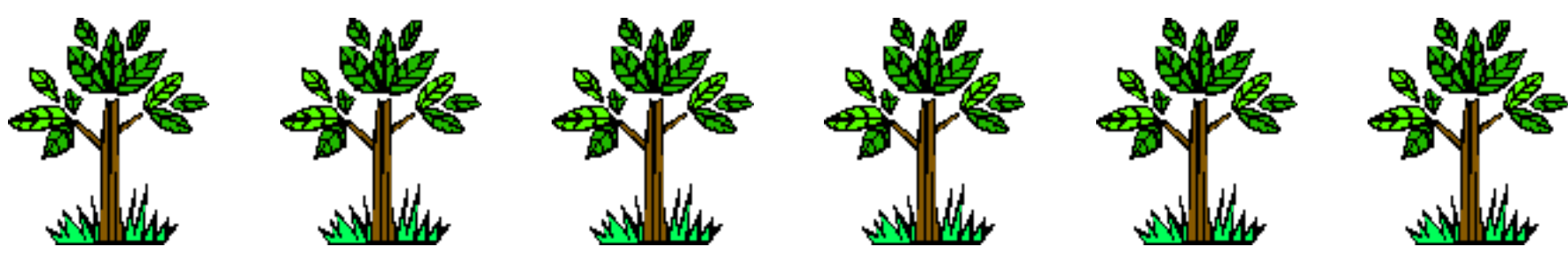


## Parkwood Resident's Association



**The next PRA meeting will be held on Monday, October 25 at 7:30 pm in the Kensington Park Library, lower level. Please contact Liz Brennan or Maryann Dillon if you have topics for the agenda.**

### October 25th Meeting Agenda Items

- Guest Speaker: Dale Tibbits, Montgomery County Civic Federation: Question C on the Mont. Cnty. Ballot
- Discussion: PRA Garden Committee Five Year Plan
- Update & Q & A: KP School Modernization
- Discussion: PRA Directory
- Discussion: PRA Social Event in December
- Available: PRA Welcome Packet

### Parkwood Polling at the Kensington Park Library:

Parkwood residents will be voting at the Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, for the next 18 months while the Kensington Parkwood Elementary School is being renovated. Registered voters will receive a sample ballot and voter information in the mail prior to the election. Time is running out if you haven't registered to vote — the deadline is 9:00 p.m. on October 12, 2004 for the general election. For 24-hour voter information, contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE (8683) or <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eletmpl.asp?url=/Content/Elections/index.asp>.

### KP School Construction Update:

The building was finally completely demolished the last week of September. There were some delays with regard to the start of the project as the contractor was waiting for some last-minute permits to be approved. At this point the project is still on track, with a completion date of August 2005. The school is set to re-open for the students at the semester break in January 2006. In the event that the project falls behind schedule, MCPS developed a buffer to ensure that the building will be ready for the students and staff. The buffer also provides time to address "punch-list" items without having to worry about the safety of the students or staff. It is in all of our best interests to have this project completed on time. If you have an issue with regard to the construction, please contact Liz Brennan (301-530-3615 or [brennanhouse@verizon.net](mailto:brennanhouse@verizon.net)) before contacting the county or MCPS. Complaints can delay this project; by working through Liz we hope that issues can be resolved quickly and without disrupting the construction schedule.

### Parkwood Residents Participate in Town Hall Meeting:

Many thanks to those Parkwood residents who attended the County Council Kensington Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, September 29th, at the Kensington Park Library. The program will be shown on the Montgomery County cable network, channel 6, later this month. Several Parkwood residents participated by asking questions. Topics included pedestrian safety along the trek to the Grosvenor Metro station, traffic back-ups on Cedar Lane near Rockville Pike, and the decision to replace the White Flint Golf Park with office and apartment buildings. Other local residents brought up issues regarding trash in parks and the effectiveness of the new "Carry In, Carry Out" (trash in parks) program instituted last year.

**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 Welcome Committee Chair Kathy Byars and PRA Block Captains 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, contact her at 301-530-8809 or [hyarsagent@mris.com](mailto:hyarsagent@mris.com).



