Historical Figure Lafayette Featured

Co-sponsored by the Kentlands Citizens Assembly (KCA) and the Kentlands Community Foundation (KCF), the Kentlands Lecture Series opened to a packed house with a historical lecture, Lafayette—A Hero of Two Worlds, presented by Chuck Schwam, longtime Kentlands resident and national expert on the French visionary leader.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better first ‘Clubhouse’ lecture from a local resident,” expressed Bonnie Fritz, KCA Activities Committee Chair. “I am very pleased about the attendance and interest in our new Lecture Series. We are really looking forward to seeing how these diverse topics bring our neighbors together in the spirit of curiosity and interest.”

Schwam serves as the treasurer, event planner and Gazette publisher for the American Friends of Lafayette. A subject matter expert on Lafayette, Schwam presented an entertaining and informative discourse on the French historical figure, who contributed extensively to the early history of our nation’s founding, and who rose to “rock star” status in the U.S. and France.

History

The Marquis de Lafayette left France in 1777 at age 19 to fight for America in the American Revolution. He engaged with General George Washington and other national figures, and was able to support the war effort with financial resources from France. Lafayette commanded the Continental Army in the Virginia Campaign and was instrumental in the defeat of British General Cornwallis and the victory at Yorktown. He is one of only seven foreigners to be awarded honorary U.S. citizenship.

KCA Board of Trustees Appoints Replacement for Resigning Board Member

A position on the KCA Board of Trustees (BOT) was created with Rob Garretson’s resignation at the September Board meeting. With Rob’s new position as Vice-Chair of the Kentlands Community Foundation, it was deemed to be a conflict of interest for him to serve on both Boards. Rob had one year left on his term on the BOT, and per the Kentlands Charter, the Board shall appoint a replacement for the resigning member for the duration of the term.

After vetting interest from members of the community, a decision was made to offer the seat to Greg Cohen, the former Chair of the Budget & Finance Advisory Committee. The Board believed this was a natural progression for Greg as he played a vital role in the budget process and Greg graciously accepted
KCA Committee Meetings

November 10  Board of Code Compliance, 6:30–9pm
November 14 Activities Committee, 6:30–8:30pm
December 7 Kentlands Historical Trust, 6:30–9pm
December 8 Board of Code Compliance, 6:30–9pm
December 14 KCA Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30–10pm

KCA Events

November 15 Kentlands Lecture Series at the Arts Barn: Revitalizing Main Street presented by Kennedy Smith, 7:30–8:30pm (wine reception 7pm)
December 3 Santa’s Storytime & Sweets Shoppe, 6–9pm
December 9 The Grinch Happy Hour, 7–10pm

Social/Interest Groups

November 8 Kentlands Community Foundation Meeting, 7:30–9pm
November 9 Village Planning Committee Meeting, 3–4:30pm
November 11 Needle Arts, 9am–12pm
November 16 Kentlands Film Society, 4–6pm
November 17 Go Green Meeting, 7–9pm
November 18 Needle Arts, 9am–12pm
November 20 Book Club at the Carriage House, 6–8pm
November 22 Kentlands Acoustic Jam at the Carriage House, 6–9pm
November 23 Village Planning Committee Meeting, 3–4:30pm
November 25 Needle Arts, 9am–12pm
December 2 Needle Arts, 9am–12pm
December 6 Kentlands Photography Association at the Carriage House, 5–7:30pm
December 9 Kentlands Acoustic Jam at the Carriage House, 6–9pm
December 9 Needle Arts, 9am–12pm

Important Dates

November 9 Town Architect’s Open Hours, 5–6pm *By Appointment Only,*
November 11 Clubhouse Opens, 9am
November 21 Visual Change Applications Due, 9am–5pm
November 24 Clubhouse closed
November 25 Clubhouse opens 9am
December 1 Bulk Trash Pick-up, 7am–2pm
December 14 Town Architect’s Open Hours, 5–6pm *By Appointment Only,*

Condo Meetings

November 15 Copperfield Crossing II Meeting at the Carriage House, 7:30–9pm
November 16 View Condo Meeting, 7–9pm
November 21 Kentlands Condo Meeting, 7–9pm
November 22 Kentlands Ridge Meeting, 7–9pm

AT A GLANCE

Save the Date

November 15, 7:30pm Kentlands Lecture Series (wine reception, 7pm)
December 2, 5pm Kentlands Community Foundation partners with Kentlands Downtown Partnerships:
Holiday Tree Lighting
Community Sing Along
Holiday Shopping Spree

December 3, 6–9pm Santa’s Storytime & Sweets Shoppe
December 9, 7–10pm The Grinch Happy Hour
Gaithersburg Celebrates GIS Day with a Week of Activities

City of Gaithersburg will celebrate GIS Day in November with a series of discussions and activities designed to showcase Geographic Information Systems and how they impact everyday life. With more than 700 layers of information in its database, the City’s GIS serves as an important tool for analysis and strategic decision making. More than just a mapping application, the GIS database helps inform staff and elected officials about such things as the availability of affordable housing, impervious surface coverage, most effective snow plow routes, access to social services, and much more.

A variety of activities are planned to highlight GIS applications. The Mayor and City Council will kick things off when they issue a GIS Day proclamation at their meeting on Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. GIS staff will give a demonstration of the city’s web-based maps.

On November 14 the City will launch a new Parks & Facilities mapping application, allowing website visitors to explore the City’s parks and facilities and all of their amenities. It will be available here www.gaithersburgmd.gov/about-gaithersburg/maps.

City Employees will celebrate GIS Day on Wednesday, November 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. with map demonstrations and GIS/geography trivia at City Hall.

City staff will take GIS on the road on Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18, when they visit Gaithersburg Elementary School. Using mapping tools, second graders will be guided through an exercise to learn where their Thanksgiving meals come from.

Discovery Day at the Community Museum on Sunday, November 20 from 1 to 4pm will feature tours of a mapping exhibit, a family-friendly travel journey activity and two discussions. The City’s GIS Division Manager Yeon Kim will talk about “GIS in the City of Gaithersburg” and amateur map historian J.C. McElveen will discuss “Using Maps in Court.” Admission is free.

Gaithersburg City Hall is located at 31 South Summit Avenue. The Gaithersburg Community Museum is located at 9 South Summit Avenue. For more information on these programs and other GIS initiatives, please visit the City website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov, call 301.258.6325, or e-mail gis@gaithersburgmd.gov.

Gaithersburg Named to Top 50 U.S. Cities List

Based on data collected by the business website 24/7 Wall Street, the City of Gaithersburg ranked among the top 50 Best Cities to Live in America, coming in at #23. Using U.S. Census Data on 550 cities with populations over 65,000, 24/7 Wall Street analyzed several variables, including crime rates, employment growth, access to restaurants and attractions, educational attainment, and housing affordability. Gaithersburg was the only Maryland city included on the list. Also making the list from the Washington region was Alexandria, Virginia at #20. The #1 ranked city was Broomfield, Colorado.

