



Kingspoint Crier

January 2019



KINGSPPOINT CLUB NEWS:

Hello KP Neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our annual meeting or sent in a proxy form. During the meeting we discussed changes to our financial policy, which includes the creation of a new investment account. We also discussed changes to how stock transfers to new homeowners and the elimination of back dues at the time of home sale. All four motions set forth by the board received a unanimous vote of approval at the meeting.

The Club had a very full social calendar last year, and we are hoping for another great year of activities, starting with a Super Bowl Party this Sunday at the clubhouse (see invite below). The Social Committee has a lot planned for this coming year, and we thank them for all their hard work organizing activities.

We are happy to announce our new KP Club board for 2019. Greg Henderson has stepped down from co-President, but will remain on the board as member-at-large. We would like to thank Greg for his service as co-President over the past few years. Larry Henry will be joining the board this year as member-at-large. Finally, Danny Schmidt is stepping down from his member-at-large position, which he's held longer than we can remember. On behalf of the entire KP Club, we would like to thank Danny for his dedication and commitment over the years.

Finally, we would also like to take this time to thank Cathy Adams for her time and effort publishing the Kingspoint Crier over the past 12 years! We know it is not a small task, and we are glad that she is taking time to pursue other adventures. Cathy, we can't thank you enough!

Sarah Huber has taken over the enormous job of publishing the KP Crier. She can be reached at kpcrier@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sean Sparkman
Kingspoint Club President
Social Committee Co-Chair

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KINGSPPOINT WOMEN'S CLUB

Box Lunch and a Movie! Our February meeting will be on Tuesday February 12 at 12:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

We will be enjoying box lunches from the Carrot Tree and watching "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society". Order forms for lunch will be sent separately. The movie is about 2 hours.

All Kingspoint Women are welcome to join the Women's Club. Dues are a slim \$5.00 and you may pay anytime. Please join us for the rest of our 2019 activities!

Thanks to Anne Allen for arranging the movie and hostesses Anne, Eleanor Knowles, Nancy Ryan and Ann Milliman.

Hope to see you there!

Denise Koch and Jo Hanny
Co-Presidents

KP CLUB SUPER BOWL PARTY



Join us at the Clubhouse to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen! We will have Chick-Fil-A nuggets

courtesy of the KP Club; please bring your own favorite Super Bowl snacks to share. BYOB. We will have family-friendly games on hand, as well as some for football fans of all ages.

Clubhouse doors will open on February 3rd, at 5:30 pm for pregame cheer, with kickoff scheduled for 6:30 pm.



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 cell 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

Looking to connect with other parents in the neighborhood? Consider joining the "Little Dolphins" facebook page. It's a network of parents in the neighborhood with kids ranging from babies to teenagers. (Just search for "Little Dolphins Kingspoint" on facebook). It's a nice way to meet parents in the neighborhood with similarly aged kids. If you aren't on facebook, or if you are having problems joining the group, email Tracy Sohoni at tracep@yahoo.com.

NEW NEIGHBORS: WELCOME!

Marc deSolminihac has moved in to his late father George's home at 119 Kingspoint Drive. Marc is here in Kingspoint some part of every week, so please greet him when you see him. You may reach Marc at 757.650.2617.

Wilco and Melanie Baak have moved into their new home at 108 Northpoint Drive. They have moved to Williamsburg from Texas. You may reach Wilco at 512.897.3730 and Melanie at 512.653.4079.

Please help our new neighbors feel welcome and find their way around the community, and make a note of their contact information in your Directory.

New neighbors please contact Sarah Huber at kpcrier@gmail.com with your email addresses so that I can add you to the Kingspoint Crier 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. If you would like me to introduce you to your neighbors in the newsletter, please send me a paragraph about your family.

Website News: 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.

KINGSPPOINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

Kingspoint neighbors have made a positive difference in our community over the past few weeks and have done a great deal to make the holidays a bit brighter for us all.

