

## Parkwood Resident's Association



**Next Meeting:  
Monday, June 11 at 7:30  
Kensington Parkwood Elementary School**

**Our speaker is from The Montgomery County Civic Federation, and will talk about the effect of the County budget and land use policy on Parkwood residents. Please enter the school at the Franklin Avenue side entrance.**

*PRA is joining the Montgomery County Civic Federation, a county-wide nonprofit educational and advocacy organization founded in 1925 to serve the public interest. Many neighborhood associations are members. Liz Brennan will be the PRA representative to the Federation. The monthly Federation meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of each month, September through June at 7:45 p.m. in the First Floor Auditorium, County Office Building, Rockville, MD.*

### **PRA President's Report: Successful Rock Creek Park Clean-up**

The PRA was happy to accept the invitation of Mark Curry of Cub Scouts Pack 460 to participate in a clean-up of Rock Creek Park adjacent to Parkwood on April 21, 2007. Fortunately, the day was about as perfect as a Spring day could be, and Nature further rewarded us by carpeting the Park with wildflowers. The Virginia Bluebells, in particular, formed a sea of bright blue, mirroring the cloudless blue sky as we picked our way through the woods gathering an astounding amount of junk. There were over 230 participants this year, compared to only around 60 in 2006, when PRA was not a sponsor. I'm sure you will be as impressed as I was to read what our efforts yielded, so I'm including a letter that Mark sent a few days after the clean-up.

- Kira Lueders

*To All Who Helped With Rock Creek Cleanup:*

*This past Saturday morning an army of friends and neighbors – more than 230! - devoted a lovely morning to clearing unsightly refuse from a 1.5 mile length of creek. Working a total of nearly 400 hours, we removed some 200 bags of trash, including 50 bags of recyclables. Among the more peculiar items dragged from the creek bed and environs were:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* an entire bicycle</li> <li>* a single-sized mattress</li> <li>* chicken wire</li> <li>* sign posts</li> <li>* fencing</li> <li>* a television</li> <li>* a microwave oven</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* the rusted remains of a discarded culvert</li> <li>* a grocery cart</li> <li>* construction debris</li> <li>* car parts</li> <li>* a toddler push toy</li> <li>* 41 worn auto tires, many on rims</li> </ul> |
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*Estimated total weight: Over 3 tons*

*And now our valuable community asset, the park, is amazingly tidy. It's fun to walk, jog or bike through the park again, and it's safer for the creatures that sleep, eat and dine there, too. Thank you for the back bending and bag toting, for the raking and digging, for dragging wheelbarrows and wagons and sleds loaded with trash that had somehow ended up where it never belonged. It's good to know we live in a community that can come together and set things right.*

*The Cub Scouts of Pack 460*

### **Be a responsible pet owner!**

We have had an extensive exchange of messages on the PRA listserv recently regarding the death of a yorkie by an unleashed, unaccompanied dog. This has upset many in the neighborhood, and follows on the heels of an incident reported last November when another small dog was attacked and seriously injured by an unleashed dog. *Montgomery County requires dogs to be leashed.* Even if your dog is well behaved, having it off leash can result in unanticipated actions in the presence of other animals or people. Damage done by an uncontrolled animal can have tragic consequences for the victim as well as the owner of the attacking animal.

Thanks to Ann Melchior, the following is a list of the Montgomery County laws concerning dogs. Since our dogs will be outside more, it's important to keep these in mind:

- Dogs must be leashed at all times when off the owner's property (unless in a designated dog exercise area).
- Owners must prevent unwelcome and threatening contact by their pet to others off the owner's property.
- Owners must scoop feces and DOUBLE BAG it in plastic before disposing in household trash.
- Owners must vaccinate cats and dogs over 4 months of age for rabies.
- Owners must license all cats and dogs over 4 months of age.
- Owners must provide appropriate care.
- Owners must not allow pet noise loud and persistent enough to disturb another's quiet enjoyment.
- Owners may not tether a dog to a stationary object under circumstances endangering the dog.
- Tethering a dog is permitted on harness only and may not be done between 10pm and 6am.

For more information about County animal control laws, please check the following website: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/POI/ask/animal/summarylaws.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/POI/ask/animal/summarylaws.asp)

### **BRAC Update:**

At the March PRA meeting, guest speaker Dennis Coleman, director of the Community Liaison Office at NIH, discussed the potential impact of the proposed move of Walter Reed Army Hospital operations to the Naval Medical Center. NIH is as concerned as we are about the impact BRAC will have on traffic, since it sits across the street from the Naval Medical Center. The intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Cedar Lane already is among the most congested in Montgomery County. In addition, the present rate of carpooling at Navy is considerably less than at NIH, making the impact of additional employees at Navy more significant. Mr. Coleman pointed out that even though the State of Maryland has allocated funds for roads related to BRAC, the majority of the funds are earmarked for Harford County and expanding the Beltway. The Gazette sent reporter Patrick Dunne to our meeting and his article appeared in the March 21st issue (see "Residents Concerned by BRAC Traffic").

Parkwood residents will once again have an opportunity to comment on this planned move when the Environmental Impact Statement is issued this summer. The EIS was originally scheduled to be issued at the beginning of June, but it has been delayed at least until August due to additional transportation analysis that NIH and Montgomery County insisted on. Once the EIS is issued, public comment meetings will be held, and individual residents as well as PRA as an association can submit comments. Those of you who do send comments on the EIS to the Navy are encouraged to also send copies to County Executive Isaiah Leggett, County Council President Marilyn Praisner, and Representative Chris Van Hollen. Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Navy must address each public comment on the Walter Reed relocation. As has been discussed in many newspaper articles, the BRAC will have a profound effect on traffic in our area.