“It’s always nice when analytics substantiate what we already know about our dynamic and diverse community,” said Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman. “Wonderfully situated near the nation’s capital, but with a tight knit community that preserves the best qualities of a small town, Gaithersburg presents great opportunities for education, employment, recreation, and commerce. It’s a welcoming place to live.”

In the website write up on 24/7 Wall Street, Gaithersburg was noted as having a concentration of restaurants twice as high as the national average and a concentration of fitness centers that is three times as high. While housing costs were acknowledged as being high, with median home values at $356,800, it was noted that median household income was also considerably higher than the national average.


Fall Loose Leaf Collection Now through December 30

Loose leaf collection for single family and townhouse owners in the City of Gaithersburg is taking place now through December 30, weather permitting. Collection is generally made every five to seven days, usually on regular recycling days. Place leaves at the street curb by 7am on your recycling day. Note that leaves placed in alleys or mews will not be collected. After the collection period ends, leaves can be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags and left curbside with other recyclables on your weekly collection day.

When raking your leaves please remove limbs, rocks or other heavy objects from leaf piles. Never drive across or park over a leaf pile and do not allow children to play in leaves along the street.

As a reminder, during periods of potential storm activity, please delay leaf raking until after the effects of the storm have passed. Also, do not rake leaves into gutters or streets. Rake them into grassy areas behind the curb line to allow water to flow into catch basins. This will help prevent basins from clogging and will help prevent street flooding. Assistance moving leaves already in gutters to grassy areas would be greatly appreciated.

The burning of leaves is not allowed in the City of Gaithersburg. See the video here for more information on outdoor fire safety.

For more information, visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov or contact the City of Gaithersburg Department of Public Works at 301.258.6370.
State of the Kentlands

It seems appropriate to report on our overall progress after my first two years as your President and at the beginning of my final two years of service.

Physical Plant. The retaining wall complex along Quince Orchard Road is the proverbial “elephant in the room.” Here is the news is good: the structural remediation is complete nine months ahead of our original plan. The landscape remediation, final site cleanup, and sidewalk replacement should be complete this Calendar Year.

Kudos to the Board of Trustees: Chris Campbell (Chair), Rob Garretson (Vice Chair), Glen Palman (Secretary), Robert Randolph (Treasurer), and Ty Hardaway (Trustee) made the hard decisions needed to get this critical job done and put their names to those decisions with the formal votes.

There is much to do in 2017. Most of the fence along the top of the upper wall is still in serious disrepair, almost half of our mews remain to be resurfaced (both 2017 and 2018), storm water systems on Ridgepoint Place and in the “Massbury Ditch” remain problematic, our pool furniture is due for replacement, and the tennis courts must be resurfaced “soon.”

There is also a need for some modernization and addition. A variety of possible investments in productivity and usefulness exist. The suggestions include weather curtains for the Clubhouse porch that faces the pool to provide needed extra space, an on-site storage facility, and electronic resident identification tags.

Governance. The outgoing Board has been active, involved, hardworking, and extremely collegiate while making the tough decisions that had to be made on issues ranging from financing the wall’s remediation to allocating time in the lap pool’s swim lanes. Our governance committees, the Kentlands Historical Trust and Board of Code Compliance, have also done an outstanding job, sometimes under difficult circumstances. All three parts of Kentlands’ governance have been scrupulous in following, and effectively implementing our written procedures.

Activities. The Activities Committee, Kentlands Community Foundation, our unaffiliated groups such as the Kentlands Kingfish, and the City of Gaithersburg have combined to produce an incredibly robust and diverse

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12...

As the Board voted to renew the snow removal contract for the 2016–2017 winter season with the KCA’s current vendor at their October 26th Board of Trustee’s meeting, it seems appropriate to write about snow. As was discussed at the budget presentation at the Annual Meeting on October 25th, the only two items in the 2017 budget that raised the assessments for next year was snow removal and the interest and principal payments on the $300K loan that was borrowed to finish the wall.

Absent any better strategy, the Budget and Finance Committee (BFAC) decided to keep the same formula when budgeting for snow removal for 2017. The formula for as long as anyone remembers is to take the expenses from the last five years and average them, giving us the dollar amount for the next year’s budget. As we’ve had two years of large amounts of snow back to back, our number in the budget for next year’s snow removal rose as well. One great idea that the BFAC came up with was to start a snow removal reserve. It’s starting out very modest, only 5K in 2017, but we will add to it each year, and if we have a surplus in the snow removal line item at the end of the year, we can roll that into the reserve account as well. Eventually, the KCA will have a big enough cushion that they won’t have to take a big hit to the operating budget during years of high snow totals when we’re under budgeted.

As the Board was happy with the efforts of the snow removal vendor and the vendor agreed for the third straight year to leave the hourly cost consistent, it seemed like a “no brainer” to continue with them as we know they show up and work until the job is done. They had a crew of a half dozen people working around the clock for the first 24 hours the weekend of the 30+ snow fall, and then began to rotate those workers out and bring others in on the second day. They continued to work through the week to shovel walkways and then to clear the drifts at the openings to the mews that were caused when the City snowplows finally went through the community.

As we know from experience that large trucks with plows do not work in the small, tight areas of the mews, we’ve chosen a company, Atlantic Maintenance, that has the ability to bring in skid steers to clear the mews. The good news is that they can make the tighter radius turns and don’t do the damage the larger trucks do, the bad news is they can’t pick up as much snow at a time and operate at about seven miles an hour.

In an effort to make things as fair and equitable for all as possible, when we get into the snow removal time of the year, the vendor will be instructed to vary the part of the property they start on each time. Hence the same area is not always the first or the last to see snow removal activity. Because of the slow speed at which the skid steers operate, once they begin, they have to proceed around the community in an orderly flow. Running the equipment from one side of the property to the other is not efficient and only lengthens the time that it takes to get the cleanup done and raises the expense as the service is billed by the hour.

We’ll have additional info about snow removal, how to get help with shoveling if you need it, and more as we get closer to snow season. Hopefully, we have weeks, if not months, before snow hits our area.
The General Reserve Will Bounce Back

Now that remediation of the Quince Orchard retaining wall is nearing completion, paid for almost entirely by the General Reserve, it may be of interest to see what the prospects are for the General Reserve over the next few years. The main point is that KCA will be gradually restoring the General Reserve to a healthy balance, repaying the $600,000 that had been “borrowed” from the Recreation Facilities Reserve, and also (though not shown here) repaying the two $150,000 bank loans that were taken out in order to accelerate the remediation work, all while continuing with scheduled repairs and replacements of other kinds.

Data here are taken from relevant sections of KCA’s 2015 Reserve Study update. The 2017 figures correspond to those on the General Reserve sheet in the 2017 Draft Budget Workbook with a few revisions that occurred after the completion of the study.

