

Kingspoint Crier

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LETTER FROM THE KP PRESIDENTS

Hello Kingspoint Club! Summer is in full swing and we are happy to be resuming many of our club activities. Please note the following announcements regarding the pool, clubhouse rentals, dues, and social activities.

Pool Hours

- June and July: 11-6pm on weekdays, 11am-7pm on weekends and holidays
- August: 11-7pm, seven days a week

The pool will close at 4:30pm on July 12 & 19th for home swim meets.

There is a \$2 fee per person for local guests (WJCC and Upper York County residents), and guests must be accompanied by a member. There is no charge for out-of-town guests or grandchildren. Kingspoint residents must be Club members to be at the pool. If you live in Kingspoint and you have not paid for pool membership, then you cannot be a guest of a member.

Water Aerobics Water aerobics is available for all pool members and meets on Tues/Thurs from 11:15am-12:15pm. Water aerobics will have priority for lane usage during this time.

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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

Tuesday June 1 - July 19, 6-8pm

Swim Team

Dolphins Youth Summer Swim Team Practice

Monday-Friday July 5-9, 2-3pm

Swim Lessons

Basic Stroke Class/Advanced Beginner

Monday-Thursday July 12-20, 2-3pm

Swim Lessons

Learn to Swim/Beginner

Sunday July 4th, 1pm

Fourth of July BBQ & Picnic

Kingspoint Club Green

Monday July 5, 19, 4:30pm-...

Swim Team Time Trials/Meets

The pool will close early at 4:30pm on these days.

Tuesday June 22, 11:15am-12:15pm

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics with Bambi Walters at the Kingspoint Pool.

Presidents' Letter - Part II

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Swim Lessons Swim Lessons are going well. Please keep in mind that the group lessons have priority for the far lane line from 2-3pm on weekdays. The second lane line is to ensure lap swimmers always have at least one lane. Lessons with dates and times are below. Please contact Gina Flango (ginaflango@gmail.com) to register kids for lessons.

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Registration is first come, first serve. Cost is \$60 per child (all money goes towards paying the instructor).

Basic Stroke Class/ Adv Beginner: July 5-9 from 2-3pm (Monday-Friday, 5 sessions). For swimmers who can already paddle & swim around unassisted, can jump in/get face wet, and are ready to learn or improve freestyle and some backstroke.

Learn to Swim/ Beginner: July 12-20 from 2-3pm (Monday-Thursdays, 8 sessions). For children who need to focus on putting face in water, jumping in, learning to swim unassisted. Must be fully potty-trained and at least preschool age.

Pool Safety Please note that children under 8 must be supervised by parents. The baby pool does not have lifeguard supervision; therefore, all children must be accompanied by a parent to be in the baby pool.

Clubhouse and Pool Rentals The clubhouse and pool are available for rental. Evening pool rentals are limited to 8pm or later. Rental of the pool is contingent on lifeguard availability, so please make reservations at least two weeks in advance of your event. For questions or to rent the clubhouse/pool please contact Denise Koch at kpclubrentals@gmail.com.

Resident Member Dues Third quarter dues are due July 1st. If you pay quarterly, you should have paid a total of \$450 by July 1st. If you pay in a single annual installment of \$600, dues were due back in January 2021. Please pay dues on time. The clubhouse needs this income to finance our daily operations and to maintain the pool. While we have not penalized members in the past for late dues, (e.g., limiting pool usage or clubhouse rentals for members who are late on their dues), this possibility has been discussed for future operations.

Kingspoint T-Shirts We still have a few 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.

Fourth of July Save the Date The Social Committee is currently planning a parade and cookout for July 4th. We will send out an e-mail with more information closer to the date.

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

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

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Fourth of July BBQ & Picnic

The Kingspoint Club is pleased to host a Fourth of July Barbeque and Picnic!

