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LETTER FROM THE KP PRESIDENTS

Summer is rapidly coming to an end, and we would like to thank all the Kingspoint Club members for their patience as we have dealt with the challenges of doing business during COVID. We are currently working with the pool company to extend pool hours beyond our normal season. We are hoping to open the pool for a few hours during the week throughout the month of September. Once we finalize the September schedule we will send an e-mail out to membership with more details.

A reminder that the clubhouse is available for rentals. The Kingspoint Club is a business, and as such we must follow state regulations that are in place for businesses. Therefore, masks must be worn in the building and social distancing is in effect. If you would like to rent the clubhouse please contact Ruth Ann Redbird at kpclubrentals@gmail.com.

Finally, the Kingspoint Board has sent a letter to the Wetland Commission and VMRC to oppose the proposed marine that is being planned by Waltrip and Associates. The marine is currently zoned as a residential property; however, on paper it is the size of and will have the capacity of a commercial marina. The marina is proposed for a site across from the Kingspoint Clubhouse and it has the potential to block access to our boat launch. The currently marine has a capacity of 8+ boats and will greatly increase speedboat traffic along College Creek. Not to mention, it will potential be damaging to the marsh ecosystem and wildlife. We would sternly encourage members to write individual letters to the Wetlands Commission (of which Waltrip is a representative) and VMRC. An email with more information, including drafts of the letters from the KP Board, will be sent to Kingspoint Club members.

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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 and pool for social events. Membership is required to attend some Club sponsored social events. Nonresidents may also pay annual dues to use the pool and the clubhouse. For more information or to join, contact Gina Flango, ginaflango@gmail.com.

KINGSPOINT CALENDAR

Tuesday & Friday, 10:30am-11:30am Water Aerobics Water Aerobics with Bambi Walters at the Kingspoint Pool.

Letter from the Presidents

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Now is also a great time to remind you to please sign up for club and neighborhood e-mail distribution lists. To receive information related to the Kingspoint Club only, please send your contact information to kppresidents@gmail.com. To receive general information of interest to all Kingspoint residents, please send your contact information to the Kingspoint Neighborhood Association President, Elizabeth McCoy e.mccoy105@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Sarah Huber and JD Reeves Co-Presidents, Kingspoint Club

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

Publishing in the Crier

If you have an event to share with the Kingspoint community or some news to report that you would like to see posted in the Kingspoint Crier, please send your contributions to kpcrier@gmail.com before the 20th of the month. The editors reserve the right to refuse and edit any submissions.



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Kingspoint Neighborhood Association News

As August draws to a close we are looking ahead to a new season and new opportunities. Some of you may remember a 1970's classic, Future Shock, by Alvin Toffler. How many of us reading it with skepticism nearly 50 years ago would expect to live through so many of the predicted changes in our own lifetimes? We are all finding ways to adapt and get on with our own endeavors. We share heartfelt best wishes with everyone as they navigate learning and working from home this fall.

Toffler wrote about the shock we experience when changes come to fast. He writes, "Our moral responsibility is not to stop the future, but to shape it...to channel our destiny in humane directions and to ease the trauma of transition." Alvin Toffler

Kingspoint neighbors have been busy helping one another "ease the trauma of transition" for these past six months, and especially helping the children and our elders in the neighborhood. And for that we are all extremely grateful.

More changes lurk on the horizon and I trust that we are all looking ahead and doing what we can to make circumstances better for ourselves and others. To this end, you will find several recent posts on the Kingspoint website and articles in this Crier:

Parents who expect to homeschool their children for some part of the year and college students taking classes online will find resources through the Williamsburg Regional Library.

Briefly, if you haven't already made a plan to vote in November, you will find the information and contacts you need. It takes no more than five minutes to visit the registrar's website and request a ballot through the mail, if that is what you want. Early absentee voting will be available at the Recreation Center on Longhill Road.

If you have been watching the long term weather forecast and have worries about trees near your home, there is a new article on the website, Caring for Our Kingspoint Trees, that offers guidance on how to select a certified arborist and provides contact information for a variety of arborists working in our area.





There is also a wealth of information and contact information to help you and your family prepare ahead of severe storms in the "Severe Storm Preparation Guides." You can sign up for JCC alerts to your phone or tablet, to stay in the loop when severe weather threatens.

If you, or anyone in your family might need special help during or after an evacuation or other weather emergency, consider signing up for James City County's special needs registry. This service allows our emergency services to know who may need special assistance due to mobility or other health issues.

James City County wants to help anyone with special or functional needs develop a plan so they will be prepared to survive for an extended time, with the possible loss of electricity, water, communication, food and medical resources. Contact coordinator Barbara Watson, at **757-259-3100** for more information.