Recent news stories have described various conflicting proposals: that Walter Reed not be closed at a time when so many wounded are arriving, that the relocation be speeded up because so many wounded are arriving, and that the Environmental Impact process be abandoned. The last suggestion is unlikely to happen since it has been strongly opposed by the County Executive, the County Council and Rep. Chris van Hollen.

### **New Parkwood Parents Listserv / Group**

The Parkwood Parents Group recently has been set up to collect and share information regarding parents and children in Parkwood. We are trying to populate our database with referral information and need input from other parents. We are looking for physicians (pediatricians, dentists, specialties, etc), babysitters, child care centers and other numbers you would like to share with neighbors. For more information, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ParkwoodParents> or email [cathy.paparizos@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.paparizos@yahoo.com)

### **Experts address Montgomery Planning Board on Growth Policy Innovations:**

The public is invited to join the Montgomery County Planning Board throughout the spring to hear a diverse slate of planning experts speak about ways to guide growth while maintaining a vibrant economy and protecting the county's unique natural resources. The *Growth Management Speaker* series will inform the Planning Board and staff as they update the county's key growth policy (also known as the *Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance*) which directs growth to areas with the right level of roads, schools and other public amenities. The growth policy will ultimately be reviewed and voted on by the County Council.

As Montgomery County emerges as an economic power center in the state, public officials and planners are working to retain high levels of service and our historically high quality of life. The series hosts nationally known experts who will lend insight into such issues as balancing growth and public services; fostering high-quality communities; developing vibrant urban areas and creating pedestrian-friendly environments; among other subjects. For more information and to view online videotapes of the speeches, go to [www.mcparkandplanning.org/planning/growth](http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/planning/growth).

Remaining speakers are as follows:

**7 p.m., June 6:** Edward "Ned" Hill, Professor and Distinguished Scholar of Economic Development at the Maxine Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, is also a Senior Fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution. Hill edited Economic Development Quarterly from 1994 to 2005. Hill's topic will be announced.

**7 p.m., June 7:** Ed McMahon, who holds the Charles Fraser Chair on Sustainable Development at the Urban Land Institute, is a leading authority on sustainable development, land conservation, urban design and historic preservation. McMahon will address "The Dollars and Sense of Responsive Design."

**7 p.m., June 14:** Michael Freedman, principal and founder of an urban design firm in San Francisco, specializes in infill development master plans, corridor redevelopment, design guidelines and open space planning. Freedman will address "The Strategy of Superior Infill by Guiding Growth and Change with Effective Regulatory and Capital Improvement Tools."

**9:15 a.m., June 21:** Peter Park, Director of Denver's Community Planning and Development Department, specializes in urban design and innovative design solutions that balance development needs with unique site concerns. Park will cover "Balancing Community and Development Needs with Innovative Design and Planning Tools."

**7 p.m., June 21:** Gordon Price, Director of the City Program at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia, and a professor in the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia, has written extensively on Vancouver and transportation and land use issues. Price will discuss "The Vancouver Recipe: How to Increase Density and Reduce Fat."

Except for the June 6 presentation, the Growth Management Speaker series will take place during regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings held on Thursdays at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. Additional speakers may be added in the coming weeks and the current schedule may change. For the latest on the speaker series, call (301) 495-4600 or go to [www.mcparkandplanning.org/planning/growth](http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/planning/growth).

For more information, contact Valerie Berton, Media Relations Manager, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Board at (301)495-4600.

### **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@mrjs.com](mailto:kathybyars@mrjs.com).

### **Listserv Etiquette!**

***A reminder... when you post an e-mail on the listserv, you should include your e-mail address. This will make it easier for members to reply directly to you when a reply is not necessary for the whole group. Parkwood residents are frequently helped by information from others when they ask for advice, but please refrain from sending a message that just says "thanks" to the whole listserv. And to all of you, a big "thanks" for your cooperation!***

### **New Block Captain Chair**

After several years of admirable service, Paula Flicker is stepping down as Block Captain Chair. We welcome and thank Patrice Mills Markle for taking on this role. Paula has faithfully coordinated an impressive team of block captains throughout Parkwood who distribute this newsletter door to door at least three times a year, saving PRA thousands of dollars annually in postage. Paula will continue on as PRA Treasurer. If you would like to help Patrice and volunteer as a Block Captain, please contact her at [patricemills@msn.com](mailto:patricemills@msn.com). Thank you, Paula, and welcome aboard, Patrice!

### **Neighbors Share Information via the PRA Listserv**

This e-mail group, more than 300 members strong, 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](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 make Parkwood a safer place to live! Sign on to the list serve and get your neighbor to as well!

### **Have You Paid Your 2007 PRA Membership Dues?**

**Parkwood is over 900 households strong. 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. Like National Public Radio, we depend on your support to continue these efforts. Please join for a modest \$10 a year. These funds are used to defray costs, pay for beautification efforts, support the newsletter, and much more.**

### **2007 Membership/Renewal Application – Annual Dues per household: \$10**

Please mail or deliver your 2007 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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