Kingspoint Crier



February 22, 2018



KINGSPOINT CLUB NEWS:

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this, it's nearly 70 degrees outside in February! As we set our sights on the arrival of spring in a few weeks, we have a few clubhouse updates to share. First, please mark the afternoon of Sunday, April 15 from 2-**5pm** down on your calendars. Besides the tax deadline, it's also the date for our semi-annual clubhouse clean-up. We will have a campfire and s'mores afterwards. In addition to general clean-up, one of our main projects will be building canoe / kayak racks down near the dock. We'll provide more details about this later, but the general idea is for club members to be able to reserve a space on a rack to store a canoe/kayak for a nominal annual fee. If there is more demand than available space, then we will have a lottery system to determine who gets the rack space for 1-year. After a year, we put the rack spaces up for grabs again. Racks will include cables so you can lock up your boat (you provide the lock). We hope that the convenience of storing your canoe/kayak near the water will make it that much easier to go for a quick paddle when nice weather presents itself (or during rain storms if that's your thing).

An additional development at the clubhouse is the arrival of cable/internet in March. As discussed at our January meeting, we intend to increase revenue by renting the clubhouse to groups for half or full day retreats. Some groups we approached this past year said they love the location, but would first need internet to hold a retreat at the clubhouse. Please keep the clubhouse in mind if you are interested in hosting a retreat or know of others looking for a

beautiful location for professional development. In addition to the potential for increased revenue from rentals, cable/internet other benefits. These include provides enhanced social events (e.g. super bowl viewing parties, world cup soccer, movie nights) as well as safety and security (e.g. possible addition of landline phone for emergency calls and/or security cameras to discourage trespassing).

The "Social Coordinator" position as vacant. Please contact us if you would like to take on this position.

As always, we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Greg and Sean

Kingspoint Club Co-Presidents

The Kingspoint Club Board:

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Other clubhouse responsibilities:

Social Coordinator:

Please contact us to fill this position ©

New Neighbor Ambassador: Larry and Molly Henry: 784-7295 molly.s.henry@gmail.com

<u>Website News</u>: As a convenience to the community, the Kingspoint website is now featuring photographs of the Kingspoint message boards. Within a day or two of the posting of new signs, a photograph of the sign will be placed on the website. Please visit the Kingspoint website to view the signs at www.kpwilliamsburg.org. If you have community information or club news including photographs of recent events that you would like to see on the website, please email kppresidents@gmail.com.

KINGSPOINT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their annual (or quarterly) payments! Updated statements for those with remaining balances will go out around the beginning of March. The next quarterly payments (Quarter 2) will be due on April 1st.

J.D. Reeves, Treasurer/Membership

Route 199 and Brookwood Drive Intersection Improvement Project to Begin in March

For more information please go to: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonro ads/rt199_brookwood.asp

Neighborly Reminders

<u>Trees:</u> One of my close neighbors suggested that we need to be diligent about maintaining our trees. He says he has noticed several that have come down. With our damp soil and often gusty winds, we need to check for dead branches and trees. He suggests getting professionals to do the trimming.

Bicycle Rules of the Road: Another conscientious neighbor has recommended that all parents review and reinforce bicycle safety. She had a near miss with a child on the wrong side of the road at a major intersection when the child darted across the road in front of her.

KINGSPOINT WOMEN'S CLUB



Our February meeting was a delightful luncheon at Cochon on 2nd Street.

The next meeting of the Kingspoint Women's Club will be on **Tuesday, March 20**, at the Clubhouse. Our speaker will be Robin Seeterlin, with Birds Eye View, Landscape Designs, LLC She is a certified Landscape Designer and Virginia Horticulturist. She will speak about March Gardening.

The hostesses are Emily McDowell, Sherry Welter and Lois Fiske.

Kim Storms and Denise Koch, co-presidents

NEW NEIGHBORS: WELCOME!



I can tell from Pernille's ad that houses have been selling in Kingspoint. We are

delighted to have new neighbors and I hope they will be able to find time to write a paragraph, or two, to allow me to put in the Crier to introduce them to the neighborhood.

New neighbors please contact me @ cbtbka@cox.net with your email addresses so that I can add you to the Kingspoint Crier address group which will enable you to receive the monthly newsletter and any news blasts that I am requested to send. I can then pass on your information to our directory editor. If you are in need of a directory, we can arrange that too. Please send me a paragraph about your family that you would like for me to include in the newsletter to introduce you to your neighbors.

