

Parkwood

Residents Association – Winter 2021 Newsletter



Saul Road Garden in winter

Winter Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:30 pm on Zoom

The Winter meeting of the Parkwood Residents Association will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 22 at 7:30.

Councilmember-At-Large Evan Glass will provide us with an **update on Covid-19 vaccinations in the County**. And Jason Gedeik, Manager of Adult Education at Montgomery Parks, will talk about **how experiencing nature can benefit our physical and mental health** with a visit to Brookside Gardens. In addition, we will **vote for the first time at an online meeting to elect officers and pass the 2021 budget**. See the procedures on page 4 .

If you want to join this meeting, please send an email message to Jeff Griffith, PRA Vice President at jeffgpra@gmail.com. He will send you the Zoom invite and information on how to link up. We look forward to seeing you all online!

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

This is the time of year when we ask everyone to renew their membership in the PRA. See page 3 for why it is a bit different this year. The renewal/registration form is the last page of this newsletter. And thank you for supporting the Parkwood Residents Association.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kira Lueders

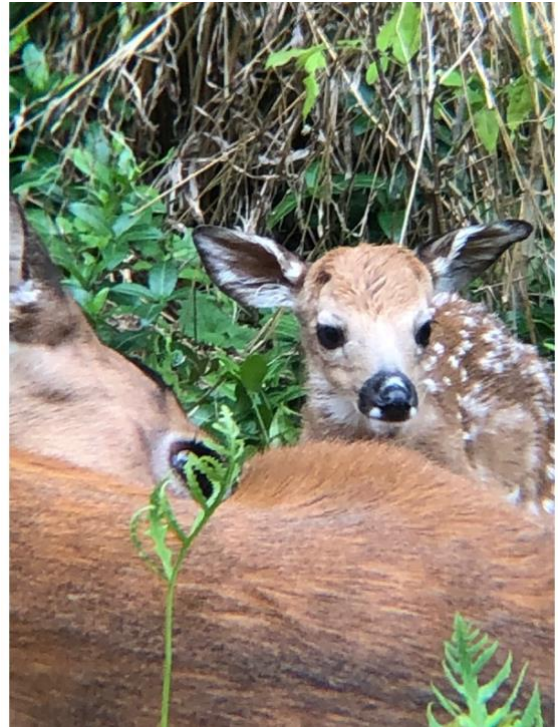
The past year was an odd one indeed, and I think most of us are glad to see it in the past and have hopes for life returning to a more normal rhythm. Although the Covid-19 pandemic turned our lives upside down, and all the trips I had planned were canceled, I have some good things to remember too. I have a greater appreciation for opportunities to enjoy nearby nature, and to appreciate that I live in an exceptional neighborhood.

What would we have done without our ability to connect on the Parkwood listserve? PRA volunteers worked hard to seamlessly transfer the listserve from yahoo groups to googlegroups, once again giving us the ability to archive emails, and receive messages as digests. The shutdown due to the pandemic hit us hard within a matter of days. When all we could do is take walks in the neighborhood or Rock Creek Park and venture to the grocery store, residents helped each other on the listserve with offers of yeast, sourdough starter, toilet paper, and hand sanitizer. Later in the year, activity shifted to giving away all sorts of stuff as residents used down time to sort through excess belongings. PRA volunteers, having finished the listserve move,



turned their talents to redesigning the Parkwood website.

I did a lot more gardening than usual in 2020. In the early days of the pandemic I followed the saying “Into the garden I go, To lose my mind and find my soul”. A bit later, I too walked in the neighborhood and Rock Creek Park and visited Brookside Gardens much more regularly than I had any previous year. To share the pleasures of Brookside with Parkwood, PRA has invited Jason Gedeik, Manager of Adult Education for Montgomery Parks, to come speak at our February 22nd meeting.



In May I was fortunate to step into my garden just as a doe was giving birth to triplets! She was so comfortable with me standing near her that I was able to watch in awe for an hour. Within minutes of landing as a tightly wrapped ball, the fawns were walking on their somewhat unsteady little legs after mother had licked each one dry. All three babies thrived, and the family has decided my garden is a good place to put down roots, and to dine on whatever grows here and strikes their fancy. Periodic nasty smelling spray is required to avert total destruction.

We had several notable rainstorms, one of which dumped 4 inches in 30 minutes and caused terrible flooding. The water ran down Wildwood Road with

such force that it moved my car back several lengths. Fortunately, no one was parked there, and the engine stayed dry. Another storm broke a large tree branch that brought down power lines between my neighbors' house and mine. The County maple tree was already a large tree when my husband and I moved into our house 53 years ago; it seems to be more of a hazard every year, but it takes years to get these trees pruned so they don't cause problems. Is violent weather like this going to be a regular occurrence in our future?



In June PRA had its first Zoom meeting, with more residents attending than have usually come to in-person meetings at Kensington Parkwood school. Because the meeting was recorded thanks to PRA Vice President Jeff Griffith who hosts our meetings, many more residents were able to view it at a later time. This seems like a good option to keep even when we are able to meet again in-person. One issue we will explore at the upcoming meeting in February is how we can have voting on a virtual platform. We need to approve a budget for this year, and we are overdue for election of officers and committee chairs. Voting at virtual meetings will also make it easier for PRA to react to issues that

need to be decided more quickly than our three annual meetings permit.

I think we are all looking forward to when we can get vaccinated against Covid-19. To keep us informed about how our County is handling this, another of our guests at the meeting will be Councilmember-at-Large Evan Glass. We will be wearing our masks for quite a while even as vaccination proceeds.

I hope that even when we return to our busy lives, the pleasures of spending more time in nature will stay with us. We were fortunate to have Beach Drive adjacent to Parkwood closed to cars on weekends and holidays to make it easier to distance from others. This should remain a feature of Rock Creek Park even after the pandemic passes. I'm looking forward to walks in the spring as residents' gardens come alive again, and to seeing hundreds of blooming daffodils, many additional ones recently planted by PRA volunteers.

PRA NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your membership [or sign up for the first time] and this year the PRA is asking for your understanding to do a bit of extra work. Normally we print a paper copy of the Winter Newsletter and our dedicated Block Captains then deliver it to each home in Parkwood. Because of the pandemic, your Executive Committee did not feel safe getting together to do our usual folding and stapling and having the Block Captains deliver it to your home. Your work is needed because the Winter Newsletter always includes the registration/renewal form and an envelope for returning it with your check to Paula Flicker, our Membership Chair.

This year we have to ask you to print out the form that is attached to the newsletter or [you can click on this link to get a copy](#). Then please make out your check and mail it to Paula to pay your dues and make whatever donation you can to support the work of the Beautification Committee, which is responsible for maintaining our five community gardens. Finally, mail it to Paula [address is on the form]. Alternatively, you can go online and use PayPal to pay your annual dues and make optional beautification donations.

