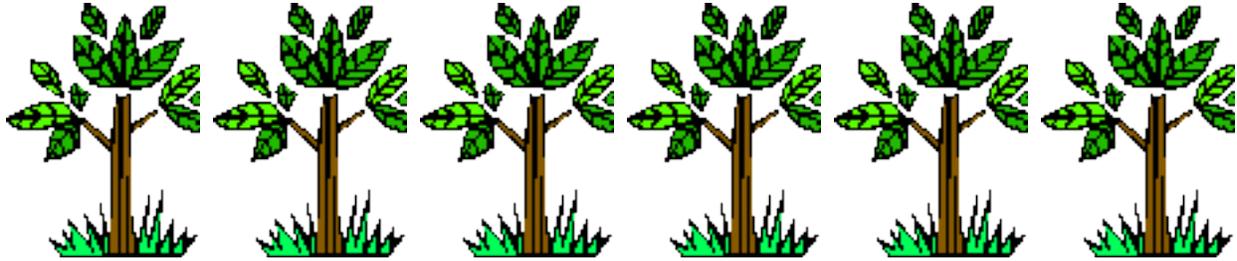


Spring 2003

Parkwood Resident's Association: News Update



The next PRA meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:30 pm in the All-Purpose room at KP Elementary School. Please contact Liz Brennan or Jan Rothman if you have any items that you would like placed on the agenda.

March 18th Meeting Agenda Items:

- Property Tax Assessments for Westbrook, Clearbrook, Dresden and Greenfield Streets
- Presentation and discussion of 2003 PRA Budget
- Updates: Proposed Bioterrorism Facility at NIH, LCOR Development at White Flint
- Committee Reports

NIH Bio-terrorism Facility Update

Submitted by Kira Lueders, Ph.D.

In response to opposition from surrounding neighborhoods to the proposed biodefense facility, NIH has agreed to carry out a hazard/risk assessment study. The results of the study will be reviewed by a task group made up of 3 members of the NIH Community Liaison Council and an NIH official, and I will be part of this group. The Council now includes a representative from Stone Ridge School. Additionally a staff member from Rep. Van Hollen's office has attended recent meetings in response to his interest in this issue. It is difficult to predict what effect, if any, a negative study result would have on NIH plans, and it may not be possible to prevent the construction of this facility at the corner of Rockville Pike and Cedar Lane. However, I will strenuously continue to oppose NIH plans to use live anthrax in this facility (Building 33).

Dr. Kira Lueders is the Parkwood representative on the NIH Community Liaison Council. If you have any questions or would like to contact Kira she can be reached at: kklarl@yahoo.com 301-496-6855

Rockville Pike Traffic Relief

Submitted by Eleanor Rice, Locust Hills Estates

Are you or someone else in your community significantly inconvenienced by the no left turn between 4-6 on Rockville Pike and Cedar Lane (east)? The Maryland State Highway Administration wants to give us a left turn, 24/7, but this involves narrowing the median strip for several hundred feet on Rockville Pike to create a "holding lane". This can be accomplished this year with funds already in their budget. We have to identify it as a priority so the district engineer can take our correspondence or e-mails when he presents before the new secretary of transportation. If you live in the 18th legislative district, write or e-mail State Senator Sharon Grosfeld, 9906 Old Spring Road, Kensington 20895 or e-mail at sharon_grosfeld@senate.state.md.us. Tell her how important this traffic project is to your daily commute and access to your neighborhood.

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CKC Writes to County Executive

Submitted by Liz Brennan

At its January meeting, the Coalition of Kensington Communities (CKC) hosted newly elected council member from District 5 Tom Perez and Carol Bowis, Legislative Aide to Council Member Howard Denis, District 1. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a comprehensive snapshot of the issues of importance to the residents of the Kensington area.

The CKC is a one-year-old umbrella group comprised of 11 resident/civic associations in the greater Kensington area. Current participants include: Byeford -- Rock Creek Highlands, Capital View Park Citizens Association, Garrett Park Citizens Association, Garrett Park Estates -- White Flint Park Civic Association, KenGar Residents Association, Kensington Estates Civic Association, Kensington Heights Citizens Association, Kensington View, Parkwood Residents Association Rock Hills Citizens Association and Rock Creek Palisades Citizen's Association.

