

PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:
Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:30
Kensington Parkwood Elementary School

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Parkwood Residents,

Fall is upon us once again. The light seems to fade a little more quickly. The mornings become more brisk. The challenges we all face as individuals, families and a community are as inexorable as our planet's path around the sun.

Safety continues to be a major concern for everyone living in Parkwood, but the recent spate of car break-ins reveals that we have let down our guard, once again. After all of the discussion and notification that has occurred on the listserv, and within the newsletter, respectively, electronic devices are still being stolen from UNLOCKED CARS.

The next meeting of the Parkwood Residents Association will occur on Monday, October 19th, at 7:30 p.m., in the multi-use room of Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. This will be a two-hour meeting to give us time to discuss issues related to the White Flint Sector Plan.

White Flint is separated from Bethesda Naval by less than two miles and there appears to be little coordination between the two projects on the infrastructure improvements needed to manage thousands of additional vehicles on the Route 355 corridor daily.

On October 5th, the Coalition of Military Medical Center Neighbors, to which PRA belongs, met with Congressman Van Hollen, Lt. Governor Brown and County Executive Leggett to discuss issues related to both short- and long-term visions for dealing with infrastructure improvements surrounding the Bethesda Naval Medical Center.

I look forward to seeing you at what should be a very informative meeting.

Sincerely,
Bailey Condrey, PRA President

NEW ONLINE CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM

The Montgomery County Police Department recently unveiled an On-Line Citizen Reporting System (CRS), which allows the reporting of minor crimes on the Internet.

- Is not emergency
Occurred within Montgomery County (but not within Takoma Park, NIH, park, or metro property)
Is not a motor vehicle accident
The value of property stolen is less than \$10,000
Has no known suspects
Did not happen on the interstate

You can access CRS at: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmlpl.asp?url=/content/pol/coplogic/cologic.asp.

You can also file a police report by calling the Montgomery County Police non-emergency number at (301) 279-8000.

In an emergency or for a crime in progress, call 911.



CEDAR LANE BRIDGE

As mentioned in the Summer 2009 PRA Newsletter, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation issued a newsletter in July 2009 providing an update on the reconstruction of the Cedar Lane Bridge.

Newsletters and other updates on the Cedar Lane Bridge project can be found on-line at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-DTE/Common/home.aspx.



Parkwood Resident's Association Officers:

President: Bailey Condrey, Jr; 571-213-2729 Cell;
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Treasurer: Gerald Sharp;
Webmaster: Peter Mansbach;
Listserv Moderator: Chris Dewey;

WHITE FLINT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In July of this year, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved and transmitted to the Montgomery County Council a final development plan for the White Flint Sector.

Key points of the new plan include:

- 86,000 people living and working in White Flint (currently 25,000)
9,800 new dwelling units in addition to 2,220 in the pipeline for a total of over 14,000; 37,000 people will live in the new White Flint
5.68 million square feet of non-residential space in addition to 1.8 million in the pipeline for a total of 12.98 million square feet - or 48,600 jobs
300 foot building heights; the Plan will allow buildings taller than the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and JBG's new Whole Foods building for a mile along Rockville Pike
Development located between Montrose Parkway and Edson Lane including along Nebel Street and Nicholson Court

Concerns have been raised about the plan's impact on traffic and the environment, and whether the plan includes infrastructure to address these issues. Notably, the plan does not include or account for any of the impact the BRAC development will have on our community.

There is no doubt that this plan will greatly affect Parkwood. The plan has been approved by the Planning Board and will be presented to the County Council on October 20, with a vote expected in early November.

- Review the Draft Development Plan
Attend the October 19th PRA meeting at KPES. Marc Elrich, At-Large County Councilmember, will be attending to discuss the White Flint Sector Plan
Attend the Public Hearing to be held by the Montgomery County Council concerning the White Flint Sector Plan - Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30, Council Bldg, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD
Submit comments to the County Council (District 5 Councilmember Valerie Ervin; At-Large Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal, Duchy Trachtenberg) at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov or (240) 777-7900 and County Executive Ike Leggett at oemail@montgomerycountymd.gov.

PARKWOOD'S VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Come join Parkwood's "other" community! Get connected to your neighbors on the PRA's website at www.parkwoodresidents.org and the PRA e-mail group (listserv) on Yahoo! Groups.

Maintained by PRA webmaster Peter Mansbach, the PRA website includes a wealth of information about our community and the PRA, including contact information for local officials, minutes from past PRA meetings, past issues of the newsletter, maps of recent crimes in the community, and other great resources.

Almost half of Parkwood households are connected to each other via the PRA listserv. This e-mail group is open to all residents of Parkwood, and a great way to plan community events, such as block parties and playgroups, and share information, such as the latest news affecting our neighborhood or referrals for service providers.

Have a New Neighbor?

The PRA is looking for ways to reach out to newcomers in the neighborhood. If you have a new neighbor (or recently moved to the neighborhood yourself), please contact Welcome Committee Chair Kathy Byars to have Kathy or one of her volunteers drop off a PRA welcome packet.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2009 PRA MEMBERSHIP DUES YET?

If you missed joining up or renewing your membership in January, we encourage you to send in your application. As a member, you'll support PRA's efforts to represent the Parkwood community, share information through meetings and this newsletter, and exchange ideas through our listserv, which is free to everyone in Parkwood, member or not.

2008 Membership/Renewal Application — Annual Dues per household: \$10

Please mail or deliver your 2009 PRA membership renewal dues to: Kitty Stone, 4313 Clearbrook Lane, Kensington, MD 20895. Please make check payable to: Parkwood Residents Association and print your information below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

Email: _____ Member of PRA Listserv? (Yes / No) (not required)

Enclosed:

___ \$10 membership dues

___ \$ ___ donation to Beautification Committee (optional)

Connect with your neighbors at www.parkwoodresidents.org and ParkwoodResidents@yahoogroups.com

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