We know that these are stressful times for everyone, but our community is one of the things we can all rely on. If you have done it already for 2021, we thank you. If not, please join or renew your membership in the PRA today.

Thank you.

VOTES AT THE WINTER MEETING

The following votes will take place at the Winter meeting on Feb 22.

1. **Election of officers and chairpersons.**

Officers and chairpersons are normally elected for two-year terms at the Spring meeting in even numbered years. Because we did not have online voting procedures in place for the Spring 2020 meeting, the current officers and chairpersons agreed to stay on until an election could occur. These officers and chairpersons have further agreed to stand for a full two-year term for the period beginning June 2020 [already served through the February 2021 meeting] and ending June 2022. Per our bylaws, any other member who wishes to run for an office or chair of a committee for the 2020-2022 term may notify the president by letter or email. Nominations may also be made during the February 22 meeting. [The current officers and chairpersons can be seen here on the PRA website.](#) This link also gives the email address for the president.

2. **2021 budget.**

At the meeting, the treasurer will report on the budget [income and expenses] for the past year and propose a budget for the coming year, which must be approved by the membership. [The treasurer's report and proposed budget can be seen here.](#) A report from the Chair of the Beautification Committee with additional information about the items in the Beautification section of the 2021 proposed budget [can be seen here.](#)

Voting procedures. The purposes of our voting procedures are to allow everyone an opportunity to speak on an issue and to have an open and frank discussion. Voting at an online meeting presents some challenges, but the bylaws provide guidance

by specifying who can vote and by basing procedures on Robert's Rules of Order.

Regarding who can vote, the bylaws state that "All individuals over 18 currently residing in a member household are entitled to vote." [Article III, Section 2]. Because these votes are so close to the start of the year, the Executive Committee has decided that any person over 18 residing in a household that paid dues in 2020 will be eligible to vote at the February 22 meeting. If you can't remember whether you paid dues in 2020, the Treasurer will shortly provide a list on the listserve.

The procedures for voting laid out in Robert's Rules are not onerous; they help ensure that the goal of a full discussion can occur, and that voting can proceed in an orderly and understandable manner. The procedures we will use at the February meeting are further described [here on the PRA website.](#)



Have you ever noticed how many free Lil Libraries we have in Parkwood? Your editor has counted four. How many have you seen on your walks?

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Chevy Chase View

[Editor's note: This article is part of a continuing series about our Parkwood neighbors. Sometimes we feature a resident or family; sometimes we write about a whole neighborhood.]

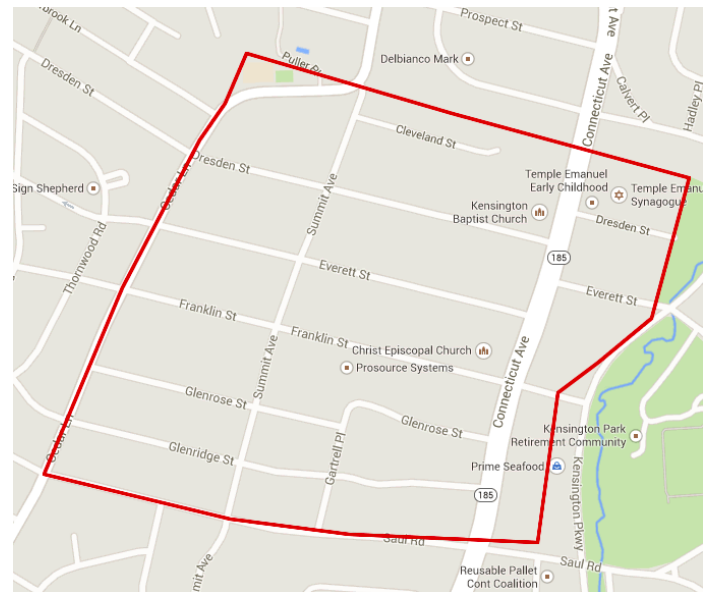


An interesting history. Just across the road, Cedar Lane in this case, are our neighbors in Chevy Chase View. For history buffs, I can report that our neighbors trace the origins of their community back to the 17th century when it was part of “Joseph’s Park”. In the mid-1700s it was a portion of the land inherited by a member of the Carroll family, a well-known name in Maryland history. By 1865, only one home was located within its current boundaries. In 1890, a large plot of land on the border of the District and Maryland was developed as “Chevy Chase”; later a number of smaller entities within the plot adopted that name. Chevy Chase View, known previously as part of the “Highlands”, presumably because it gave a view of the surrounding countryside, is the northernmost of the “Chevy Chases”, and the only Chevy Chase located north of the Capital Beltway.

An independent municipality. Chevy Chase View is one of the 19 independent municipalities in Montgomery County; therefore, it is actually the Town of Chevy Chase View. This means the Town has authority over its roads, sidewalks, and curb/gutters, and is responsible for delivering services, such as recycling and trash collection, snow and leaf removal, and the maintenance of over 700 right-of-way trees.

In 1924 a resident named Harry Martin organized Chevy Chase View as a Special Taxing District, and in 1993, it was incorporated as a town. (It is interesting to note that while Parkwood is not an independent municipality, neither is Bethesda.) There were only a few homes in Chevy Chase View before 1930, but during WWII the pace of construction picked up. By 1943 there were 169 homes, and the Town was on its way to its present number, of 308 homes and 920 residents, per the 2010 Census. (Parkwood is larger with over 900 homes.)

Governance is carried out by five elected Town Council members who together have the authority to make decisions for the municipality. Income to pay for maintenance and services comes from the mandated return of a portion of state income taxes [17%] paid by residents, along with a few other sources including a municipal tax, currently at \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed real estate valuation, one of the lowest in the state.



A view of the View. As many of you have discovered as you have walked about during the pandemic, it is a lovely area with many well landscaped lots and attractive homes. It has the advantage that it is zoned R-90, which means that it is designated for “moderate density residential uses.” Lots must be a minimum of 9,000 square feet (by comparison, Parkwood is zoned R-60 with a minimum of 6,000 square feet). CCV also has

larger setback distances than those elsewhere in the county. It is interesting to note that when the Town was first laid out some time ago, it had certain covenants that are “...not regulations or ordinances adopted by the Council of Chevy Chase View...” but are “...in the nature of private contracts, enforceable, *where permitted by law [emphasis added]*, only at the instance of an interested property owner in a private suit.” For example, one covenant specifies that only residences can be built “..except [that] stables, carriage houses, garages or sheds” are allowed. Also,... “no pigs, hogs or cows shall be permitted.” Good to know that.

The Town is compact, even “cozy” in some parts, and eminently walkable. In 2015, the Town commissioned a “Character Study” to help it identify the physical characteristics that make it an attractive place to live. [A public presentation of the consultants’ report can be found here.](#) A key summary of that report is the following:

Chevy Chase View is an early 20th century suburban residential village where topography, viewsheds (the view of an area from a specific vantage point), trees and streets interact gracefully with residential architecture. Houses are consciously spaced in relation to streets and to one another in such a way as to preserve the natural terrain, viewsheds and tree canopy. Buildings, other improvements, and streets are integrated with, rather than imposed upon, their surroundings. The general effect is one of overall balance and unity between structures, green spaces, and topography.



