please do so you can attend. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact KingsParkCivicAssociation@gmail.com. Any students needing service hours are welcome to help, please bring your service hours forms if you need them signed.

If you like to bake, please bake cupcakes as a prize for the Cupcake Walk. Volunteers can pick up any baked goods from you if you are not able to attend the party.



Holiday Lights/Decoration Contest (Thursday, December 18th)

The KPCA will be running its annual Holiday Decorating Competition on December 18th the evening. You may pre-register by emailing Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net so our esteemed judges know to look out for your house (and can give you a head's-up as to when the judges are heading over). Note that pre-registration is not required.

We will be nominating 5 winners! As well as recognition on social media and in our quarterly gazette, you will receive bragging rights, and the coveted sign in your front yard. Please have your lights on at dusk and leave them on until at least 9:30pm.

CALL FOR

VOLUNTEERS!


ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

NEW ROUTE ADDED - KINGS PARK DR!!




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

Support our community and
help clean up Kings Park Drive
(Between Braddock Rd &
Southampton Dr)

 **September 20, 2025**
11:00am - 1:00pm

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 Entrance to Kings
Park Park on Trafalgar Ct.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



Construction Fraud Alert

VP of Community Safety, Susan Cappa



There are a lot of construction fraud cases in Fairfax County, and they target elderly homeowners. Don't be one of them. Beware of people posing as contractors who come to your door offering home improvement services. The incidence of fraud is so large that the Fairfax County Police

Department has a Financial Crimes Unit to handle these cases. Victims lose anywhere from \$1,000-to \$80,000 because of incomplete, poor-quality, or nonexistent work. Here's how to spot fraudulent contractors:

- They knock on doors, uninvited.
- They claim to have leftover materials from another job and offer their services at a discounted price.
- Their vehicles are unmarked, with no company logos or license information.
- They establish false legitimacy by using the name of a neighbor as a client; or they may falsely use the name of a real business.

Now that you know what to look for, how can you protect yourself?

- Ask to see their county solicitation badge. Workers going from door-to-door soliciting business are considered salespersons and must have county identification.
- Don't hire contractors who show up uninvited.
- Never pay large amounts of cash up-front.
- Require written estimates, references, and proof of licenses. And check those documents!
- Discuss services with your family or trusted friends before committing to any job.

If you suspect fraud or suspicious activity in our neighborhood, contact the police nonemergency number (703) 691-2131 immediately if you want police to come and check out the situation. Have as much information ready as possible, including any solicitation materials left with you, time of the contact, number and description of the solicitors.

Be on the lookout and kick these fraudsters to the curb!

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.



or plants



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

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

Keeping Kings Park neat and beautiful benefits all of us. Thank you for checking your trees, shrubs and keeping our neighborhood attractive.



Climate Corner

By Karen Vahouny

The Climate Corner column was launched last December as a forum for environmental, energy, and sustainability ideas and actions within our Kings Park community.

One article this year had spotlighted a KP resident whose activism is making a positive impact on the health of Lake Accotink; another column promoted the benefits of composting.

What's been especially gratifying is hearing from you via email, phone or text (and even during walks through the neighborhood). Your suggestions and feedback not only reflect your interest in the subject but also encouragement to keep exploring and sharing ideas.

After the initial column, for example, one KP resident shared 10 easy-to-implement sustainability steps that her family had adopted. I've blended her list with some updated ideas at the end of this column.

Have more suggestions to add? Please reach out, and I'll share them in a future column.

Progress "Report": Our First Family Project Combining Climate Care with Volunteerism

The initial Climate Corner column had focused on my extended family's journey to combine our interest in environmental action with a long history of community service and activism.

The early focus of our "eco-team" was to meet via Zoom each month, sharing news and celebrating positive steps that members had taken. Later, we decided to move the needle from talking about ideas to taking more substantive action.

The result: On April 19 at 8 a.m., we had 14 family members from three generations gather at a homeless shelter in Alexandria for a "Garden Renewal" project. Our job was to create a new vegetable and pollinator garden for the residents of Mondloch House, whose name recognizes the service of my husband's (Dan's) father. Our team handled other projects, requested by the shelter staff in advance, such as painting a kitchen and installing backsplash tile; staining the outdoor gazebo; and organizing a large storage shed.

