

Kingspoint Crier

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LETTER FROM THE KP PRESIDENTS

Greetings everyone! We are quickly moving through the summer months, but we hope that all of our Kingspoint Club members have enjoyed seeing each other at the pool. The Kingspoint Dolphin swim season just wrapped up (except for Champs competition) after a five meet season where things were much more normal than last year (where all meets were virtual). Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the season possible and tremendous thanks to the Coaches and Swim Team Co-Presidents! It is always an exciting time on Monday evenings in June and July when we have so many swimmers and families cheering for the win. For many of us, these were the first post-pandemic events where it felt as though everyone was back together.

Even though the swim season is close to wrapping up, many families will certainly continue visiting with each other at the pool. The pool company (Continental Pools) would like for everyone to know that they still have lifeguarding positions open, and they have a sign-up bonus for new hires in July; below is more info: *“Hello, Residents! Continental Pools has open lifeguarding positions at our pool for the 2021 summer and they are currently holding interviews for those who are interested. The job is an entry-level position and Continental Pools provide a free lifeguard training courses for residents of our community and a sign-up bonus. Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years old and be able to pass a swimming test. Interested parties should call the office at 757-213-8181.”*

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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. 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.

KINGSPPOINT CALENDAR

Every Tuesday, 11:15am-12:15pm
Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics with Bambi Walters at the Kingspoint Pool.

Presidents' Letter - Part II

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Third quarter member dues were due on July 1st. Timely payments are as critical as ever as we operate through another COVID-impacted year. Also, we still have Kingspoint t-shirts available for sale. Cost is \$20 per shirt and proceeds go to the Kingspoint Club. To purchase a shirt please contact Melissa Reeves at melissa.p.reeves@gmail.com. Payments can be sent to KP Club at P.O. Box 365, Williamsburg, VA, 23187 (please indicate on your check that the payment is for t-shirts).

The social committee continues to brainstorm and plan member events for the coming months. Huge kudos and thanks for their efforts in hosting a larger July 4th celebration than we have had in recent years! The annual Labor Day event will be coming up soon, and there may be additional events scheduled and advertised as well.

We hope that everyone is having a wonderful and safe summer! We will see you at the pool!
Kingspoint Club Co-Presidents

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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@yaho.com

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics returned to the Kingspoint Pool on Tuesday, June 22 at 11:15-12:15pm. Bambi Walters will be returning to teach most Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the pool season.

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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!

New Neighbors

Please extend a warm hand of friendship to:

Cindy and Mike Weber, who moved into 108 Northpoint Drive earlier this spring.

Brad and Meghan Mathews who moved in at 106 Wakerobin Road earlier this month with their children, Brady 8 and Leigha 2. They share: *"We are Brad, Megan, Brady (8), and Leigha (2) Matthews. We moved to Kingspoint from Yorktown in June. Brad is in the Coast Guard and is an instructor at Yorktown Training Center and I am a stay-at-home mom. We are originally from the Greensboro, NC area. We have enjoyed meeting neighbors at the pool and around our home and look forward to meeting more."*



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Kingspoint Neighborhood Association News

We celebrate our neighborhood's 57th anniversary this summer. The first lots were sold in the summer of 1964, and we have remained a popular and desirable neighborhood ever since because of the strength of our community. We welcome everyone who has moved to Kingspoint in recent years even as we remember the pioneers who built our neighborhood and have called Kingspoint their home for decades.

We trust that everyone is staying cool and enjoying the many pleasures of summer in Kingspoint.



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Thank you for your care and caution while sharing our neighborhood streets with walkers, bikers, playing kids and guests using the pool. Neighbors have asked that we **use special caution at the intersections of Kingspoint Drive, Northpoint Drive and Crownpoint Road.** Though no sign is posted, many of us stop and look before pulling out into this busy intersection and drive a bit more cautiously than usual through our neighborhood when school is out. Please watch for walkers and bike riders who may not be where you expect them to be.

Please help conserve our most precious resource, water. The water main break under Powhatan Creek is still under repair, and the job will likely be completed by early August. JCC continues to **upgrade water meters and maintain their equipment** in our neighborhood. You may be interested in the **new JCC Water Conservation and Management Plan**, approved last December. New residents will find a description of the residential outdoor water use regulations below the KPNA news. We are limited in how we may use water out of doors between May 1 and September 1 each year, to manage the demand for water used in landscape maintenance.

