



# The Kenwood Oaks Neighborhood Association

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## This is KONA's first e-mail newsletter.

At the KONA Board of Directors meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to introduce the neighborhood to a new e-mail newsletter with the intent to develop a more cost effective way to stay in touch with the membership (and to save on printing costs). For those KONA members who do not yet have access to the Internet and email, your designated block captain will arrange for a printed copy of each issue of the KONA Newsletter to be hand delivered.

We understand that when people view information online, they often lose interest quickly and have a low tolerance for long articles. As a result, this new KONA e-mail newsletter will work to be brief—typically at about 2,000 words in length. With this limitation, it's very important for us to ensure that it remains brief and to the point. Headlines will be short and clear, and each article will aim to make just one major point. We solicit your suggestions for new topics, content, and digital photos where available.

## KONA Membership Drive.

The KONA membership drive has been successful again this year (2006-2007) with total dues paying member households (\$10.00/year) at 63 members, as of November 19<sup>th</sup>. In 2005-2006 the total was also 62, and in 2004-2005 the membership total was 51.

## So what has KONA done for me lately?

As you paid your \$10.00 KONA membership dues you might be wondering, "What has KONA done for me lately?" Over the last more than twenty-five years KONA has achieved some rather significant neighborhood changing accomplishments, especially in the beginning. Among them are the following:

1. In the original street plan for Kenwood Oaks, there was an entrance to Kenwood Oaks from where Millwood Estates is now located east of Lot 89 (Wojanis home). KONA successfully blocked establishment of an entrance to Kenwood Oaks from Millwood for automobiles and trucks.
2. KONA also obtained a 50-foot buffer zone with trees and brush on Millwood property between townhouse buildings and Kenwood Oaks property lines. KONA also obtained barrier rail fences along Kenwood Avenue, which prohibit easy access to Kenwood Oaks from Kenwood and Millwood townhouse developments. This buffer zone prevented townhouses from being built essentially next to our homes.

**Useful Web Links:**

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/)  
Link to Fairfax County Gov't.

[www.geocities.com/wsca2000](http://www.geocities.com/wsca2000)  
Link to West Springfield Civic Association.

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
Link to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



3. KONA negotiated the reorientation of the configuration of Kenwood townhouses so that there is a wooded area along Kenwood Avenue with adequate separation between the townhouses and Kenwood Avenue. Imagine townhouses facing Kenwood Avenue and vehicles and boats being parked there.
4. KONA served as a liaison with VDOT for replacing damaged neighborhood sidewalks and for resurfacing blacktop on our streets.
5. More recently, KONA influenced the Kenwood Townes Homeowners Association to install a water drainage ditch and stone enhancement to prevent ice and snow spill over on to Kenwood Avenue near our entrance to Rolling Road.
6. Established liaison channels with Koger Management Group for Kenwood Townes and with Cardinal Management Group for Millwood estates to resolve problems of maintenance in buffer zones. Hopefully, you have noticed that the wood-rail fencing along Kenwood Oaks has been repaired and the grounds along the fence line are being well maintained.
7. Sponsored KONA neighborhood picnics in the fall.
8. Sponsored Fall neighborhood cleanups.
9. Published the annual KONA Directory.
10. And, kept you informed *via* quarterly KONA newsletters.

## Your neighborhood is your responsibility...

Property values in Kenwood Oaks, as in all other neighborhoods, are impacted, both positively and negatively, by the overall cleanliness and the quality of landscaping around your home and your neighbor's home. The responsibility rests with all residents of our beautiful neighborhood to ensure that trash, debris, used appliances, boxes, ladders, junk, and other extraneous and unsightly materials are removed from the front and sides of our homes, properly disposed of, or stored internally out of sight. It is also the responsibility of all of us to ensure that our sidewalks and drive ways are regularly edged, swept, and kept clean of trash, debris, leaves, and tree limbs. **The Annual KONA Fall Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Won't you volunteer to join your friends and neighbors in a community effort to beautify your neighborhood? Neighborhood pride in Kenwood Oaks is alive and well and is observable and contagious.

### KONA Board of Directors:

*President: Bill Wojanis  
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Ct. to Lamese Ct.*

*Mark Susa  
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Ct. to Parkview Ct.*

