

KPCA News

Newsletter of the Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.

Promoting and enhancing the Kenwood Park neighborhood

Volume 26, Issue 1 • July 2020

From The KPCA Board Of Directors

We send our best wishes to all of our residents during these trying times of the pandemic. We have been compelled to cancel the 4th of July parade, the Fall Festival, the back-to-school ice cream social, and "Front Yard Fridays" in accordance with best practices and good judgment. We will adjust our practices following guidance from the county and state. Any such changes will appear on our KPCA list-serve and KPCA website. Please sign up for the KPCA neighborhood list-serve on our website at <http://www.kpcaonline.org>.

Subject: Virtual voting

Due to COVID-19 and in the interests of safety and health for our community, KPCA elections and summer business meeting will be held virtually via a secure Zoom meeting on August 11th 2020 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The meeting ID is: ??? ???? ?????. The password is: ??????. The meeting hyperlink will be sent in an email to those on the KPCA list-serve before the meeting.

The slate of candidates is printed below. At the meeting, you can nominate someone, or yourself, and additional names can be added to the slate.

President: Foroud Arsanjani

Vice-President: Open

Secretary: Patty McAllister

Treasurer: Hannah Elson

Directors-at-Large: Jo-Ann Harrison, Ed Elson,
Lindsey Dickinson, Krishna Collie

Volunteers are also needed to chair committees of the Board, namely the Traffic and Safety Committee, the Security Committee, and the Activities Committee.

We want to express our appreciation to our volunteer who has chaired the Membership Committee and

KPCA Annual Report

2019-2020:

Actions and Achievements

by Jo-Ann Harrison

The Board of KPCA and its volunteers dealt with six main areas during 2019-2020: dissemination of verified information, "greening" of Kenwood Park, security, safety, community concerns, and community building.

- ◆ A significant initiative was establishing a neighborhood list serve (kcpa@listserve.com), for quickly disseminating important information to our residents. Previously KPCA relied on other forums for communication. This list serve now also pro-

Continued on Page 7

Block Captains, Susan Goda, even though she did not want to be on the Board.

Technology Note: All members should plan to join using a computer (preferred) or tablet/smartphone with a screen. Voting will be conducted live through an in-screen poll, or by acclamation as in years past. You do not need to have a video camera or a Zoom subscription to use Zoom or download the mobile app. There will be an opportunity to test the Zoom meeting link prior to the meeting.

See You on Zoom

KPCA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th, 7:30 - 9 pm

Foroud Arsanjani, *President* pres@KPCAonline.org
Visit the KPCA web site: <http://www.kpcaonline.org> for news and events

KPCA Garden Club News

by Sinaly Roy

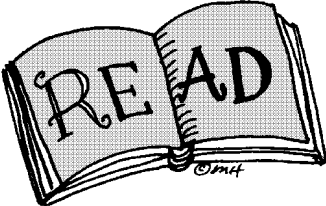
During the last few months, the Corona Virus has given us a new appreciation for the important role that our outdoor environment plays in our general state of well-being. Despite so many restrictions to living our normal lives, our neighborhood streets have given us the opportunity to still enjoy the fresh air, exercise, relax, and experience the glory of spring.

This has drawn attention to the condition of the landscaping in several of our neighborhood public spaces. Some of the locations in need of landscaping maintenance and improvement are:

- **The Kenwood Park Sign Entrance at Goldsboro Road onto Millwood Road** (see photo below).
- **The Lenox Road Traffic Circle at the intersection of Lenox Road and Millwood Road**



Goldsboro Road Entrance to Kdenwood Park



Book Club

The Kenwood Park Book Club will meet again someday, post Covid-19. For information please contact Sandy Gust at sjgust@uwalumni.com.

- **The Durbin Triangle Traffic Median at the intersection of Durbin Road and Radnor Road.**

The Garden Club would like to come up with a **sustainable plan for the beautification and maintenance** of these public spaces. As residents of Kenwood Park, your input is invaluable.