I look forward to hearing from you© Thank you, Cathy Adams (757-220-2486)



Kingspoint Directory Correction:

Please make a note in your 2018 Kingspoint Directory on the

page under 'J' and on the Northpoint listing that Ben and Eilish Jenkins are at 109 Northpoint Drive and their number is 757-374-7817. The Buckley family, listed at that address, sold their home several years ago. We apologize for the error and appreciate the Jenkins family sending us the correction. Ben and Eilish have been our Kingspoint neighbors at that address since 2009.

Please help keep our neighborhood directory accurate and up to date by contacting Editor Kenita Hill with any additional corrections @ arubahill@gmail.com.

BRIDGE ANYONE?

All club members are invited to join us for bridge at the clubhouse on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. It's a friendly low-stress environment. It doesn't matter if it's been years since you last played and you think your skills are a little "rusty." Sign up and give it a try. Start your week off having a fun time with your neighbors! Call Jean Migneault 757-220-0036 cel. 757-293-8575, or e-mail her at jmigneault@cox.net, no later than Friday if you would like to play the following Monday. We fill tables in the order that players sign-up.

LITTLE DOLPHINS

A few parents got together to form "Little Dolphins", a Kingspoint playgroup for babies through preschoolers who have now aged to being toddlers to early elementary school-aged. You can find them on Facebook under "Little Dolphins".

If you are interested in joining please e-mail Tracy Sohoni at tracep@yahoo.com.

KINGSPOINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

We have all received our 2018 Kingspoint Neighborhood Directory recently, and we trust you saved your neighborhood maps and cover to use again this year. Publishing an updated Kingspoint Directory annually is made possible with membership contributions to the Neighborhood Association.

We appreciate Kenita Hill's many, many volunteer hours to convert our Directory files to Excel this year, and to update neighbors' contact information. She is our current editor, taking over this responsibility from long-time editor Peggy Manning. Whenever you need to update your listing please contact Kenita Hill at arubahill@gmail.com.

Please let me know if you haven't yet received your new copy. And, please shred any old directories you may be discarding, to protect your personal information as well as that of our neighbors.

Thanks to everyone who took a few minutes to participate in our Kingspoint traffic survey. We had a tremendous response, with 99 neighbors participating. It is counterintuitive to expect a quiet and close knit community like ours to have any problems with traffic. Which is why I was very surprised to hear stories from neighbors, beginning late last summer, about close calls they experienced while walking, biking or driving through Kingspoint.

Anneliese Brei created the traffic survey and compiled a summary of responses to help us understand whether these were isolated incidents, or part of a larger concern. (*Find a summary of survey results here*) We appreciate the time and talents she devoted to this project and hope that neighbors find the information useful.

The most cited safety issue in the survey was speeding. Speeding is a problem on Kingspoint Drive near our neighborhood entrance. Speeding is also a problem around our major intersections where some drivers may also cut the corners too closely or speed past pedestrians.

Right-of-way confusion is another problem at our most-used intersections. Please see our Neighborhood Watch article this month for a clarification of the major intersections on Southpoint Drive.

Our neighbors have strong and differing opinions about whether additional 'Stop' or 'Yield' signs are necessary. This is a decision for VDOT and their engineers to make; not Kingspoint residents. Several neighbors acknowledged in their comments that

additional signs would help regulate non-resident traffic in Kingspoint.

With warmer weather ahead, we all look forward to getting outside to enjoy our beautiful community.

Please visit <u>our KPNA website</u> for news and useful community links. Webmistress Anneliese Brei regularly updates the site with new information and posts <u>a link to the digital</u> <u>Crier</u> each month.

Elizabeth McCoy <u>e.mccoy105@gmail.com</u>

for the Kingspoint Neighborhood Association Board

Neighborhood Watch

One of our Neighborhood Watch zone leaders recognized the error in the January Crier where the intersection of Overlook Drive and Southpoint was described as a 'T' intersection. It is more properly a 'Y' intersection since there is a curve in the streets, which changes who has the 'right of way.' He has worked with MPO Sterling Perry III, of the JCC Police, to bring us this clarification:

- "As you know, we have two intersections in Kingspoint at which drivers are confused about who is supposed to yield to whom:
- 1. 4-way intersection of Southpoint Dr./Archers Hope Dr./ Pinepoint Rd.
- 2. 3-way intersection of Southpoint Dr./Overlook Dr.

I have been in touch with MPO Sterling T. Perry III of the James City County Police Dept., who in turn also contacted VDOT about the traffic rules that apply to these intersections.