Residents think of Chevy Chase View as a safe, friendly community. Kids play outdoors together, and they know they can always knock on a neighbor’s door if they need something. The Town has a picnic in the Fall for all residents. They close

off Franklin Street at Summit Avenue, and put up a large tent with tables on Franklin Street. Kids can go careening around on their bikes or skates on the closed off portions of Franklin Street and Summit Avenue during the picnic. And many meet neighbors when they are doing their own yard work. [Or they did before the pandemic.]

Issues for the Town. Like all communities, the Town faces a number of important issues. Many of these are shared by or are similar to challenges that other municipalities and associations are dealing with.

ZTA 20-07. This proposed zoning change before the County Council would allow the creation of duplexes, triplexes, and other “missing middle” housing types in R-60 (residential) zones within one mile of Metro stations. Although this would not affect Chevy Chase View, which is zoned R-90, [nor Parkwood because we are not within a mile of a Metro station], CCV is part of a coalition of 27 municipalities and other organizations representing some 30,000 residents, most of which will be affected by this proposed zoning change. Also, future extensions of the ZTA beyond the one-mile limit may eventually affect other neighborhoods like Chevy Chase View and Parkwood. The Town continues to monitor this ZTA as it moves through the planning board.

Thrive 2050. The Town has a number of concerns with the proposed general plan, known as *Thrive 2050*, that will guide county policies and plans over the next 30 years. In general, the Town characterizes it as “*Aspirational and inspirational but with no details.*” Some specific concerns, as noted on the [Town’s website](#), include : 1) Municipalities’ authority to regulate height, mass, setbacks, etc. is tied to single-family housing. The Town wants to retain this authority if multi-family housing is permitted 2) The declaration that the county will “stop planning for cars” is seen as premature and 3) Goals such as urban climate resilience or cultural design inclusiveness do not have associated financing / investment strategies .

Stormwater management. The extreme storms this Summer and Fall affected a number of homes in Chevy Chase View and elsewhere in the county. The Town recognizes, like most of the older

communities throughout the County, that its stormwater infrastructure may not be adequate for the number of homes and impervious surfaces currently in place. While the Town is responsible for its streets, curbs and gutters, the County is responsible for maintaining the underground stormwater system (including drain inlets). The Town works cooperatively with the County to address maintenance issues.

Streetlights. Chevy Chase View upgraded its streetlights in 2003 with new decorative arms and induction lamps. Along with its monthly utility payments, CCV pays a maintenance fee to PEPCO for future replacement of those lamps. As part of a rate increase before the Public Service Commission, PEPCO has advised that between 2022 and 2026 it wants to replace 166,000 streetlights (of which CCV is a part) with LED lights. CCV has concerns about whether the currently proposed LED lamps will provide an acceptable quality of lighting, as well as how PEPCO will compensate the Town for the investments they have already made in their lamps, whose life (based on 2018 testing) is estimated to extend to 2028. As such, CCV has asked PEPCO to delay changing out the lamps in CCV until late in the program.

Pedestrian safety and traffic control on Connecticut Avenue. Even though the Town's internal streets are generally calm, busy Cedar Lane and extremely busy Connecticut Avenue provide speed challenges. There was a horrific accident one year ago involving a resident of Chevy Chase View who was standing on the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Saul Road when he was struck by a vehicle. Chevy Chase View continues to meet with MCDOT and SHA to discuss ways to slow the speed along the Connecticut Avenue corridor, but improvements have been slow as these agencies consider what to do to improve safety for pedestrians and drivers on this major arterial road.

Regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, it is well worth noting that several years ago, when Parkwood asked the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to install new, safer traffic calming islands on Cedar Lane, we invited Chevy Chase View to work with us on that project. We were joined by Ron Sherrow, one of their Council

members and had a cordial and collaborative effort working with him to improve safety on Cedar Lane.

Town Manager. Chevy Chase View has one full-time employee whose responsibility is to work closely with the Town Council to implement policies and oversee a number of talented contractors who provide services to Town residents. Jana Coe is the highly regarded Town Manager, who strives to inform the Town Council and its residents about State and County issues that may affect the Town now or in the future.

As you can see, there are good reasons that the residents of Chevy Chase View consider it a great place to live. They are most welcome neighbors.



UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ISSUES

There is a lot of activity at the local, county, state, and federal level on community issues that we are tracking for our neighborhood. The summary below shows some of what is going on, including a number of the key questions with links to pages in the [Community Issues section of the PRA website](#) that contain more background information, the latest updates, and links to additional documents and resources. The Community Issues pages will be updated as regularly as possible.

[*Disclaimer:* While the Community Issues pages try to provide some of the more important actions and information, they cannot be comprehensive. If you know of an action or information source you think should be listed, please email the editor at jeffgpra@gmail.com]

We appreciate that you may not be interested in all these issues, or perhaps any of them; here is the list in alphabetical order so you can find the ones of interest or skip all of them. If there is a topic of special interest to you that you would like to have included, please tell the editor .

- Covid-19
- Development Projects
- Our Environment
- Politics and Policies
- Safety
- Schools
- Thrive 20-50
- Transportation

Covid-19

- Why is it so hard to sign up for a Covid-19 vaccination?
- How do we fix this? More accurately, when will the federal, state, and county governments, each of which shares some of the blame for the chaos, get it right?
- As Delegate Marc Korman has stated: “There is no good answer why there are so many separate registration systems or why the communication is so poor. Those problems are unrelated to the also real challenge of inadequate national supply.” At least this is an honest assessment. See [links to county, state, and CDC information](#) on

the PRA website for the latest about which groups are being vaccinated now.

Development Projects

- *Knowles Manor* [95 senior housing units going up on Knowles Ave, currently under construction]: Pending issue: Will drop-off parking be allowed in the lay-by in front of the building on Knowles Avenue? If not and vehicles stopping there need to block the street, what kind of traffic backup is likely to occur when Uber, Amazon, and a Safeway delivery truck all need to deliver or pickup?
- *Residences at Knowles Station* [Six townhomes; demolition of the current structure was just completed.] Pending issue: Will the right turn lane onto east bound Knowles Avenue toward Safeway from north bound Summit Avenue be narrowed to accommodate a wider sidewalk and a bike lane in front of these new townhouses?
- *Kensington Crossing*: Is the sign on top of the former gas station at Connecticut Avenue and Plyers Mill wishful thinking or for real? [[The website says](#) it will be an “...11,000 square foot retail development.”] We don’t know yet, but we will be attending the first information session open to the public whenever it is announced and will report back. It does look promising, compared to the multi-story storage unit building proposed there earlier.
- *Summit Avenue Extended*: Is this still on the county’s radar screen? It is currently in [Design Stage assessing options](#). No public word since 2018. We’ll keep looking.
- *New traffic calming device at Saul and Wildwood*: How did that get there? MCDOT did it. They often don’t tell us in advance that they are going to do something in the neighborhood. Some of us like it anyway. Other opinions? Write to the editor of this newsletter.
- See developing information on each of these projects at the [Development Projects](#) page.
- The Town of Kensington also maintains an [informative page about a number of these projects on its website](#).

