



AT KENTLANDS & LAKELANDS
Promoting social connectedness – Providing support

VILLAGE NEWS

October 2020



HELLO FROM THE VILLAGE

Our October issue of the newsletter focuses on the benefits of living in the Kentlands and Lakelands, especially for older residents. Our community was designed to be walkable making it easy to get to stores, banks, restaurants and a movie theater without our cars. We have access to many paths that take us around beautiful lakes and neighborhoods. Our community is also rich in social, educational, cultural and volunteer opportunities. People come from around the world to learn about our amazing community and how they can replicate it.

October's newsletter highlights the history of Kentlands and Lakelands, lists the many opportunities for enriching our lives even during COVID, and describes the abundance of resources available to us. Enjoy getting to know our community and why it is so special for older adults.

--Alex Stavitsky-Zeineddin

HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY



The Kentlands is one of the first New Urbanist towns in America. Originally farm land, it was converted into a walkable, mixed-use development beginning in the late 1980s. The architects, Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, held a week long workshop to get input from community members and city officials about the design for the community. The residential structures incorporated a variety of historical styles and were intentionally built close together to encourage contact between neighbors. Residential units were also built close to streets minimizing front lawns. Garages were built in the back of the houses and accessed through alleyways called mews.

Altogether, Kentlands and adjacent Lakelands, which were designed in the mid-1990s, include over 3,500 residential units. Although managed separately, Lakelands and Kentlands form one community built on the principles of New Urbanism. When Kentlands opened, it received a “best of 1991” award in recognition of its unique planning by Time Magazine. Over the years it has received a lot of acknowledgements and the town has inspired other urban design projects such as King Farm in Rockville and the Wharf in Washington, DC.

BEAUTY OF OUR COMMUNITY



A special thank-you to local photographer Tom Marchessault

The Kentlands and Lakelands were designed so people could walk everywhere. There are many pathways that meander around the lakes and through the various neighborhoods and they are handicapped accessible. Benches are strategically located everywhere to provide opportunities to rest and to enjoy the environment. A special thank you to local photographer, Tom Marchessault, who provided this picture and others that appear in this newsletter. <https://tommarch.zenfolio.com>

CULTURE IN OUR COMMUNITY



CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are so many ways the residents of Kentlands and Lakelands can participate in cultural events such as the following:



Kentlands Acoustic Jam meets twice a month, usually on the first and fourth Tuesdays, in the Kentlands Carriage House in Gaithersburg. Bring your acoustical instrument to play with your neighbors.



The Kentlands Community Garden is a gardening program designed to give residents the opportunity to garden in a community manner.



The Kentlands Community Players is run by volunteers who produce, direct, act, design the set, create costumes and do everything else that is involved in putting on plays. The KCP is always looking for people to help.



The Kentlands Film Society selects five high quality films each year that are shown at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn. During Covid-19, they can be viewed at home.



Kentland's resident, Maestro Simeone Tartaglione, leads the Musica Viva Orchestra along with his wife, Alessandra Cuffaro, a renowned violin soloist. Before Covid-19, concerts were held outdoors at the Kentlands Clubhouse. Since Covid-19, concerts are being performed live on YouTube.



The Village at Kentlands and Lakelands sponsors cultural events that include concerts, dinner theaters, college classes and lectures on a variety of topics. The Village has also partnered with other Villages and with Asbury Methodist to provide a broad array of interesting presentations by notable speakers.



The Wine Club is organized to educate people to appreciate wine. Members also agree to volunteer at events sponsored by the Kentlands Community Foundation.

To learn more about all of these opportunities, go to <https://kentlandsfoundation.org/>

SOCIALIZING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Our communities offer activities as a way to socialize and connect with friends and neighbors.

There's always something to do, you just need to know where to look....

Have you seen your Homeowners Association website lately? This is a good way to keep up with latest activities and events sponsored by your community. Follow the links below and check out the events and activities on the calendars. Make sure to also sign-up for email communications to get reminders to each event.

[LAKELANDS HOME PAGE](#)

[KENTLANDS HOME PAGE](#)

Each association provides a monthly publication – the [LAKELANDS LEADER](#) and the [TOWN CRIER](#). If you miss the paper copies, these links take you to online reading.

The Village of Kentlands and Lakelands - Visit the website calendar for all virtual events, including those happening in other Villages. [VILLAGE CALENDAR](#)

The Arts Barn is part of *Arts on the Green*, the City of Gaithersburg's place for visual and performing arts events. In addition to the theater, there are rotating art exhibits, artists-in-residence studios, an artist gift shop and art classes, workshops and camps.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ARTS BARN](#)

[LEARN ABOUT MONTHLY EVENTS](#)

And don't forget to sign up for the [eNEWSLETTER](#), to get events emailed to you.

GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY

GETTING INVOLVED HELPS YOU CONNECT TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you find it difficult to connect with new people? Joining some type of a group helps get us over the hump in meeting others. It can involve volunteering, finding an activity you enjoy and joining in, or offering to start a new group that interests you under the umbrella of one of these organizations. The time commitments can vary based on your preferences. Within our communities there are many types of groups one could join:

- Our homeowners' associations welcome new members to various committees.
- The Village is always looking for more volunteers for the Steering Committee, to assist its' members, or to work on operational committees.
- The Kentlands Community Foundation and its many programs are always open to all. Whether it is photography, wine, the environment, or something else, there is much to choose from.
- The Kentlands Business Owner's group, along with One Main Street Initiative, are both involved in the further development and revitalization of the downtown business areas.



Not only is there a presidential election around the corner, there are *community* elections happening in both the Lakelands and Kentlands. Check your mail, email and websites for important voting information.

Kentlands Election Information

- ✓ Candidate positions for President and two Board of Trustees
- ✓ Paper and electronic voting options
- ✓ Voting ends Oct 20, 2020
- ✓ Election results announced Oct 21, 2020

Lakelands Election Information

- ✓ Candidate positions for two Board of Director positions
- ✓ Voting ends Nov 19, 2020
- ✓ Election results announced at the Annual Meeting on Nov 19, 2020

VIEWS FROM THE VILLAGE

The Village at Kentlands and Lakelands publishes monthly articles about issues and activities related to people over 55 who are aging in place in our community. Access the latest article "Thank You, Village at Kentlands and Lakelands Volunteers" [HERE](#) .

THINGS TO DO

Create, Connect, Heal Through the Written Word

Thursday, November 12, 2020 | Zoom-In Event | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Village at Kentlands and Lakelands invites you to join local author, Carol Solomon, as she uses her upcoming collection of short stories to explore the power of reading and writing during this time of COVID-19. The presentation includes readings

from her new book, *Love, Loss, & Ghosts* and encourages participants to do their own "flash writing" for a website that launches in the fall. *Love, Loss, & Ghosts*, which is supported in part by funding from the Montgomery County Government and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, will be released in November.

To register, go to <https://villagekentlandslakelands.org/carol> and click on the 'Register Now' Link.

Free copies of her book will be given to the first ten people that register for the event.

For more information contact Jean Mocarski at jeanmocarski@gmail.com or by phone at 240-449-9002.

Community Halloween Activities

Arts on the Green is celebrating Halloween with two community events, a Kentlands Ghost Walk and Poems Macabre: The Poetry of Edgar Allen Poe.

[LEARN MORE](#) about these 'spooky' events the weekend of October 30th and 31st. Registration and ticket purchases are required.



Partnership Events with Other Villages

Creative Engagement: Using Your Right & Left Brain to Make Art That Improves Your Sense of Well Being. This Creative Engagement class is an interactive session on how to use your right and left brain to make art that improves your sense of well-being. Thursday 10/22, 2:00-3:00 pm

How to Age with Vitality, Dignity, and Humor. Chris Palmer, author, speaker, former professor, and a /wildlife filmmaker. Mr. Palmer will give an entertaining and interactive workshop on how to get the most out of life and live with more joy, success, and fulfillment. Wednesday 10/28, 1:00-2:30 pm

Shifting Dynamics of the Middle East, Israel & Its Neighbors. Dr. Michael Sharnoff is Associate Professor at the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Dr. Sharnoff will provide a historical context of Israel's relations with its Arab and non-Arab (Turkey and Iran) neighbors and analyze how recent trends have shifted regional priorities. Monday, 11/9, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm.

To Register for these events call Jean Mocarski at 240-449-9002 or send her an email at: jeanmocarski@gmail.com.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - VOTING

Feel a Sense of Community with Your Local Kentlands and Lakelands Neighbors by voting in the Nov 3rd, 2020 Election

This is a Presidential election year and this also means our voting ballot includes selections for Judges, Board of Education members and decisions on State and County questions. For additional information click the [VOTE411 VOTER GUIDE](#) for details of

the ballot items that impact our community.

Due to COVID-19, there are changes to the voting process this year and Marylanders are encouraged to Vote by Mail and Vote early.

The deadline to request your vote by mail ballot is Tuesday Oct 20, 2020.

Click www.777vote.org for voting options.

Additional Information - Elections.Maryland.GOV

DON'T FORGET...



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am on Sunday, Nov 1st. It's the time when clocks "fall back" and we gain an extra hour of sleep.

DO YOU KNOW?



Volunteers are ready to help you!

We have many volunteers ready and willing to help you, such as picking up prescriptions, engaging in social phone calls, getting groceries, or delivering meals from a restaurant to your door. All you need to do is call Jean Mocarski at 240-449-9002 or send her an email at: jeanmocarski@gmail.com.

YOU COULD BE A VILLAGE MEMBER!

The Village at Kentlands and Lakelands seeks to create a strong sense of fellowship and concern for one another. The Village offers those 55 and over an opportunity to join a community of active adults who are aging within their own homes, to improve their lives through social connectedness, cultural enrichment, and receiving a helping hand.

We offer **Service** and **Social** memberships. We also welcome volunteers and supporters of any age at any time. Click the link below to learn more about membership and volunteering. [LEARN MORE](#)

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