### GENERAL RESERVE PROJECTIONS, 2017–2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EXPENDITURES</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2021</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property Site Elements</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asphalt Pavement, Crack Repair</td>
<td>$35,611</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>and Patch</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asphalt Pavement, Mill and Over-</td>
<td>$211,573</td>
<td>$217,920</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lay Partial</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Incl. Catch Basin Repairs)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fences, Wood, Retaining Wall</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fences, Wood, Stockade,</td>
<td>$17,672</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bucksfield Road</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Landscape, Tree Fertilizer</td>
<td>$13,506</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Landscape, Tree Pruning/Removal</td>
<td>$14,428</td>
<td>$14,861</td>
<td>$15,307</td>
<td>$15,766</td>
<td>$16,239</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Light Poles and Fixtures</td>
<td>$45,212</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Incl. Bollards)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retaining Walls, Masonry,</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capital Repairs (Near Term is</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Budgeted)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walking Paths, Asphalt Pavement,</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Replacement, Phased</td>
<td>$10,277</td>
<td>$10,903</td>
<td>$11,567</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walking Paths, Concrete, Partial</td>
<td>$19,096</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Incl. Clubhouse and Townhome</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sidewalks)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walking Paths, Pavers, Brick,</td>
<td>$11,649</td>
<td>$12,729</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resetting and Partial Replacements, Phased</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Carriage House Elements</strong></td>
<td>$14,853</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reserve Study Update with Site</td>
<td>$3,700</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visit</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anticipated Expenditures, By Year</td>
<td>$585,576</td>
<td>$232,781</td>
<td>$75,327</td>
<td>$73,707</td>
<td>$45,478</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### FUNDING PLAN

| Reserves at Beginning of Year    | $682,307| $705,735| $963,887| $937,807| $917,611|
| Recommended Reserve Contributions| $600,000| $600,000| $155,000| $159,700| $164,500|
| Transfer Between Recreational Reserves |        |        |        |        |        |
| Total Recommended Reserve        | $600,000| $480,000| $35,000| $39,700| $44,500|
| Contributions                    |        |        |        |        |        |
| Estimated Interest Earned,       | $9,004  | $10,933 | $14,247| $13,811| $13,741|
| During Year                      |        |        |        |        |        |
| Anticipated Expenditures, By Year|        |        |        |        |        |
| Anticipated Reserves at Year End | $705,735| $963,887| $937,807| $917,611|$930,374|

As we head into the hectic holiday season, your KCA leadership continues a short period of transition. Please remember there is no board meeting in November and the December meeting is earlier than normal.

### Board Votes in New Member

At the September KCA Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, Vice Chair Rob Garretson resigned. As I mentioned last month, he has assumed the Vice Chair position of the Kentlands Community Foundation and will serve as Chairman in two years. Consequently, it was not in the best interest for him to serve in both positions.

At the October meeting, the KCA BOT voted to add Greg Cohen to serve out the last 13 months of Rob’s term. Greg has served as the chairman of the Board Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC) this past year and has done a tremendous job leading the BFAC in designing the 2017 annual budget. Greg is a tremendous addition to the Board and we look forward to working with him. He joined the Board after his appointment for the remainder of the October meeting.

Consequently, in December, the Board will have three new members—Greg Cohen, Steve Longley, and David Hofmann.

### Snow Removal Contract

Nothing like 3 feet of snow to test a company’s snow removal capacities! We were so impressed with Atlantic Maintenance, that we have renewed their contract for another winter season. One of the things we like about this company is that they use Bobcats (small front loaders) to move the snow and not just the pick-up trucks. This helps preserve the state of our mews.

Please remember that snow removal is done systematically throughout the neighborhood. They start at one end and move throughout the neighborhood. CMC and the KCA cannot accommodate customized requests. Don’t forget that you are responsible to shovel the sidewalk in front of your house. Please contact CMC at the Clubhouse in advance of a snow should you need assistance from one of our terrific residents who offer to help shovel out their neighbors.

Finally, remember that the condo associations have their own snow removal contracts and do not receive snow removal from the KCA.

### KHT Design Standards

The BOT has asked the Kentlands Historical Trust (KHT) and DPZ (Kentlands Architect) to re-examine the KCA Design Standards for our homes. In recent years, the KHT has added to the approved list of materials (like a vinyl window option for condos), but the KCA leadership feels that we need to take a look at the entire process for home alterations to simplify the process while continuing to hold our homes to high standards.

While I know the Visual Change Application (VCA) process can sometimes be frustrating to our titleholders, please remember that you must submit a VCA to the KHT before you start any exterior renovation to your home including but not limited to window replacement, door replacement, a new roof, a new deck, etc. This is required by the Kentlands Founding Documents (Code).

Finally, thank you to the KHT committee members and DPZ for all their hard work helping to make Kentlands the premiere New Urbanist community in the country. Many of those who serve in this way serve in a fairly thankless job.

Happy Halloween and Holiday Season

I wandered a good part of the community on October 31st with my three kids and two dogs, and I am so blessed to be in a community that seems to enjoy each other’s company and this wonderful holiday season. I cannot wait to see all the winter decorations!
**Foundation Update**

By Mariann Zylstra

Greetings from the new Director of the Kentlands Community Foundation (KCF). Since taking the reins in September, I have learned that many residents of the Kentlands/Lakelands communities are not familiar with KCF or our mission. Before applying for the job as Director, I too was in the dark about this wonderful community resource.

KCF is a nonprofit organization established in 1993. Our mission is threefold: 1) To build community by supporting local arts and cultural programs, 2) To provide opportunities for volunteerism and community outreach, and 3) To serve as an educational resource on the landmark new urbanist community that is Kentlands. In addition to serving Kentlands and Lakelands, we also serve the wider Gaithersburg community and we partner with the City of Gaithersburg on events such as the Kentlands/Lakelands 5k (the largest 5k in Montgomery County), the Young Artists Awards, and the New Urbanist lecture series. A significant portion of the proceeds from the 5k are donated to worthwhile programs within Montgomery County including the Delores Swoyer Scholarship Fund which provides sponsorship for low income families’ children to attend the city led summer camp, The Dwelling Place which combats homelessness in our area and Senior Olympics.

Other programs under the KCF umbrella include the new Village at Kentlands, the Kentlands Film Society, Acoustic Jam, KidServe, Go Green, Under the Lights, the House & Garden tour, Cub Scout Pack 221 and our newest program, the Digital Photography Association, all volunteer led. We are always open to new ideas about programs which can fulfill our mission and are volunteer led, including one-time events. Please give me a call at 301.880.9626, email at kentlands@kentlands.org or stop by the KCF office in the Carriage House for a chat. I look forward to serving the community as the Director of KCF.

---

**Being Neighbors**

By Barney Gorin

Our great national trial by fire is almost over; Election Day is less than two weeks away.

The “trial by fire” appellation is not placed lightly here. People feel passionately about the two major party candidates. Sadly most of that passion, and the most intense of that passion, is negative, bordering on hatred. Negativity toward political candidates is not new. It has been a part of the politics of the United States at least since Jefferson’s day, but this level and this universality appears to be unique.