Our Environment

- *Climate Action Plan [CAP]:* This is the 800 pound gorilla or rather, here are the 800+ recommendations in the county's draft climate action plan. How many can actually be implemented, by when, and at what cost? How realistic are some of the recommendations, e.g., banning natural gas in new developments or doubling the tree canopy in the urban, suburban, and other non-forest areas of Montgomery County?
- Most importantly, will the CAP recommendations actually achieve the County's goals?
- ...and how much will it cost?
- **IMPORTANT:** There will be a presentation by the County's lead staff person on the draft CAP. [See details on the announcement on the PRA website here.](#)
- Public comments on the climate action plan will be accepted through the end of February with adoption by the Council projected for spring 2021.
- *Solar in the Ag Reserve:* Some claim that the Council's latest amendments to ZTA20-01 mean that solar in the Ag Reserve is now dead; others disagree strongly. [See this written exchange](#) posted on the PRA website, along with other points of view.
- Two bills have been introduced in the MD Senate [SB926] and House [HB1425] to increase the state requirement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to reach net-zero by 2045. Another bill referred to as the "Climate Solutions Now", which would also increase state greenhouse gas admissions and address other environment related issues such as protections of fossil fuel workers, has been introduced in the Senate [SB414] and House [HB583]
- *A big thing:* Can we continue the progress achieved to date in restoring the Chesapeake Bay? This is a new but important topic we will begin tracking because it tells us something about the environmental health of our whole region. It requires both state and federal support.
- *A little but important thing [there are lots of these; this is just one]:* Will the state ban plastic bags this legislative session? They

came close last year. Is there any hope for a statewide bottle deposit bill to help ensure that recyclable bottles and cans are actually recycled and not just floated down Rock Creek or burned in the county incinerator?

- EPA has an online calculator that lets you [estimate your own carbon footprint](#)
- [More information about environmental issues is available on the PRA website.](#)

Politics and Policies

- *County Budget:* The Council and the County Executive are still dealing with possible deficits for FY2021 which ends in July. Options include using the county's rainy day fund or seeking federal assistance. Structural deficits of several hundreds of millions are projected for FY2022 and FY2023.
- *County Legislative activities:* Multiple initiatives throughout the year. Can be hard to keep up, but among the biggest will be implementation of the proposed Climate Action Plan, proposals for the changes in police procedures, and implementation of the proposed general plan that will guide county development through 2050 [Thrive 2050].
- *State Budget:* A surprise - while the county will have a deficit, the state is projected to have a surplus for 2021 but [no surprise] a deficit for 2022. Will it have to keep dipping into the rainy day reserve fund to make up the shortfall? Will the federal government make up the shortfall? For this FY, revenue is up because of higher than anticipated income taxes in the upper brackets. This underscores disproportionate share of the burden borne by those at the lower end of the economic scale.
- *State legislative activities:* There are dozens of important initiatives being proposed, but this early in the year it is difficult to project which ones will actually move forward. Among the most significant are efforts to change police procedures, increase school funding, improve legislative oversight of the P3 process [think 495/270 expansion through a public private partnership], pass environmental legislation, improve racial

and social justice, and speed up the process for delivering unemployment compensation. Our District 18 Delegates [Carr, Shetty, and Solomon] and Senator [Waldstreicher] are good at keeping us informed through their regular newsletters. [Links to their email addresses are on the PRA website.](#)

- [More details about these issues are on the PRA website.](#)

Safety

- *Policing:* Proposed changes in police procedures at both the state and county level are pending. Some see them as making the system more just and more efficient; some argue they will make us less safe.
- *Safety in the Neighborhood:* Our Safety Committee, through its regular reminders and constant flow of good advice and warnings, has helped Parkwood become a safer community. However, all of us sometimes forget to be cautious, and sadly the results are predictable – unlocked cars searched for anything of value.
- More specific info, recommendations, and opinions about safety and police issues is available on the [PRA website.](#)

Schools

- *Boundary study:* Covid-19 has diverted the Board's attention and now they must hire a new superintendent. But the consultants have finished their data gathering and created an interactive model to look at possible boundary realignments. Will the boundaries of KPES be affected? Walter Johnson? We will keep track.
- *School Resource Officers [SROs]:* Will SROs [police officers] continue to be located in schools? There are strong arguments on both sides of this issue and pending legislation at both the county and the state level.
- Will the state pass the Kirwan recommendations that will significantly increase resources for school operations and school construction? As the newsletter "went to press", the House overrode the governor's veto of last year's bill; the

senate is expected to override it as well, if it hasn't already. [Learn more here](#)

Thrive 2050-The County's Next General Plan

- Some call it "aspirational and inspirational" but with no details; the Planning Board says that the goal is to provide guidance, not detailed plans.
- Will it solve the problem of not enough affordable housing in the county?
- Is it realistic to stop planning for cars?
- With hundreds of recommendations, how can citizens understand it, anticipate its consequences, and decide what is good and what is not? Do we rely on our elected representatives for guidance? On what basis will *they* decide what should be adopted and what should be deferred?
- The Planning Board is currently revising the draft plan based on public comments received and will deliver the final version to County Council for adoption in the spring.
- [Lots more information on the PRA website](#)

Transportation

- 495/270 Expansion: The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) has formally recommended Alternative 9, adding two high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes on I-495 across the American Legion Bridge to I-270, and north on I-270 to I-370. [See latest info with a visual here.](#)
- Will the governor prevail, and will his plan be implemented? At this point it seems unlikely that the opponents will be successful unless they can convince two of the three members of the state Board of Public Works [the governor is the third member], to reject the governor's plan. Or the plan could become tied up in lawsuits.
- Legislative activities are currently focused primarily on reforming the P3 process for the future so that the legislature has more control.
- Purple Line: When will it get done? Realistically?
- Travel to the [PRA website](#) for more info.

The Snow People

Out of the gloom of winter and Covid-induced angst came...the snow people. “Enough with those



exchanges on the listserve”, said their creators. “Let’s spread a little joy in the neighborhood.” And so they did! And more than a little. At last count they had anonymously and randomly placed over 175 snow people on Parkwood lawns. Little snow people made out of recycled and discarded



materials that lightened the day for many. Of course, not everyone who got one appreciated it, so a few ended up being recycled again. But for most, it brought at least a smile. And many of those who didn’t have one took to the listserve to ask for one. They didn’t know whom to ask because this is a very secretive group of do-gooders, but some found it helped to ask...you just never know. But if you

have some old scraps of wood, some cloth, and a little paint lying around, you can make one yourself. [Here’s a link to the instructions](#); it’s not complicated.