Many thanks to Sarah Huber and Eric Hilton and their Kingspoint Club team for their efforts to organize the first Kingspoint Luminary Night celebration on December 16. I hope you had the opportunity to walk or drive around our neighborhood to enjoy the beauty of it all. There was tremendous participation throughout the community, and we hope that even more neighbors will light luminaries next December. It is always magical to see a winter evening transformed by holiday lights.

Special thanks to Brandy Belue and the Fleming family for lighting luminaries at our Kingspoint entrance. Ann Hobson added to the holiday beauty by lighting our six new holly trees with twinkle lights during December.



Yuko Sato constructed the stunning evergreen holiday arrangements on our sign this year. We all appreciate her talents and willingness to continue this beautiful Kingspoint tradition. Many thanks also to the Deal family for providing evergreens from their garden, to Pinkie Ford for providing evergreens and space to construct the arrangements, and to Chris Bonday for his assistance in transporting the arrangements and placing them on our Kingspoint sign. We all enjoyed the beauty that came from this terrific teamwork!

We owe a special debt of gratitude to our Chain Saw Gang volunteers who came out into the snow storm in mid-December to help clear our neighborhood streets blocked with fallen branches and trees, and later to clean up yards throughout our community.

We appreciate the many hours of hard work that Chris Bonday and Tom Mahone have contributed to cut up fallen trees in October and again in December at our neighborhood entrance, and for their efforts since to assist neighbors who needed help removing debris from their yards. Everyone who helped clean up our neighborhood is dearly appreciated for their contributions to this team effort.

Our long-time Crier editor, Cathy Adams, is turning over this labor of love to our new Editor, Sarah Huber this month. All of us who work with Cathy have grown to love and respect her for her generosity, wisdom and patience as she has assembled eleven newsletters a year over the past 12 years. She has demonstrated her incredible dedication to Kingspoint again and again. We have each benefited from reading The Crier to learn more about our community and our neighbors.

In addition, we all depend on Cathy to send out emails for matters large and small, from lost pets to found keys. We appreciate Cathy's participation as a key member of our Neighborhood Watch network, and trust that she will still send out emails as needed in the years ahead. Please extend your personal appreciation to Cathy when you see her for all of her contributions, and also to Sarah, for

taking up this important work in our neighborhood.

We always welcome new volunteers. If you have time to share, please reach out to me, or any member of the Neighborhood Association Board, and tell us how you would like to help. We will need help spreading mulch at the entrance in March and would appreciate help delivering the new directories in February.

We request everyone's cooperation in keeping parked cars off of Kingspoint streets when it snows. We always hope that VDOT will spread sand and plow our community, and they will do a better job for us all if they don't have to work around parked cars.

Please visit our KPNA website for news and useful community links, regular updates and a link to the digital Crier . Many thanks to our webmistress, Sophia Sokolowsky for her terrific work keeping our website up to date.

*Elizabeth McCoy e.mccoy105@gmail.com
for the Kingspoint Neighborhood Association Board*

FYI: YARD DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Many of us have had severe storm damage to our trees and shrubs over the last four months and have unexpected yard debris to manage. This may be an ongoing problem with the potential for more winter storms in the months ahead.

Some neighbors have piled yard debris at or on the street, expecting the county to drive through and collect sticks, stumps and limbs. James City County doesn't have equipment, staff or funding for county wide pick up of storm debris. It is only possible if the county gets a FEMA declaration of a disaster in our area to fund the effort.

After the October storm, your Neighborhood Association worked with VDOT to remove much of the debris along our streets by documenting that it had fallen into the road during the storm and was later cleared by neighbors.

In October and again in December, our Chain Saw Gang worked with neighbors to clean downfall from streets, driveways and yards. We appreciate their efforts, and especially those braving the weather to keep our neighborhood streets passable so neighbors could return home. Some volunteers have also taken loads of debris to the Jolly Pond Road facility for recycling.

Living here in the county, we are expected to be self-reliant when cleaning up after storms. We bear the financial responsibility for storm clean-up unless insured property is damaged, when our auto or homeowners' insurance may pay for debris removal.