Neighborhood Association members have worked with local government this month to request repaying at the neighborhood entrance and repairs to the deep potholes on the shoulder of the Kingspoint access road. We have also worked closely with staff from the Stormwater and Resources Protection Division to address concerns about the proposed project across College Creek from our community. There is a phone number, provided in the article, where you can leave a voice mail that will be read into the record at the upcoming Wetlands Board hearing on this project.

Our Neighborhood Association volunteers continue work at our entrance. Thanks to Chris Bonday and Tom Mahone for their hard work to keep our entrance mowed, trimmed and neat, and to Ann Hobson for her work with our new trees and shrubs.

If you have a new family near you, please let us know so we can visit with a copy of the Kingspoint Directory.

Remember to visit our KPNA website for news, useful community links, and regular updates on matters affecting our neighborhood.

Voting

Do you have questions about how to vote this November? All Kingspoint neighbors are encouraged to plan ahead now, so that you are able to participate in this historic election while protecting your own health and well-being:

First, check to make sure that you are registered and that your information is correct. View your registration status and make updates to your voter record if your information has changed.

Your choices:

1. Polling places will be open on election day, as usual, for those who wish to vote in person.





Real Estate Updates for August

105 Crestwood Dr.	SOLD	\$595,000
140 Kingspoint Dr.	SOLD	\$759,000
103 Black Oak Dr.	Under Contract	\$539,000
100 Crown Point Rd.	Under Contract	\$359,900
109 Archers Hope Rd.	For Sale	\$579,000
206 Southpoint Rd.	For Sale	\$595,000

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2. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The County's Registrar encourages all James City County Voters to Vote from Home by absentee ballot. Your options for obtaining an application or making your request:

- If you have a Virginia issued DMV ID, complete an absentee application online . Follow the prompts for requesting an absentee ballot. Please note the instructions regarding **social distancing** for your selections when choosing an absentee option and absentee reason.
- Or print, complete and sign a paper absentee application. Return by mail to: JCC Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 5300 Palmer Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188, by fax at 757-259-4945, or by scanned attachment email: vote@jamescitycountyva.gov. You are required to ensure the completed application reaches this office.
- Or call 757-259-4949 and request an absentee ballot application be mailed to you.

Ballots will be mailed out after September 18.

3. You may vote **Absentee IN PERSON** between September 18 and November 3 between 8 AM and 5 PM at the JCC Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg Virginia 23188.

Many thanks to Denise Koch for supplying this information from The Virginia Department of Elections. Find information specific to JCC here.

Neighborhood Watch: Is Your Car Locked?

Several Kingspoint neighbors across multiple streets have reported incidents over the past several weeks. Cars left unlocked have been entered, contents rifled through and items stolen. At least one package delivered when the homeowner was away was opened and contents examined, but not stolen. This is highly unusual for our neighborhood.

Unlocked cars, especially when valuables are visible, can be invitations to someone looking for an easy opportunity to steal. Open or unlocked garages and side doors can also offer opportunities to those who are looking for them.

If you have an incident where someone has been on your property with the intent to steal, whether you can document that something was stolen or not, please contact the James City County Police. The information you provide may give them a clue to help stop this activity in our neighborhood. You may either call 911 or contact the police at their non-emergency number, 757.253.1800, to make your report.

Extra police patrols have been set up for Kingspoint. If you plan to be away, you can call the non-emergency number to request patrols on your street while you are away.

Remember: If you see something, say something. Let's work together to keep our community a safe and welcoming place for all.





Proposed College Creek Project Under Further Review

Kingspoint neighbors are working together and with county staff from the Division of Stormwater and Resource Protection to address concerns about the proposed construction of a small marina directly across College Creek from the Kingspoint Club.

The project, in its current configuration, appears to encroach on the one navigable channel of the Creek, and it appears that the proposed docks and boathouse would stop boaters from going further up the Creek towards College Landing Park, and may prevent craft launched from the park from getting any further downstream towards Archer's Hope and the James River.

Additionally, current plans for hardening the bank of College Creek do not allow for a living shoreline, which is required under a new Virginia law. There would be major negative ecological impacts to College Creek, including increased sedimentation and disruption to the many creatures who live in and around this historic waterway. Motorized traffic from this new marina could further spread the Phragmites already infesting many previously navigable parts of College Creek.

Other concerns have been raised about the application. Residents along College Creek have concerns about how this large construction will permanently alter the landscape of this historic area, which has been kept in its natural state, as much as is possible.

After a conference call on Wednesday afternoon, neighbors received assurances that a sounding will be taken of the creek at low tide and evaluation of this study will be used in further review of the project. Additionally, county staff will meet with the applicant and contractor later this month on site to discuss the project, and the contractor may be asked to stake out the project in the Creek so that all parties may see how far into the Creek it projects from the shoreline.

