

Kings Park Civic Association
COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

The Kings Park Civic Association (KCPA) has adopted this document as a positive, forward-looking vision statement for maintaining and improving our community.

VISION: Our overriding goal is a community that is safe, vital, and attractive. A strong community does not happen on its own. It requires sustained commitment from residents to get to know and respect neighbors, maintain properties in a positive manner, and support and participate in community events.

A. Kings Park

1. Kings Park is a neighborhood located in the center of Fairfax County designed and planned to consist of single-family homes.

2. A diversity of race, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, educational attainment, and socio-economic factors gives value and positive character to the community.

B. About Kings Park Homes

3. The Kings Park community was designed to consist of single-family homes and its infrastructure (driveways, sidewalks, water and sewer capacity, roads, etc.). Fairfax County has enacted occupancy, zoning, health, and safety regulations regarding the use of homes to protect the individuals who live within communities not controlled by homeowners associations, to ensure that the community infrastructure can continue to support the community, and to maintain an environment of moderate density.

4. Fairfax County regulations permit three types of occupancy of Kings Park homes. First, a home may support an unlimited number of family members, that is, people related by blood or marriage, plus up to two unrelated boarders. Second, a home may support four unrelated occupants. Third, a home may support two single parents with their minor children, up to a total of six children. The home must continue to be a single-dwelling unit. Primarily, that means the home may only have one kitchen, unless a special permit is obtained from Fairfax County.

5. The Fairfax County Property Maintenance Code requires that each sleeping area have a smoke alarm and two separate exits, one of which may be an emergency access window of at least six square feet.

6. Residents are encouraged to be aware of and comply with the Fairfax County regulations that provide for health and safety. Residents are also urged to encourage their neighbors to comply with these important regulations. If necessary, violations of these regulations may be reported to Fairfax County in a confidential manner by calling 703-324-1300 or going online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/DPZ/eservices.

7. Residents are encouraged to protect the environment, preserve trees, cut grass, prune plants, rake leaves, and shovel snow from sidewalks and driveways to maintain an attractive and safe neighborhood.

8. Current Fairfax County ordinances prohibit parking of vehicles on grass.

9. The parks and open space within and surrounding Kings Park are of significant value and benefit to the residents of Kings Park. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with Fairfax County Park Authority Rules and Regulations and to be good stewards of our park land. The storm water in the Kings Park Community eventually flows to the Long Branch and Accotink Creek Stream Valleys, Lake Accotink, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay. Therefore, residents are encouraged to maintain the integrity of our storm drains and their contents. "Only Rain Down the Drain."

C. Helping Each Other and the Kings Park Community

10. While we maintain our individuality in our homes and property, we are mindful of our neighbors, and how our actions impact our neighbors and the character of our neighborhood.

11. Kings Park is a strong community where neighbors help each other. Residents are encouraged to maintain this strong tradition. Residents watch out for each other's safety and property.

12. Kings Park is a diverse community where people get to know and respect each other and work together to resolve and address issues and concerns.

13. Ours is a community that respects the law and where residents are mindful of the health and safety of others.

14. Residents' cooperation, assistance, and support of community activities such as neighborhood watch, the block captain program, emergency response, print and electronic communications, social events, and other activities help keep our community safe, secure, and vibrant.

15. Many community institutions help maintain the quality and value of our community. These groups include the Civic Association and its various committees, Parliament Pool, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kings Park/Kings Glen and Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Associations, the Kings Park Band, area youth and recreational clubs, religious institutions, and much more. Residents are encouraged to support and become involved with these groups.

SUMMARY: To work toward our community vision, Kings Park residents are encouraged to support a strong vibrant and safe community and to participate in the community and the Kings Park Civic Association. Additional information about the Kings Park community can be found at our web page (www.kings-park.org).

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