Unfortunately, some of that passion has led to overt action against an opposing candidate and an infringement on at least one of our neighbor’s right to freedom of expression: the theft of a yard sign displayed on private property.

We teach our children that stealing is wrong. That remains true whether the stolen item’s value is trivial or tremendous; our right to property is not just codified in the criminal laws of our land, it is guaranteed under the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution. Our right to free expression, or, to be more precise, expression without Government interference, is protected under the First Amendment.

Constitutionally and legally, stealing and attempting to silence those who feel differently are not legitimate.

It may be “only a yard sign,” it may be totally wrong, it may even offend one’s very soul, but let us all be neighbors, good neighbors, by respecting the views of those with whom we disagree no matter how passionate that disagreement may be.

---

**Join the Friends of Wells/Robertson House for a Black & White Kentlands Acoustic Jam**

Saturday December 17, 2016
at the Kentlands Mansion
320 Kent Square Road | Gaithersburg, Maryland

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Band, Wine Spirits & Hors d’oeuvres
Cocktail attire - $60.00 person

To purchase tickets, visit [https://blackandwhite12-17-16.eventbrite.com](https://blackandwhite12-17-16.eventbrite.com)

For more information please contact us at:
Carol 301-216-0877 - Treasurer
Linda 240-654-3572 - President

Visit our work at: [www.friendsof wells.org](http://www.friendsof wells.org)
It’s Holiday-Time in the Kentlands!

Santa’s Storytime & Sweets Shoppe • Saturday, December 3rd • 6pm–9pm

With the upcoming holiday season in mind, the KCA Activities Committee has made a few tweaks to the regularly scheduled programming. If you haven’t made it to a recent Kentlands Holiday Party, the event brings in over 200 residents over the course of three hours in the Clubhouse Great Room. With Santa and Mrs. Claus, gift giving, dinner and desserts, crafts, carriage rides, music, and a separate space for those that like to carry-on as adults, the event has evolved into something worth boasting about. Unfortunately, owing to the influx of attendees and excitement to see Santa, along with the tight space in the Clubhouse the event required some restructuring.

In an effort to minimize the wait and congestion to see Santa, the KCA Activities Committee, the KCA President and Events Director came up with a compromise. The December 3rd, once named Holiday Party, is now Santa’s Storytime & Sweets Shoppe. Santa will again make his stops by carriage around the Kentlands between 5pm and 5:40pm (see Santa Map below) and then head back into the Clubhouse by 6pm for story time and other fun with Santa. Photo opportunities with Santa will occur during this time until 9pm.

Residents are encouraged to make dinner arrangements in advance as this event is strictly for the sweet tooth. The event will feature a chocolate fountain, desserts, and hot cocoa bar; and to keep with tradition, residents are welcome to bring desserts to share. Store bought goods in disposable containers are strongly encouraged. There will be two carriages available during the event that will allow for parents to decompress for a moment while the children enjoy their storytime with Santa.

The Grinch Happy Hour • Friday, December 9th • 7pm–10pm

The KCA will be hosting The Grinch Happy Hour on December 9th. This is a potluck and bring your own beverage (BYOB) event for residents 21 and older. There will be karaoke and an ugly sweater competition during this event. The KCA will be providing ice, paper goods, utensils, and oh yeah, the venue for this event. We hope to see you all there in Grinch gear and ugly sweaters!

KCA Holiday Tree Makeover • Deadline: Monday, November 21st

The Kentlands Holiday Tree needs a makeover! We are looking for homemade ornaments made with love and donated to the KCA to decorate the tree. Craft ornaments made by children and families in the Kentlands with love and donated to the KCA holiday tree would be best! Be sure to place your family/child’s name, age and address on the ornament as this will serve as a time capsule kept by the KCA. Please submit all ornaments to Dana Macena at the Kentlands Clubhouse by Monday, November 21st.

Happy Holidays!
A Veteran’s Story

By Tamar Rhode

Unlike many government holidays whose dates shift according to what the most convenient Monday is to create a three day weekend, Veterans Day always falls on November 11. This is a day set aside to honor all those who served in the military, while Memorial Day is dedicated solely to those who died during the course of military duty.

On Halloween eve I showed up at Panera Bread wearing a poodle skirt to interview Michael Harris, a Kentlands neighbor and veteran of the United States Navy (Captain Michael Jon Harris USN Retired).

I will defer forthwith to Captain Harris’ wishes and refrain from referring to him as Captain Harris or Mr. Harris or... Mike grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. On the very day he returned home from graduating college there awaited him a letter from the US Army. This prompted his immediate application and subsequent acceptance to the Navy’s Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Though vision tests precluded piloting per se, Mike signed up for the Naval Flight Officers program which would allow him to eventually fly in the anti-sub warfare unit. Training for an aviation career consisted of multiple segments, including four months in Officer Candidate School beginning in 1964 and another four months of pre-flight training in Pensacola, Florida. Mike also underwent intensive POW training with focus on escape and evasion. This was excellent preparation with brutal trainers, though unlike other soldiers like Senator John McCain, for example, who spent seven years in captivity, Mike and his fellow trainees were operating under the knowledge that this was just simulation and would ultimately end.

It was in this capacity as a Naval Flight Officer that Mike served several tours in Vietnam, or ‘campaigns’ as they were then called, beginning in 1968 and ending in the early 1970’s with each campaign typically lasting approximately six months. He spent his time primarily in a Super Constellation radar-equipped aircraft, conducting surveillance of the Vietnamese coast. Each patrol was about 10–12 hours in duration on P3 Orion equipped with missiles that were rarely fired.

Flight time consisted of surveillance, typically 12 hours of patrol, and though missile equipped, they were rarely deployed during surveillance missions. A given day might include patrolling the Vietnamese coast from Cam Rhan Bay to Tan Son near Saigon. For a look at the area, copy this url to your web browser: https://www.google.com/maps/@11.9168356,105.809479,7z

Anti-sub warfare duty consumed the remainder of his Navy career until Mike was awarded command of the Navy’s Antarctic squadron. This was a very exciting time, he says; everyone loved what they were doing. For him, part of the thrill was being entirely and solely responsible for a squadron of 450 people. Another part was having the first two women assigned to the Antarctic in his charge. Imagine the nuances of navigating that!

Did he have friends who were in combat? Sure. “We lost friends, we all did”, says Mike. In fact, he says, it took nearly 15 years to visit the Vietnam Memorial.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 19...

Voted as one of Washington area’s “Best Orthodontists” by the Washingtonian Magazine since 2003.

Conveniently located in the Quince Orchard Medical Park, across from the Kentlands

11904 Darnestown Road, Suite C, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301.977.1448 | www.bracesbych.com

Conveniently located in the Quince Orchard Medical Park, across from the Kentlands

Ask about our special fall and winter pricing.

Cedar Shakes and Synthetic Slates can be installed all winter long!

Mention this ad and we’ll take 10% OFF any replacement job!
Not valid with any other offers. Up to $500 off.

