



REPORT ON BRAINSTORMING

On February 18th, a group of eight Kensington Park residents met to discuss ways to increase participation in the Kensington Park Civic Association. Jane Grogg from the County Office of Neighborhood Services facilitated the meeting. She began by describing the changing demographics of the neighborhood, which include a younger average age, more diversity, more school age children, more renters and a higher vacancy rate than the County average.



Ideas were then submitted by the attendees. These ideas fell into three basic categories: (1) Events (2) Connections and (3) Visions, Values and Purposes. Some of the specific ideas included: a street fair or block party, dinners, Latino cultural events, the need for an activities director, more items in the newsletter, translating the newsletter into Spanish, improved relations with other organizations and agencies such as Gocio School, Calvary Chapel, St. Jude, and charity foundations, and support for adult education and summer camp for students. Other ideas that were submitted in writing but didn't get mentioned in the discussion included commissioning a mural for the

17th St. and Beneva intersection wall, getting young people to do video logs about the community, increased use of the KP Facebook site, a new covered bus stop shelter at Ridge Ave. and 27th St, enlisting more volunteers for the Security Patrol, and teaching neighbors how to use the Nextdoor Program. Throughout the discussion, it was apparent that the Association needs to do more to broaden its appeal to all members of the neighborhood and to develop activities to serve people not currently being served. In a follow up meeting, the Association Board agreed to collaborate with the County Government and the Community Foundation to sponsor a series of scholarships to pay for adult education programs and summer camp membership for students. For more information on how to apply for these scholarships, contact Charlie Carson – telephone 363-0794; email charlesmangofl@gmail.com. Also, get in touch with Charlie if you have suggestions for Association activities or would like to volunteer.

-- Ben Harrison

YARDS OF THE MONTH

We hope these neighbors will inspire others.

- January -- 3645 Roxanne Blvd.
- February --3243 27th Pkwy.
- March -- 3824 Nottingham Dr.
- April - 1901 Gold Ave.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kensington Park Civic Association Meetings

Monday, May 11, 2015

We will have two speakers from Sarasota County: Mosquito Control and Animal Services

All meetings take place at **CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**,
3308 17th Street, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with social time from 6:45 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Light refreshments served.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is no greater aid on the road to happiness than a true friend.

Don't just live in Kensington Park, get involved. Help support your community.

I really love Kensington Park and very much enjoy being out meeting and talking to neighbors. By trying to bring out the best in everyone I meet, responding to neighbors' needs, inspiring others and being inspired, sharing good meals with neighbors, setting a good example, providing information when needed, and just being a good neighbor.

Since 2002 much has changed in the neighborhood, mostly for the better. Our location is great; we have nice sized lots, more sidewalks and trees planted thanks to the county, well-built affordable homes, neighborhood history, no traffic problems, wonderful neighbors, and a good place to raise a family.

Kensington Park is OUR home, and with over 4,000 people, we can accomplish so much. I've heard "someone else can do that". Let that someone be **you**. Our volunteer base has really grown over the years and will continue to get stronger.

Thanks so much to everyone who has been a part of the changes. We are not perfect and every street seems to have a bad neighbor. There are things we can do about this.

Knowing who your neighbors are, writing letters to absentee owners, providing a service to improve someone's home. Ideas and letters are always welcome.

Call any board member, we're here to help. Everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings as well. They are at my house the first Thursday of each month at 7:00.

We are in the final stages of completing the 2015 new and improved Information Directory. They should be delivered toward the end of May.

Our upcoming association meeting on May 11th will be the last until September.

Have a great summer everyone. And thank you for making Kensington Park a great place to live.

Charles, Millie, Joan, Francis, Ben

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The Kensington Park Civic Association extends thanks to the Cornerstone Baptist Church on 17th Street for welcoming our group to meet at their location.

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CRIME STATS FOR FEB & MARCH 2015

- Vandalism -- 2
- Burglary -- 1
- Theft -- 3
- Juvenile Disturbance -- 0



IS YOUR HOME A MOSQUITO NURSERY?