Here in their own words, is what they did and why. “A threesome of us neighborhood moms were discussing the negativity that was surrounding the listserve, election and this pandemic. We all have jobs, some in health care and we all have families with children. We needed an outlet. We wanted to make a difference. We decided to find a project that could help us decompress, bond, feel human and bring smiles to neighbors. We started making the snow people in November and have since made over 175.”

“We would like to remain anonymous to keep that mystery and spirit alive within Parkwood. We have been spotted and identified by some, who have since donated supplies and support. We do this for



the love of the neighborhood and for our own sanity. We hope that neighbors leave these snow people up throughout the pandemic to display neighborly bond, create a talking point, and spread joy. It’s all about the joy. These are not holiday decorations. They are statement pieces about how we stand strong as a community despite these challenging times. We will never sell one. We only gift them. We especially love those lawns with spotlights that we sometimes move around a little to showcase the snow person.”

You will be glad to know that the crew is still at it. Here is the latest: “We’ve created branding for our creations. They are called JOYsticks [note the caps]”. See them on Facebook at www.fb.com/spreadJOYstick.

Thank you, joyful people!

Daffodils in Parkwood

Gerald Sharp

When I first moved to Parkwood in January 2007 after several years of living in apartments, I was talking to my new neighbor about looking forward to having a garden again. Her reply was something to the effect that the deer would be really happy for a new salad bar in the neighborhood. Later I found out that the deer not only eat the tomatoes, they also eat the vines they grow on. One of the few plants they don't eat is the daffodil.

My house on Edgefield Road is next to a cut-through to Parkwood Drive. When Parkwood was developed in the 1950's it was originally meant to be a road but was reduced to a path owned by the county. The neighbors below me mow the grass on the path in the summer, and I mow the top half, and occasionally the county will mow it. The upper part of the easement slopes up to Edgefield Road and gets lots of sun, and I thought it would be a good place to plant those deer-proof daffodils.

The PRA in 2008 was paying small grants for people to beautify public areas in Parkwood, and Gail Dalferes Condrey's Beautification Committee awarded me about \$50 to buy bulbs. I thought "easement" was a boring name, and renamed the path "Jonquil Lane" in honor of the daffodils. Gail

also provided me with a sign that is posted at the top of the path. Since then the path has become a popular destination for dog walkers. I keep track of empty spots and fill them in with new bulbs every year or so and have probably planted over a thousand bulbs over the years. My electric drill has an auger attachment that makes it easy to dig the holes.



Jonquil Lane in full bloom in spring



I have been PRA treasurer since 2008 and have always strived to stretch PRA funds as much as possible. Our major expense is maintaining the beautiful gardens and plantings that the Beautification Committee has installed throughout Parkwood. The county mows the grass, but we are responsible for maintaining the flowers and bushes and protecting the plantings from the mowers. One nice thing about the daffodils is that they bloom and then absorb enough sunlight to recharge their bulbs for the next year, a period of time that is short enough that the flowers are done before the county lawn mowers arrive to cut them down. Thus, there are no maintenance costs.

In 2019 the Beautification Committee decided to plant daffodils in the large median at the intersection of Parkwood Drive and Parkwood Terrace, now called Parkwood Triangle. Several

members of the PRA Executive committee met in early December 2019 and planted about 500 bulbs in a large circle on the triangle, and then we looked forward all winter to seeing them bloom last spring. Bailey Condrey also planted bulbs on the Roxbury Drive median where it meets Parkwood Drive.



Parkwood Triangle daffodils, Spring 2020

Last fall, in the middle of the Covid pandemic, we decided to plant more daffodils in the Parkwood medians. Gail and Bailey Condrey and Kira Lueders did a walk-through the neighborhood, properly masked, and decided on areas that could use some bright flowers come spring. We decided to plant daffodils in the three corners of the Parkwood Triangle, and in late November planted about 500 bulbs there. One limiting factor is that my electric drill needs a power source, and PRA Member Dorothy Crankshaw, who lives next to the triangle, kindly hooked me up. Bailey Condrey prepared the soil and outlined where the bulbs should go and we were off and planting.

The next week we planted several hundred more daffodils at the end of the Saul Road garden next to the spruce tree and on the end of the median where Wildwood Road meets Parkwood Drive. Bailey and Gail Condrey also planted daffodils in a small border by the mailbox on the Roxbury triangle median where Roxbury Drive meets Parkwood Drive, in a border that circles the stop sign where Franklin Street meets Beach Drive, and in a sweep near the Parkwood entrance sign where Parkwood Drive meets Cedar Lane. We will all be looking forward to seeing the blooms next spring and

hopefully for decades to come. Please let the Beautification Committee know if you have suggestions for other good areas where we can plant daffodils (especially if you can provide a power hookup). And new members of the Beautification Committee are always welcome.



From the left, me with my auger drill, PRA Vice-President Jeff Griffith, and PRA Membership Chair Paula Flicker planting daffodil bulbs on the Parkwood Triangle, Nov. 2020

Minutes of the Fall 2020 PRA Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Parkwood Residents Association (PRA) was held via Zoom October 26, 2020, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Approximately, 40 persons were in attendance.

Kira Lueders, President, welcomed everyone, then thanked Jeff Griffith, Vice President and Newsletter Editor, who would lead the virtual meeting.

Jeff introduced the two speakers, Delegate Emily Shetty and Delegate Jared Solomon. Both were elected to the Maryland General Assembly in 2018. Delegate Al Carr was also in attendance.

Remarks by Delegate Emily Shetty

Del. Shetty thanked everyone for attending. She stated that the upcoming MD general session would be quite different from previous sessions. Most of the business will be handled virtually (as underscored by the presence of her 5-year-old son, just off-camera at today's Zoom meeting). Del. Shetty serves on the Judiciary Committee where her focus is constituent service. The pandemic, not surprisingly, has raised the level of constituent casework, both in number and type of cases. Unemployment and housing are major concerns. Del. Shetty and other committee members are responding to constituents' questions regarding their eligibility for services. Support structures for telemedicine was one of the bills passed by the committee in the last session. Del. Shetty highlighted this bill as a crucial link for patients and their health care providers during the pandemic. Councilmember Alborno has been working with the state judiciary committee to spend federally appropriated dollars to shore up our stressed public health Infrastructure.

Del. Shetty explained that delegates serve on one General Assembly committee and one local committee. Her local committee has been focusing on bills and state laws that affect Montgomery County. Between now and the end of the year, they will be concentrating on the economy, Covid 19, housing and local elections. Providing access to the ballot for all eligible voters is a priority. Housing has become a more acute issue due to the pandemic. The Housing Opportunities Commission and the District Court have filed for an eviction moratorium.



