



PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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BELTWAY UPDATE

As a result of the activities of the Rock Creek Coalition—more than 15 community associations brought together at the suggestion of our own Robert Lodge—the schedule for completion of the current study phase of the project has been pushed back into next winter. While the State did not agree to our request for a 6 month moratorium, the slowdown provides essentially the same opportunity - to increase citizen awareness and involvement, to more thoroughly map out where mass transit lines might run, and to get a better fix on what land might have to be taken if extra lanes were added to the beltway. In a recent meeting, the representatives of the State also conceded several points previously made by the coalition - that Maryland's solutions to its beltway congestion problems do not necessarily have to be the same as Virginia's, and that the solutions for congestion in an east-west direction do not necessarily have to be the same as the solutions for congestion on the portions of the beltway which are part of major north-south corridors.

The Rock Creek Coalition has requested that at each member community's next meeting, the community decide whether the Coalition should take any of the following specific positions **AT THE POINT IN TIME**. Please give them some thought to these before the Parkwood meeting.

- 1) Oppose the addition of any lanes of any type to the beltway (i.e., on the stretch between Rockville Pk and I-95).
- 2) Support a no-build approach (i.e., let congestion have its natural effects).
- 3) Support a mass transit solution to congestion.
- 4) Support a pilot project on the value of HOV running east and west in which existing lanes would be converted to HOV use.
- 5) Support legislative initiatives to alleviate traffic demand- e.g., financial incentives for public transportation, parking fees for single-occupancy vehicles (e.g., NIH)
- 6) Support legislative initiatives to promote safety - e.g., electronic monitoring and traffic enforcement.
- 7) Support, during this year's reauthorization of major Federal transportation legislation, Federal funds for a well run regional transportation planning initiative.

SPRINGTIME WALK IN THE PARK

The Rock Creek Coalition and the Audubon Society have scheduled a **springtime walk** through an area of the watershed that would be impacted by beltway expansion. **PLEASE REGISTER AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS- WE NEED A BIG TURNOUT. Saturday, May 17, from 9-12. CALL 652-9188, x 3006** to register. Information on the exact location will be provided to registrants about two weeks in advance.



HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW??

With the TLC of the Parkwood Garden Club!

For several years, these volunteers have tended to the island at Cedar Lane and Saul Road. Yearly clean-ups and plantings keep the entrance to our neighborhood beautiful. We appreciate all of their efforts and maintenance. If you would like to join the garden club, please call Percy Polous at 493-8495.

CEDAR LANE TRAFFIC STUDY

In February, a second community meeting was held to discuss traffic conditions on Cedar Lane. Representatives from various neighborhoods along Cedar Lane agreed to work together to see what steps Montgomery County is willing to take to address this serious problem. If you would like to be advised of future meetings, or if you would be willing to write a letter or sign a petition, please call Sue Lemich at 564-0041 or Dan Shepherdson at 564-4381.

PARKWOOD MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 10

7:30pm

KENSINGTON PARK LIBRARY



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PRA BOARD ELECTIONS!!!

Andy Speilman and **Mike Graham** have stepped forward with great enthusiasm to be nominated as the next co-presidents for the Parkwood Residents Association.

Andy lives with on Saul Rd with his wife Michelle. Andy's a night law student a Georgetown. During the day he helps manage the U.S EPA's Community-Based Environmental Protection program--helping citizens groups become more involved in federal and state regulatory matters. Andy served on our PRA Board in 1995-96 and represented us with the County Council and the Park and Planning Commission regarding reconstruction of the Beach Drive Bridge and related traffic issues in our neighborhood.

Mike knows what it means to get involved. He was past president of his former neighborhood association for several years and is very community oriented. He is currently serving as a member of the Montgomery County Human Relations Commission and is employed as a Congressional Affairs Representative for the American Dental Association. Mike lives on Parkwood Drive with his wife Mara and two girls, Meagh and Paige.

Be sure to attend the PRA annual meeting and cast your vote !

K-P SCHOOL NEWS.....

Imagine how nice it would be to have a new, convenient playground right in the neighborhood. The K-P Elementary School PTA would like to work with the Parkwood Residents Association and other community groups to replace some of the aging playground equipment at the school. If you are interested in this initiative, please call Dan Shepherdson at 564-4381.

K-P KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will be held on Monday April 28, 1997. All children who will turn five before December 31, 1997 need to register. Call 571-6949 for further information

SPARKS is a tutoring program that is run by volunteers and benefits all the children at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. SPARKS is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate one night a week for tutoring at the Ken-Gar Community Center on Plyers Mill Rd. Also needed are donations of educational floppy discs for IBM 286 computers. There is a box at K-P for drop off or call Wendy Lasko at 946-1858 or Karen Jackson at 942-3514.



HELP KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN!!!

Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy the beauty of Rock Creek Park! Over the winter, trash and debris accumulate and clutter the beauty of the woods and creek. The PRA has been invited to a Rock Creek clean-up on Sunday, April 27th from 10:30-12:30 at Cedar Lane and Beach Drive. Also join the Audubon Society and other civic groups for "Rock Creek Clean-Up 2000". This event is scheduled for October. Call Debbie Trent for more info about both of these events at 897- 4097.

BABYSITTING CO-OP PICNIC !!!!

The Kensington Parkwood Baby-sitting Co-op is into its second year and now has an active roster of twenty-six neighborhood families. Meetings and/or social activities will be held throughout the year and interested families are welcome to attend. The next activity will be a Spring Picnic on Saturday, March 22, at 11:00 a.m. at Kensington Parkwood Elementary's upper playground. Families should provide their own lunch and bring 4-6 plastic eggs filled with candy. The eggs will be hidden for the children to find during the picnic. If you have any questions or would like more information about the co-op, please contact Sally Colella at 564-3792 or Laura Roberts at 493-4988.

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DELIVER THE NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ASSOCIATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DELIVER AND/OR BECOME A BLOCK CAPTAIN CALL SUE LEMICH AT 564-0041.

PRA YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$3.00

Dues support community events, newsletter, etc.

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