

# KPCA News

Newsletter of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.

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## President's Corner

I encourage all of you to attend the neighborhood meeting announced in this issue of the *News*. The future services that the KPCA can offer and are wanted need to be aired and discussed, and an election for the Board will be held. Refreshments will be supplied. Newly moved-in neighbors are especially urged to come, and children are welcome.

*Ken Rubinson*  
KPCA President

## Annual Meeting of KPCA

and Election of New KPCA Board

**Monday, June 2, 7:30PM**

Walt Whitman High School Cafeteria

Refreshments will be served

## Notification of Annual Meeting and Election of New KPCA Board of Directors

A general meeting of the KPCA will take place on June 3, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Walt Whitman High School. All residents of Kenwood Park are welcome, regardless of membership status. KPCA by-laws prescribe an election at this time.

	<b>Current Members</b>	<b>Nominated</b>
<b>Officers</b> (serve 2 years)		
President	Ken Rubinson	
Vice-President	Ben Vitiello	
Secretary	Vacant	Foroud Arsanjani
Treasurer	Hannah Elson	Hannah Elson
<b>Directors-at-Large</b> (3 to 6)		
(serve 1 year)	Foroud Arsanjani	Ben Vitiello
	Richard Berney	Richard Berney
	Paula Whyman	Ken Rubinson
<b>Standing Committee Chairs</b> (appointed)		
Security	Maraline Trager	Maraline Trager
Membership	Hannah Elson	
Activities	Linda Chaletzky	Linda Chaletzky
Community Issues	Herb Stone	Herb Stone
Publicity	Edward Elson	Faye Rubinson

Anyone who wishes to stand for any office, please submit your name to Ken Rubinson. Nominations can also be made at the meeting.

Ken Rubinson, *President* (301) 263-0452 pres@KPCAonline.org  
Alpha Security: (301) 292-3000 (24/7) Patrol car: (240) 210-6580  
Visit the KPCA web site: <http://www.kpcaonline.org>

# Kenwood Park Citizens Association

**Please renew your membership today (or join for the first time).**

*July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015*

**Security patrol contribution and KPCA membership together: \$295.**

KPCA membership only: \$85.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: (Someone we can call if you are out of town or are disabled, even in the evening):

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: Kenwood Park Citizens Association (or KPCA)

Please mail to: Hannah Elson, KPCA Treasurer  
6320 Lenox Rd.  
Bethesda, MD 20817

## Kenwood Park Kennel Club

In light of the interest shown by KP residents for a dog get together, KP Kennel Club is preparing for our next Yappy Hour. If anyone is willing to host or help with the next party, please contact Neda [kpkennel@kpcaonline.org](mailto:kpkennel@kpcaonline.org).

### Spring Safety tips for our pets:

Now that its spring time, there are a number of ways on how we can show are love and care for our pets.

### Insect Bites:

Insect, bee and spider bites can cause your pet to go into anaphylactic shock. This is life threatening. Do not use tweezers to remove bee stingers, as this will squeeze more venom into your pet's body. Use a credit card instead. Place the card under the stinger to lift it up and then flick it out. Symptoms include pain, redness and swelling at site, unconsciousness, seizures, excessive salivation, vomiting, and respiratory distress. This is very similar to snakebite. Keeping calm helps your pet to stay calm. It is a good idea to investigate whenever your pet is licking at an area, as it may be the first sign of a bite. Your pet first aid kit should contain an antihistamine dosed for your pet by your veterinarian. If you suspect anaphylactic shock, contact your veterinarian for instructions prior to your arrival at their office.

### Ticks, Mosquitos, and Fleas:

They spread disease and severe illnesses. Every year there seems to be another new tick borne disease. Use a preventative. Use Aromapaws or Aromadog, and Pet Naturals of Vermont make repellants that are a success.

### Gardening

Know which plants, bulbs, and shrubs are hazardous to your pets. The ASPCA's website: [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org), has a comprehensive list of poisonous plantings. Many commercially prepared types of mulch are treated with chemicals that are toxic and cocoa mulches contain cocoa, AKA chocolate. Store fertilizers and pesticides in their original containers and away from your pets. Keep pets away from treated areas, as they will absorb toxins through the skin or pads. In addition, they may lick their paws and ingest the poison.