There is a public hearing of the Wetlands Board scheduled for September 9, 2020, at 5 PM to discuss this project. However, the hearing may be deferred to a later date to allow for revisions to the proposal. The Wetlands Board currently has jurisdiction only on the part of the project that impacts the shoreline. New construction over College Creek is under the jurisdiction of the VMRC and the Army Corps of Engineers for a private, residential project.

However, if the application is revised to request approval of a commercial project, then the Wetlands Board has jurisdiction over the entire project along with the VMRC and the Corps of Engineers. Anyone who wishes to make a comment, but cannot appear at the hearing in person, can participate by calling 757-253-6772 to record a comment that will be played during the meeting. Recorded comments must be submitted no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Please give your name and address for the public record and limit comments to five minutes or less. You may also email comments to Mr. Michael Woolson, who is the Secretary to the Wetlands Board, at michael.woolson@jamescitycountyva.gov. Please copy the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, at jeff.madden@mrc.virginia.gov and reference the case number in the subject line, VMRC 20-1053. All emailed comments will be part of the Board package.



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While the Kingspoint Neighborhood Association has not formally discussed or taken a position on this project, KPNA President Elizabeth McCoy will continue to serve as a point of contact, as she does on behalf of the Association for all county related matters, to share information with concerned neighbors and with county staff. Our Robert's District Supervisor, Dr. John McGlennon, continues to work with neighbors and with county staff as this situation unfolds.

New Neighbors, Welcome!

Please extend a warm hand of friendship to our newest neighbors as they find their way around the community

Tom and Susan Matlich have moved into their new home at 105 Crestwood Drive. They come to us from Highland, Maryland.

Please also welcome Jim Gravgaard and Kim Lavach who have moved into their new home at 110 Overlook Drive.

Kindly add both of these new neighbors to your Kingspoint Directory, along with **Frank Richardi**, who has been at **105 Glenwood Drive** for the past year.

Hello! My name is Kim Lavach. My family and I moved to Williamsburg this past July. My family consists of husband, Jim Gravgaard; our three girls—Ally (19), Cate (15), and Gigi (9); and our adopted calico, Sammy.

After twenty-four years of living in lovely Ginter Park on the Northside of Richmond, we moved "home" to wonderful Williamsburg to be closer to my Mom. Lots of time spent quarantining at her house during the pandemic became the motivator for our move! We realized how much we enjoy this area and just how ready we were for a change in our lives!

I am an educator who tutors privately. Jim is a financial advisor who works for Essex Bank. Ally is a sophomore at William & Mary concentrating on her passions—sharks and teaching. Cate (who was concentrating in Theatre at Appomattox Regional Governor's School (ARGS) in Petersburg) will be a sophomore at Jamestown High. Gigi is a gregarious, nature-loving gal who is excited to be a 4th grader at Mathew Whaley. My family has many fond connections with William & Mary! My Dad was a professor in the School of Education, my mom and I are alumni, and now Ally is a student. I am currently a Class Ambassador and a School of Education Development Board member. However, don't be surprised if you see Jim proudly flying his VCU flag in front of our home!

You just might find us walking, longboarding, riding bikes, and fishing in the neighborhood; swimming in the James River; or gardening and doing tons of needed yard work. Stop us when you see us or stop by and say, "Hello"—we are at 110 Overlook Drive! We look forward to meeting all of our new neighbors!



Advertising Policy

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/yr); \$50/ edition for half page (\$525/yr). We can provide an invoice if necessary. The space will be limited to a reasonable size to be determined by the Crier editors 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

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.

Lawn Mowing

My name is Evan Blinn. I am a Kingspoint resident, and I would be happy to mow your lawn either once or twice weekly. My fees will vary for each size lawn, but my rates start at \$20/week, but that rate varies depending on the size of the lawn. If you would like me to use a weed eater to trim the sides of your lawn, that is an extra fee of \$10-15/week, depending on the amount of weed eating required. I would be happy to meet with you before getting started to work out a reasonable price for your lawn, whether it is front, back, or both. I also have experience with snakes, and can identify snakes on your property to let you know what type of snake it is. I can also remove non-venomous snakes humanely from your garage, attic, or yard. I look forward to doing business with you. I can be contacted via email at ejblinn07@gmail.com or (757) 920-5696.

Buck Stove wood burning fireplace insert

Serious offers only based on checking measurements ahead of time. 32" wide in front 26" wide in back, 24" deep, 25" high, Interior is 15" deep, 24" wide. This is a chimney insert. Has a blower. Really puts out heat. Call Mary Grogan at 757-258-5861.