

Parkwood Resident's Association



Next Meeting:
Monday, Dec 4 at 7:30
Kensington Parkwood Elementary School

Holiday Concert with the KPES Chorus!
Bring a dessert to share. We'll provide the beverages!

Annual Holiday Meeting Coming Up!

Join your neighbors at our annual Holiday meeting on December 4! We will once again feature the Kensington Parkwood Elementary School Chorus who will get us in the Holiday mood with their spirited singing. And spend some time socializing with your neighbors after the concert. Bring a dessert, and we'll provide the beverages. Don't forget, we've returned to the All-Purpose room at the new Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. Enter by the Franklin Street parking lot.

Power Outage Update from PEPCO:

Power outages continue to be a problem in the neighborhood, and we enlisted the help of Senator Grosfeld to prod PEPCO into looking at the frequencies and locations of these problems. Residents were asked to report such problems so patterns and causes might be identified. At the request of Senator Grosfeld, PEPCO provided outage histories for homes in the Parkwood and Rock Creek Palisades communities. The information below is based on two-year outage data on the Parkwood addresses that we provided to Senator Grosfeld, and she sent the information to PRA to share with the residents. Senator Grosfeld has been very helpful to PRA in helping us deal with both PEPCO and with the County regarding our tree problems.

Feeder 14448: 10219 Oldfield Dr, 10235 Parkwood Ct, 4502 Everett St, 4514 Clearbrook Lane

11 sustained interruptions: 6 tree-related; 3 equipment-related; 1 storm; 1 accident

Tree-6/14/05; 7/1/05; 7/2/05; 7/27/05; 6/9/06; 7/4/06

Equip- 6/13/05; 7/6/05; 7/8/05

Accident-6/17/05

Storm- 9/1/06

The customers have experienced 3 outages thus far during 2006, all of which were tree/storm-related. Permanent repairs were made following each incident.

Feeder 14442: 9612 Parkwood Dr, 4511 Amherst Lane

13 sustained interruptions: 9 tree-related; 2 accident; 1 unknown; 1-storm

Tree-11/30/04;5/28/05; 7/8/05; 10/14/05;1/18/06; 6/9/06; 7/4/06; 8/1/06; 9/6/06

Accident-2/11/06; 3/8/06

Cause Unknown-10/24/05

Storm-9/28/06

The majority of the incidents affecting this feeder are tree-related. Trees along the feeder were trimmed during the 3rd quarter of 2005 and are scheduled for trimming during the 3rd quarter of 2007 (2-yr trim cycle).

Feeder 14438: 9638 Parkwood Dr, 10112 Wildwood Road, 4402 Woodfield Road, 4617 & 4713 Edgefield Road

6 sustained interruptions: 2 tree-related; 2 storm-related; 2 equipment-related

Tree- 11/1/04; 7/5/06

Storm- 7/27/05; 7/4/06

Equipment- 7/17/06; 7/18/06

Permanent repairs were made following each incident. Although this feeder is not considered problematic, Pepco will continue to monitor its performance and perform the necessary corrective action(s) as warranted.

Update on trees:

On a related matter, PRA President Kira Lueders had collected information on trees in need of maintenance by the County which was sent to Guy Turenne, then in charge of tree maintenance for the County (What dept? DPW?). Kira recently learned that Mr.Turenne has left, and also left no record at all of his dealings with PRA. As a result of this person's irresponsibility, we have had to start the process all over again. The new person in charge of trees is Brett Linkletter (brett.linkletter@montgomerycountymd.gov). Kira has spoken to him and sent him the file of trees needing attention that we put together at the end of 2005, and he has promised to put Parkwood at the top of the list of actual tree trimming. This may not take place for a number of months, however. Meanwhile, there are a good number of trees in our area that have large orange marks on them, indicating that some action has been taken. These trees have been identified by the County as trees that need to be cut down. Kira has checked many of them, and most do seem to have serious problems. However, if any of you see such trees and feel they should not be cut down, or if you just want an explanation of the reason they are to be cut, please contact Mr.Linkletter. The County is once again claiming a lack of money as an excuse not to promise us replacement trees for those to be removed. As is clear from the accounting of power outage problems provided by PEPCO, many of these are caused by County trees that have not been given the attention they need.