All mosquitoes develop as larvae in standing water. Old tires, plant saucers, bird baths, trash can lids, boats, animal dishes; any type of water holding containers can be larval habitats for domestic mosquitoes.

What You Can Do

- Dump, flush or discard all rain-filled containers in your yard every three days.
- Clean out eaves, and gutters.
- Replace water in bird baths and pet dishes often.
- If you save rainwater, fit a screen wire over the opening.
- Check tarps on boats, pools and equipment.



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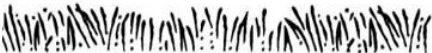
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Don't miss this outdoor international art exhibit in downtown Sarasota. This free exhibit is the 12th year at Island Park by Marina Jacks and will be on display until May 25th. On display will be 39 billboard size images created by local, national and international artists, writers and students. The theme of the exhibit is together we can create a vibrant community where differences are embraced and individuality is celebrated. Sounds like what we're accomplishing in Kensington Park. See you there. This event is free.

Kensington Park Yards of the Month



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SECURITY PATROL REPORT

Think about a neighborhood where cars are frequently broken into. People are reluctant to walk their streets at night, homes being vandalized. Police are always being called for something bad going on. Now think how glad you are to be living in Kensington Park with very little crime.

With 1100 homes and over 3500 residents we have very few incidents reported. Many bad things can be avoided by locking our cars at all times and keeping a light on outside. The crime reports you see here are sent to us from the county Sheriff's office.

This neighborhood program was started in the late 1970's or early 1980's. It was discontinued in 1988 due to lack of interest. Then in 1996 it was reinstated by Eddie and Naomi Duff. Volunteers drive the neighborhood on designated days, with very few signs of anything unusual. More than anything else the Security Patrol is successful at promoting a feeling of safety within the neighborhood, rather than actually spotting a crime in progress. Members of the Security Patrol never leave their car, are paid for gas (optional), and never attempt to confront an individual. Volunteers are encouraged to call in

anything suspicious to the Sheriff's Office. The non-emergency # is 316 – 1201. This is a very easy way to get involved in the neighborhood while providing a worthwhile service.

By the time you have read this article we should have a new Security Patrol Captain. An update will be announced in the next newsletter. If you are interested in becoming a team member call Ben Harrison @ 366-9479, or Charles Carson @ 363-0794 for more details.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FALL?

1. Calm yourself
2. Check your body for injury
3. Assess your surroundings and make a plan for getting up
4. Slowly roll onto your elbows and knees
5. Crawl to a place where you can pull yourself up
6. Call a friend

MOSQUITO continued

Mosquito Larvae also grow in Bromeliads Plants. You can see if your bromeliads contain larvae by siphoning water from the plants with a turkey baster. Squirt the water into a bowl. The larvae look like wiggling worms. What You Can Do-- Use flying insect killer labeled for adult mosquitoes . Once a month, spray a light mist over the plant and allow it to settle. This keeps away egg-laying adult mosquitoes.

If you feel your problem is more than you can control the Mosquito Management Services is available and will come by and evaluate the conditions around your home. Call the county hot line 861-5000. www.scgov.net.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

I'm pleased to say our neighborhood is looking very good. The entrances especially are beginning to look better. Thanks to a handful of volunteers and our new Landscape Operations Captain, Shaun Schweitzer, our goal is to improve every entrance in the coming months.



This is a work in progress so be patient.

You may already see upgrades at Monica Pkwy and 27th Pkwy. We have replaced/repared lights, timers, watering heads, and batteries.

ON-GOING PROJECTS FOR 2015

- Improve all entrances
- Trim/ edge sidewalks and streets
- Trim suckers growing on county planted trees on 27th Pkwy and Prudence Dr
- Picking up litter on your street, especially at the entrances
- Helping neighbors with their landscape problems will also improve your home
- Volunteer for large projects when asked.

Cleaning, trimming, the buffer zone behind the Northeast Plaza Shopping Center, planting/watering. Having some basic equipment is helpful but not necessary.