Charles C. Harrington, DDS
Specialist in Orthodontics

Central Roofing, Siding & Windows Co.
Family owned and operated since 1966

The Kentlands leading Home Exterior Remodeler

We install all HOA-approved products:
Cedar Shakes, Synthetic Slate Roofing, Hardie-Plank Siding, and Maintenance-Free Windows.

301-881-2424
www.CentralExteriors.com

Your Exterior Remodeling Specialist

MHIC #1871 • DC #7675
HALLOWEEN IN THE KENTLANDS!
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6...

social environment in Kentlands and Lakelands. Movies on the Lawn, Oktoberfest, Summerfest, Happy Hours, theater, arts, concerts, and all the rest are simply too extensive to list. Clubs for fun (such as the Bridge Club) and opportunities for service (such as the Foundation’s Village initiative) provide an incredible number of ways for all of us to engage with the rest of the community.

Finances. The Assembly has weathered two challenging years as a result of the Quince Orchard Rd. wall complex and other deferred maintenance. Despite that, we have funded the necessary work and maintained a strong cash position by spreading the work over several years and modest Assessment increases. Our reserve balances are beginning to recover and the future appears bright.

Polity. Eight committees do the heavy lifting of keeping Kentlands Kentlands. They are the heart and soul of our activities, planning, and maintenance efforts. A hearty “thank you” to all of these unsung volunteers who give their time and talent to keep Kentlands beautiful, welcoming, and safe!

We had a full ballot, if an uncontested one, in the recent election. Thank you Steve Longley and Dave Hofmann for offering their time and skills to make the decisions that will be needed in 2017 and 2018. Welcome aboard!

Two years ago, our out-going President, Tim Clarke, expressed his concern about apathy; there is a kernel of truth there that might be better termed complacency. Conversations, emails, and inputs at our meetings show that our citizenry is very informed but Board meetings are not well attended, it is very difficult to attract committee volunteers and Board candidates, and has been some time since we have had a contested election for any office.

We, the Board and President, are anxious to find ways to involve our young people more, integrate the various condo association residents more completely into umbrella KCA events, and involve our “associate” membership, e.g., The Manor, more in Kentlands’ events and volunteerism. New ideas and volunteers would be most welcome!

The state of Kentlands is “fabulous!”

---

Do you have Lyme Disease?
Contact your Doctor if you have any one of the following symptoms:

- Fatigue
- Fever
- Muscle Pain
- Joint Pain
- Bulls Eye Rash

(Only appears in about 30% of cases)

If left untreated, Lyme disease can lead to serious complications such as Bell’s Palsy (paralysis of the face), severe headaches and damage to vital organs.

Phone: 301-918-0173
211 Perry Parkway, Suite 6, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Clongen Laboratories offer Lyme Disease Testing for PCR and Western Blot.

We offer a comprehensive Tick and Lyme disease menu. Please visit:

---

Fall in love with your home all over again!

Thank you, Frederick, for voting Talon Construction Best for the Ninth year.
Angie’s List “A” Rated

Talon CONSTRUCTION
DESIGN/BUILD

CUSTOM ADDITIONS | FINISHED BASEMENTS | KITCHEN/BATH REMODELS | CUSTOM HOMES

Call today! 301-620-8604 | 866-233-2297 | www.talon-construction.com
Magic, Music, and More at Arts on the Green

Imagine the lovely little Arts Barn stage graced with a 22-piece orchestra. This exciting scenario will happen on Saturday, November 5 when the Catholic University of America (CUA) Chamber Orchestra comes to town for two performances of Prokofiev’s Peter and the Wolf, a fantastic introduction to orchestral music for children and the adults who love them. Why CUA, you may ask? Gaithersburg resident Simeone Tartaglione conducts the ensemble and has been—ahem—instrumental in bringing them to the Arts Barn. He notes that “as a new resident of the beautiful Kentlands it is with such joy that I bring this CUA production. We are so fortunate to live in a rich cultural environment. I am sure our community will be thrilled by this show and kids (and parents) will keep wonderful memories of it for years!”

Sunday, November 13 marks the return of the popular Broadway Sing-Along at Kentlands Mansion. For the past two years, the late afternoon sing-along has attracted folks of all ages to share the joy and fun of belting out some of Broadway’s best-loved tunes together. This year the musical merriment will be led by Teresa McCoy, accompanist for the Gaithersburg Chorus and Director of Music at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. Teresa brings an extensive musical background, including plenty of experience in theater. Plans are to include songs by Rogers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Stephen Sondheim and many more. Lyric sheets are provided; talent is strictly optional.

There is much more happening in November and early December. Read on for more details and please note that Arts on the Green has a new, more user-friendly online ticketing system that makes it easy for you to purchase your tickets any time, day or night! Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov. Or, if you just want to chat with someone at the Arts Barn, that’s fine, too. Call 301.258.6394. Arts on the Green is located at 311/320 Kent Square Rd in Gaithersburg. More information at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

On Stage

Postmortem by Ken Ludwig
Presented by Montgomery Playhouse
November 4–20 • Arts Barn • Tickets: $20

This clever mystery takes place in April 1922 as the cast of Broadway’s Sherlock Holmes has assembled for a weekend of relaxation at William Gillette’s magnificent medieval castle on a bluff overlooking the Connecticut River. Gillette, best known for his 30-year portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, has arranged a séance. The scene is set for intrigue: someone is trying to murder Gillette and he suspects it is one of his guests. Postmortem is a mystery complete with ghosts, misinterpreted relationships and several unexpected outcomes. It will keep the audience guessing about motives and the identity of a killer as there are suspicious behaviors aplenty. The London Times reviewer wrote: “A Sherlock Holmes whodunit kind of mystery packed with suspects and tinged with suspense and laughter.” Recommended for ages 15 & up.

Just for Families

Peter and the Wolf
Music and story by Sergei Prokofiev
Performed by Catholic University of America Chamber Orchestra
November 5 • 2:30 & 4:30pm • Arts Barn • Tickets: $12

Treat your family to nothing less than the most successful orchestral composition for children ever written. Prokofiev’s masterpiece effortlessly marries entertainment with education. There will be a narrator introducing the characters and the instruments that portray them. The classic children’s symphony is conducted by Gaithersburg’s own Simeone Tartaglione. Stay to meet the musicians at an “instrument petting zoo.” Recommended for all ages.

Catch Me: A Magic Duel
November 25 at 5 & 8pm • Arts Barn • Tickets: $20 • $12

A return engagement by acclaimed magicians Brian Curry and Mark Phillips—with a brand new show! After years of successfully plying their trade in Gaithersburg and around the world, Curry and Phillips have decided this town isn’t big enough for them both. In “Catch Me,” these two sleight-of-hand masters battle live, on stage for the title of “Gaithersburg’s Favorite Magician.” During the show, the audience will select various styles of magic the contestants must perform. Audience members then cast their votes for which one will be awarded the coveted Golden Wand. Buy your tickets early because they will “disappear” fast! Recommended for ages 10 & up.