In short, both intersections are unregulated intersections -- and Southpoint/Overlook is NOT an unregulated T-intersection (because no matter from which direction one arrives, there is no way to go straight; everyone must

turn). Here's the rule that applies: https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title46.2/c hapter8/section46.2-820/

In his last email to me, Officer Perry wrote the following:

"As per our discussion, I have talked it over with VDOT and this is what is stated. Both intersections are to be treated as a 3 way and 4 way stop respectively. The only time a vehicle does not need to stop is if there are other vehicles approaching intersections. If there are other vehicles approaching the intersections the rule of the vehicle to the right has the right of way applies. Also courtesy is expected. I have talked with VDOT about putting a yield or stop sign on Overlook/ Southpoint and Archers Hope and Pine Point. They state they will have their engineers take a look at it but this will take some time...." "

Many thanks to all of our neighbors who are working to help keep our neighborhood a safe and comfortable place to live, walk, bike and drive.

You can read a summary of the recent traffic survey on the Neighborhood Association website.

Please check out the new Police to Citizen website at P2C.JamesCityCountyVA.Gov. Here you can request a house check, file an accident report, register a bicycle, send a message to our local police department, or check out the local Most Wanted list.



Kingspoint Plant of the Month:

Helleborus orientalis

Are you wondering what you can plant in your yard that will thrive in our unique situation, and will survive despite our hungry deer? We will highlight plants that have proven "Kingspoint Tough" and will contribute to the beauty of our community.

Hellebores offer the earliest flowers in our late winter garden, often blooming in January and producing new flowers through early May. Despite their beautiful flowers, these tough evergreen perennials are entirely poisonous. Grazing animals won't touch them. Their roots won't be nibbled by voles.

Hellebores provide deep, glossy green leaves all year and serve as an excellent ground cover to prevent erosion. Though they prefer shade and moist, fertile soil; most *Hellebore* species will survive dry spells and can take partial sun.

Many interesting *Hellebore* species and cultivars have recently come to market. *Helleborus orientalis* flowers range from creamy white to all shades of pink, even very dark purples. Neighbors also grow the beautiful *Helleborus foetidus*, with its deeply cut leaves and pale green flowers. Since *Hellebores* self-seed freely, you may find a neighbor with young plants to share.

Also known as Christmas rose, or Lenten rose, *Hellebores* will survive and thrive in our neighborhood.

JCC Emergency Alerts

Have you signed up for JCC Emergency Alerts? You may register to get alerts to your email or as a phone call, or both. Get important news when it counts, including alerts to severe weather in our area. Learn more and Register any time at jccalert.org.

JCC Police non-emergency number: 253.1800

JCC Animal Control 565-0370

Zoning Compliance and Enforcement 253.6671

<u>VDOT</u> 800.367.7623

JCC Citizen Services

Local Crime Reports

Dominion Power Outage Line 888.667.3000

<u>Nextdoor Kingspoint</u> To Join, visit https://nextdoor.com/invite/akvnerwcxvvkjhgfxvtt

Landscape Love

Spring offers a fresh opportunity for all of us to spruce up our properties. JCC Master Gardeners are available to consult with us about our yards, and our county's Stormwater Division administers a grant program to reimburse residents who install a rain gardens to catch run-off from heavy rains. Rain gardens recharge our groundwater and help filter pollutants which otherwise would reach our creeks and the Chesapeake Bay.

If you are interested in the county's <u>Rain</u> <u>Garden rebate grant program</u>, begin by enrolling in <u>Turf Love</u> this spring. There is a small fee to enroll, but <u>grants will reimburse</u>

homeowners up to \$600 in rain garden expenses per year, for gardens designed as part of the Turf Love/Garden Love program. Contact Virginia Cooperative Extension at 757-564-2170 for more details. Find the application and pre-visit check lists at the Turf Love website.

You may also apply, beginning on March 15, 2018, for the Master Gardener's Landscape Love program to receive free, expert help with problem areas in your yard. We appreciate the ongoing efforts of all neighbors which keep our community looking neat and well maintained.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Kingspoint neighborhood has its own Facebook Page to add info, photos, items for sale, invite neighbors to a last minute movie or bbq, post last minute updates for swim meets, cancellations, etc.

This Page is a "Closed Group", which means you have to "request" to be added to the Page (this prevents just anyone from joining the group and posting spam). But all residents are encouraged to request an invite!

Here is how you do this:

Type in the following URL address https://www.facebook.com/groups/2118520156
32122/. It will say it's a closed group, and then in the upper right corner, under the photo, you click on 'JOIN GROUP'. The Admin for the group will approve all KP residents! Please feel free to post "hello's", add photos, etc.

Crier Delivery and Notes f/m the Editor:

Many thanks to **Ray Lee** who prints the copies for those who do not take the electronic version.

If your neighbor mentions that they are not receiving their electronic version of the Crier, please have them email me @ cbtbka@cox.net as their email address may have changed, and I have not been notified. Thank you.

