



Kingspoint Crier

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KP Club Members,

We hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. This is the last edition of the Crier for 2019, and this will unfortunately be the last edition of the Kingspoint Crier published by the Kingspoint Club, as no one has come forward to volunteer to take it over. Many thanks to all the people over the years who have volunteered to keep the Crier published!

Stepping down from the Crier means that I will no longer be handling neighborhood e-mail announcements. From this point forward, if you have information to distribute to the neighborhood, please contact the Kingspoint Neighborhood Association President, Elizabeth McCoy, at e.mccoy105@gmail.com. If you are not on the KPNA e-mail distribution list, you can contact Elizabeth McCoy and she will add you. Many, many thanks to Elizabeth for taking over this important responsibility!

Announcements directly related to Kingspoint Club business and social events will be distributed via e-mail to club members.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill the Secretary and Treasurer roles on the Kingspoint Board. Please consider volunteering your time! Contact me if you are interested in serving or have any questions.

Finally, the Kingspoint Club annual stockholders meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January, 21st at 8:00pm in the clubhouse. Please save the date!

Sincerely,
Sarah Huber
Kingspoint Crier, editor
Kingspoint Club Secretary

The Kingspoint Club, Inc. oversees our community's recreational property on Northpoint Drive. This waterfront site includes a beautiful clubhouse, neighborhood pool, picnic area, dock, and a children's play area. The KP Club operates the pool and clubhouse and organizes neighborhood social events for members. Membership in the Club is optional for residents, and includes use of the pool, boat ramp and dock. Members may also rent the clubhouse for social events. Membership is required to attend some Club sponsored social events. Non-residents may also pay annual dues to use the pool and the clubhouse. For more information or to join, contact Gina Flango, ginaflango@gmail.com.

LUMINARIES



The holiday season is quickly approaching, and we would love to continue a holiday tradition with all of you. Please join The Kingspoint Club in

celebrating this holiday season by lining our neighborhood with candle luminaries. Help us transform our neighborhood into a beautiful winter village on **Sunday, December 15th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

The luminaries consist of a votive candle placed in 2-3 inches of sand inside a white paper bag. Participating families line the street in front of their house and if desired, their driveways and walkways, too. The luminaries are placed approximately three to five feet apart and everyone lights their candles at 5:00pm. We should have (weather permitting) several hours to enjoy the impressive sight! If you will not be home to light your candles, but you wish to participate, a neighbor can light your candles for you.

All residents of Kingspoint are welcome to participate! If you would like to order a luminary kit from the Kingspoint Club, please fill out the form at the end of the Crier and return to me along with your payment by **Monday, December 9th**. Determining how many luminary kits you will need is up to you, though we recommend one kit per 3-5 feet. Each kit costs \$1.00 and includes one white paper bag, one candle, and sand.

Luminary kits can be picked up on Saturday, December 14th, from 10am to 5pm at the Kingspoint Clubhouse, 119 Northpoint Rd. If you have any questions or need to arrange an alternate pick-up time, please contact Sarah Huber at 757-903-2316 (home), 413-695-7069 (cell) or e-mail hilton.huber@gmail.com.

KINGSPPOINT CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2-4 pm. Come to the Clubhouse to make ornaments and enjoy some holiday snacks! Please also bring a family ornament to hang on the KP clubhouse tree!

KINGSPPOINT WOMEN'S CLUB

Our December meeting will be our annual festive salad luncheon at the KP Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 10 at 12:00 noon.

Everyone should bring a salad except those whose last names begin with A, B, or C. They should bring a dessert.

We will be collecting Target or Wal Mart gift cards in any amount which will be donated to Mathew Whaley School for needy families to use at Christmas.

To those of you who are not already members, please join us for this Holiday lunch with neighborhood friends.

Looking ahead to 2020----our Tuesday, January 21 meeting will be a 12:00 noon "Soup's On" lunch with special music by local musician, Paulette Amory. Paulette has been teaching piano lessons for 36 years. She has performed in a variety of genres, classical, jazz, pop and Broadway. She has performed in many ensembles, locally and regionally. Mark your calendar for these fun events!!!