My words to describe the day: refreshing, energizing, and inspiring.

Successes

1. Working closely with the staff to identify its top priorities and matching these needs to our family members' areas of expertise.
2. Appointing a few members of our team to take the lead in advance planning and purchasing. For example, we were able to pre-cut and install the wood for the raised garden beds prior to our April work-day. The stain and paint had been purchased ahead of time. Plants were selected and delivered beforehand. We had all jobs pre-assigned, so that when each family member arrived, they could get right to work.
3. Breaking bread together. One person in our family prepared a wonderful lunch in advance, supplemented by some homemade sweets. Prior to the event, we asked that the staff join us for lunch and invite the residents, as well. Having lunch together was a special and gratifying part of the day.
4. Asking for donations. One of our family members had a personal connection with Merrifield Garden Center, and she asked if the company would be willing to donate some wood and plants for the garden. They went above and beyond, covering all our needs (and then some!) A special shout-out to [Merrifield Garden Center](#)!

Lesson Learned

In doing some weeding around the new raised beds, about a half dozen of us received a belated "gift": a bad case of poison ivy!

Positive PR

One member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and a senior representative from another Supervisor's staff joined us for lunch. The *Mount Vernon Gazette* was one of the local newspapers that published an article about the event, also including photos and quotes from family members. When asked about the rationale for volunteering, my brother-in-law (who was instrumental in the project's success) noted: "We were brought up to give back to the community."

Interested in planning a volunteer activity for your family?

Stay tuned; our next Climate Corner will feature some ideas you can consider.

Have you or your family done any type of environmentally friendly volunteer project this past year?

If so, please let me know; I'd love to share this in a future newsletter column. Reach out to: kvahouny@gmail.com or 703-624-2674 (via phone or text)

20 Earth-Friendly Ideas to Try (some of these are money-savers, too!)

1. Replace plastic water bottles with refillable, reusable containers.
2. Substitute walks and bike rides for short car trips.
3. Reprogram thermostat to use less energy, with different settings for day and night.
4. Set up indoor cans to separate trash from recycling. Create a separate trash container for glass recycling. There are glass collection dumpsters at the West Springfield Government Center and the Audrey Moore Rec Center.
5. Buy fruits and vegetables at area farmers' markets.
6. Use compostable bags, whenever possible. The farmers' markets, for example, use only compostable bags (if you forget to bring your own shopping bag). There are also compostable dog waste bags available on Amazon and at local pet stores.
7. Join the [Citizens Climate Lobby](#).
8. Try to reduce beef consumption and consider "Meatless Mondays" and more plant-based meals.
9. Organize or join an existing Fairfax County cleanup project.
10. Bundle your Amazon orders (and click the Reduce Carbon option).
11. Cut disposable towel use; reusable Swedish dishcloths or small hand towels are good substitutes.
12. Replace disposable paper napkins with reusable cloth napkins.
13. Use plant-based sponges for washing dishes.
14. Try to avoid using single-use plastic straws when dining out.
15. Instead of printing documents and editing them "the old-fashioned" way, send them to yourself (or others) via email and use online comments/edits.
16. Try to reduce paper by saving documents on your computer versus printing/filing them.
17. Re-use wrapping paper and ribbon from birthdays and holidays.
18. Before buying/planting flowers, shrubs and trees for your home, investigate whether your selections are invasive or non-invasive plants. Invasive plants can wreak havoc on our ecosystems. English Ivy and Bradford Pear trees are notable, common invasives here in our area, for example.
19. Use a five-gallon bucket with a screw top lid (kept outside with your trash/recycling bins), as an interim step between a kitchen counter compost bin and final disposal at a farmers' market/the county landfill.
20. Collect your compostable vegetable/fruit matter and bring it to the Future Acres Urban Farming compost collection booth at the farmer's markets (Audrey Moore on Wednesdays and the Burke market on Saturdays). If you contact me, I can add you to my "pickup list" on Wednesdays as part of a King Park neighborhood pilot compost collection activity. Please email kvahouny@gmail.com or call/text 703-624-2674.