Come celebrate the Fourth of July on the Kingspoint Club Green! We will have pulled pork, hamburgers, and hot dogs, with coleslaw and chips on the side. Lemonade, water, and VBC beer will be available (\$4/beer suggested donation). \$10/family.

Picnic will begin at 1:00 pm, with lawn games (corn hole, can jam, and others) will be available

Hope to see you there!

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 up-

dates 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!

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!

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.

Swim Lessons (4-6yrs)

The club is in discussions with a certified, experienced swim instructor who can teach swim lessons for the



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Real Estate Updates for May!

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preschool/kindergarten set (4-6yrs) at the KP pool in June. This instructor has worked at the JCC Rec Center in the past as a swim instructor and lifeguard. We are proposing two sets of lessons- the first is a true "learn to swim" series that will be focused more on the very basics of swimming (head underwater, blowing bubbles/breathing, and very short unaided swims). The second set is for children who have some basic swim skills mastered (able to jump in pool, paddle unaided, and not afraid to put head in water), but need to work on swimming strokes.

Since this is our first time offering lessons, we wanted to be sure there was enough interest to proceed. We can take up to 5 children in each session. If there is more interest, we will try to schedule additional sessions, if these first are successful. Swim lessons will be offered at a rate of \$60 per child, as set by the swim instructor. The KP Club will receive no money from this, but will coordinate the classes as a benefit to our members. Swim lessons will only be offered to KP Club member families in good standing.

Tentative Times/Dates (these dates may change slightly):

- Learn to Swim (True Beginner): June 7, 8, 9,10 & June 15, 16, 17 at 5pm-5:45pm (5 spots)
- Basic Stroke (Adv Beginner): June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 at 2pm-3pm (5 spots)

At this point, we wanted to gauge interest within the neighborhood, before proceeding. If you would like to have your child participate, please send an email to ginaflango@gmail.com by **June 2nd**. We will fill the potential classes based on first come first served responses to this email. If we exceed the available spots, we will start a waitlist. If there is not enough interest, we will not hold the classes.

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.

Strangers at the Door

Kingspoint neighbors have worked together in recent years to have a ‘No Soliciting’ neighborhood. We currently have 5 small ‘No Soliciting’ signs posted near the entrance to the neighborhood. The JCC Police know our policy, and neighbors have been very good about telling folks at their door the policy. Many thanks to those of you who continue to send a message about someone at your door that can be shared with neighbors.

We know that strangers at the door can be a safety concern for everyone for a variety of reasons. I've received notes from neighbors recently asking for a larger ‘No Soliciting’ sign near our entrance, and we plan to change out the sign on the ‘Neighborhood Watch’ sign beside the pump house driveway for a larger version.

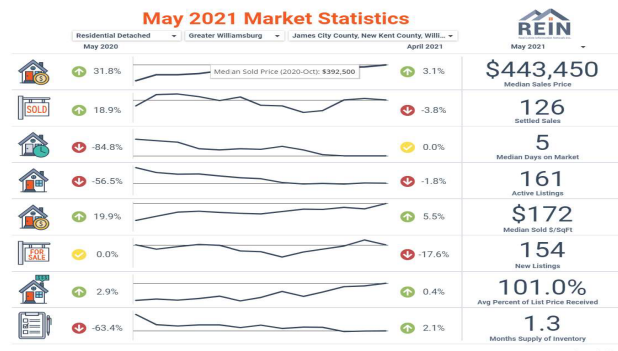
Travel Plans

If you're planning to be away this summer, please remember to give a trusted neighbor your travel dates so they can keep an eye on your home while you're traveling. Most of us remember to stop mail and paper deliveries, but neighbors can help out if deliveries come, anyway.

Our James City County police will also keep a watch on your home, especially at night, if you plan an extended trip. This is a free service and must be set up in advance by contacting the Police Department at 757-259-5140, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm. You may also submit your **request for 'House Checks'** using the online **Police to Citizen (P2C)** system.