Neighbors may hire arborists or make 'DIY' efforts. The Board of Supervisors may decide to suspend dumping fees to allow county residents to bring in downed limbs without paying for coupons. Some neighbors cut up logs to burn, chip debris for mulch, or find space on their properties to allow tree debris to return to the forest.

Neighbors may arrange for a county truck to pick up trash and debris by calling 757.565.0971. The fee for a pick up is \$75. Several neighbors may share the pick-up and the cost.

Please plan to take care of any more downfall responsibly so we may keep our Kingspoint streets free of debris.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jim Hill, JCC Solid Waste Superintendent, at 757.565.0971.

HELP WHEN IT SNOWS

We plan to compile a list of neighbors willing to help others clear snow from their porches, steps, walkways and cars again this winter. We aren't asking for volunteer labor here, as those needing assistance are willing to pay for help with clearing snow and spreading salt. We hope this will interest teens and young adults wanting a little extra paid work.

If you are willing to help neighbors in future snow events, please contact Cathy Adams, who will make the list available in the event of snow.

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KINGSPPOINT PLANT OF THE MONTH



Holly trees sparkle through our Virginia winters, feeding wildlife with their scarlet berries and catching even the most feeble sunshine on their glossy evergreen leaves. We may hardly notice the holly trees in our surrounding woods during most of the year. But once most trees stand bare, we can appreciate the color they bring to our winter landscape.

Our tallest native holly, *Ilex opaca*, may sprout as a volunteer in your yard. Birds distribute their seeds, and chances are good that one of your neighbors has a mature tree, even if you don't. Given sunlight and space, holly trees may eventually grow to 50' high and 20'-40' wide. They may grow on a single sturdy trunk or have multiple trunks. Leaves are leathery and have sharp spines.

Holly trees thrive on a variety of soils and are drought tolerant once established. They prefer well drained soil and dislike standing water. Although they will grow in full sun, most often they grow among taller hardwood trees and pines in partial shade, where they grow more slowly.

Hollies are dioecious, meaning that each tree has either male or female flowers that bloom in early summer. Only the female trees develop berries. A male tree must grow nearby for female trees to have berries.

Holly offers winter food for many species, shelter and safe nesting places throughout the year. They provide nectar for bees and host the Henry's Elfin butterfly. They are long lived, help prevent soil erosion, and are useful for screening. **Deer rarely graze *Ilex opaca*.**

Plant American holly trees with confidence that they will thrive in our neighborhood for decades to come.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Neighborhood Association Secretary, Kenita Hill, will begin revising our Kingspoint Neighborhood Directory soon. Please look over your own listing in the 2018 Directory and contact her with any corrections to your personal information. Reach Kenita at arubahill@gmail.com or 757.378.2692.

If you are new to Kingspoint, if your phone number has changed, or if you would like us to list a cell number; please contact Kenita by February 3.

We publish the Directory in hard copy, and distribute only to neighborhood residents, to protect neighbors' privacy. Watch for your new 2019 Kingspoint Directory to arrive in mid-February.

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/211852015632122/> . 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

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

To receive an electronic version of the Crier, please email me at kpcrier@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 3, 2019 – KP Club Super Bowl Party, 5:30 pm at the Clubhouse

February 3, 2019 - Deadline to contact Kenita Hill with directory updates

February 6, 2019 - Coloring with a Cop, Barnes and Nobles New Town, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

February 12, 2019 - Kingspoint Women’s Club Meeting, 12:00 pm

March 6, 2019 - Coloring with a Cop, Barnes and Nobles New Town, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

March 30, 2019 - Heritage Humane Society Benefit sale. Jewelry, Scarves, Handbags. 9 am - 1pm at the Kingspoint Clubhouse.

CRIER ADVERTISING-FYI

The advertising policy for the *Kingspoint Crier* is as follows: business related ads are \$10/edition for a business card (\$100/yr.); \$25/edition for quarter page (\$260/year); \$50/edition for half page (\$525/year). 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 are also free.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

MOWER 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
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129 Kingspoint Dr. Under Contract \$350,000

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Deadline for entries: **February 20, 2019**