Ten Cheers for our Kings Park Library!

Only 10 libraries in the United States were selected for a year-long program sponsored by [StoryCorps](#), whose focus is to encourage respectful conversations and bridge political divides.

Kings Park Library was among the 10!

Numerous school, university and community librarians around the country applied for the opportunity (and honor) to start a StoryCorps program and to hold monthly events for their library constituents.

Kings Park Librarian Susan Martin spearheaded the time- and data-intensive effort to prepare and submit the application last year. Librarians throughout the United States were encouraged to apply, and Susan received the great news about Kings Park's selection in January 2025.

Since then, she has joined participants from the nine other U.S. libraries for monthly online calls and training sessions.

The year-long StoryCorps program at the 10 libraries is aimed at strengthening connections and understanding in their communities. The librarians work closely with StoryCorps staff to develop and test a range of flexible programming – from simple self-guided activities to more structured group experiences. Community message boards, listening stations, reflection cards, and facilitated discussions are among the options.

For Susan, the process – from application to selection to kickoff – has been a labor of love. “Our library team not only views our selection as an honor but as another creative way to bring our community together,” she said.

Using the Kings Park Library's resources, expertise and location to help area residents engage constructively across differences is what piqued her interest in preparing the nomination.

History

After StoryCorps' One Small Step initiative was successfully piloted in 2017, the program had its official launch four years later. Then in 2024, the program expanded its focus from connecting individuals to incorporating the expertise and facilities of U.S. libraries and librarians.

[One Small Step](#) emphasizes the two words, *constructively and differences*, as guideposts for the program. The purpose is to encourage people to air their opinions and to listen to others with differing views, in order to help support respectful communication.

According to One Small Step, its program helps make it easier “to talk to and understand your neighbors, even ones that you might not agree with. Meaningful interactions and experiences across difference helps build understanding and respect among community members.”

Events

The StoryCorps program at Kings Park Library, branded as the *Civics Lab*, has held three events so far.

The kickoff, held on July 14, featured Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw. In her introduction that evening, Susan said that Supervisor Walkinshaw was a great choice as the first speaker for several reasons. First, he's a “neighbor”; both the Supervisor's office and the Kings Park Library are located in the same building! Another reason for inviting him, she said, was due to his dedication to working across the aisle and living the StoryCorps/ Civics Lab values.

Supervisor Walkinshaw spoke about the challenges and opportunities of working in local government with colleagues, citizens, and special interest groups that have competing values, goals, and ideals. His comments included stories about Board of Supervisors meetings that, while lengthy, could also reveal residents' perspectives that were critical to building full understanding of an issue and potentially influencing a vote. Supervisor Walkinshaw also facilitated an engaging, enlightening Q&A session with audience members.

Both the attendance and active audience participation offer an encouraging sign for upcoming Kings Park Library Civics Lab events. In fact, Susan noted that the July 14 event participation exceeded expectations.

All three events so far -- the July kickoff and both August events -- were “sold out.” The August 11 event introduced the Civics Lab and the background of One Small Step conversations. The August 25 gathering focused on examining how we form assumptions, often based on limited information, and offered tools to challenge or confirm initial impressions during conversations.

Note: The Civics Lab gatherings need to limit participation, based on room size and event purpose. So, be sure to sign up in advance. Despite being labeled “sold out” when the audience limit is reached, the library maintains a waiting list. All Civics Lab events are free.

Mark your calendar: The next Civics Lab, scheduled for October 11, is a movie screening of “Join or Die,” a documentary about the decline of civic engagement and the importance of joining community organizations and clubs. Registration will open two weeks prior to this event.

Upcoming Civics Lab events will be listed on the Kings Park Library [website](#), and you'll be able to register there. Civics Lab displays, updated periodically, will also be showcased in the library lobby.



Librarian Susan Martin and Braddock Supervisor James Walkinshaw host the inaugural Civics Lab event at the Kings Park Library.



New KP Neighborhood Compostable Collection... ...and it's free!