Nov. 2020 planting daffodils at median where Wildwood Road meets Parkwood Drive. From left Jeff Griffith, Kira Lueders, Danuta Krotoski, PRA member who lives nearby and offered us an electric hookup, and Beautification Committee members, Jan Rothman and Clare Murphy



Bailey Condrey preparing Saul Island garden for daffodils, Nov. 2020
Bailey and Gail Condrey also planted daffodils in a small border by the mailbox on the Roxbury triangle in December 2020.

The 2021 Maryland General Assembly opens in mid-January with a hybrid plan for conducting business. Hearings will be virtual; floor votes will be in person. Everything will be accelerated in the upcoming session: Hearings will be done earlier; bill hearings will be held on day two.

Among the issues before the House of Delegates Judiciary Committee in the 2021 session is police reform. The MD Senate has already held hearings and has conducted an independent investigation, focusing on the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights, and use of force priorities as part of larger police reform. Del. Shetty provided historical background on this issue. The Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights dates back to the 1970's. It reflected the Baltimore experience at that time, but it has created a lack of transparency and accountability and is overdue for review and possibly full repeal. The Legislative Judiciary Committee voted for full repeal of what they consider is a flawed policy. They are determined to replace it with a policy that is fair and open.

Many of the critical issues before the House of Delegates in 2021 are due to Covid 19. Because the primary care infrastructure is under a high degree of stress, committees will focus on improving telehealth, stabilizing the public health infrastructure, and providing health care institutions with needed equipment and supplies. Councilmember Gabe Albornoz has been working with the Maryland delegates on the local effort to secure a special federal appropriation of \$3 million to MC to shore up our public health infrastructure.

Del. Shetty expressed her belief that although the 2021 session has a full agenda and will look very different, in some ways it will be easier for constituents to follow the proceedings. The district she represents, which includes Parkwood, is one of the most active in the state. She expressed hope that accessible virtual sessions can lead to even more engagement. She is looking forward to a good deal of interaction with her constituents. She suggested that email messages are an effective means for constituents to make their views known to their representatives.

Remarks by MD Delegate Jared Solomon

Del. Solomon agreed with Del. Shetty that although next year's session will be logistically more difficult as they work through the process, it should be more accessible to the public as many sessions will be conducted on Zoom. His committee is working on much-needed improvements to their IT systems to allow for more citizen participation.

Del. Solomon serves on the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee which oversees the state budget as well as Maryland's higher education system and state personnel.

He has been appointed Vice-Chair of the Education and Economic Development Committee. He explained that his work on this committee is at the intersection of K-12, child care, early learning and higher education budgets and also policy that impacts the Departments of Labor, Education, and Commerce. He believes the committee's work is an example of the interplay of a strong education system with a strong economy.

The Montgomery County delegation has been working collectively as a full team with Del. Al Carr and collaboratively with Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher dealing with the effects of the pandemic: providing unemployment insurance, ensuring Covid testing capability, providing food distribution and other constituent services.

Del. Solomon gave a brief overview of the state budget which is the focus of the Appropriations Committee: The fiscal situation has been tough in 2020. The pandemic has thrown the budget for a loop, but by being financially responsible, Maryland ended past fiscal year with \$500 million surplus added to a Rainy Day Fund of over a billion dollars.

Del. Solomon stated that he expects fiscal years 2021 and 2022 to show improvement. That forecast is dependent on the state being able to handle the pandemic, continued federal support and a vaccine sometime next year. (A fiscal hole is also possible.)

He said that because of demands on the 2020 budget, they have not been able to put money in new places as they work really hard to make sure there's adequate funding for education and the environment, so that they are not going backward.

He believes strongly that improving education and protecting the environment are critical.

Del. Solomon spoke of the importance of Statewide Ballot Question I, which would change the state budget process. He explained: Now almost all power resides with the Governor. Currently the state delegation works together in a bipartisan way to make decisions regarding budget items, for example, increased money for education or for rape testing kits. Often none of this happens, however, because the Governor allows all the money to go back into a general fund. Question 1 would rebalance the power between the legislative branch and the governor. The Governor would set spending limits but legislators could use their authority to determine budget priorities. The Governor would still have veto power.

Del. Solomon believes that two education funding bills that passed out of his committee were really important. The first was for school construction. It would have provided \$400 million in federal money and \$400 million in new state money for school construction in Montgomery County. The governor did not veto this, but he allowed it to be put in limbo.

The Governor vetoed a bill for investments recommended by the Kirwan Commission Bridge to Excellence, which put forth a plan to uphold the quality of Maryland Schools by ensuring that underprivileged students get the support they need, mental health support is available, and all students are college and career ready at graduation.

The Governor also vetoed the Kirwan Commissions' recommended funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). And he vetoed several commonsense revenue bills that would have brought our taxes up to 21st century standards.

The appropriations committee has also been engaged in the proposed I-495 and I-270 expansion. Del. Solomon said that they have been vigorously fighting this expansion, working together with legislators from Montgomery, Prince Georges and Frederick Counties. He expressed appreciation for the local support and the great organizing by Citizens Against Beltway Expansion (CABE). With

that support they've been able to scale back the original plan for Beltway expansion (which originally added lanes to the entire I-495) and get it to a place where it's a little more manageable. "It's still terrible, but not as bad as it was."

Seventy MD senators and delegates, including all of the MC delegations have sent a letter to MDOT expressing their strong opposition to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study. (Jeff noted that a link to this letter is in the PRA Fall Newsletter.)

Regarding the proposed Purple Line, Del. Solomon said he has been working with the planning commission to deal with some of the disruptions that ensued when the contractor quit the Purple Line construction. He does not believe that the "deep freeze" is the way to go. They will continue pushing it through to completion in spite of pitfalls.

Del. Solomon listed some of his priorities for the 2021 General Assembly.

- Bring back the Schools' Clean Energy Bill
- Pass a new bill enabling our state university system to go carbon neutral
- Pass a clean drinking water bill to reduce the level of lead in drinking water
- Enable MARC to provide run-through service to Virginia, Baltimore and (later) connect with Delaware (vetoed by the Governor, but it will be brought back).
- Provide support for The Universities at Shady Grove and community colleges.

Del. Solomon is also working with other legislators on supportive actions for the child care community which is going through a rough patch during the pandemic. He wants to expand access to child care and give existing child care centers the support they need. Parents should have a high quality place for their children when they return to work. "We like to say that Child Care is the workforce behind the workforce."

Questions from Zoom Participants

- What is the possibility of a beverage bottle deposit bill?

Del. Solomon said they've been working with Del. Love of District 16, but he doesn't know the current

status of the legislation. (Jeff mentioned Bailey Condrey's concern that a bottle deposit bill could undermine the county's recycling plan by pulling a valuable material out of the recycling stream.)