Rock Creek Park Playground:

There are currently plans by the Park Service to move the Rock Creek Park playground equipment from the Southwest corner of the intersection of Cedar Lane and Beach Drive to the northeast corner due to the floodplain in the current location. However, the bike path runs along the northeast [??] side of Beach Drive. Moving the playground to the opposite corner requires users to cross Cedar Lane and Beach Drive both from the Parkwood neighborhood and from the bike path. Currently, no cross walks or walk signals exist on Beach Drive on the west side of Cedar Lane, or on Cedar Lane. These will be the sites of required pedestrian crossing through the intersection if the playground is indeed relocated. Parkwood resident Megan Brown submitted a request for crosswalks to the County DPWT last month, and is our PRA liaison for updates on any action by the County. She has suggested that MCCPC staff could do a presentation on the playground move at our Spring meeting if there is sufficient interest.

Kensington Parkwood Elementary School Update

December is going to be a busy month at KP. The Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. (11am - 1pm) Also, there are two evenings of holiday music scheduled for Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20 from 7-9pm. The school is looking for gently used games for indoor recess activities. There is a donation box in the KP office.

Teardown/Mansionization Bulletin:

The Montgomery County Planning Department's Historic Preservation Section website now has a Teardown/Mansionization Bulletin as a PDF file. To view the document, look in the upper right corner of the Historic Preservation Section's home page under "What's New" and click on the link to the report. The website address is: <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/historic/index.shtml>. Email questions to:

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Annual Legislative Breakfast:

Widely recognized as the unofficial kick-off to the legislative session, the Committee for Montgomery Legislative Breakfast is the place to be! Hear the elected leadership talk about the upcoming legislative session and how it could affect you, your organization or business.

Monday, December 11, 2006
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland (at the White Flint Metro)
Registration and Coffee: 7:00 am
Breakfast and Program: 7:30 am to 9:30 am

Featuring invited speakers:

Maryland Governor-Elect Martin O'Malley
Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett
Montgomery County Council President

Space is limited. Reserve your seat now by visiting <http://www.committeeformontgomery.org>, or e-mail at cfmbreakfast@committeeformontgomery.org, or call (301) 399-6573.

Election Results for Parkwood Precincts

Precinct 13-38 (Parkwood and Kensington Estates) had a total voter turnout of 1,556. The breakdown of votes was:

Ehrlich (R) 555
O'Malley (D) 980

Steele (R) 472
Cardin (D) 1044

This information provided by the election judges. To drill down further on the results, Montgomery County has a fabulous website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eletmpl.asp?url=/content/elections/electionResults2006General/index.asp>

Thanks to All Our Newsletter Distributors!

Thanks to a huge battalion of volunteers, this newsletter is hand delivered to every Parkwood household, regardless of whether they are dues-paying members of Parkwood Residents Association, three times a year. Chaired by **Paula Flicker**, volunteers include: **Annelise Hafer - Kira Lueders - Katie Engen - Marie Eibel - Denise Malcomson - David Flumbaum - Becky Johnson - Sandra Cepaitis - Matt and Liz Grandonico - Andrea Wilkes - Cathie Flynn - Carol Hall - Tricia Gill - Roger Ashland - Debbie Blumenthal - Ann Mahone - Tammy Stuckey - John Aronson and Marta Lowe - Charlotte Taylor - Peggy Regnier - Laura Roberts - Laura Akinbami - Scott and Cheryl Imirie - Shari Tavel - Beth Israel - Al DeGrosso - Lynn Weidenschilling - Diana Mears - Brenda Marshall - Barbara Wilson - Mary Brown - Rich Wilhelm - Kathy Byars**

This crew helps keep down our membership dues to a bargain of \$10/year, saving us well over \$1,000 a year in postage!

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)530-9441 or to send an email to: kathybyars@mrisc.com.

Neighbors Share Information via the PRA Listserv

We now have 305 Parkwood residents signed up for our listserv, the best way to stay connected to your neighbors 24/7. The e-mail group is open to all residents of Parkwood, and a great way to share information, such as home improvement contractors or petty vandalism affecting our neighborhood. 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 make Parkwood a safer place to live! Sign on to the list serve and get your neighbor to as well!

Have You Paid Your 2006 PRA Membership Dues?

Good news... we have over 300 households signed up for our free Listserv. Bad news... our paid membership is down this year! Yet all households, whether members or not, receive this newsletter free during the year, and all are invited to join the listserv at no charge. Further, your PRA officers and members are hard at work protecting your interests and advocating for Parkwood. Please support our efforts for a modest \$10 a year. Those funds are used to defray costs, pay for beautification efforts, support the newsletter, and much more. **Please consider joining for the remainder of 2006!**

2006 Membership/Renewal Application – Annual Dues per household: \$10

Please mail or deliver your 2006 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: _____

Enclosed:

___ \$10 membership dues

___ \$ ___ donation to Beautification Committee (optional)

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