If you'd like to donate your compostable waste to a good cause, you can have it picked up right at your house once a week – and it won't cost you a thing!

And if the FREE incentive, isn't enough, here are some other reasons to collect your compostable food scraps:

- Composting reduces landfill waste and is a great way to battle climate change.
- Finished compost is used to improve soil quality in landscaping and agriculture – making even stronger, healthier plants.
- Our Fairfax County Park Authority farmer's markets offer free drop-off locations for compostable materials.
- The food scraps are delivered to and processed at a commercial composting facility.

A few more facts and figures:

Only 5% of that wasted food was composted, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. In the U.S., food is the single most common material sent to landfills and represents about one-quarter of all landfill waste.

More than 66 million tons of food waste were produced in the U.S. five years ago (according to the most recent data). Imagine the weight of 66 million small cars. That's a LOT of waste that could have been composted!



The volunteers at the Audrey Moore farmer's market compost collection booth are happy to collect our weekly compostables!

Our Kings Park compost program

Here's a sample of the wide variety of food scraps types you can put in your "KP Compost Bag": nuts, breads, cereals, rice, paste, meat, seafood, meat bones, dairy products, salad, fruits, vegetables,

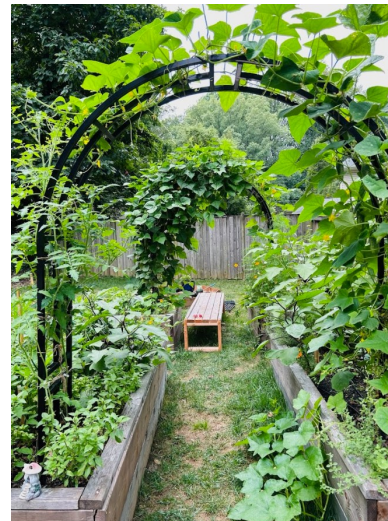
flowers, coffee grounds, paper towels, napkins, bags, and uncoated paper.

Note: Meats, animal bones and dairy items are not recommended if you have a backyard compost bin/heap, because they can attract animals. However, our farmer's market collection vendor is able to process these safely.

More details: Your bag doesn't need to be compostable. If it is, it can go right into the compost collection bin at the farmer's market. If not, we'll rinse it out afterwards and put the bag into our family plastic bag recycling collection.

The Audrey Moore farmer's market runs until the end of October.

Interested? Call or text Karen Vahouny at 703-624-2674 (or email kvahouny@gmail.com).



Kings Park resident, Alex Magness, has successfully integrated compost into her backyard garden. She grows kale, cucumbers, green beans, eggplants, pumpkins, tomatoes, herbs, strawberries, blueberries, and various flowers. If you're interested in seeing more, check out Alex on Instagram: @Lush_Life_Edible_Gardens.



“LITT’L BIT O’ BRIT” TOUR

By Sandy Kester, Kings Park resident since 1999

Worcha! [what’s happening?] Nice to see ya again on our little jaunt through Kings’ Park streets. Hop on the bus, buckle up, and let’s find out the story behind another street name. Today we’re stopping at **Copperfield Court**. Now, this one’s a corker [a real good one]. Is it named for a person? A place? A trick? Ahem... well, it’s got a literary twist, it does.

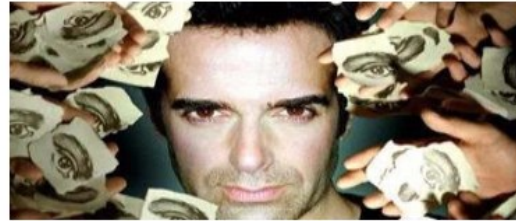
This time, our mystery takes us to the pages of **Charles Dickens** (1812–1870), one of the greatest British novelists of the Victorian era. Dickens gave us a whole cast of unforgettable characters, and today, it’s: **David Copperfield**.



David Copperfield (published in 1850) was Dickens’s own favorite among his works, calling it his “favourite child.” The novel follows young David as he grows from an ill-treated orphan into a successful writer, experiencing poverty, friendships, betrayals, and romance along the way.

