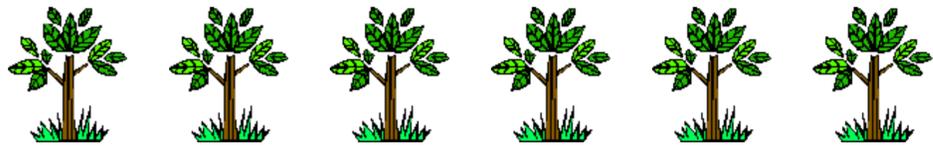


Parkwood Resident's Association



Next Meeting: HOLIDAY PARTY!
Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30
Kensington Park Library

Celebrate the beginning of the Holiday season with your neighbors! Enjoy entertainment from the Kensington Parkwood Elementary School Chorus! Bring a dessert to share.

Neighborhood Directory Coming!

Great news! We can soon look forward to a free directory of all our neighbors in Parkwood, thanks to Jan Thomas, a long-time Parkwood resident. Jan will sponsor the cost of this directory as an associate broker of Long and Foster. She will be using information already available from public records, such as the telephone directory. Watch for a mailed notice from her in January listing the information she plans to publish about your household. You may choose to edit it, and can add information, such as any special service you can provide. *You may also choose not to be published in the directory by returning the notice to her.* Or, if everything's fine as is, you won't need to do anything to be included in the directory.

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, please contact her at 301-530- 9585 or at byarsagent@mrisc.com.

A New Name: The Garden Club is now Beautification Committee!

Did you know that the Parkwood Garden Club has been active since the very early days of Parkwood? At our last PRA meeting, Jean Wisching, co-chair of the Parkwood Garden Club (along with Claire Murphy), presented the Garden Club's five-year plan for improving the public grounds in our neighborhood. Most recently, you can see the Club's ongoing handiwork at the Saul Road island which is beautifully maintained by a handful of neighbors.

But the Garden Club needs your help. With an annual budget of only \$275, members have contributed their own money as well as labor to keep up the island, and there have been fewer volunteers in recent years. At the same time, there is a desperate need to tackle some other public areas that don't get enough attention from the County, such as the Wildwood island. So the Club has set the following goals for 2005:

- Change name to Beautification Committee to better reflect its mission.
- Continue maintaining Saul Road island using PRA budget and volunteers.
- Apply for a Neighborhood Beautification grant from the County for Wildwood island, identifying neighborhood volunteers to undertake and maintain the improvements.
- Begin a study for clean up and additional signage at Franklin Street and Parkwood Drive entrances to Parkwood.

For 2005, PRA is asking its members to make an additional voluntary cash contribution to the Beautification Committee when they renew their membership. *Please see the check-off box on the membership renewal form at the end of this newsletter!*

The newly renamed Beautification Committee benefits us all by improving the appearance of our public areas, giving Parkwood a welcoming and well-maintained look so important to our property values! Can you help? Please contact Jean Wirsching at (301)493-8667.

Neighbors Share Information via the PRA List

Have you joined the PRA listserv? 191 of your neighbors have! They've been sharing information about local vandalism/petty crimes, requesting/offering referrals for handymen, general contractors and car repair places, area physicians 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. 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 importantly make Parkwood a safer place to live! Sign on to the list serve and get your neighbor to as well!

WEEKLY CRIME UPDATES and ALERTS on the web!

For the Bethesda District updates and alerts, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/POL/ask/bethesda/crimeupdates.asp For the Wheaton District go to 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

Check Out the Newly Updated PRA Website!

Thanks to member webmaster Peter Mansbach, our website has a new, simpler domain. Just click on www.parkwoodresidents.org to get the latest updates. Our newsletters, meeting minutes, and critical contact information are all just a click away. Peter does an excellent job maintaining the site. Check it out – pumpkins and KP construction!

Interested in a Traffic Committee?

Have you noticed an increase in cut-through traffic through Parkwood in recent months? Are you concerned about speeding through our residential neighborhood? Edyth Veira is willing to spearhead a Traffic Committee, if there's enough interest among members. Contact her at (301)493-5640 if you'd like to help out.

[Parkwood Residents Association Members Meeting](#)
[Minutes — October 25, 2004](#)
(click on link to see minutes)

It's Time to Renew Your PRA Membership Dues!

Is there a better bargain? For only \$10 a year, you can keep abreast of issues affecting your neighborhood through the PRA listserv, website and newsletters. You'll be invited to four PRA meetings with guest speakers. And you'll be contributing to making Parkwood a better, more neighborly place to live. Please help out your neighbors and your PRA volunteers by paying your \$10 dues for 2005 now. And please consider an extra donation for the Beautification Committee, which does so much to improve the appearance of Parkwood!

2005 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: _____

Enclosed:

_____ \$10 membership dues

_____ \$ _____ donation to Beautification Committee (optional)

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President: Liz Brennan, (301) 530-3615, lrbrennanhouse@verizon.net, **Vice President:** Maryann Dillon, (301) 493-5140 dillem@erols.com,
Secretary: Brenda Marshall, (301) 530-0053 vze1yvg7z@verizon.net, **Treasurer:** Chris St. Clair, (301) 897-8415, stclairs@speakeasy.net

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