If you have any interest in helping us to achieve beautiful public space landscaping, that we can be proud of in Kenwood Park, please contact:

garden@kpcaonline.org

We look forward to your hearing from you.

**Special Note: Our annual Spring plant exchange had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. We hope to carry on with the plant exchange in the Fall; date TBA.*



BETHESDA METRO AREA VILLAGE

Your home Your neighborhood Your future

Are you over 50 and seeking to engage more with the community? Recently retired and looking for your next activity? Would you like to volunteer? Meet more of your neighbors?

Become a volunteer with BMAV and help your neighbors with rides, technology assistance or friendly visits. Become a member and enjoy social connections, educational classes and a rich array of activities.

Learn more about membership levels or volunteering:

www.bmavillage.org

240-630-2628

info@bmavillage.org

Where Have All the Listings Gone?

The pandemic has, of course, affected the real estate market just as it has all other aspects of our lives. From buyers purchasing homes sight unseen, to agents providing sanitizer, masks and gloves, to doing business primarily electronically instead of in person, operating in this environment has been a stretch for everyone. But the reality is that there are still buyers out there. And they are serious buyers. We are seeing far fewer dabblers and more people who are eager to actually move! They are being more selective in which homes they actually personally view so as to keep the possible exposures down. The photos and virtual tours are even more important than ever. As is staging. That first impression means everything!

But where are the listings? Sellers are asking themselves if they want to take the risk of having strangers in their homes. Even with precautions they are concerned that it is potentially unsafe. We have had very low inventory, particularly in the spring market, for a number of years now, but this year it is dramatic. So that means that, for sellers who are willing, they are more apt to see their homes go under contract quickly, often with multiple offers, as the buyers compete to win the prize. And the suburbs, where back yards and outdoor space are the norm, are looking more and more appealing after years of people wanting to live an urban lifestyle.

Everything is still up in the air (including droplets!), so no one really knows how this will all play out. But what we do know is the market we have at the

moment. The rates are still incredibly low, allowing buyers to purchase more house for the dollar. People are wanting to take advantage of that. But they don't have a lot of selection. So it's still a seller's market.

In Kenwood Park there has been remarkably little activity since the last newsletter. There are 5 homes on the market: a new listing at 6804 Marbury Road, built in 1956, for \$1,139,000, one on Radnor Ct. for \$1.148M, one on Midhill built in 2013 for \$4M, one on Millwood built in 2014 for \$2.250M and one on Marbury built last year priced at \$1.995M. There is one under contract at 7004 Millwood with an asking price of \$2.150M and ONLY ONE HOME HAS CLOSED since December's newsletter at \$2.100M. Two are temporarily off the market and two not yet completed homes will be coming on the market. There are currently four properties for rent between \$3890 and \$9000/mo. And six have rented between \$4000 and \$6000. One is pending with a list rental of \$4900. These numbers are very low for Kenwood Park.

Please stay safe, stay home and may you find peace.

*contributed by Linda Chaletzky
lchaletzky@eversco.com*

*Statistics are taken from the Metropolitan Regional Information System for three areas: Washington, D.C., Montgomery County, Maryland, and Fairfax County, Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church in Virginia.

Bridge Club

The Kenwood Park Bridge Club normally meets on weekday mornings or afternoons in neighbors' homes. We are looking for more singles and couples interested in playing at the intermediate level. Please join us! Because of Covid-19 our meetings are suspended indefinitely at this time. For more information call Gloria Fitchett (301) 229-8480, or dfitchett@msn.com.