Breakfast with Santa
December 3 & 4 at 9am • Kentlands Mansion • Tickets: $20 • $15

This cherished Kentlands tradition includes buffet breakfast, making a craft and, of course, a photo op with Santa! Holiday music will be provided by Pritchard Music Academy, LLC. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Call 301.258.6425. Recommended for all ages.

Rufus the Rednosed Raindog
Presented by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre
December 3, 7, 10 • 3pm • Arts Barn • Tickets: $12

Among all of your holiday outings with the kids or grandkids, be sure to include one that is close to home and hassle free. The respected Blue Sky Puppet...
Dear Kentlands residents,

We understand roofing is not just about the protection of your home, it’s also about the aesthetic appearance and beauty of the neighborhood.

We provide solutions to your existing roofing needs in the form of 30 and 50 year warranted CCA approved shakes.

Call us to schedule an appointment for a free no obligation estimate.

We look forward to meeting you!

Robert Politz, Owner

Robert Politz Enterprises, Inc.

www.PolitzEnterprises.com • 301.620.2023 • 888.506.4088

People’s Choice for any and all of your roofing needs!

National approved member of RoofingPeople.com

Exceptional Military Discounts

Financing Now Available

Why choose PE Roofing?

✓ Over 40 years in business
✓ BBB A+ rating
✓ Approved installer by the Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
✓ Numerous references available

Apples to Apples Program will match any competitor pricing along with an additional 10% off.

(Inquire for more details.)
Lafayette continued to fight for “government by the people” in the French Revolution, but was imprisoned from 1792 to 1797. Throughout his life, Lafayette remained an advocate of human rights, including the abolition of slavery. He helped his Revolutionary War aid, who later took Lafayette’s name, gain freedom through a 1784 testimonial of his service during the war.

Concurrently, Lafayette’s wife, Adrienne de Noailles de Lafayette, shared in the same liberal causes as her husband. She was interested in emancipating slaves, and they bought two South American slave plantations in Cayenne for the purpose of liberating the king’s slaves and distributing the land among them. She banned the cruel punishment of flogging and selling slaves. Adrienne also was imprisoned during the French Revolution and condemned to the guillotine. Her mother, sister, and grandmother were beheaded, but Adrienne was saved due to American intervention.

The American Friends of Lafayette is an historical and patriotic society dedicated to the memory of Lafayette and to the study of his life and times in America and France. The Society values this great French leader, his remarkable career, his contributions to our nation’s history and his efforts to cultivate a bond between the U.S. and France.

For More Information

The next Lecture Series will present Kennedy Smith who will focus on New Urbanism: Revitalizing Main Street. The lecture will be held Nov. 15 at the Arts Barn at 7:30pm.
Kentlands Historical Trust: October

Prepared by: Katie Mell

Minutes of the Kentlands Historical Trust Meeting
10.05.16

Committee Members Present:
Ade Alli, KHT Acting Chair
Ann Drum, KHT
Hamid Nazari, KHT
Giulia Mason, KHT
Marina Khoury, DPZ

Management/Residents/Owners/Guests Present:
Katie Mell, Assistant Manager, CMC
Charlie Green, 104 Hart Rd.
Curt Puhl, 618 Firehouse Ln.
Greg Bourn, 114 Lake St.
Bernie Bernardino, 324 Thaxton St.
Jim Crenca, Starmark Window Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Kentlands Clubhouse.

Joan Brennan, #16-081
Condo • 212 Ridgepoint Pl. #16
Windows: Approved as a test case to replace existing windows with new triple pane Insignia apex PVC windows with the condition that the trim be installed to make the profile as flat as possible. Muntins to be installed.

Asya Smith, #16-092
Block CC • Lot 3 • 115 Leekes Lot Way
Windows: Approved to replace all existing wood windows with new Marvin Infinity windows. Muntins and color to match existing.

Bernie Bernardino, #16-084
Block KK • Lot 1 • 324 Thaxton St.
Door: Denied to replace existing front entry door with new Therma Tru Fiberglass classic Mahogany door due to the proposed glass not being clear.

Gregory & Sylvia Bourn, #16-083
Block G • Lot 86 • 114 Lake St.
Fence: Approved to replace existing front and side wood picket fence with new black 3-rail iron fence (option #2) and install crushed rock.

Anabela & Curt Puhl, #16-088
Block G • Lot 35 • 618 Firehouse Ln.
Garage Door: Approved to replace existing double garage doors with new steel panel single garage door.

Breezeway: Approved to install new breezeway between the house and garage with fiberglass columns, cedar shake or black metal roof, and wood railings.

Siding: Approved to replace existing siding with new pearl gray Hardi Plank siding.

Roof: Approved to replace existing red metal roof with new black metal roof.

Gutters: Approved to replace existing gutters and downspouts with new 6 inch white aluminum gutters and downspouts.

Paint: Approved to paint trim “Ultra-Pure White” and shutters and door “Black.”

Bill & Sandra Cook, #16-089
Block O • Lot 3 • 106 Hart Rd.
Windows: Approved to replace existing windows with new Andersen 400 Series windows. Muntins to be installed.

Siding: Approved to replace existing siding with new “Khaki Brown” Hardi Plank siding and repair all existing trim.

Door: Approved to paint existing front door black.

Jacqueline Krakovsky, #16-082
Block • 321 Firehouse Ln.
Door: Approved to paint existing front and side doors black.

Genevieve Lacourly, #16-085
Block II • Lot 26 • 477 Tschiffely Sq. Rd.
Hedges: Approved to remove existing front fence and install new Cherry Laurel hedges. At installation, hedges to be 18 inches on center, shall be at least 5 gallons or 24 inches in height, and placed away from sidewalk to allow for growth.

Maureen & Charles Green, #16-087
Block O • Lot 2 • 104 Hart Rd.
Windows: Approved to replace picture and double hung windows on the rear of the home with new Renewal by Andersen windows. Style and color to match existing. Muntins to be installed.

Maureen & Charles Green, #16-087
Block O • Lot 2 • 104 Hart Rd.
Windows: Approved to replace picture and double hung windows on the rear of the home with new Renewal by Andersen windows. Style and color to match existing. Muntins to be installed.

Patricia & Arthur Hayes, #16-090
Block II • Lot 18 • 431 Tschiffely Sq. Rd.
Mailbox: Approved to replace existing mailbox with new white metal mailbox and wood post at the front of the home.

Olivier & Erin Quinn, #16-091
Block PP • Lot 28 • 224 Thaxton St.
Paint: Approved to paint the house and garage gray.

Susan & Joe Williams, #16-086
Block E • Lot 15 • 212 Kent Oaks Way
Paint: Approved to paint the house and garage “dry sage”, trim “white dove”, and front door “arroyo red”. Home and garage to be uniform color. Storm door, if any, to match door or trim color.

Have the time and interest in serving your community? Want to be a part of the decision making process that directly affects your property values? Have a skill or expertise that you could share?

Then contact Barney Gorin at president@Kentlandsusa.com to share your ideas and interest.

