

Kingspoint Crier

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LETTER FROM THE KP PRESIDENTS

As the days grow warmer we get closer to the 2021 Kingspoint pool season. The pool company has started preparation work, and the Kingspoint Club Board continues to meet monthly to discuss preparations for this spring and summer. We will provide more information as we get closer to May, but the plan is to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend as usual. There will still be COVID-19 protocols in place consistent with Virginia's guidelines. However, everyone did a great job this past summer enjoying the pool while taking the proper precautions, so we look forward to doing the same this year.

The second quarter dues were due on April 1st, and this is a great time to catch up on 1st and 2nd quarter dues if you have not paid. Please contact us with any questions on dues or membership you might have.

The Board is thinking through what a spring work day might look like. We know folks would be happy to help with general clean-up, repairs, and beautification, so we may soon share a date in which members can lend a hand sprucing up the general clubhouse area. More to come...

We hope that everyone is finding time to get out and enjoy the warm spring weather! Remember, we have a number of new neighbors, so please wave and introduce yourself to anyone you do not already know. We look forward to seeing more and more of you as we put COVID-19 behind us!

Sarah Huber and J.D. Reeves
Co-Presidents, Kingspoint Club

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. 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.

Kingspoint Women's Club

The Kingspoint Women's Club has not met since February, 2020 due to the restrictions of Covid 19. While we had hoped to start in the fall, those meetings were cancelled. We have also chosen to cancel the rest of the gatherings for the Spring of 2021 and plan to start again in fall with our **Annual Welcome Coffee** in September, which is open to all new neighbors.

The Kingspoint Women's Club is a social organization which has been in existence for 40+ years. While we have monthly gatherings from September to April along with some programs, it gives those who are interested in meeting neighbors a venue to do so in a fun easy-going environment at the Kingspoint Clubhouse. Some of our gatherings include "Bring a Salad" lunches, Movie Month, and an April Cocktail social that includes spouses or guests

We are in search of two co-presidents for the 2021-2022 year. If you would be interested, please contact Joyce Houff, current President at 757-342-8358, joycehouff@yahoo.com or Denise Koch, Treasurer at 757-870-0900, dwkoch3@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you soon!

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!



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Neighborhood Watch

P2C Police to Citizen Initiative. Find a wealth of information, including crime and crash reports, bike registration information and more at this JCC Police sponsored site.

Please help us discourage anyone from going door to door in the neighborhood by declining to do business with them and by informing them of our "No Solicitors" policy.

Remember to keep valuables out of site and car doors locked when out and about and at home. Break-ins to unlocked cars remain a concern across the county. Don't provide miscreants an opportunity to search your car for valuables.

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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, tracp@yahoo.com

Obituary: Martha Blanks

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our longtime friend and neighbor, Martha Blanks, who lost her battle with Parkinson's disease on April 18.

Martha loved Kingspoint, who, along with Ed, her surviving husband, contributed so much to the neighborhood since building their house in 1973.

Martha taught in Hampton and Newport News public schools for over 37 years. She was adored by her students and friends whose lives were enriched by her knowledge, love and sense of fun. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Donations may be made in her memory to the Heritage Humane Society.

Obituary: Jim White

Our long time Kingspoint neighbor, Jim White, passed away on April 22th. He has lived in Kingspoint on Pinepoint Road since 1972 and has been a friend to many in our community. A loving husband, father, grandfather, public servant, patriot, leader, and friend, Jim's life touched so many people. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that anyone desiring to make a donation in Jim's

memory do so to either Bruton Parish Church, or Hospice House & Support Care.

Colonial Parkway Closure

At the beginning of the pandemic, the National Park Service closed a large chunk of Colonial Parkway to car traffic. Lots of people took advantage of the closure to bike, run, walk, etc. They are now considering a proposal to make closures on the parkway a regular occurrence. They would close the parkway from 199/Kingspoint to Jamestown Settlement (you could still access the Settlement and Historic Jamestown by car). They are currently accepting comments on this proposal.

In the spirit of Earth Day, making Williamsburg more friendly to pedestrian and bike traffic, and for the overall wellness of our community, I encourage you to comment in support of the proposal. (And if you are strongly opposed, you should comment too.)

Here is the link: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=100490>. **On the left-hand menu, click on the "Open for Comment" link, then the "Public Feedback" link on the next page.**

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Kingspoint Neighborhood Association News

Our Kingspoint neighborhood is especially beautiful this time of year as the Azaleas and Wisteria bloom, the trees green again, and everything looks fresh. Many thanks to everyone who has pitched in this month with their own clean-up and landscaping efforts at home or in the larger community, as we all prepare for warmer weather. It is a real treat to walk around the neighborhood and see what folks have growing in their yards and on their porches.

We celebrate **Earth Day** and **Arbor Day** at the end of each April. We can each commit our own "Act of Green" in celebration of this 50th Annual Earth Day, celebrated on Thursday, April 22, and Arbor Day on Saturday, April 24. Planting trees has been an Arbor Day tradition since April 10, 1872. What better gesture of hope for the future, and investment in a better tomorrow than planting a tree?

You may have noticed how many thousands of local trees have been destroyed over the past year by development, VDOT, and in our own neighborhood by the Colonial Pipeline Corp. clearing the area above their underground pipeline. I still miss the trees, and we will miss them even more when summer heat finds us and we find the shade we have enjoyed for decades on

Northpoint Drive and other neighborhood streets, is gone.

If you and your family have space, planting a tree or large shrub is one way to help offset this enormous loss. Trees filter out greenhouse gasses and pollutants even as they produce oxygen, protect the soil from erosion, provide cooling shade and beautify our neighborhood.

