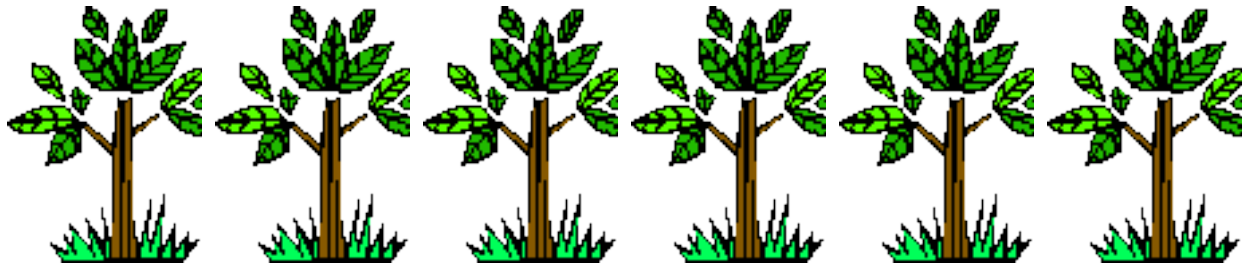


Winter 2003

Parkwood Resident's Association



The next PRA meeting will be held on Monday, December 8th at 7:30 pm in the All-Purpose room at KP Elementary School. Please contact Liz Brennan or Jan Rothman if you have topics for the agenda.

December Meeting Agenda Items

- Invited Guest speaker Tom Orr, Section Chief, Montgomery County Dept of Public Works,
Topic: Snow Removal
- Bioterrorism Facility at NIH: Update
- Committee Reports

PRA Officer Elections in March 04 All seats on the **PRA Board** are up for election for the March 2004 meeting. The positions include President, Vice President (or Co-President), Treasurer and Secretary. The jobs are not terribly time-consuming and all Parkwood residents are encouraged to participate in the PRA. If you are interested in serving as a PRA officer or committee chair, please contact Liz Brennan 301-530-3615 or via email at brennanhouse@verizon.net.

Council Passes Pay-n-Go Annual Growth Policy Earlier this month the Montgomery County Council passed by a vote of 6 to 3 a new Annual Growth Policy (AGP) that requires developers to pay school and traffic impact fees for new residential development. The new policy goes into effect July 04. There are currently 24,000 dwellings countywide in the pipeline that will not be affected by this new requirement and any projects approved between now and July 04 will also escape the new taxes. **Of concern to Parkwood residents** is that the new policy does not offer the option of a building moratorium. The PRA along with the Coalition of Kensington Communities (CKC) the Walter Johnson High School Cluster and others advocated for a policy that would include an effective building moratorium. There are approximately 4,800 dwellings in the pipeline for the North Bethesda area – none of which will be taxed for road or school impact. In support of the pay-n-go policy are at-large members Michael Subin, Steve Silverman, Nancy Floreen and

George Leventhol, District 1 representative Howard Denis and District 2 member Michael Knapp. District 5 (which includes Kensington) councilman Tom Perez along with District 4 councilwoman Marilyn Praisner and District 3 councilman Phil Andrews opposed the pay and go plan.

Voter Registration News The Presidential Democratic Primary is set for March 2, 2004 in Maryland. The polling place for the majority of Parkwood residents is Parkwood Elementary School. **Registered voters who wish to change their party affiliation** before the primary must do so no later than 9:00 pm, Monday, December 8. To change affiliation, send a written request to the Board of Elections, PO Box 4333, Rockville, MD 20849 or fax the request to 240-777-8600. Include the voters full name, address, date of birth, new party affiliation and signature. The Elections Office is located at 751 Twinbrook Parkway in Rockville. Call 240-777-8500 if you have questions or require additional information.

Have a New Neighbor? The PRA is looking for ways to reach out to newcomers in the neighborhood. A PRA **welcome packet** has been developed and Block Captain Chair Kathy Byars and some of her volunteers have been diligently passing our packets out. If you would like to welcome a new neighbor or have Kathy or one of her volunteers drop off a packet, please contact her at 301-530-8809 or byarsagent@mrisc.com.

Coalition of Kensington Communities Update The Coalition of Kensington Communities (CKC) hosted an **informational forum** on November 20th featuring State Senators Sharon Grosfeld (District 18) and Brian Frosh (District 16) and Delegate Bill Bronrott (District 16). They provided a brief review of the last state legislative session and an overview of what will likely be hot issues for the upcoming session. The CKC has developed a list of **traffic "hot spots"** in the Kensington area and will be working with Park and Planning, the State and County officials toward solutions for these problems. The CKC is in need of several volunteers to monitor the **Kensington Master Plan/Concept Plan** issue. These volunteers would represent the CKC in meetings with the Planning Board, Town of Kensington and county government. There is currently one volunteer from Kensington Heights; at least 2 more are needed. Please contact Liz Brennan (301-530-3615) if you are interested in volunteering.

The CKC is a unified body of 11 area civic associations founded to enhance the quality of life in the Kensington area. Towards this end the group works with local government to address issues of urban design, recreation, transportation, pedestrian accessibility and economic growth affecting greater Kensington. Participation is open to any civic group or governing body in the Kensington area that shares the commitment to improving the welfare of the community.

Neighbors Share Information via the PRA List Serve



Parkwood residents have been sharing information about handymen, general contractors, Internet Access (DSL vs. cable), area physicians and more. The PRA listserve is the best way to stay connected to your neighbors 24/7. Sign on and join the discussions. The e-mail group is open to all residents of the Parkwood subdivision who have an e-mail address. To subscribe to the e-mail group, send a blank message to: parkwoodresidents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a confirmation message when you are subscribed. Do not write anything in the subject or body of the message. It will not be seen by anyone and you will not get a response. This communication mode can save the PRA funds if we can encourage all to participate! Sign on to the list serve and get your neighbor to as well!

2004 Membership/Renewal Application — Annual Dues per household: \$10

Please mail or deliver your 2004 PRA membership renewal dues to: Kitty Stone, 4313 Clearbrook Lane, Kensington, MD 20895. 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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