OKNA Starmark Window Review—Window not approved due to extruding profile

Firehouse Mews—Railroad tie barrier—Approved by KHT

Design Code Review Update
New Member—Jeff Buchsbaum

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. ■

Prepared by: Katie Mell

Have the time and interest in serving your community? Want to be a part of the decision making process that directly affects your property values? Have a skill or expertise that you could share?

Then contact Barney Gorin at president@Kentlandsusa.com to share your ideas and interest.
Current Financial Highlights

As of September 30, KCA’s Total Cash and Investments amounted to $1,506,670, down $89,446 (5.6%) since last month and $141,934 (8.6%) since the start of the year. This was for two reasons: the year-to-date operating deficit, discussed in the next paragraph, and net outflows from reserve accounts.

Through the end of September, KCA’s income for the year to date was $1,806,506, $9,450 (0.5%) over budget; expenses were $2,002,699, $147,591 (7.4%), which included a deficit (net loss) of $196,193, compared to a deficit of $138,062 foreseen for this time of year in the budget.

The largest dollar amounts of over-budget spending were for:
* Recreation Center Expenses: $8,457 (2.2%), chiefly because of over-budget spending on Social/Recreation Programs ($2,886, 5.6%), Clubhouse Staff ($3,494, 15.6%), and Rec Center Contract Services ($2,738, 1.9%), partly offset by below-budget spending on Snack Bar Supplies (under budget by $2,357, 49.6%).
* General Repairs & Maintenance: $8,424 (31%), because our aging infrastructure requires increased spending on routine maintenance.
* Snow Removal Services: $109,618 (250%), due to heavier than anticipated snowfall.
* Transfers to Reserve Funds: $5,775 (1.1%), almost entirely because greater than expected TIC Fund Contributions.

The largest dollar amounts of under-budget spending were for:
* Transfers from Reserve Funds: $111,804 (22.9%), chiefly because of over-budget spending on Social/Recreation Programs ($32,688, 14.9%), Clubhouse Staff ($18,803, 42.3%), Rec Center Contract Services ($15,413, 59.8%), partly offset by below-budget spending on Snack Bar Supplies (under budget by $2,357, 49.6%).
* Monthly interest on loans: $11,576 (percent cannot be calculated because of zero denominator).
* Operations & Administration: $21,856 (95.6%), chiefly because of over-budget spending on Social/Recreation Programs ($16,620, 213%), Clubhouse Staff ($5,264, 121%), and Rec Center Contract Services ($122, 1,736%).
* Monthly interest on loans: $11,576 (percent cannot be calculated because of zero denominator).

November BOCC Focus: Winterizing

Are you and your home ready for winter? Fall is the time to prepare for winter—cold and wet conditions not only make you miserable, but they can damage your home. Some winterizing can wait, some can’t. Make a list of what needs to be done, and tackle the time-sensitive tasks first. Here’s a simple checklist from the assembly to help you get a jump on winter.

Indoor Winterizing
* Examine doors and replace weather-stripping as needed.
* Examine window caulking and reseal where needed.
* Examine and repair vents where needed.
* Clean chimneys and flues.
* Remove items near heat vents.
* Place nonskid runners or door mats outside to help keep water, sand and salt out of the house.

Outdoor Winterizing
* Cut back tree branches and shrubs that hide signs, block light, or overhang sidewalks and fences.
* Examine outdoor handrails and tighten if needed.
* Turn off electrical breakers for outdoor equipment.
* Close hose bibs.
* Clean out gutters, downspouts, and yard drains.
* Spray outdoor locks and hinges with lubricant.
* Stake driveway and walkway edges that may be difficult to find under deep snow.
* Touch up all chipping and peeling paint surfaces and rust spots.
* Vacuum your window and sliding-door tracks periodically.

* Site management Staff Payroll: $11,302 (3.9%).
* Monthly interest on loans: $11,576 (percent cannot be calculated because of zero denominator).
* Transfers to Reserve Funds: $5,775 (1.1%), almost entirely because greater than expected TIC Fund Contributions.

By current CMC projections, we are likely to end the year with a deficit of about $138,161. The loss will be covered by Unappropriated Homeowners’ Equity (our operating reserve), which currently stands at $176,214. This figure has fluctuated over the years, from a recent low of $92,457 in 2008 to a high of $424,027 in 2013. The operating reserve is doing its job, and will be rebuilt whenever KCA ends a year with positive net income, as it did in 2001–02, 2005–08, and 2012.

Sources of Information, and How to Get More

All KCA financial data presented here are derived from CMC’s monthly Financial Reports and KCA’s 2015 Reserve Study update. As always, further details are available in the source documents, which interested Titleholders are welcome to review by dropping in at KCA offices.
KCA Board of Trustees Appoints Replacement for Resigning Board Member

the position to fill out the remainder of the term at the October Board meeting.

Greg Cohen Bio

Greg moved to the Kentlands with his wife in 2010 from the Lakelands. In 2016, he chaired the KCA’s Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC). As BFAC Chair, he introduced a new snow reserve fund to mitigate the impact of large snowfall-related cost increases on titleholder assessments.

You’ll often find Greg at the Saturday market, or walking the neighborhood with his wife, son (4), and, in a few months, his daughter. As a private pilot, Greg also enjoys flying recreationally.

Greg’s professional experience includes leadership positions in finance, strategic planning, and risk for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which operates Dulles International Airport, Reagan National Airport, and the Dulles Toll Road. He has an undergraduate degree from Franklin & Marshall College, an MBA from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, and is a CPA.
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10...

A Veteran’s Story

Accompanied by his wife, Mike says his first visit was ‘wrenching’. But he has returned many times and says the site is spectacular, beautiful.

Mike says he reads more about World War II and the Korean War than he does about the Vietnam War. Books on the Vietnam War tend to be more political, he says, and with a background in strategic planning that is his preferred focus.

Besides graduating from the Naval War College in Rhode Island, Mike taught at the Industrial College of Armed Forces, part of National Defense University located here in Southwest DC. In 1986, Mike became chief of the War Planes branch of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J3). At that time Dick Cheney was Secretary of Defense and Mike’s term in the Office of the Secretary involved, among other things, calling up 250,000 reserves for operation Desert Shield. It was from this post that he retired in the early 1990’s.

I asked Mike what he thinks about on Veterans Day? He says he did his job and did it well for 28 years; he is proud of his career. Though not sentimental about the holiday, he does feel strongly about how vets are treated, particularly junior military who made a commitment to serve and deserve to see the government’s commitment met in return. Housing, Commissaries, Medical insurance—all the ‘people’ programs are suffering as a majority of the military budget is designated for weaponry and insufficient funds are set aside for countless other programs including pay raises.

Mike says he observes no annual Veterans Day traditions. From time to time he visits the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery where his uncle, who served, and his aunt, are interred.