The Master Gardener Help Desk is available again for those with horticultural questions, and an in-person Help Desk will be at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden on Saturday mornings through the end of May. If you have questions or concerns about trees or shrubs on your property, you may be interested in the [Tree Call program](#), offered by WJCC Master Gardener Tree Stewards. Tree Stewards offer a free consultation. Call the Master Gardener Help Desk at 757-564-2175 for more information.

Many thanks to Ann Hobson, Chris Bonday, Tom Mahone and those working with them as they spruce up our neighborhood entrance for spring. Thanks also to Gary Gordon for refinishing the protective posts with reflectors that he made for us some years ago.

Sale prices are still on the rise but we're running low on inventory! Wondering what your home is worth? Contact me for a **complimentary** Comparative Market Analysis

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Residential Detached	March			Year to Date		
	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 3-2020	Thru 3-2021	% Change
New Listings	152	147	-3.3%	434	381	-12.2%
Pending Sales	121	157	+29.8%	283	372	+31.4%
Closed Sales	89	111	+24.7%	217	288	+32.7%
Median Days on Market Until Sale	22	6	-72.7%	42	15	-64.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$369,900	\$429,900	+16.2%	\$370,000	\$409,500	+10.7%
Average Sales Price*	\$392,628	\$448,570	+14.2%	\$390,434	\$452,487	+15.9%
Percent of List Price Received*	99.1%	100.4%	+1.3%	98.7%	99.6%	+0.9%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	401	147	-63.3%	—	—	—
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for unexpected expenses, like the irrigation repairs last spring. We do our work on a cash basis, without incurring any debt.

Any neighbor who might have overlooked their membership last fall may still join the KPNA by dropping off a check for the \$25.00 annual dues to our Treasurer Brandy Belue at 205 Southpoint Drive.

Please continue to let us know when new neighbors arrive near you. We want to welcome all new neighbors and bring them a current Kingspoint Directory.

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.

Please visit our [KPNA website](#) for news and useful community links, regular updates and a [link to the digital Crier](#).

The Kingspoint Gardener

by Ann Hobson annhobson@cox.net

This article is directed to all the new residents in Kingspoint who are struggling with landscaping in a woodland filled with hungry deer. I have made 40 years worth of mistakes buying plants that end as expensive deer snacks. I would like to warn all the new residents to not do what I have done.



Neighbors appreciate every small effort we each make to keep our community looking neat and well maintained. Neighbors have requested that we remind dog owners to kindly carry bags to clean up after their dogs when out walking. *Most pet parents clean up behind their pets already*, but there have been a few incidents lately where dogs were allowed to take care of business in a neighbor's yard, and it was left unattended. Let's show consideration for one another, and always clean up behind ourselves when out and about.

Please remember to share the street with caution and courtesy, whether you are walking, biking or driving. Warm weather brings us outdoors, and we can expect to encounter more neighbors on our streets. Watch for playing children on many side streets and more pets along the way. Please remind your guests to drive cautiously in Kingspoint and to respect our **25-mph speed limit**.

We appreciate each neighbor who has supported the KPNA since our membership appeal last October. Your support funds our ongoing responsibilities and projects and allows us to keep a balance

Buy Deer Resistant Plants It would be wonderful to be able to grow azaleas, hydrangeas, pansies, hostas, impatiens. I could go on and on. But the deer will eat them, probably sooner rather than later. Check

authoritative lists of plants that are susceptible to deer damage before you buy. The [Williamsburg James City County Master Gardeners](#) web site has good lists for this area.

I don't plan offer up another lengthy list of plants deer will eat, Instead I am going for a much shorter list of the plants in my yard that **so far** the deer have left alone. I invite anybody to add to my list. Just email me. Before I start, I confess this list is mainly plants that grow in partial shade. You lucky people who have more sun, send me your successes to add to my list. We can publish an extended list in a later Crier.

- **Evergreen shrubs:** Boxwood, yaupon holly, American holly, mahonia (Oregon Grape holly), pieris japonica (Andromeda), lorepetalum, leucothoe.
- **Deciduous shrubs:** Butterfly bush, spirea, beautyberry, viburnum plicata (Summer snowflake), peonies
- **Groundcovers and low growing perennials:** Hellebores (lenten roses) stinking hellbores, peonies, lambs ears, ajuga, pachysandra, bloody cransbill geraniums, rose champions, spider flowers (cleome)
- **Bulbs and tubers:** Daffodils, iris, arum italica
- **Almost all ferns**
- **Herbs:** Deer don't like any thing with a strong smell so I am growing sage, rosemary, oregano, mints and fennel. All of these prefer sunny spots.

Caveat Before you purchase a plant, be sure to check the amount of sun it requires and how large it will grow.

PS: I have a lot of plants growing in my yard that deer do eat, I am constantly spraying them with Liquid Fence and sprinkling deer repellents on the ground around them. It sometime works.



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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.

Your Photographs in the KP Crier?

It is always great to see beautiful pictures of our neighborhood. If you want your photos featured in the Kingspoint Crier, then please send them to kpcrier@gmail.com. We cannot guarantee that every photograph will be featured, and we reserve the right to crop and rescale the photographs to limit the file size of the Crier.

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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.

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Pet Sitting

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Hi my name is Lexi and I am a responsible 13 year old available to walk, play, and feed your dogs and take care of other pets. I have two dogs (one that is especially strong), cat, and fish and am experienced in taking care of them, including taking an obedience class with my new puppy. Reasonable rates. Call or text my mom Jen Stanhope for more info: 804-815-0241

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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) 2340-3999.

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