

PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Fall 1998

**PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSN.
MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7 P.M.
KENSINGTON PARK LIBRARY**

KENSINGTON PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good News on Air Quality

The Parkwood community will be pleased to learn that KP students and staff are breathing very clean air in a mold-free school thanks to the concerted efforts of the PTA and the strong support of the Parkwood community. In June, the County Board of Education allocated \$400,000 to address the air quality problems at KP. It should be noted that similar air quality problems have been identified at numerous, older Montgomery County schools. Over the summer, the carpets were removed from the classrooms and replaced with floor tiles and small sections of new carpet, and the unit ventilators were cleaned thoroughly -- for a fourth time. In addition, six high-efficiency dehumidification units were installed in classrooms to dehumidify the school and supply additional, necessary ventilation to bring the fresh air supply up to code. By next spring, all classrooms will have their own dehumidifiers, as well as new unit ventilators. Furthermore, a rigorous, preventative maintenance schedule has been adopted to ensure all mechanical equipment and building drainage systems remain clean and function properly.

Volunteer Opportunities

Kensington Parkwood has an active volunteer program that is open to all members of the Parkwood community. Grandparents, friends or neighbors can make a valuable contribution to the success of the school and its students. Assistance is needed in the school's office, library and computer lab, and special training is available for volunteers

who would like to assist students with reading or math. Currently, there is a special need for a volunteer to assist in translating English to Spanish. For more information, please call Ms. Kay Meek, KP's volunteer staff coordinator at 571-6949.

Kensington's SPARK! Seeks Tutors

Every Monday evening between 6:30 and 8:00 pm, about 25 tutors ranging from students to retirees come to the Ken-Gar Community Center in Kensington. These volunteers, called "sparkplugs", assist over 25 elementary school children with math, spelling and other homework assignments. Every Thursday evening, another group of tutors works with the same group of children. If you are interested in being a tutor one night a week, please call Karen Jackson at 942-3514, or Wendy Lesko at 946-1858. You can make a huge difference by volunteering one night a week.

ROCK CREEK PARK

Stream Striders and Master Plan

If you are interested in becoming more involved with Rock Creek Park, M-NCPPC has established a new program for volunteers called "Stream Striders." Volunteers receive training and learn to lead local community groups working on park-based conservation projects that are designed to improve water quality and habitat in stream valley parks. If you are interested, please call Ms. Claudia Donegan, Natural Resource Specialist with M-NCPPC, at 650-4361. It would be terrific if someone would volunteer to coordinate Parkwood's participation in such conservation projects because Rock Creek Park is such a valuable resource for our community. In addition, the Montgomery County Planning Board is developing a Master Plan for Rock Creek Park. If you have any views about the master plan, or want more information, please contact M-NCPPC project manager Ms. Heid Sussmann at 495-2547 and/or bring your suggestions to the next PRA meeting on the 30th.

**PARKWOOD BABYSITTING COOP SEEKS
NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Parkwood's Babysitting Coop is seeking a new volunteer coordinator. The coop, which has a membership roster of over 20 families, was formed 3 years ago to provide a babysitting "swap" service for neighborhood parents. The coop's current coordinators, Laura Roberts and Sally Colella, have been involved with the group since its inception and would like to pass on the administrative duties to another parent. If you would like to network with other neighborhood parents and keep the coop alive, please call Laura Roberts at 493-4988 or Sally Colella at 564-3792.

**PARKWOOD COMMUNITY
YARD SALE IN SPRING 1998**

Is your basement/attic overflowing with "treasures" that you no longer need? The Parkwood Resident's Association is planning a Community Yard Sale for Saturday, April 10, 1999 (rain date Saturday, April 17). The idea is that many Parkwood residents would have a family yard sale on the same day. There is no need to haul your things to central location. If each family put up a sign or two, we would attract a lot of customers. Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 10, 1999 (rain date Saturday, April 17), and plan to clear out your basement/attic.

BLOCK CAPTAINS IN RECRUITMENT

Looking for a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved in your local community? Become a Block Captain!!! Please call Beth Seeger at 564-9894 to volunteer.

**KENSINGTON PARKWOOD PTA
THANKS PRA**

The Parkwood Community received a warm note of thanks from PTA President Pamela Moomau this summer for our \$500 contribution to the KP playground fund.

Don't Miss the Next Meeting !!!

- We want to hear from you.
- What ideas do you have for our community?
- Is traffic a problem? How can we prevent speeding in our community?
- What's the latest update on the Grosvenor Transit Village Project or the Strathmore Arts Concert Hall?
- Come to the PRA meeting at the Kensington Library on Monday, November 30 at 7:00pm.

Annual Dues

PRA Annual Membership
Dues..... \$3.00

Dues support the newsletter, community events, etc.

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Bethesda, Maryland 20814

For questions related to our community, please call Dan Shepardson at 564-4381 or Michael Graham at 493-4538.

BACKYARD HABITAT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Saturday, December 5

Learn ways to make your backyard a safe and inviting habitat for birds nesting in our community. For information call Marty Dutcher, at 530-5849.

4526 Amherst Lane
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