### Parkwood (WJ) Cluster Public School News

**Kensington Parkwood** kicks off its Buy a Brick Fundraiser to support the modernization of the new school. You can leave a lasting legacy at KP by buying an engraved brick. The bricks will be engraved with your name or message and incorporated into the new school grounds. Messages can be up to two lines long, 18 letters or spaces per line. The cost of an engraved brick is \$100. Chair of the Engraved Bricks Project, Mary Cassell said that the new school brings lots of opportunities and exciting ways to spend money. Based on a recent survey of staff and parents, the PTA is currently exploring costs for an upgrade (from the standard county package) for the sound and lighting for new All Purpose Room to support the school Arts Integration Program, a science lab, and additional playground equipment. To get more information or to order a brick, contact Mary at [cassellauster@comcast.net](mailto:cassellauster@comcast.net) or 301-949-5349.

**North Bethesda Middle School** is offering Bullying 101: Parent Workshop on Monday October 18th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at North Bethesda MS. This workshop is designed to inform parents about bullying in the schools and how the community can take an active role in dealing with the problem.

**Walter Johnson High School** is experiencing the typical signs of an aging building. With the modernization postponed until 2009, there are a variety of maintenance issues that now confront the school community, including mold and inconsistent air conditioning. School administrators are working with MCPS to address these issues and parent volunteers are supporting the effort as well. School enrollment projections appear to be on target with approximately 1,950 students this year. WJ Principal Kevin Maxwell is being promoted and is leaving in October. Dr. Christopher Garran will serve as Acting Principal for the remainder of the year. A search committee will convene in the spring to select a new principal.



**Stay Connected to your Neighborhood: Join the PRA Listserv:** Parkwood residents have been sharing information about local vandalism/petty crimes and requesting and offering referrals for handymen, general contractors, and car repair places, area physicians, babysitters, and more. The PRA listserv is the best way to stay connected to your neighbors 24/7. The e-mail group is open to all residents of the Parkwood subdivision. To subscribe, send a blank message to: [parkwoodresidents\\_subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:parkwoodresidents_subscribe@yahoo.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 listserv can save the PRA funds and, more important, make Parkwood a safer and friendlier place to live. Sign on to the listserv and get your neighbor to as well!

**Local Award Winning Tutoring Program Needs Volunteers:** SPARK is recruiting volunteer tutors to work with local students (Kensington Parkwood or North Bethesda Middle School) to help with homework. This one-on-one attention provides crucial encouragement and sparks a child's love of learning. To view photos and get more info about the 10-year-old nonprofit that provides free tutoring, please visit [www.youthactivism.com/spark](http://www.youthactivism.com/spark). SPARK is held 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at the Ken-Gar Community Center at 4111 Plyers Mill Road (just three blocks off Connecticut Avenue). Volunteers are asked to attend tutor training and make a three-month commitment. High school students receive community service credit. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact SPARK Co-Director Karen Jackson-Knight at 301-942-3514 or [sparktutor@hotmail.com](mailto:sparktutor@hotmail.com). SPARK is the proud winner of WETA's Hometown Heroes Award. An 80-second TV spot was broadcast on Channel 26 throughout the month of September.

**Parkwood Crime Report:** There were no crimes in the Parkwood community during the months of August and September. The crime report for July included the following information: On Friday, 7/16, at approximately 1430 hours, an attempted residential burglary occurred in the 10100 block of Crestwood Road. Five vehicle larcenies occurred during this reporting period between the evening of Tuesday, 7/13, and the morning of Friday, 7/16. For four of the vehicles — three Hondas and one Nissan — auto stereos were the primary items taken, although other loose items also were removed. Additionally the following locations had vehicular crime:

- 4500 block of Puller Drive — broke rear driver side window of a 1986 Honda Accord, removed auto stereo faceplate.
- 10300 block of Parkwood Drive — removed cell phone from a 1995 Ford T-Bird.

For weekly crime report updates and alerts on the web for the Bethesda District, go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/bethesda/crimeupdates.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/bethesda/crimeupdates.asp). For the Wheaton District, go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/wheaton/crimealert.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/wheaton/crimealert.asp). for the entire County, by police district (Bethesda is #2 and Wheaton is #4) go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/districtStations.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/districtStations.asp).

The 2nd District is hosting an Open House on October 16, 2004, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Programs include District 2 Units Child Finger Printing, SWAT Demonstration, McGruff, K-9 Demonstration, Disaster Preparedness, Child Safety Seat, Homeland Security, Bicycle Registration, Motorcycle Demonstration, and Voter Registration. There will also be music and vendors. For more information, contact Dana Matthis at 301-657-0119.