The group voted to write a letter sharing top priorities to County Executive Doug Duncan with copies to the Montgomery County Council President and State Representatives in District 16, 17 and 18. The letter urged Mr. Duncan to focus on the following issues in the County's FY04 budgets:

- Community Center at the HOC site in Kensington
- Adequate Fire and Rescue Services throughout the County
- Focus on Solving Local Traffic Issues
- Maintain the School Modernization Schedule

Another theme that resonated through-out the neighborhoods was a desire for the revitalization of the Kensington Business District. Several community leaders indicated an interest to move more aggressively on the Kensington Concept Plan. This item was not included in the letter to the Executive as it is primarily the Town of Kensington's responsibility to advocate on this issue. A copy of the Kensington Concept Plan is available at the Town Hall. The next meeting of the CKC is Thursday, March 27th to be hosted by the Rock Creek Palisades.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chris St. Clair

It is time for the executive committee to recommend a 2003 budget to the PRA membership. If you or your committee has a need or desire that requires funding, please make your requests known as soon as possible to one of the PRA officers so it can be considered in the 2003 budget.

1/1/2003 account balance	369.38
1/1/2003 cash on hand	75.18
4th qtr expenses: copying and room rental	-34.51
2003 Memberships received: 62	620.00

Current account balance	819.38
Cash on hand	70.67
Checks to be deposited	140.00
Grand total	1030.05

Parkwood Directory Underway

Submitted by Kitty Stone

Many of us have already submitted information to be included in the PRA neighborhood directory, but there are still many people who haven't been heard from. The Parkwood Directory can serve as a wonderful resource to make our neighborhood more cohesive. The more residents listed, the more unified the neighborhood.

Please print the [directory form](#), fill it out, and send it to me via email (castone3@aol.com), fax (301/564-9574), or mail (4313 Clearbrook Lane, Kens. 20895) so we can be sure to include everyone who wishes to have their complete information listed -- and that those who do not wish to be listed are not.

If you or anyone you know is interested in advertising in the directory (scheduled for publication in March), please contact Debbie Zwick at 301/581-9392.

Wheaton Redevelopment Program Status

Submitted by Marian Fryer

We are on target to start construction in 2003 on a number of projects, geared to revitalizing Wheaton's urban district. We are looking forward to the following new developments:

- A fourth anchor store, Macys is scheduled to open in the Westfield Shoppingtown Wheaton in 2005.
- Target has been open since July and reports sales above projections for 2002.
- Giant Food, a full service super market, is under construction, with a projected opening date in October 2003.
- 325 residential units and garage at Georgia Avenue (near Viers Mill), construction to begin in mid-April.
- 42 town homes on the old Wheaton Lumber Site at Blueridge & Grandview Avenues to start mid April.
- Triangle Park, an 8,200 square foot in-fill specialty building at the former Little Tavern site along Veirs Mill Road at Reddie and Grandview will begin construction this year.
- Groundbreaking for Metro Air Rights east and west along Georgia Avenue of 175 residential units with parking and 305 square feet of office/commercial space and 15,000 square feet of retail with parking. Residential to break ground in 2003 and office/commercial to break ground in 2004.
- Montgomery Housing Partnership is renovating the 50-year-old Pembridge Square Apartments a 133-unit complex adjacent to the urban district.
- Good Counsel Developers, John Laing Homes and Centex Homes plan to develop up to 201 residential units on that site after the relocation of Good Counsel in 2005.
- Wheaton Rescue Squad will develop a new operations center and community/social hall at the corners of Georgia and Arcola Avenues.

PRA Book Club News

Join in on a lively book discussion with your neighbors. The PRA book club meets monthly. The next selection is: *The Dive From Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packard. The meeting is scheduled for March 30th, 7:30 pm. Please email janr@erols.com or call Karen Lockyer (301-530-8311) if you are interested in participating.

PRA List Serve: Join NOW

In order to provide a constant source of communication for the Parkwood Community, a listserv (e-mail group) was created. The listserv is open to all residents of the Parkwood subdivision who have an e-mail address. To subscribe to the listserv, send a blank message to: parkwoodresidents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Do not write anything in the subject or body of the message. You will receive an automated confirmation message when you are subscribed. (The reply is automated. If you write anything, it will not be seen by anyone and you will not get a response to it.)

This communication mode can save the PRA funds if we can encourage all to participate! Sign on to the listserv and get your neighbor to do so as well!

Block Captain Report

Submitted by Kathy Byars

We are still in need of block captains for certain areas in Parkwood. The primary responsibility of a Block Captain is to deliver the newsletter twice a year, in May and November. In order to save money the PRA only mails the newsletter twice a year and relies on the Block Captains to hand deliver the other two times. The following streets are STILL in need of coverage: Everett, Franklin, Parkwood Drive, Thornwood and Cedar. Contact Kathy Byars at 301-530-9441 if you are interested in helping out.

2003 Membership Renewal -- Annual Dues per household: \$10

Please mail or deliver your 2003 PRA membership renewal dues to: Kitty Stone, 4313 Clearbrook Lane, Kensington, MD 20895. (Yes, these go to Kitty, even though Chris is treasurer.) Please make check payable to: Parkwood Residents Association. Please print your information below:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: (daytime) _____ evening _____

Email: _____

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