Peter Dressner - PC Repair Specialist

MS Windows, Apple OS X, Linux
Serving Bethesda Inside Beltway + Adjacent Neighborhoods

Networking, Virus Removal, PC Problem Resolution
Data Recovery and Data Backup, Parental Controls
New PC Setup and Data Transfer, Pre-Purchase Advice

Located in Kenwood Park, Bethesda
Flexible Hours (24/7) Email: bethsdapcrepair@gmail.com
Tel: 301-718-1088 Blog: bethsdapcrepair.wordpress.com

The “New Normal” for KPCA

By Jo-Ann Harrison

The pandemic and the resulting restrictions have brought many changes to our lives. We have had to develop “new norms” of doing all our shopping on-line, teleworking from home, on-line classes for students instead of going to school, wearing masks as part of our attire outside, and maintaining distance between people. Closing schools, organizations and businesses has made the home both a center of telecommuting work and distance education.

Some of these changes we are very unhappy about and some we actually like. The quiet neighborhood streets and skies are a present to some who have longed for peace and quiet, and a handicap to others who want or have to travel. Some parents have found being together with their children all day an opportunity for more “quality” time whereas other parents have found it a burden to supervise their children and carry on their work. Many institutions are rethinking how they are organized and will cope with the continuing pandemic.

KPCA has had to rethink how it will adapt to these changes. The Board of KPCA meets either by free con-

ference calls or Zoom. We have initiated a new on-line service to help with communication. The Board has decided to distribute our KPCA newsletter additionally in an on-line version from now on. We will notify residents who have not signed up. We have also decided to hold our Annual Meeting on August 11 via Zoom, where we will nominate and vote for our new Board.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our July 4th celebration this year and Front Yard Fridays. We would appreciate your sending the Board suggestions for rethinking our social events and celebrations in light of Montgomery County’s regulations.

How to Keep Your Pets Safe and Happy During The Coronavirus Pandemic

By Neda Arsanjani

While consumed by our concern for household health issues surrounding the pandemic, one very loyal family member is quite often forgotten. According to USA Today, the CDC says there is no evidence that any animals in the U.S. have contracted or can spread the virus. This also means that quarantining them is an unnecessary measure. However, you should still take precautions with your pets if you become sick with confirmed coronavirus.

These are some of the healthy habits the CDC recommends upholding in everyday life with a pet:

1. Wash your hands after playing with your pet to ensure the health of you and your pet.
2. If you get sick, restrict your contact with your pets the same way you would with humans.
3. Continue walking your dogs but limit petting, snuggling, and kissing, just in case.
4. Keep your pet eating well to maintain their good health in general and stock up on pet supplies to ensure you have at least a couple of weeks’ worth.
5. Keep your pet entertained with activities such as hiding treats around the room or fenced yard and let them hunt.
6. Allow for taking your dog for walks so long as you maintain the CDC recommended distance from others and their pets.

Linda Chaletzky

Realtor Licensed in MD, DC & VA

Incomparable Service... Incredible Results!



c: 301.938.2630 | o: 202.364.1700

lchaletzky@eversco.com

www.lindachaletzky.com

EVERS & Co.

REAL ESTATE

A LONG & FOSTER COMPANY



We urge people once again to join the KPCA security patrol because of the benefits - they patrol the streets and are a presence and deterrent to crime or vandalism. The patrol can also do a walk around your house when you are on vacation, pick up your packages, and send you pictures to show you that your house is secure. A residential membership without patrol support is possible for only \$55 this year. Know that you are supporting the neighborhood newsletter, website and list-serve, community events, and a voice in county affairs.

KPCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Security Patrol plus Resident membership, both included for: \$295

Resident membership alone: \$55

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME: _____

SPOUSE's LAST NAME: _____ SPOUSE's FIRST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Someone KPCA can notify in case of an emergency):

Would you like to receive emails from your street block captain? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like to be a street captain for your block? Yes ___ No ___

If you are not already on the Kenwood Park list serve, would you like to be added? Yes ___ No ___

SECURITY MEMBERS ONLY: In the event the patrolling security officer notices your **garage door** is open and it is after **11 pm**, would you like to receive a call about your garage door being open? (Please note the patrol car drives around the neighborhood at varied times during the day or night. The patrol has your phone number only if you are a security patrol member.) Yes ___ No ___

You may pay online at <http://kpcaonline.org/join> using the PayPal button, or mail a check payable to Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc. (or KPCA) and this Form to:

KPCA Treasurer
PO Box 127
Glen Echo, MD 20812

This page intentionally left blank so that you can remove it.

