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## ABOUT HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

The Association is asking that owners that are anticipating on doing any home improvements to submit an Architectural Review Form so that the Architectural Committee can verify that the proposed improvements comply with all community covenants. You may download Architectural Review Forms at:

[http://www.kccaelkton.com/pdf\\_files/arch\\_request\\_form.pdf](http://www.kccaelkton.com/pdf_files/arch_request_form.pdf)

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## ABOUT THE REVIEW:

The KC Review is the official newsletter of the Kensington Courts Community Association. It is a tool used by the members of the association to keep the residents informed of important matters, events and activities that involve the Kensington Courts Community. If you would like to contribute an article to the KC Review, please email us your article at: [Newsletter@kccaelkton.com](mailto:Newsletter@kccaelkton.com)

## Off Road Vehicles

With the return of warm weather there is a renewed interest in off road vehicle recreation. Please remember that off road vehicles must be transported off site by trailer or truck. ANY operation within the development (including on personal property) is strictly prohibited by our covenants, and is subject to a \$200 fine without warning. Additionally, operation on public streets is a serious traffic violation, which can result in confiscation of violating vehicles, and operation on community property is a misdemeanor criminal violation, which can result in significant fines and jail time. Consideration for public safety, the

preservation of our protected wildlife areas, and courtesy for our members' right not to be impacted by the unnecessary level of noise, chaos, danger, and common property damage, requires the Association to adhere to a strict enforcement of this covenant. Please remember that this is a residential community, with many small children, not an off-road track. Any member observing violations of this covenant is urged to contact the association with pertinent information. As always, member understanding & cooperation in such matters and courtesy within the membership (in general) are greatly appreciated.

### The Community Sign is Back

As many of you have noticed, our Community Entryway Sign has recently been reinstalled following last year's vandalism incident. Although it initially appeared that our only option was to purchase a new sign for slightly less than \$3,000, board members continued to work towards a more cost effective "repair" approach. While it did take longer to get it back up under this approach, the final cost was only \$650, and most members who've commented so far, think it looks better than it did originally. Plus, it has the added benefit of being significantly more solid, and therefore, much more resistant to future similar damage.

### Boating Season Is Here

Please be advised that we are now in Kensington Courts' Boating Season. From May 1, 2010, through September 30, 2010, owners may keep their boats on the side of their dwellings, provided that they are also in compliance with Town of Elkton ordinance requirements. Please remember that, at the end of boating season, members have a duty to promptly return their boats to proper storage... either offsite, or in their back yards. Failure to do so constitutes a covenant violation and can result in fines without further warning.

### Car Theives in KC?

There have been recent reports of car break-ins along Whitehall Road & Highland Drive. We have learned that there have been over 15 cases of break-in within our community. Please be watchful of your surroundings especially in the middle of the day and late evenings. Make sure your car doors are always secure when your car is left unattended. If you should see any suspicious activity you should call 911 and be ready to give a full description of your observation.

### Covenants Committee

The Covenants Committee will be out and about this summer and following up on covenant issues. If you have been issued a notice regarding any violations concerning your property, we ask that you please follow your notice and make sure your property is in compliance with all covenants. We will continue to focus on violations this year as part of our community wide compliance efforts.

## Waterfront Barriers In Planning

Most of our members are well aware that we've had ongoing serious problems with large-scale dumping in our waterfront area of trash, construction debris, furniture, tires, appliances, etc. As a result, it has become clear that there is an inescapable need to develop an effective means of controlling access to that area. Therefore, following discussion at our January meeting, the board has determined that we will need to install an access gate, blocking the entrance to our private waterfront roadway to all but those having authorized access. However, since violators would tend to simply bypass any such gate by driving through other open areas to the waterfront, it is necessary for us, first, install barriers to access through those other open areas. Once those are up, then we will place temporary gates with padlocks, until planning can be completed for installation of our final gating system, which (we currently anticipate) will have some kind of "key-type" access for every individual residence.

The temporary gate will probably involve a chain & padlock arrangement, which will make access by vehicle difficult for awhile, but any resident wishing access during this period can contact the board, and arrangements can be made to provide access. The precise procedure for this has not yet been worked out, but will be available by the time the gate is installed. Also, once the temporary gate is up, and we are in a position to prevent further dumping, there is community interest in putting together a clean-up day, to kick off our drive to begin developing our waterfront into more of a "park-like" setting.



