

PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Spring 1998

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Update on Cedar Lane Traffic

Last year, PRA sent a letter to Montgomery County officials expressing concern about the unsafe traffic and pedestrian conditions along Cedar Lane/Summit Avenue between Knowles and Beach Drive. County officials studied the traffic patterns and volumes in September and determined that the roadway should be narrowed between Knowles Avenue and Beach Drive. The traffic study also found that the relatively low volume of traffic (about 4000 cars/day) could easily be accommodated with two through lanes and no deflection of traffic to other commuting streets or side streets.

Beltway Study

With the effective dismissal of the planned ICC, the Maryland DOT is analyzing a range of alternatives as part of its study to improve travel along the Beltway. PRA representatives attended a meeting sponsored by DOT.

Come to the Meeting April 29th to hear more about these issues!

**PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSN.
MEETING
WED. APRIL 29 at 7 P.M.
KENSINGTON PARK LIBRARY**

ROCK CREEK CLEAN-UP

The Parkwood Residents Association and the Kensington Estates Residents Association have scheduled a **Rock Creek "clean-up day"** for **Sunday, May 31 from 9:30 a.m. until noon**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the small gravel parking lot on the corner of Cedar Lane and Beach Drive.

We haven't had a clean-up day for sometime and with the recent heavy rains there is much work to be done. This is a great opportunity for everyone who enjoys and cares about the Creek.

PARKWOOD NIGHT AT THE OLNEY THEATER!!

Spend an evening with your friends & neighbors and see Noel Coward's hilarious Broadway production of

"PRESENT LAUGHTER"

at the Olney Theater

**Olney, MD on Sunday, July 26, 1998
7:30p.m.**

**Call the Olney Theatre Box Office at
301-924-3400 to reserve your seats.**

**Don't forget to mention that you're with
Parkwood Residents Association!!
Special Ticket Price of \$20/person**

WE NEED MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS!!

Looking for a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved in your local community?

Become a Block Captain!!!

Minimal time commitment required.

- Welcome new neighbors to your block
- Inform block residents of Parkwood Residents Association social events, as well as community and Board meetings

The following streets **ARE COVERED**:

Amherst	Parkwood Dr.	Westbrook
Ashwood	Parkwood Terr	
Delmont	Woodfield	
Parts of : Wildwood, Crestwood & Edgefield		

We need your help on **ALL OTHER** streets!
Please call Beth Seeger at 564-9894 to volunteer.

**For questions on any issue related to our
community, please call PRA President:
Michael Graham at 493-4538.**

KENSINGTON PARKWOOD SCHOOL

At the opening of the school year 97-98, KPES staff found four classrooms with severe mold contamination and three teachers experienced pronounced respiratory distress while in the rooms. More recently, three additional teachers filed IAQ complaints and numerous parents came forward with reports (verbal and written) from their children's allergists claiming that their health problems are most probably due to mold and other allergens at the children's school. In addition, the school also suffers from insufficient fresh air. The ventilation units were designed and installed more than twenty years ago, when the laws required ventilators to supply only one third the amount of fresh air as current code requires. Furthermore, decades of neglect with virtually no maintenance has likely left the units functioning well below their designed capacity.

After significant community and political pressure, MCPS is finally being forced to take these problems seriously. At the two most recent PTA meetings (one specifically held to address IAQ issues), which were attended by MCPS representatives, the PTA hammered out tasks and commitments to remedy both the mold and the ventilation problems in a timely manner.

GET INVOLVED!

The PTA is asking for donations of new area rugs for classrooms having their carpet removed. If you want to get involved in helping KPES breathe easier, or receive an email version of the recently released MCPS IAQ Process Action Team report (that details

KPES in a case study in Appendix B), contact Parkwood resident Charles Wilkes (301-571-2318, wilkes@gte.net). If you want a hardcopy of the report, call MCPS Associate Superintendent of Supportive Services, David Fischer (301-279-3403). Dr. Wilkes, parent of two KP students and a private researcher/consultant specializing in exposure to indoor contaminants, served on the IAQ Process Action Team and has been spearheading the PTA's efforts to get these problems solved.

SPRING CLEANING? RECYCLING SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Bulk Trash Removal 301-217-2410
- Furniture Recycling 301-495-0983
- Clothing Recycling 301-590-0046
- All Other Reusable Materials 301-217-2770

WHAT ITEMS DO WE WANT INCLUDED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY?

**At the Next Meeting this Issue will be
on the Agenda
Don't miss the Meeting!!!**

Call or email Valerie Shapiro Gottron with any questions
(301-493-9002, gottron@erols.com)

Join the Babysitting Co-op!! Call Laura Roberts 493-4988

Annual Dues

PRA Annual Membership

Dues..... \$3.00

Dues support this newsletter, community events,
etc.

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