Many readers spot the parallels with Dickens’s own life — working in a factory as a boy, dealing with debt, and striving to rise through grit and talent.

David Copperfield isn’t the only star — the book introduced us to unforgettable characters like the sly Uriah Heep (“ever so ‘umble”), the kind Peggotty, and the eternally optimistic Mr. Micawber, who always believed “something will turn up.” Dickens’s genius was in blending humor, social criticism, and heart. Through Copperfield’s struggles, we see harsh realities of Victorian society while giving readers hope and warmth.



This book was so loved that illusionist and magician David Seth Kotkin legally changed his name to David Copperfield as a nod to his grandfather who loved literature. Now that’s some love right there

So, as you can see, our **Copperfield Court** is named for Dickens’ beloved creation David Copperfield. That a tip of the hat to one of Britain’s finest storytellers. Right, mates, that’s the end of this ride. You may be daft as a brush [a little silly], but Bob’s your uncle [there you go]. Until next time, toodle-pip! Cheers, Love!

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Free County Service for Large Item Disposal

Fairfax County offers a free special pickup service for large items that regular trash collection services won't collect.

According to the county website, this service allows residents to dispose of items like furniture, carpeting, and appliances (like refrigerators, washers and grills).

County residents can get up to 5 free pickups per fiscal year. To schedule a special pickup, you can contact Fairfax County at:

Email: DPWESSWMPTrashCS@fairfaxcounty.gov

Phone: 703-802-3322.

Details:

- Placement: After you get your pickup date, put the items at the curb by 6 a.m.
- Separation of items: Separate items by type, such as brush,

metal, or general bulk.

- Size and Volume: Items should be less than 6 feet long. Be sure that the total volume is not more than 2 cubic yards (pile about 6 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft.) in order to avoid an extra charge.
- Clearance: Be sure to have a 20-foot clearance around items for safety, avoiding overhead utility lines or branches.
- Appliance Safety: For appliances like refrigerators, remove the doors.

Timing:

Please note that the county is currently experiencing delays in special pickups. The sooner you call, the sooner you'll get a pickup date. If, however, your items aren't collected on the scheduled day, please leave them at the curb; they will be picked up. For specific questions, contact the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at 703-324-5033.

Parliament Pool News and Updates

By Ed Argenta, President

Thank you all for a great summer pool season! Your continued support and help are what makes our community pool a success. We look forward to seeing you next season and bring your neighbors!

Although the pool is closed for the season, the work of the pool board continues. Here are some important updates to highlight over the next few weeks:

Pool Annual Meeting and Elections - Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 PM at the pool. Thank you for those that have already reached out. We still need more members to join the board! We will be electing the 2026 Board at this meeting. The board positions include: President, Vice President (early vacancy), Treasurer, Secretary, Maintenance, and Operations. If you're interested in a position, please reach out to me. The [bylaws](https://parliament-pool.com/by-laws-15/) (<https://parliament-pool.com/by-laws-15/>) describe the duties of each role, and I'm happy to answer any specific questions you may have.

Whitecoat Replacement. We've reached the end of the 11-year lifespan of our current pool whitecoat. The maintenance chair is currently gathering bids for a replacement. This will be a topic of discussion at the annual meeting, but please reach out if you have any immediate concerns. The board continues to carefully assess our financial situation.

Pool Deck Cleanup & Reimbursements. If you're interested in helping with the pool deck cleanup and winterizing, please contact Colin Weimer at cweimer@hotmail.com. Additionally, if you

volunteered for 8 hours this season and have not yet submitted for your \$100 reimbursement check, please do so by September 30. You can find the link [here: https://parliament-pool.com/2023-service-fee-refund-17/](https://parliament-pool.com/2023-service-fee-refund-17/).

A Crucial Reminder About Board Positions

The pool **NEEDS YOUR HELP** to ensure we can deliver a safe and welcoming pool in 2026. Only the Membership and Social Directors are returning for the 2026 Board.

Without additional board members, we risk not being able to open the pool next season or having to hire an outside management company, which would significantly raise everyone's membership dues. Please remember that all board members can have their membership fees reimbursed after successfully fulfilling their duties each year.