MULCH FOR THE CLUBHOUSE

We are getting dangerously low on mulch at the clubhouse. If any of you has tree work done between now and spring, if your tree service is looking for a place to dump their grindings, we have two options. One is the area on the far side of the creekside cul de sac. The other is at the edge of the parking area in front of our Green Space (formerly tennis courts). Either would be fine, and we would be immensely grateful come Spring Workday.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Allen annebetts@cox.net, 757-220-3985.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE MARATHON

Come and join your neighbors on December 23rd for a holiday movie marathon at the Kingspoint Clubhouse! We will show a selection of favorite holiday movies for the young and old. First movie will begin at 12 noon, and the last will begin at 12 midnight. Be on the look out for the schedule soon!

KINGSPPOINT CALENDAR

December 2, 9, 16, 23

Mondays, 9am-12pm

Bridge Group. 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.

December 8, 2-4pm

Kingspoint Club Holiday Party.

December 9

Deadline to order luminaries.

December 10, 12pm

Women's Club Meeting at the clubhouse.

December 14, 9-10am

Beginners Yoga at the clubhouse. Please join MaryKate Galke for free beginners yoga for club members on the second Saturday of the month. Bring your own yoga mat/blocks or a donation so that equipment may be purchased.

December 14, 10am – 5pm

Pick-up date for luminaries.

December 15, 5-8pm

Luminary Night in Kingspoint

December 23, 12pm-midnight

Christmas Movie Marathon at the clubhouse.

January 21, 8pm

*Kingspoint Club Annual
Stockholder Meeting*

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", so you will have to "request" to be added (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!

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, tracep@yahoo.com

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KINGSPPOINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are looking forward to the holidays and will soon enjoy our beautiful entrance dressed with greenery and white lights. **Yuko Sato will work her floral magic again this year** and install evergreen arrangements on the Kingspoint sign. We appreciate those families donating greenery from their yards for the arrangements.

We all enjoy the many light displays and other holiday decorations that neighbors share with us each December. This is *'the season of light'* for many of us, and the comfort we take in candlelight and holiday lights during this darkest time of the year unites us. ***Our beautiful neighborhood is especially festive at the holidays, thanks to the efforts of so many.***

Special thanks to all those who have served on, or volunteered to work with, our Neighborhood Association Board; and to our very special volunteers who have repaired signs, installed lighting, blown leaves, watered shrubs, mown grass, pulled weeds, picked up trash, pruned, raked, mulched and generally pitched in to help this year. Our community is better for the volunteer efforts of so many generous neighbors.

We always welcome new volunteers. If you have time to share, please reach out to me, or any member of the KPNA Board, and tell us how you would like to help. We have several volunteer positions to fill in the coming months.

Many thanks to everyone who has already responded to our 2019 membership appeal for the Kingspoint Neighborhood Association. Your contributions allow us to continue the work we do for the community.

If you have intended to drop off your membership renewal, please know that we will gratefully accept your contributions through the end of the year. If you have misplaced the brochure, *no worries*. Simply drop off your check with your name, address, and phone printed on it to Brandy Belue. Our annual membership contribution has remained \$25.00 for the past several years.

James City County will pick up leaves in our neighborhood one day between December 2 and 6. Leaves must be in clear plastic bags, left at the curb before 8:00 AM on December 2. We don't know which day the truck will come, and they'll make only one trip this year. Bulky items, like limbs, won't be accepted. You may drop off your own bagged leaves, at no charge, at the Jolly Pond center January 7-20.

Please visit **our KPNA website** for news and useful community links, regular updates and **a link to the digital Crier**. ***Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a joyous new year, from your Kingspoint Neighborhood Association!***

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

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The Kingspoint Neighborhood Association has served the Kingspoint community since 1975 in matters large and small. All property owners and renters in our neighborhood are eligible for membership. The Association's volunteers quietly maintain our beautiful entrance; publish our community directory; communicate with county and state government and agencies on the neighborhood's behalf; and facilitate communication within the neighborhood, and with the Kingspoint Club, Inc., on issues of mutual interest.



