

PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Fall 2000

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY OCT. 10

7:00 P.M.

KENSINGTON PARK LIBRARY

FALL MEETING: SPECIAL GUEST— Councilman Derick Berlage

The Parkwood Residents Association will hold its Fall Meeting at the Kensington Park Library on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Derick P. Berlage (Democrat, District 5), who is our representative on the County Council, has agreed to attend our Fall Meeting to talk about the range of issues facing the County Council. This will be a wonderful opportunity to ask about issues that are important to you, such as schools, transportation, the Beltway traffic study, parks, the Strathmore Concert Hall and other development at Grosvenor, etc. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

The PRA is always looking for residents who are interested in becoming more involved in the community. For example, it would be great if someone would volunteer to organize an annual neighborhood clean-up day in Rock Creek Park. In addition, NIH has a Community Liaison Council that meets monthly, and it would be terrific if someone from Parkwood could represent our Association in that group. Also, the Bethesda Action Group, which includes officials from the transportation and police departments, meets monthly to consider traffic, parking, pedestrian safety and transit issues in the area. If you would be interested in representing Parkwood on either of these groups or if you want to become more involved in any way, please call Dan Shepherdson at (301) 564-4381. If you would like to work with the Parkwood Garden Club, please call Lee Highberg at (301) 493-8688.

ROADS & HIGHWAYS

The PRA has been working with the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), as well as the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDT), on a number of issues that the community has requested we investigate.

In February, we sent a letter to MDT asking the state to study the noise level on the Beltway and whether a sound barrier would be appropriate. This summer the state conducted such a study. The results are expected to be released by year's end.

With the intended construction of the Grosvenor Transit Village Project and Strathmore Arts Concert Hall, PRA requested that DPWT accelerate construction of the planned sidewalk from Franklin Street to Knowles Avenue. The county wrote back that they plan to begin construction before November of this year.

Lastly, PRA wrote DPWT's Division of Traffic and Parking Services requesting that they "implement traffic calming devices on Parkwood Drive. Such devices could include painted edge lines between Brookfield Road and Franklin Avenue, as well as "pedestrian islands" and circles at the intersections of Parkwood Drive and Westbrook Lane and Parkwood Drive and Saul Road." The county is currently considering all options and plans a response in the near future.

KENSINGTON PARKWOOD MODERNIZATION

The planning process is underway for the modernization of Kensington Parkwood, which is scheduled to occur during the 2002-2003 school year. The new school may include a gymnasium, which would be a real asset to the entire Parkwood and Kensington communities. If you are interested in learning more about the modernization process, or want to become involved in any way, please call Carlo Colella at (301) 564-3792, or Dan Shepherdson at (301) 564-4381.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN
KENSINGTON**

The SPARK program provides free, community-based tutoring services two evenings a week to about 25 elementary school children at the Ken-Gar Community Center in Kensington. This year, SPARK received the Partnership in Children Award from the Montgomery County Council of PTAs and the Marriott Spirit to Serve Community Service Award. If you are interested in volunteering as a tutor with this award-winning program, please contact Karen Jackson at (301) 942-3514, or Wendy Lesko at (301) 946-1858, or by e-mail at activism@aol.com. You can make a huge difference by volunteering one night a week!

In addition, 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. For more information, please call Dr. Judith Lewis, KP Principal, at (301) 571-6949.

THANKS TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

The PRA would like to recognize and thank all responsible dog owners who clean up after their dogs. It is so easy to do, and there is no reason to leave a "souvenir" in your neighbor's yard, along the sidewalk or on the open space at the school where a child or your neighbor will discover it. In fact, the school experienced a chronic problem last year when children playing on the school property along Franklin Road accidentally stepped in "souvenirs" left behind by a few dogs whose owners did not clean up after them. Please be considerate of your community and thank you for your cooperation.

**VISIT FROM COUNCILMAN SILVERMAN
AND SENATOR VAN HOLDEN**

Thank you to everyone who attended the "Town Hall Meeting" with Steve and Chris. About 40 people attended and discussed a range of important issues to the community. We must continue to let our elected officials know what we think.

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