- What is likelihood that the Housing Opportunities Commission building will be repurposed for a community use such as an early learning center?

Del. Solomon: Nothing further has been decided. The Capital Budget has money set aside for community projects. We were able to get \$100,000 for A Wider Circle, Round House, and a trail for people with disabilities. The County has to put up a match for funding, which means that you should advocate with your county leaders. State will put in the money but the county will make the decision.

Del. Al Carr added: We have a great team engaged on the HOC Property. HOC is getting a new headquarters in downtown Silver Spring. The school system has the first rights to refuse, as the site is a closed school. MCPS may want it for a use that would be compatible with local wishes. The local delegation will stay engaged on the issue.

- What is likelihood that a Death with Dignity bill will pass in the upcoming session?

Del. Shetty: During the last session, the deliberations were pretty contentious although the full Montgomery County delegation supported the bill. When it was brought up in the Senate, one member refused to vote, causing the bill to fail. It's possible that it would be different next year if members' personal health experiences affect their positions

- What is status of purple line?

Del. Solomon: We're doing what we can. The delay seriously hurts businesses in Silver Spring. We passed a bill to offset their lost revenue. Residential communities in Bethesda/Chevy Chase and Woodside/Lyttonsville have also been affected. We're working with MDOT on this. The Governor contributed to the delay but now he's been quiet. MTA has made a commitment to us that they would renegotiate contracts with subcontractors. The state has to renegotiate every sub-contract—sidewalks,

bridges, blasting tunnels, landscaping etc. It will be tough but we are committed to see it through.

-Additional comments:

Barb Coufal, representing Citizens Against Beltway Expansion (CABE), expressed thanks to Delegates Emily Shetty, Jared Solomon, and Al Carr and Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher for the letter that they signed with other senators and delegates expressing concern with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of I-495 and I-270 that pointed out many deficiencies in the draft. She suggested that citizens may want to send their own letters to MDOT.

Closing Remarks

Kira Lueders thanked the speakers and attendees. She also thanked Del. Carr for all of his help on local issues such as new construction in the Town of Kensington.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Dighe, PRA Secretary



Here's another one. That makes two of the four?

2020 Treasurers Report and 2021 Proposed Budget

Gerald B. Sharp, PRA Treasurer
Feb. 4, 2021

A total of 368 residents paid membership dues in 2020, which is the highest number of PRA members since we were founded as an organization about four decades ago. This means that about 40% of the approximately 933 households in Parkwood are currently members. Income in 2020 included \$3,660 from dues, \$4,914 from donations, and \$2.55 from earned interest, a total of \$8,576.55, which is highest amount yet recorded for the PRA (Table 3). In terms of using PayPal and credit cards to pay dues and make donations rather than writing checks or paying cash, 73 members (22%) used PayPal in 2019; 114 (31%) did so in 2020. The total amount in the PRA bank and PayPal accounts at the end of 2020 was \$15,432.51.

Table 1 details PRA expenses for 2019 and 2020 by category and lists the proposed expenses for 2021.

- *Administrative costs* in 2020 were similar to those of past years but are expected to increase in 2021, because we plan to conduct more surveys of PRA and listserve members and because we are now paying for the Zoom software so we can meet remotely.
- *Beautification expenses* were lower in 2020 than in prior years, primarily because Bailey Condrey, our landscaper, limited Parkwood garden maintenance labor and supply costs to \$4,000; he has agreed to limit those garden maintenance costs to \$5,000 in 2021.
 - We spent \$362 on daffodil bulbs and fertilizer in 2020, continuing our project to plant daffodils in some of the medians in Parkwood that we started in 2019. We plan to continue this project in 2021.
 - We will also have additional beautification costs in 2021 to pay for painting entrance signs, bench repairs, and other potential projects, such as a proposed memorial to the son of Jamie Raskin, which has been mentioned often on the listserve. At our meeting in February, we will

consider some of these possible projects when we discuss and approve the budget.

The report of the Chair of the Beautification Committee discussing the proposed budget is on page 22. It can also be found here.

- *Meeting room expenses* were zero in 2020, because we could not meet in person. However, we did have two well received meetings in the spring and fall held via Zoom that drew even more people than we typically have when we meet in the Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. I budgeted for one in-person meeting in 2021, hoping that it will be safe to meet once this year. What can I say? I'm an optimist.
- *Newsletter costs* were slightly higher in 2020 than in 2019 but will be much lower in 2021. Because of the Covid pandemic, we will not print and deliver the winter newsletter to all Parkwood homes as we have in the past, but instead will make available a digital version.

The printed, hand-delivered newsletter has included a membership renewal form and envelope addressed to the PRA. This has been our major way to encourage everyone in Parkwood to join our organization or to renew their membership. Because we cannot distribute a paper newsletter with form this year, the PRA has expanded its efforts to let new residents know about our organization by sending them a postcard with information on how to join the PRA. Gabrielle Prandoni took over as Welcome Committee Chair in 2020 and has led this effort. Without the self-addressed envelope and paper renewal form delivered to every home, there is the possibility that we will have fewer members in 2021. However, we are hopeful that with the improved and very active listserve introduced this past summer, the new and informative website updated last fall, the greater attendance at our meetings on Zoom, and with more people paying dues using PayPal, even more Parkwood residents will join us or renew their memberships this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald B. Sharp, PRA Treasure

Table 1: 2019-2020 Budgeted & Actual Expenses, 2021 Proposed Budget

Category	Actual Expenses 2019 (\$)	Actual Expenses 2020 (\$)	Recommended Budgeted Amounts 2021 (\$)
Administration			
Membership expenses (envelopes, membership forms, and address labels)	233.47	0	0
Parkwood Welcome Committee expenses	0	0	150
Wells Fargo Bank fees	14.00	0	15
PayPal fees	60.07	104.36	120
Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF) fees (2019 & 2020)	0	115.00	50
Word Press Account for hosting PRA website	0	48.00	48
Yahoo Small Business website domain fee	27.87	27.87	28
Survey Monkey fee	0	98.99	200
Misc. admin expenses	170.06	94.34	100
Zoom software fee			150
Administration Total	505.47	488.56	861
Newsletters			
Printing costs	881.25	1103.76	
Newsletter distribution expenses (stamps, envelopes, labels, stapling party, etc.) (for 2021 will be costs of mailing printed newsletters to members without internet access)	128.20	102.40	100
Total for Newsletters	1009.45	1206.16	100
Beautification			
Daffodil planting project	429.71	361.94	500
Bailey Condrey landscaping costs	5124.63	4000.50	5000
Doggy potty bags	474.36	493.23	500
Special beautification projects			*TBD
Repairs to bench and entry sign painting			650
	6028.70	4855.67	*TBD
Meeting Expenses			
Meeting room rental	92.50	0	
Projector expenses, handouts, garden party	48.64	0	
Meeting total	141.14	0	50
Totals	7684.76	6550.39	*TBD