Kingspoint Plant of the Month: Christmas Fern

Our native Christmas fern earns its name by remaining evergreen throughout the winter when many other ferns have disappeared. Its deep

green fronds persist in woods and other shady areas, often appearing on steep slopes and in other undisturbed areas of our yards.

Growing to about 18" tall, *Polystichum acrostichoides* forms dense clumps, growing a bit broader each year. Fronds emerge from a central point in the fern to form a vase shaped mass. Its dense roots are useful to hold soil in areas that might otherwise erode. The rhizomes don't spread very much, but new ferns may appear nearby from windblown spores. This fern is reasonably drought tolerant once established. Plant in full to partial shade.

The Christmas fern can be found from Canada south to Florida and west to Texas. It is one of the most common native ferns in our area and requires very little care, other than cutting back older fronds in the spring. It has few pest problems and is rarely grazed by deer or rabbits.

Use Christmas ferns in naturalized plantings, on slopes, along paths or mixed with shrubs in a foundation planting. You can find young Christmas ferns in some garden centers now, or in early spring. Plant this fern with confidence that it will survive and thrive in our neighborhood.

FYI LEAF DISPOSAL

James City County residents **may drop off leaves in clear leaf sized bags free of charge** Nov. 11-24, 2019 and Jan. 6-19, 2020 at the Jolly Pond Convenience Center, 1204 Jolly Pond Road. The Convenience Center is open daily from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. *Resident may also pick up bagged leaves*, at no charge, to use for personal composting. At the Jolly Pond Convenience Center. **The county will pick up leaves in our neighborhood between December 2 and 6.** Please have your leaves at the curb in clear yard waste bags by 8 AM on December 2, if you want them collected.

Leaves may also be shredded and left in place or used as mulch. This helps improve our clay soil, protects shrubs and perennials from frost heave, and helps prevent erosion. Burning isn't permitted in residential areas of James City County.

FYI MASTER GARDENER PRUNING CLINIC AND TREE CALL

Could you use some free, hands-on advice on pruning and maintaining the shrubs in your garden? **VCE Master Gardeners will come to your home to teach you how to maintain your woodies** in February or early March. Register for the 2019 Master Gardener Pruning Clinic before January 21 by calling **757-564-2170**. **Local VCE Tree Stewards will also come to your home by appointment, throughout the year**, to consult with homeowners about trees of concern in their yards. Call the same number to request a Tree Steward visit.

NOTES FROM NEIGHBORS

While many Kingspoint neighbors love animals, and especially their pets, two concerns have come up this month that merit sharing in the Crier.

First, concern has been expressed about dogs left out of doors to bark for long periods of time in the early morning and evening hours. Since sound travels so clearly through ravines and across water, many neighbors hear a barking dog from blocks away. Consideration is requested so that dogs aren't barking when neighbors may be resting, and that dogs aren't left outside to bark for long periods of time.

Secondly, we have had sightings of foxes and possums in the neighborhood this month. We know that many animals come into our yards at night, especially where water and food are available. Please be cautious if your pets are outside after dark or early in the morning, and remain mindful of the dangers they may face.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Find seasonal safety tips from the James City County Police in their publication, **The Watch Dial**.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

Pet Sitting

Available Daily and Holidays, 4 years experience. Yuko Sato phone: 757-634-5447

Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting

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

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

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Buck Stove for sale \$250. Wood burning stove with blower. 32" wide in front, 26" wide in back, 24" deep, 25" high, interior is 15" deep and 24" wide. This is a chimney insert. Has a blower. Really puts out the heat. Call Mary Grogan at 258-5861.

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102 Pinepoint Rd.	For Sale	\$349,000
112 Crownpoint Rd.	For Sale	\$425,000
110 Overlook Dr.	For Sale	\$469,999
109 Archers Hope Ct.	For Sale	\$629,000
101 Wake Robin Rd.	Under Contract	\$379,000
101 Northpoint Dr.	Under Contract	\$285,000



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2019 Luminaria Kit Order Form Due Monday, December 9th

Please pay with cash or check made out to Kingspoint Club, Inc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Number of kits: _____
(Each kit includes one white paper bag, one candle, and sand)

Total cost (number of kits x \$1): _____

Please return order form and payment to Sarah Huber, 113 Overlook Dr.