As for fun, Mike keeps busy. He has traveled to Turkey seven times. He also owns an FJR 1300 Yamaha and a BMW GS 1200 with a bright yellow side car and just returned from a two week trip to Florida with the Potomac Ridge Riders. You better believe this captain rounded up his fellow riders for a visit to the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola.

**For a brief but excellent read, this writer recommends Tim O’Brien’s ‘The Things They Carried’, now required reading in MCPS, and the TV series Vietnam in HD. ■

---

**Kentlands Real Estate Listings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FOR SALE</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>List Price</th>
<th>DOM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16 Granite Pl. #380</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$262,100</td>
<td>46</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>402 Ridgepoint Pl. #16</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$283,000</td>
<td>67</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182 Kendrick Pl. #14</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$285,000</td>
<td>29</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Arch Pl. #432</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$287,000</td>
<td>112</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>114 Kendrick Pl. #28</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$289,000</td>
<td>69</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>408 Ridgepoint Pl. #18</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$293,500</td>
<td>33</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>110 Booth St. #28</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$289,900</td>
<td>14</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182 Kendrick Pl. #12</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$319,000</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 Booth St. #159</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$350,000</td>
<td>81</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 Arch Pl. #479</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$519,000</td>
<td>21</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>458 Golden Ash Mews</td>
<td>Cottage</td>
<td>$624,900</td>
<td>207</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>323 Inspiration Ln</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$649,900</td>
<td>75</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>139 Little Quarry Rd.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$719,900</td>
<td>34</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>305 Inspiration Ln</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$739,900</td>
<td>40</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>340 Chesterton St.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$829,000</td>
<td>21</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>344 Little Quarry Rd.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$875,000</td>
<td>116</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>119 Little Quarry Rd.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$899,900</td>
<td>46</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>306 Kent Oaks Way</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$975,000</td>
<td>70</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>109 Treenest St.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$995,000</td>
<td>25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>142 Lake St.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$1,049,900</td>
<td>24</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>614 Firetouse Ln</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$1,099,900</td>
<td>60</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**UNDER CONTRACT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>List Price</th>
<th>Sold Price</th>
<th>DOM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3 Arch Pl. #125</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$235,000</td>
<td>$235,000</td>
<td>140</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Granite Pl. #313</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$239,900</td>
<td>$239,900</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Booth St. #342</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$319,900</td>
<td>$329,900</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Granite Pl. #480</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$375,000</td>
<td>$360,000</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>125 Chevy Chase St.</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$386,000</td>
<td>$384,000</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>174 Chevy Chase St. #A</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$429,900</td>
<td>$435,000</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>106 Hart Rd</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$549,900</td>
<td>$566,000</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>441 Tschifyelli Square Rd</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$679,900</td>
<td>$675,000</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>254 Beckwith St.</td>
<td>Cottage</td>
<td>$699,999</td>
<td>$699,999</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>123 Lake St.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$1,175,000</td>
<td>$1,160,000</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SOLD (10/01/16-present)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>Orig/List Price</th>
<th>Sold Price</th>
<th>DOM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3 Arch Pl. #125</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$235,000</td>
<td>$235,000</td>
<td>140</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Granite Pl. #313</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$239,900</td>
<td>$239,900</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Booth St. #342</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$329,900</td>
<td>$329,900</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Granite Pl. #480</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$365,000</td>
<td>$365,000</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>125 Chevy Chase St.</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$384,000</td>
<td>$384,000</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>174 Chevy Chase St. #A</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$435,000</td>
<td>$435,000</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>106 Hart Rd</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$566,000</td>
<td>$566,000</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>441 Tschifyelli Square Rd</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$675,000</td>
<td>$675,000</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>254 Beckwith St.</td>
<td>Cottage</td>
<td>$699,999</td>
<td>$699,999</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>123 Lake St.</td>
<td>Single Family</td>
<td>$1,160,000</td>
<td>$1,155,000</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**FOR RENT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>List Price</th>
<th>DOM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>316 Main St.</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 Booth St. #158</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$1,600</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102 Leesos Lot Way</td>
<td>Guest House</td>
<td>$1,600</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>164 Kendrick Pl. #26</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$1,795</td>
<td>131</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>114 Kendrick Pl. #36</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$1,950</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Granite Pl. #291</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$2,150</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Granite Pl. #490</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$2,200</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>115 Chevy Chase St.</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$2,250</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100 Ridgepoint Pl</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$2,250</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>115 Chevy Chase St.</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$2,300</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>157 Chevy Chase St. A</td>
<td>Condo</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>208 Ridgepoint Pl</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>305 Inspiration Ln</td>
<td>Townhome</td>
<td>$3,200</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

The information above was obtained from MRIS. Information is believed to be accurate, but should not be relied upon without verification. Information was retrieved on 11.01.2016 by Valerie Harmon, BUYERS AGENT—REALTOR—CELL 301.980.4883 / Old Line Properties (office: 301.926.0999 • e-mail: Valerie@valieresellskentlands.com) ■
Autumn Home Showcase

614 Firehouse Lane | Kentlands
$899,900
Beautifully crafted 5BR/4.5BA all brick residence offers 6000+ sqft of luxury & sophistication. Exquisite spaces include grand foyer with skylight, cozy library, dramatic 2-story living room, sunlit parlor. Crisp white cabinetry, granite counters & sleek stainless steel appliances highlight the chef’s kitchen. Extravagant master suite retreat with sitting room, dual walk-in closets & tranquil master bath. Finished walk-out basement with 5th bedroom & new full bath. 4 cozy fireplaces & so much more!

119 Little Quarry Road | Kentlands
$599,900
Remarkable 5BR/3.5BA Parkwood Oxford model showcases impressive upgrades: custom kitchen with granite, antique white maple cabinetry & professional Thermador double wall oven, Wolf rangetop & Sub-Zero 132-bottle wine fridge. Luxurious master bathroom with frameless glass shower, marble subway tile, Italian Carrara marble dual sink vanity & porcelain tile floor. Finished walk-out basement with 5th bedroom, full bath, & 2 recreation rooms. Rear Trex deck, picket fence yard. Must see!

9 Barrel Cooper Court | Hidden Orchard
$599,900
Tucked away in the Hidden Orchard section of Fernshire Farms sits this 3BR home on desirable cul-de-sac. Freshly painted, hardwood floors through spacious living room & dining room. Stylish kitchen showcases white cabinetry with beadboard accents, granite countertops & stainless appliances. Generous room sizes including loft/possible 4th bedroom that overlooks sunroom with soaring ceiling & skylights. Finished walk-up basement. Fantastic rear yard!

DID YOU KNOW...?

This year, Mike sold the highest priced Rocky Gorge Annapolis C model of all time with a sales price of $680,000? The next highest sales price for the same model was for $659,956 in 2006.

Thank you for visiting our team at Oktoberfest!

The October sale of Mike’s listing at 443 Tschiffely Square Rd brought the highest price per square foot in the Kentlands for 2016 at $321.43/sqft. The Kentlands average for 2016 was $235.98/sqft.

*as shown in MRIS as of 10/18/16