*TBD: these line items will be determined at the meeting after a report from the Chair of the Beautification Committee

Table 2: 2019 & 2020 Receipts

Type of Income	Income 2019 (\$)		Total 2019 (\$)	Income 2020 (\$)		Total 2020 (\$)
	Dues	Donations		Dues	Donations	
Total dues & donations	3350	3670	7020.00	3660	4914	8574.00
PayPal Payments	(72 payments: total \$1315)			(116 payments; total: \$2397)		
Wells Fargo accounts		\$0.17 @ 0.02%		\$0.08 @ 0.02%		
Capital One 360 Account		18.35 @ 0.4%		\$2.47 @ 0.4%		
Total interest			18.52			2.55
TOTAL INCOME	\$7038.52					\$8576.55

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Table 3: Income and Expenses Since 2008

Year	Member dues	Beaut. Donations	Interest	Total Income	Admin costs / Meeting costs	Newsletter	Beaut. Costs	Total Costs	Income - expenses
2008	2540	2212	57	4810	173 / 52	987	847	2059	2751
2009	3210	2015	90	5315	291 / 107	1479	714	2591	2724
2010	2880	2040	82	5002	496 / 84	677	721	1978	3024
2011	2830	2505	74	5409	601 / 94	752	5607	7054	-1645
2012	3120	2793	40	5953	355 / 108	1172	2150	3785	2168
2013	2760	2749	36	5545	277 / 108	967	1625	2977	2568
2014	3150	2751	42	5943	770 / 108	897	3399	5174	769
2015	2440	3804	42	6286	360 / 110	971	4636	6077	209
2016	3300	3689	18	7008	389 / 0	1354	4761	6504	504
2017	3360	3262	18	6640	405 / 335	690	4739	6169	471
2018	3420	4235	19	7674	477 / 516	1485	7924	10,402	-2729
2019	3350	3670	19	7039	570 / 141	1009	6029	7750	-711
2020	3660*	4914	3	8577*	489 / 0	1206	4856	6550	2027

*Total includes \$130 in prepaid membership dues

Table 4: Balance Sheet

	Dec. 31, 2019 Balances and 2020 credits & debits	Dec. 31, 2020 Account Balances
Wells Fargo checking acct.	8369.70	12,919.27
Wells Fargo savings acct.	557.56	557.64
Capital One 360 savings acct.	4620.48	622.95
PayPal acct.	676.56	2285.10
Cash	16.42	-0.95
Outstanding checks	-827.00	-951.50
Dec. 31, 2018/2019 Balances	13,406.35	15,432.51
2020 Credits	8,576.55	
2020 Debits	-6,550.39	
Dec. 31, 2020 Balance & account totals	15,432.51	

Report from the Chair of the PRA Beautification Committee

Since 2015, the average annual cost for the maintenance of our five community gardens has been about \$5,000. This includes supplies and the labor provided by Bailey Condrey, plus unanticipated needs that arise each year. In 2018 we had significant additional costs because of the need to replace many of the plantings on the Saul Road garden. Fortunately, generous donations from members helped to cover some of those extra costs.

In anticipation of a possible shortfall in income versus expenses in 2020, the PRA asked Bailey to cap maintenance costs for the five gardens at \$4,000 while the Association considered whether to raise its annual dues of \$10. Although he did his best to work within this limit, the actual cost in labor of maintaining the gardens was closer to the historical figure; as a result, Bailey ended up donating some of his time to ensure that the most critical maintenance tasks were completed, for which we are grateful.

In 2020, there were also unanticipated needs to purchase new perennials in the flower gardens, remove undesirable plants that were taking over borders, and spread additional mulch. With fewer funds, not all needed maintenance was covered in the budget and no special projects were undertaken, such as sign painting; and there was limited capacity to deal with non-budgeted expenses such as unexpected garden repairs from fallen trees, and errant truck drivers cutting tire trenches in flower beds. Finally, because temperatures have been rising and the volume of CO2 has been increasing, weeds were germinating more quickly than in the past.

For 2021, we are proposing returning to the historically more realistic figure of \$5,000 for maintenance of our community gardens, based on past experience as well as unanticipated needs, which will inevitably arise. In addition, we are budgeting \$650 for several known, one-time needs, including repairs to and repainting of our Parkwood signs and repairs to the bench in the Wildwood Garden.

In the past, special projects have included such things as commissioning signs to inform residents of Association meetings, purchase of the bench for the Wildwood garden, and acquiring a large weather-proof metal box to house the PRA Little Library. This year, we propose installing a memorial to those tormented by depression, inspired by the life of Tommy Raskin, the son of our U. S. Representative Jamie Raskin, who took his own life on New Year's Eve. This would be in a space to be maintained by the community. Once we decide whether and what we recommend regarding this memorial and any other special projects, such as planting more daffodils, the Beautification Committee will estimate the costs and make a presentation to the Association for final budget approval.

Gail Dalferes, Chair
PRA Beautification Committee

Parkwood Residents Association – 2021 Membership/Renewal Application

Each year the PRA makes available on our listserv a list of PRA members who have paid their dues. In past years, some members have forgotten if they paid or not, and this gives people a way to look it up. We will list names, street addresses, and email addresses. This list will only be distributed on the Parkwood listserv and not on our website.

If you ***do not want your name on this list*** of paid-up members, please check below, and we will list you as anonymous.

_____ Please list me as anonymous in the list of paid up members

Please print contact information for people in your household age 18 and older, who, per our bylaws, are eligible and may wish to vote at PRA meetings.** (If more than two, please list at the bottom of the page.)

Name-1: _____ email address: _____

Name-2: _____ email address: _____

Residence Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Are you a member of the PRA email listserv (check one): _____ Yes _____ No

Information on how to join the listserv is available here: www.parkwoodresidents.org

Copies of the PRA newsletter are sent by email to members for whom we have email addresses. We also post all newsletters on the PRA website and distribute them on our listserve.

If you cannot receive a copy electronically and would like a printed copy, please check below, and we will mail you printed copies of the electronic newsletters.

_____ I cannot receive an electronic copy. Please mail me a copy of each newsletter (*newsletter mailing is restricted to members who do not have email addresses who are also not on the listserv*)

Enclosed

\$ _____ Annual membership dues (\$10 per household) \$ _____ Donation to Beautification Committee (optional)

Please make your check payable to: PRA or Parkwood Residents Association

Please mail checks and this renewal/registration to this address:

Parkwood Residents Association
c/o Paula Flicker, PRA Membership Secretary
10225 Parkwood Ct.
Kensington, MD 20895

You can also pay using our PayPal account at <http://parkwoodresidents.org/>

If you use PayPal, please add in the note field your address and the names of adult residents in your home with email addresses if you want them to vote in PRA elections, and let us know if you want to remain anonymous.

** Please list at least one contact, even if anonymous; listing additional adults is optional unless they will want to vote at PRA meetings.