CRIER ADVERTISING-FYI

The advertising policy for the *Kingspoint Crier* is as follows: the charge for business related ads will be \$10/edition for a business card (\$100/yr.); \$25/edition for anything larger and the space will be limited to a reasonable size to be determined by the *Crier* editor and space constraints of each edition; small ads of one, or two sentences, from residents and non-resident club members are free as a community service; non-profit and children's ads in the Crier are free.

The next issue will come out after March 20, 2018

Deadline for entries: March 20, 2018

*If you no longer wish your ad to run in the Crier, please ask me to remove it ©



Kingspoint Community Calendar 2018

March 7 11:00 AM – Noon Coloring With A Cop (free) Barnes and Nobles at Newtown

March 11 Daylight **Savings Time** Begins

<u>March 15 - April 15</u> Submit applications for <u>Landscape Love</u> (free) with Master Gardeners

March 17 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Fido Fest with the JCCP Jamestown Beach Event Park

<u>March 20</u> Kingspoint Women's Club meeting at the Clubhouse

<u>April 15</u> Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Kingspoint Club Semi-annual clubhouse clean up















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<u>Kingspoint Real Estate Updates</u> <u>according to the Williamsburg MLS</u> February 23, 2018:

 136 Kingspoint Drive
 4 SALE
 \$399,000

 112 Meadow Rue Ct.
 4 SALE
 \$470,000

Dear Kingspoint Families!

Not much to report in the neighborhood! The median sales price for all homes in James City County last year was \$307,513. A total of 1715 homes were sold in Williamsburg in 2017 and most of them between March and August. The busy spring market is around the corner and Kingspoint is very desirable, if you are thinking of selling, now is a great time!



Pernille Carter, Realtor
pcarter@howardhanna.com
2017 National Sales Excellence
Award Winner



Tickets are on sale now for the 2018 Historic Garden Week Tour in Williamsburg. The event is set for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 10:00am - 5:00 pm. Online advance tickets are available now for \$40 per person at www.vagardenweek.org/main/tickets. Tickets available also by cash or check at Season's Florist, Wild Birds Unlimited, or through Cathy Adams @ 220-2486.

Box lunches will be served at Two Rivers Country Club from 11:30am -1:30pm with a prepaid reservation of \$17. Additional advance tour ticket information, general information questions, and lunch reservations may be directed to Cathy Adams, cbtbka@cox.net, 757-220-2486.

The tour will feature colonial to transitional homes, gardens, landscapes, James River and Chickahominy River views. The waterfront golf community of Governors Land will feature four private homes opened for the first time. Complimentary shuttles will be available from designated parking lots.

Visit the Lightfoot House c. 1730-1750 and the Tayloe House c. 1755 in Colonial Williamsburg, as well as the award-winning children's garden at Matthew Whaley Elementary School. Colonial Williamsburg buses will provide transportation to Historic Garden Week tour guests from the CW Visitors Center to and around the Historic Area.

The Williamsburg Garden Club will host the event as part of the 85th Historic Garden Week in Virginia. Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of more than 40 of Virginia's historic public gardens and landscapes, a research fellowship program, and a Garden Club of Virginia Centennial project with Virginia State Parks.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADS:

YARD WORK ASSISTANCE

Looking for able-bodied person to pick up twigs and branches on hillside yard. \$10. hour. Your schedule. Call Chapman: 229-2901. Leave contact information.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT for SALE

ProForm treadmill in excellent condition. Programmable, incline capable, tread platform folds up to stow. Asking \$250.00. Buyer will need to transport equipment to destination. If interested, please call 919-265-9264 and leave message.

MOWERS FOR SALE

Push mower for sale. Price negotiable. Please contact Mary Grogan at 258-5861.

LANDSCAPING & YARD WORK

Brad Molineux is available for landscaping, mulching, trimming, pruning, and other yard work, as needed.

Brad Molineux: 200 Woodbine Drive Home # 757-229-1424; Cell # 757-604-8286

PET SITTING

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BABYSITTING

Sophie Freiling

Completed American Red Cross Babysitting

Class; 229-5165 Emma Freiling

Lifeguard/CPR certified; 229-5165

BABY SITTING & PET SITTING

Carolyn Clinton is available for baby sitting and pet sitting. 757-903-7777.

Twins John and Catherine Clinton, 12 y.o., are also available for baby sitting and pet sitting. John also mows lawns. Call their mother Susan Clinton @ 757-903-7205.

SNOW SHOVELING TEENS

Katherine (Sokolowsky) says her son **Conor Sokolowsky**, is happy to help out. His number is 757-813-1505.

Loretta Hannum says her grandson **Jack** would be happy to assist. He doesn't live in Kingspoint but spends a lot of time with her.

Meg Weber says her son **Josiah Weber**, 15, could be added to the list to help with snow. 757-585-8372.