**Frequently called numbers:** Patrol : (301) 652-9200 ; Investigative Section: (301) 657-0112 ; Community Policing Coordinator (address existing problem): Denise Gill - (301) 657-0962 ; Community Services (crime prevention): Dana Matthis - (301) 657-0119

## PRA Minutes — June 28, 2004

**Introduction and Welcome:** Liz Brennan introduced herself and the other officers.

**Approval of Minutes:** March 22, 2004, minutes were not approved.

**Membership Report:** Kitty Stone announced that dues are being collected now for 2004. At present, approximately 150 households are members of the PRA. It was mentioned/suggested to increase dues to \$10.00 for each person as opposed to \$10.00 per household to help with costs. Nothing was finalized with this idea.

**Guest Speaker #1:** Guy Turenne, Tree Maintenance Program Manger for Montgomery County

Mr. Turenne explained that at present this Department is undergoing reorganization and changes. The Director, Mike Hoit, is no longer in office and this position is vacant. Currently the Department is not actively going out and maintaining trees only concentrating on cutting grass. However, you can contact them and they will be willing to come to your street and take care of a dying tree and/or plant a new tree. To have a tree removed, there is a 12 month waiting period; to have a stump removed it is 24 months. Some residents stated that it has taken longer. Mr. Turenne further stated that a resident needs a permit to trim, water, or plant a tree on county property. Their policy is to maintain the existing character of the neighborhood, however, Mr. Turenne stated that too many maple trees were used back in the '70's and now new species are being used. Mr. Turenne assessed the health of the trees in the Parkwood area as fair to good. Sidewalk obstruction was discussed and if there was a way to maintain/prevent these issues. Mr. Turenne stated that they are only budgeted to landscape maintenance - meaning care of grass. The Parkwood area is budgeted for 12 times a year maximum. However, it usually ends up being only eight times, which breaks down to one mowing in July and one mowing in August. If you have any questions or concerns, Mr. Turenne can be contacted at: DPWT, Division of Operations/Highway Maintenance Section, 240-777-7633 or [Guy.Turenne@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Guy.Turenne@montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Guest Speaker #2:** Mary Cassell from the Kensington Parkwood PTA; Chairperson KPES

Mary presented information on the KP Engraved Bricks Project. This project has been developed as a fundraiser to augment the county funding for the Parkwood School renovation. The concept is to offer engraved bricks. All proceeds are dedicated to enhance the school modernization. The bricks can be engraved with either a name or a message and can be up to two lines (18 letters or spaces per line) and will be incorporated into the school grounds. The bricks are being sold for \$100 each. A portion of the "bricks" are tax deductible! Mary had a handout announcing the project and an order form to buy bricks.

It was briefly discussed about having PRA purchase a brick. The Executive Committee met in May and was able to identify \$200 (two bricks) from this year's budget that could be used as a donation from the PRA. The school is still in the early stages of this fundraiser but hopes to be up and going strong by the end of the year. Please contact the Executive Committee or Liz Brennan with any feedback you may have with regard to this fundraiser. The placement of the engraved bricks has not yet been determined. It was suggested/discussed about selling the old bricks for \$20.00 to help in the fundraising. This will be looked into. This will be further discussed/pursued.

**Newsletter:** There was some discussion about receiving the latest newsletter. If you did not receive the newsletter, you can view it on the website at [www.parkwoodresidents.org/docs/news0406.html](http://www.parkwoodresidents.org/docs/news0406.html) or you can contact our block captain chair, Paula Flicker, at 301-897-3869 or [pfloo@mindspring.com](mailto:pfloo@mindspring.com).

**Gardening Committee:** The Garden Committee announced that the annual cleanup day for the Saul Road Island is set for Saturday, July 3, 2004. Please contact Clare Murphy for more information at 301-493-8660. The Garden Committee presented a history/five-year plan for the care/maintenance for the public area in Parkwood. Their [report](#) is attached. Please provide comments, suggestions and/or questions to Clare Murphy at 301-493-8660 or [jmmurphy@aol.com](mailto:jmmurphy@aol.com) or to Liz Brennan.

**Membership:** There was a small increase in membership. It was briefly discussed about possibly raising the membership dues to help with costs.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was given by Chris St. Clair, Treasurer. Overall, the budget stayed the same.

**President's Report:** Liz Brennan brought the building plans for the new KP. The site plans can be viewed on the PRA website, and demolition is to begin at any moment!

There were no issues voted on.

It was mentioned and briefly discussed about the increased activity of rats because of the construction on KP. Liz Brennan stated she would contact the County Abatement Plan and get more information.

**Adjournment:** Next meeting is scheduled for September 2004.

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## 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. Print your information below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:(daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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