*Kim Bieron  
Gregory Ct.*

*Ulla Jackson  
Essex Ct.*

*Phyllis Schneider  
Top half of Phillips Ct.*

*Dave Salamone  
Lower half of Phillips Ct.*

*Kathy Marchetti  
Tiburon Ct.*

*Dick Smith  
Lamese Ct.*

*Nicki Johnson &  
Yvonne Hoyle  
Parkview Ct.*

## "National Museum of the U.S. Army."



The National Museum of the United States Army will be the first and only museum to tell the story of the United States Army from the earliest days of the colonial militia to the present day status as the world's most powerful ground force. The Army will break ground for the National Museum in 2007 (opening the 295,000 square-foot Museum Complex with 96,000 square feet of exhibit space in 2013). State-of-the-art exhibits and programs are planned to engage an estimated one-million visitors a year through uniquely dynamic and fully immersive environments. The Army story will come to life through film, interactive exhibits, first person interpretation; high-tech, hands-on simulator and 4-D experiences; and the largest collection of U.S. Army artifacts, art, and material culture ever placed on display. In addition to multi-media theaters, an auditorium/lecture hall, galleries and exhibit spaces, the Museum Complex is planned to include a museum store, restaurant facilities, classrooms, and meeting spaces. The campus will also include a parade ground with 3,000 permanent seating with a 3,000 temporary expansion capability, a 400-seat outdoor amphitheater, outdoor exhibit pavilions, and a memorial garden covering over two-and-one-quarter acres.

## Traffic on Rolling Road, etc.

The widening of Rolling Road between Old Keene Mill Road and the Fairfax County Parkway to four lanes is still programmed, but on indefinite hold because of the failure the Commonwealth of Virginia to approve funding. However, a new traffic light at the corner of Rolling Road and Greely Blvd. is still in the works (date TBD). The KONA Board will continue to work with Fairfax County to ensure that residents of our community retain the ability to enter and exit freely (turning left or right) on Rolling Road and to ensure no center island is constructed that would restrict access to our entrance on Kenwood Oaks. Additionally, the U.S. Army has announced plans to build their new "National Museum of the U.S. Army" on the 90-acre Engineering

Proving Grounds (EPG) adjacent to Rolling Road just south of the Parkway, which will significantly increase traffic on Rolling Road. Improvements to Rolling Road in that area and completion of the Parkway are recognized as necessary; but whether the Commonwealth of Virginia will pay for it all remains unresolved. Consider the impact of these cars on our local roads in addition to all those coming here as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).



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## KONA President's Message.

It is with regret that I announce that Erica Harner will no longer be producing The KONA Edition neighborhood newsletter due to the press of other activities in her busy life. We thank Erica for a job well done over the last year. However, we are extremely fortunate because Gene S. Bartlow, our incumbent KONA Treasurer, has volunteered to take over production of the newsletter in addition to continuing his duties as Treasurer. Gene is incorporating some new ideas into the newsletter including implementing electronic distribution to those who desire it, while continuing paper distribution to those who want it. The KONA Board is also considering implementing a Website for KONA.

We thank all the Block Captains for their efforts in making the 2006-2007 KONA membership drive very successful. We achieved our goal of surpassing last year's total membership number and we are grateful for all the newcomers who have joined KONA. We invite newcomers to Kenwood Oaks and those who have lived here a while to participate on the KONA Board of Directors as an Officer or as a Block Captain. You have until September 2007 to consider volunteering.

As we approach 2007, we can assess what is good about Kenwood Oaks after over twenty-five years of existence. We do not see our streets lined with derelict vehicles or recreational boats. For the most part, we also do not see unsightly front yards and porches. We also do not see modifications to exteriors of homes to double or triple their size as we see in some adjacent neighborhoods. These gigantic houses are often out of character with their neighborhoods and they just do not look right. We hope we will never see them in Kenwood Oaks. Probably the best thing about Kenwood Oaks is the friendliness of all of our residents in a very diverse setting.

There are two issues that we face which we must be vigilant about. One is the potential widening of Rolling Road where we must maintain our access rights for both left and right turns. The other is the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) potential impact on Kenwood Oaks. Over 22,000 additional government workers and about 40,000 government contractors are programmed to move to Fort Belvoir or adjacent to it. One impact of this move that we know for sure will happen is that our home values will

increase along with our taxes. Traffic will also increase in our area and we must work to avoid gridlock.

Finally, the next KONA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007. If you have any suggestions or ideas to present for consideration, please contact your KONA Block Captain.

Respectively,

Bill Wojanis, President KONA

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## FEMA's Disaster Preparedness Kit.



A disaster preparedness (supplies) kit is a collection of basic items that members of a household may need in the event of a disaster. You may need to survive on your own after a disaster. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they may not be able to reach everyone immediately. You might get help in hours, or it might take days. Basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer. Or, you may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You may not have the opportunity to shop or search for the supplies you need.

The following items represent FEMA's (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) recommendations for inclusion in your basic disaster preparedness (supplies) kit:

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Three-day supply of water—one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper).
- Matches and waterproof container.
- Whistle.
- Extra clothing.
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener.
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards.
- Cash and coins.
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, spare eye glasses, contact lens solutions, and hearing aid batteries.
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers.
- Other items to meet your unique family needs.

You must also think about warmth. It is possible that you will not have heat. Be sure to include one complete change of clothing and shoes per person.