If summer finds you cleaning out the garage or spare room, the next [VPPSA Household Chemical Collection](#) will be August 14 at Warhill High School from 8:00 AM-Noon. Please take advantage of this free service to dispose of electronics, old paint, automotive products or household chemicals. You will find [lists of acceptable materials and special instructions on the VPPSA website](#).

The last few years have been tough on our trees. Strong storms, saturated soil, and hot weather have caused a lot of stress to area trees, and now rot and disease are attacking some trees and large shrubs. **We had two neighborhood trees fall in the recent tropical storm, blocking major Kingspoint streets.** One of those damaged a neighbor's vehicle as they were driving home. We are very lucky that there were no injuries.

The Neighborhood Association requests all Kingspoint neighbors to take a few minutes to examine the trees in your yard to look for any clear safety hazards. Please pay special attention to trees that might drop dead limbs or fall into the street during a future storm.

Many thanks to David Miller and Gary Gordon for their work on our neighborhood street signs this summer. Their work looks terrific and will help preserve our posts and signs for many years to come



If you see Gary and David out working, please stop and thank them for their hard work on this project. We also appreciate neighbors who have trimmed shrubs and cut the grass around signposts in their yards, to make the posts more accessible for maintenance and the signs easier to read from a distance.

Many thanks, also to Ann Hobson, Chris Bonday, Tom Mahone and those working with them as they spruce up our neighborhood entrance and keep the grass cut and shrubs watered throughout the summer.

The strength of our community rests in our relationships with our neighbors. We have a strong spirit of community involvement and volunteerism. There are many ways to get involved and help us keep our community clean, beautiful, vibrant and engaged. We welcome all neighbors willing to volunteer, as many hands make light work. If you have time to share, please reach out to any member of the KPNA Board, and tell us how you would like to help.

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](#).

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Real Estate Updates for July!

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113 Archers Hope Rd	SOLD	\$480,000
101 Acacia Court	U/C	\$459,000



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JCSA Water Conservation Ordinance

In order to encourage a reduction in outdoor water use and better manage water supply, JCC Code Chapter 11, Article VII regulates the day of week and time of day that property owners/occupants can use water outdoors. The ordinances provide that between May 1st and September 30th of each year, properties with even street numbers can use water outdoors on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; properties with odd street numbers can use water outdoors on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. No outdoor watering is allowed on Monday's or any day between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, except with a hand-held hose with an automatic cutoff. The water use ordinance also requires (for systems installed after March 8, 2005) the use of a rain sensor gauge set at one-fourth inch or less such that the irrigation system is turned off when one-fourth inch or more of rain has fallen.

Garbage Bins

Please do your part to try to remove emptied garbage and recycling cans from the street in a timely manner. Several different neighbors, living on different streets, have contacted Elizabeth McCoy in the last few weeks about garbage cans creating difficulties near them. In general, we want to minimize the time the cans remain on the street so that nighttime animal visitors aren't tempted, and so the cans present minimal difficulties for vehicles, walkers, and bikers. It seems like we have garbage and recycling trucks picking up in the neighborhood on most weekdays, so there are bins out somewhere most every day. There have been some service delays recently, too. Getting the bins back up to the house promptly, once they are emptied, is something we can all do to make things a little easier for our neighbors.

Looking After Our Trees, Looking After Each Other

We love our trees here in Kingspoint. Many of us chose this neighborhood for its woodland beauty, the shady streets, and for our wooded yards. We are always having to balance the beauty of our neighborhood trees against potential damage trees might cause during a storm.

Have you noticed the many dead trees and branches falling along the Colonial Parkway, and in Kingspoint? The last few years have been tough on our trees. Strong storms, rain saturated soil, and hot weather have caused a lot of stress to area trees, and now rot and disease are attacking some trees and large shrubs.

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The Neighborhood Association is asking all Kingspoint neighbors to take a few minutes to examine the trees in your yard to look for any clear safety hazards. Please pay special attention to trees that might drop dead limbs or fall into the street during a future storm.

Some arborists have earned additional certifications in Risk Management through the ISA and can evaluate a tree and identify any risk factors to its health. They



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Preventing Hurricane Damage to Trees

by Ann Hobson; Master Gardener Tree Steward.