**DO YOU NEED SOMETHING NOTARIZED?**

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# KID'S CORNER



**To maximize your safety, always wear a helmet AND follow the rules of the road**

**See and Be Seen.** Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.

**Little Turtle is not happy. He is unable to ride his bike because he has not followed the directions for safe riding. Help Little Turtle by coloring reflectors on his bike and helmet and don't forget to make his shell a bright color so he**

**CAN YOU GUESS THE ANSWER**

**TO THESE RIDDLES?**  
(ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE)

**Q 1: What building has the most stories?**

**Q 2: What runs but never walks?**

**Q 3: What do insects learn at school?**



**Report a Street or Area Light Outage at:**  
**1-800-898-8042**



## Enjoy Summer with this Easy To Make Bird Feeder

Age Guideline: 3 Years and Up  
Time Required: 20 minutes (Does not include drying time)

**Materials Needed:**

Paper Cup, Peanut Butter, Bird Seed, String, Craft Sticks (popsicle sticks after eating work great) & Scissors

**Instructions:**

You might want to start out by protecting your work surface with newspaper or wax paper.

Cut a piece of string about 3 feet long. Tie one end of the string to the center of the craft stick. Set this aside.

Remove the bottom of the cup. Spread peanut butter all over the outside of the paper cup. Roll the peanut butter covered cup in bird seeds until it is completely covered.

Lay the popsicle stick with the string on your work surface. Set the cup, upside down, centered on the craft stick. Pull the string up and through the bottom of the cup.

Now you can hang your paper cup bird feeder in a tree and watch for the birds!

## Great Cleaning Ideas

When you dust, start at the top and work down. Take all your cleaning tools, avoid unnecessary trips back and forth.

Clean as you go! It takes a lot less time to remove new dirt than old. Leave baking soda on carpeting over night will absorb musty odors. Make a checklist of chores to get organized first.

Wash walls from the bottom up, to avoid streaking. Use old socks as mitts for cleaning difficult wood work. Wash small knickknacks instead of dusting. To removing heel marks, take pencil eraser and rub them off. Don't mix cleaning products. Ammonia and bleach are toxic. Remember common cleaners such as Windex and comet meet this don't do rule. Allowing cleaners to set for several minutes will ease the cleaning job.

**\*\*\*\* DON'T FORGET WHEN CLEANING THIS SUMMER SAVE THINGS FOR A YARD SALE!\*\*\*\***

## FACTORS LINKED TO BREAST CANCER

Many factors are linked to breast cancer risk. Some of these factors affect risk a great deal and others by only a small amount. Some risk factors you can't change. Simply being a woman and getting older increase your chances of getting breast cancer. Other factors you may be able to change. For instance, leading a healthy lifestyle can help reduce your risk of breast cancer. Understanding what factors may affect your risk can help you work with your health care provider to develop a breast health plan that is right for you.

1. Know your personal risk of breast cancer  
2. Get screened \*Ask your health care provider which tests are right for you. \*Have a mammogram every year starting at age 40. \*Have a clinical breast exam at least every three years starting at 20, and every year starting at 40.

3. Know what is normal for you and see your health care provider right away if you notice any of these breast changes: Lump, hard knot or thickening, Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening, Change in the size or shape of the breast, Dimpling or puckering of the skin, Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple, Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast, Nipple discharge that starts suddenly, New pain in one spot that doesn't go away.

4. Make healthy lifestyle choices. \* Maintain a healthy weight. \*Add exercise into your routine, \*Limit alcohol intake. Getting regular screening tests increases the chances that if you do develop breast cancer it will be found early when it's most treatable.

1. Know your risk \*Learn about your family health history \*Talk to your health care

Please be advised that any dues payments not yet received are now past due. It is important to get payments in, a.s.a.p., in order to avoid late fees & possible costly collections actions. FYI- Research is underway to find ways to make these payments more convenient, including the possibility for adding them to member escrow accounts, so that they are automatically paid by mortgage companies on members' behalf. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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