### Weather

Spring storms bring thunder and lightning. It can be fearful for some pets causing them to run off. Make sure your pet is well identified. A well-identified pet has a better chance of returning home. Thundershirts, [www.thundershirt.com](http://www.thundershirt.com); is a snug fitting jacket that helps alleviate anxiety during storms. Herbal remedies, from Bach's and Alaskan Essences, may offer some relief.

## Board Decision on Next Fiscal Year Dues

The Board has determined that dues for the coming fiscal year, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, will be \$295 for Security membership and \$85 for social membership. This is a reduction of dues for the present period which were \$338 and \$100. A membership application in this issue reflects the new dues schedule.

### NEEDED:

Volunteer to organize the Fourth of July parade this year.  
Please contact [pres@kpcaonline.org](mailto:pres@kpcaonline.org)

### New Security Service and Changes in Requests for Vacation Coverage

We have continued to have performance problems with our current security service provider, Alpha Security. As a result the contract with Alpha will be terminated effective May 17. An effort is being made to find a new provider. Because of the short time frame, it is possible that there will be a brief period without coverage. The Board is endeavoring to avoid this situation. Updates will be provided on the KPCA website and through the list-serve.

With regard to service issues the Board is paying particular attention to quality assurance and mechanisms for prompt resolution of service problems by any new security service provider.

Until May 17 the phone at the Alpha office is 301-292-3000. For an evening emergency, when the patrol car is on duty in Kenwood Park, it can be reached at 240-210-6580.

**It's Your Neighborhood!**  
**Speak-Up! Participate!**  
**Attend the Annual Meeting**

**Monday, June 2nd**  
**Walt Whitman H.S. Cafeteria**  
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## What the Membership Dues Provide

The membership dues cover many things, including:

- Newsletter production and distribution
- Club mailings
- Pot Luck dinners
- Halloween Party
- Fourth of July Parade

## What the Security Service Provides

The security service operates through the evening, night, and morning. A marked patrol car circulates through Kenwood Park, traversing all streets, several times a shift. There are appropriate dwell times at various locations. If you have a safety concern, the patrol car can be contacted at 240-210-6580 (note that this will change after May 17). If you want vacation coverage, call the Security Office, (not the patrol car) at 301-292-3000, (will change after May 17) during the work week. The Office will check to make sure you are on the paid Security Member list. During the nights you designate, the patrol officer on duty in the patrol car will be instructed to make a walk around your property, and will clear away accumulating newspapers or mail, placing those items in a location not visible from the street. If you have an alarm service you can inform the security service and the alarm service, so that they can contact each other. In the event of evidence of forced entry of a property, the security service can notify the home-owner and the police. If the security patrol officer witnesses a criminal-entry he will immediately notify the police. The patrol officer will also inform Security Members if they have an open garage door. The presence of the patrol also provides deterrence against professional crime in our entire neighborhood, and is worth your support!



## Kenwood Park Book Group

The Kenwood Park Book Club is reading Yoko Ogawa's *The Housekeeper and the Professor*, and we will meet again on

May 22. For more information, contact [sjgust@msn.com](mailto:sjgust@msn.com).

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## KPCA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The annual plant swap was held Sunday, April 27 th at the Durbin Rd. Triangle. *Special thanks to all the families that contributed to running the lemonade stand and bake sale to help buy plants that will beautify our neighborhood public spaces.*

If you missed it, the "plant swap" is not an even-exchange. You are welcome to just drop off plants that you want to divide or no longer suit your needs, or just pick-up something you want to try in your garden. You can also just drop by to say hello. Ultimately the purpose is to encourage the love of gardening, and socialize with neighbors.

Hope to see you next year !

Please contact : [Sinalymroy@gmail.com](mailto:Sinalymroy@gmail.com) or 301-229-3459 to be included on our email list and make sure you are updated on all our events.

Thanks to all that helped make the plant swap a success. All the plants have found new homes and the bake sale/ lemonade stand made \$86.00, which will go into our plant fund. I will look into expanding the garden in the triangle this fall and find out about the possibility of installing a bench.

Please let me know if anyone is interested in helping out with sprucing up the beds Goldboro/ Millwood entrance into Kenwood. I plan to go out within the next couple of weeks, now that the bulbs are dying back.

Thanks for your support and please let me know if you have any suggestions. Will keep you posted.

*Sinaly*

## Web Master Wanted

KPCA needs some talented fingers to maintain our web site. Update content, insert announcements, place PDFs of the newsletters and anything else you can think of to make the site more useful to your friends and neighbors. A small stipend may be available. Contact the newsletter editor at 301-320-2837.