We are a volunteer neighborhood and helping to beautify Kensington Park is the single biggest way to improve our property values. I believe we can

soon have a beautification fund to help neighbors at no cost to them. Please join me in the fight against litter. Let's work together for cleaner streets.

Call me @ 363-0794. Thank you again, Charlie



Stay informed about important neighborhood news with occasional posts from the KPCA. Search "Kensington Park Civic Association" on Facebook and like us.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Kensington Park Civic Association is working closely with Sarasota County Neighborhood Services and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County on a number of exciting projects. We will have more to announce in future newsletters, but have two great opportunities to share immediately. Adult Learner scholarships are available for residents who would like to attain a GED, attend vocational training or return to college to complete a degree. While this is a competitive process, Kensington Park residents and members of KPCA will receive assistance with completing the application and extra points during committee review.



Summer Camp scholarships are also available for elementary school-age children in our community. More information on the many camp opportunities is available in the Parks and Rec Summer Camp Guide that has been mailed out or at the website <https://www.scgov.net/parks/Pages/default.aspx>. Again, Kensington Park residents and members of the KPCA will be given extra points on their applications. For more information call or write Charlie Carson -- telephone 363-0794; email charlesmangofl@gmail.com.

KENSINGTON PARK SALUTES VETERANS

The KPCA is sponsoring a lunch honoring our neighborhood service men and women. Kensington Park residents who served in the Armed Forces or the spouse of a veteran is welcome to attend this informal gathering aimed at meeting new friends, and sharing memories.



Date and Location: May 30th at Nellie's Deli, 15 S. Beneva Rd #23. Call Charles at [\(941\) 363-0794](tel:9413630794), or Francis at [\(941\)720-5543](tel:9417205543) for any questions or further information. Transportation can be provided.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25, 2015 will once again mark a solemn remembrance here in the United States of America known Memorial Day. On this day we remember the ultimate sacrifice paid by our nation's servicemen and women. It's been a tradition since the years following the Civil War, when the graves of fallen soldiers were decorated with flowers in what was then called "Decoration Day." The holiday has evolved through the years, with ceremonies taking place in cities large and small.



Quite often in our modern world, Memorial Day is taken for granted as a three day weekend that unofficially kicks off summer. While there is nothing wrong with enjoying your freedom, it's equally important to remember those who paid the ultimate price for it. It was in that spirit that the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000, asking all Americans to pause for one minute of silence at 3 p.m. to honor those who have died in service to our county. So, as you head to beach, or attend a backyard cookout this Memorial Day, don't forget the men and woman who are no longer here, and their families left behind, for it's them we owe a debt of gratitude.

-- Bret Kanapaux

KEEP KENSINGTON PARK A SAFE & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD

Keeping Kensington Park a safe and healthy community isn't all about the humans, the effort includes making sure domesticated animals are properly cared for as well. Failing to do so could present personal and financial hardship for the pet owner and their neighbors.

There are several important things pet owners should remember. First, you are required to have your dog/cat vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Dogs and cats are not permitted to roam free on public or other

people's personal property. An animal that is repeatedly found roaming, damaging property, causing a



disturbance or attacking another animal is considered a nuisance and is subject to removal from the owner.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Section reserves the right to impound an animal in violation of Sarasota County Code Chapter 14, and may levy fines against the animal's owner. Fines for an unlicensed dog or cat begin at \$55.00 for the first

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offense, \$105.00 for the Second, and \$200.00 for the third and subsequent violations. The same penalties can be given if your dog or cat is running loose or seen as a public

nuisance. Pet owners are also subject to fines for infractions such as cruelty to animals, abandonment, having animals on public property such as school grounds (service animals not included), or transporting an unsecured animal in a pickup truck bed.

Additional information about proper pet care, and penalties associated with failure to do so can be found on the Animal Services page of SarasotaSheriff.org or by calling Animal Services at [\(941\) 861-9500](tel:9418619500).

-- Bret Kanapaux