Hurricane season brings worries about the beautiful mature trees that make up our Kingspoint landscape. What are the chances that a windstorm will bring down the trees in our yards? Of course, there is no sure way of knowing what trees are going to fall in a hurricane but there are some preventative measures we can take to lessen the risk.

will usually come to your home to evaluate a tree at no charge, giving you an estimate for any work they recommend. You will find [a list of ISA certified arborists](#), with their contact information, on the KPNA website. You can also request Master Gardener Tree Stewards to come and evaluate a tree for any obvious risks by [contacting the Help Desk](#). This evaluation is always free.

If you have a dead or dying tree near the street or near a structure, please take care of it to prevent an injury to yourself or to a neighbor.

While we can't always predict in advance which trees may fall or lose major limbs in a storm, sometimes there are signs of trouble that we can identify in advance.

If there is a damaged or dead tree growing in the VDOT right of way beside your home, you can ask VDOT to take care of that, at no charge to you. VDOT came to Kingspoint at the height of the recent tropical storm to open up Northpoint Drive, and cleaned up the fallen tree the following day.

We have had a great deal of storm damage to Kingspoint's trees in recent years. **As a reminder, kindly don't pile storm debris in the street or on the shoulder. JCC doesn't routinely pick up debris after a storm. It is up to the homeowner to dispose of downfall.** The county only picks up debris if they get Federal funding after a major disaster, like a significant hurricane, that does extensive damage to the area.

On the other hand, if you have an arborist or VDOT take care of questionable trees before a storm, they normally remove the wood as a part of the job.

Let's work together and look out for one another by having a look at our trees now, before another storm comes our way.

Examine the area around the base of larger trees after a windstorm. Strong winds make trees sway back and forth. As they grow, trees that are exposed to winds develop special wood that makes them flexible, bending but not breaking. It is more likely that a tree will fall because some of the roots are ripped loose and the entire root ball is pulled out of the ground. Or the root ball heaves up but settles back down leaving the tree standing. After the storm is over you should check all large trees for cracks in the earth around the base indicating the roots have been pulled loose. Such trees are very likely to come down in the next strong wind and should be removed.

Make passages through the trees' canopies for the wind to pass. An arborist can remove secondary branches from the crown of a tree which will open spaces for the wind gusts to pass through.

Remove branches that meet the trunk at a tight angle. These branches are the most likely to give way. Maple trees and Bradford pears are notorious for having branches which grow from the trunk at a narrow angle and rip off in windstorms.

Here are some things not to do:

Don't cut off the top of a tree's crown. This is called "hat racking" and has the perverse effect of making the tree more vulnerable to wind damage after a few years have passed. The end cuts at the tree's top develop a witch's broom of close together branches with dense foliage that catch the wind gusts.

Don't thin out a stand of mature healthy trees in the belief that the others will do better without the competition. As trees grow, they adapt to their situation—sunny or shady; sheltered or windy. And all their roots are all interconnected by "mycor-



rhizal” fungi which share food and water. Removing one tree changes the environment of the others. A tree accustomed to shade and shelter from the wind could get much more sun or wind. Older trees do not easily adapt to new circumstances. Moreover the remaining trees lose the sustaining support from their now absent neighbors.

Last but most important. Williamsburg is heavily forested. It is possible for many, many trees to come down if we are hit by a major hurricane. Relief might be very slow to come if we choose to stay put. **In the event of a major hurricane, leave early.**

Neighborhood Watch

The Community Services Unit of our local police, under the leadership of Lt. Monique Meyers, offers a wide range of services to county residents. Please [visit their web page](#) to learn more about Project Lifesaver and free tracking units for family members with dementia, Alzheimer’s, or other conditions that might lead them to wander away; autism awareness stickers and magnets for your home and car to alert emergency responders to a special needs family member; bike registration and child ID cards; kids’ coloring pages; and a variety of youth programs and crime prevention programs to assist families and local businesses. [Our Community Services Officer](#) is MPO Brandon Frantz.

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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; the editors will not run any articles that overly or covertly target specific demographics or neighbors.

Photo Credits

Credits for the photos in this edition of Crier go to Ann Hobson (tree) and Wendy Miller (birds).

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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