Be a part of Bethesda Metro Area Village

BMAV is a neighborhood nonprofit that uses the time, talents and expertise of neighbors to help older neighbors thrive and remain engaged in the community they love. During the pandemic, we are open and operating! Though we are practicing safe physical distancing, we're "virtually" more socially connected than ever before.

- ◆ Social, Cultural, and Wellness Programs. When the pandemic began, our village quickly adapted from the many in-person events and field trips members regularly enjoyed. From April to June we held 150 virtual programs – including small group discussions, happy hours, book club, bridge, and presentations by notable speakers.
- ◆ Community Connections and Volunteer Support. Members and volunteers are staying connected with frequent check-in calls, grocery or other deliveries, tech help over the phone, and access to a discussion forum where we share recommendations to online tips, resources and fun diversions. Through trainings and one-on-one help, we help members with access to the online world.

Members report feeling a part of a caring community and are not isolated or alone. We invite you to join our community of mutual support and engagement. BMAV offers one-month free trial memberships. You probably already know friends and neighbors who are members or volunteers. You may even have thought about joining BMAV but haven't gotten around to it. There's no time like the present to join and experience the community and support your neighborhood village has to offer.

If you are interested in trying out membership with BMAV, visit our website at www.bmavillage.org, email info@bmavillage.org or call 240-630-2628. While you are on our website check out our upcoming events, many of which are open to the public.

Acknowledgments

The Editor wishes to thank the contributors to this newsletter and Hannah Elson for editorial assistance. Special thanks goes to Ken Chaletzky of Copy General for preparation of this issue. .

Edward Elson news@kpcasonline.org

KPCA Annual Report – Continued from Page 1

vides an avenue for KPCA members to share information or concerns. Thus far 171 KPCA residents have signed on to this list serve. We wish to encourage all residents of Kenwood Park to sign up.

- ◆ In line with Montgomery County's goal of counteracting the warming climate, we instituted a street tree planting project. The county agreed to give us accelerated service. Thus far thirteen requests for new trees have been honored.
- ◆ We continued to provide a security patrol for the neighborhood (Urban Alarm) to keep our neighborhood safer.
- ◆ We have been in contact with Bethesda's Police Department regarding safety. Traffic issues and high school student speeding have been addressed in a meeting with Walt Whitman High school's principal. Our request for sidewalks on Millwood Road and Lenox Road is pending with the County. In the wake of the recent school bus accident on Tanglewood Drive. KPCA identified a number of intersections needing stop signs. The County addressed this issue by painting lines for stopping on these intersections.
- ◆ KPCA responded to a variety of community concerns such as, the WSSC sewer rehabilitation project, the gas line replacement project, and airplane noise abatement. We monitored and kept in close communication with the utilities about these developments, alerting residents to their progress as well as responding to residents' specific questions. KPCA's representative to the Quiet Skies Coalition kept KPCA abreast of progress in the court cases against FAA. We held a meeting in the Connie Morella library on January 12, 2020 and heard from state delegate Sara Love about legislation regarding a number of issues.
- ◆ During this past summer, KPCA also provided the Fall Festival to encourage community building as well as Front Yard Fridays. We initiated building support networks through block captains in the Fall and opened a support line on our list serve during the stage 1 response to Covid-19. We received a number of requests on-line for grocery and medical supplies. KPCA has agreed to cooperate with Bethesda Metro Village affording social, cultural and wellness opportunities for seniors in our neighborhood. (see article about BMAV)

KPCA News

Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 127
Glen Echo, MD 20812

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
Suburban, MD
Permit No. 3109

See You on Zoom

KPCA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th, 7:30 – 9 pm