Police officers will visit your home or JCC business to perform a security audit or lighting audit. They will give you suggestions for making your property more secure. This is a free service that may be scheduled by contacting the same number or website above.

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Kingspoint Neighborhood Association News

Happy summer to all! Congratulations to everyone with a graduate in the family, and to those who wrapped up another successful academic year. Please remember to visit the 'Little Library' in the Smith's front yard at 103 Southpoint Drive to check out the available books for summer reading. The rule is simple: If you borrow a book, then donate a book, or return the book you borrowed. The library is there for everyone's use and enjoyment. What a fun way to encourage our kids to read this summer!

With children home for summer break and the pool open, **we are all more mindful when driving around the community.** We have more walkers and bikers than any other time of year. Neighbors have asked that we **use special caution when entering Kingspoint Drive from Northpoint Drive and from 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.

Independence Day is only a few weeks away. There will be a full schedule of special events at **Colonial Williamsburg on July 4, 2021**, including fireworks at 9:20 PM, from behind the Governor's Palace. **Busch Gardens hosts "Summer Nights" from June 25 through July 29.** Fireworks are planned each evening, weather permitting.

As a reminder, **the use, possession, display, sale or storage of fireworks is illegal in James City County.** This includes fireworks that were legally purchased elsewhere. Anyone wishing to set off personal fireworks must first obtain a permit from the Fire Marshal. (See FYI below for more information) **The sounds of fireworks or weapons may be troubling to many neighbors and their pets.** Let's work together to maintain our peaceful, neighborly community so that it feels safe and welcoming for all.

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.

The next **VPPSA Household Chemical Collection** will be **August 14** at Warhill High School from 8:00 AM-Noon.

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. Gary also worked on our message boards near Fern Court. If you see Gary and David out working, please



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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 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. Our front entrance team had a huge job to repair recent vehicle damage to some of the posts and solar lights.

Stay well, and please remember to look out for your neighbors and their needs. We are all stronger when we work together.

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](#).

NABA Butterfly Count

NABA Butterfly Count in Kingspoint this July. Do you have butterflies and moths feeding in your yard? Would you like to take part in some 'Citizen Science'?

Naturalists in our area will be counting butterflies and moths on July 11. We are on the very edge of the 'Chippokes Butterfly Count' area, and have been

invited to participate this year. A small team of 2-4 naturalists will arrive to simply count the species of butterflies and moths present in your yard during their visit. These numbers will be reported to the [North American Butterfly Association, NABA](#).

Mr. Brian Taber, President of the [Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory](#) invited me to participate this year. He is the Steward of the Monarch Waystations at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden and at the Jamestown Marina. Since naturalists are coming to Kingspoint to count in my garden, they are interested in counting in the yard of any other Kingspoint neighbor who is willing to host them.

Please send me your name and address if you are interested and want to participate. Volunteers will count between 9:00AM and 4PM on Sunday, July 11. You don't have to be home to participate, so long as you have given prior permission for the naturalist volunteers to count on your property. Anyone who wants to help count can let me know, and I'll put you in touch with the Jamestown team. Photographers and scribes accompany the naturalists

FYI: Fireworks

The [summer celebrations](#) are important to all of us, and many of us have visitors this time of year. We are looking forward to the public Fourth of July special events and fireworks displays in our area.

As a reminder, [the use, possession, display, sale or storage of fireworks is illegal in James City County](#). This includes fireworks that were legally purchased elsewhere. Anyone wishing to set off personal fireworks must first obtain a permit from the Fire Marshal.

Individuals who have purchased, or are in possession of fireworks, are encouraged to [turn them in at any county fire station](#), or call the Fire Marshal's office at [757-220-0626](#) for assistance. Anyone [voluntarily surrendering fireworks will not be criminally charged](#). We are all aware of the serious injuries and property damage caused by accidents with fireworks.

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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; 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 Elizabeth McCoy.

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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