If you are interested in a position, any of the other items in this message, or to learn more about the wonderful community asset that Parliament Pool is, please contact me at presidentparliamentpool@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Ed Argenta
Parliament Pool President





Real Estate Corner

Active/Coming Soon Listings

Style	Address	List Price
DUCHESS	8717 VICTORIA RD	\$815,000
PRINCE	8449 THAMES ST	\$759,000

Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
DUCHESS	8527 PARLIAMENT DR	\$679,000
DUKE	8714 CROMWELL DR	\$689,000
DUKE	5518 VENTNOR LN	\$719,000
KING	5518 KEMPTON DR	\$709,000
PRINCE	8909 VICTORIA RD	\$709,000
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DUCHESS	5526 YORKSHIRE ST	\$825,000	\$856,000	\$22,900	\$833,100	\$8,100	06/18/25
DUCHESS	5211 SOUTHAMPTON DR	\$730,000	\$735,999		\$735,999	\$5,999	06/25/25
DUCHESS	8414 THAMES ST	\$800,000	\$800,000		\$800,000	\$0	08/22/25
DUKE	5507 KINGS PARK DR	\$775,000	\$775,000		\$775,000	\$0	06/10/25
DUKE	8618 KENILWORTH DR	\$729,000	\$740,000		\$740,000	\$11,000	07/02/25
DUKE	5606 EASTBOURNE DR	\$715,000	\$715,000		\$715,000	\$0	08/27/25
KING	5523 VENTNOR LN	\$775,000	\$800,000		\$800,000	\$25,000	06/20/25
KING	5403 ROLLING RD	\$675,000	\$675,000		\$675,000	\$0	07/25/25
KING	5420 EASTBOURNE DR	\$759,999	\$750,000	\$5,000	\$745,000	(\$14,999)	08/26/25
PRINCE	8459 THAMES ST	\$699,950	\$699,950		\$699,950	\$0	06/23/25
QUEEN	8513 PARLIAMENT DR	\$749,999	\$750,000	\$18,750	\$731,250	(\$18,749)	07/01/25
QUEEN	5517 YORKSHIRE ST	\$925,875	\$925,000	\$25,175	\$899,825	(\$26,050)	07/07/25
QUEEN	8608 LONDON CT	\$719,000	\$719,000		\$719,000	\$0	07/16/25
QUEEN	5303 ROLLING RD	\$1,349,900	\$1,350,000		\$1,350,000	\$100	08/12/25
QUEEN	5525 ROLLING RD	\$799,800	\$765,000	\$11,175	\$753,825	(\$45,975)	08/29/25

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Help Reduce the Destructive Lanternfly Population!

Here's one way to make a big dent in the harm being done by these invasive insects: Find and "capture" their eggs! Consider asking your kids or other family members to join you in the "hunt."

In Virginia, female lanternflies lay their eggs from September through November (until the first hard frost), according to NBC4 Washington. "These egg masses can be found on various outdoor surfaces like trees, rocks, and even on vehicles or outdoor furniture. The egg masses are about an inch long and resemble a smear of mud."

Lanternflies often lay their eggs on or near the trees where they feed, so this is a good place to start.

A number of sources suggest that you put a few ounces of rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer into a plastic sandwich bag. Scrape each egg off the surface with a butter knife, putty knife, or credit card and put it into the baggie. Egg masses that are simply scraped off a tree and fall onto the ground can still be viable and hatch in the spring.



The lanternfly



An egg mass

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

The twelfth recipient of the "Royal Resident" Flag was **Marissa Tonelero!** Marissa was nominated for her continued support in updating our two sign boards on Braddock Road, as well as her engagement in our community and support with initiatives throughout the year. She has shown outstanding dedication and service to many aspects of the community, and we are lucky to that she chose to come live in Kings Park!

The 13th recipient of the Royal Flag is **Rachel Henderson Eliff!** The people who nominated her highlighted her initiative in developing and executing the resident survey ([you can still take it here](#)), as well as her support in helping to organize the highly successful recent National Night Out event. We are lucky to have Rachel and her family as Kings Park residents!

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPCASurvey2025>





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