

Kingspoint Crier

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LETTER FROM THE KP PRESIDENTS

It is hard to believe it; summer is coming to a close and the end of swim season is just over a week away. We hope it has been a splendid summer for your families, and that you have been able to get out and enjoy the recent cooler days. These fall-like days are a taste of what lies ahead! Please join us as we close the 2022 swim season with our upcoming Labor Day celebration. We look forward to seeing your friendly faces!

Please note the following announcements regarding the pool, clubhouse rentals, and social activities.

Water Aerobics Reminder: The last Water Aerobics class will be held on August 25th. Thank you to all who participated and to Bambi for a summer of successful classes!

Kingspoint Club Pool Hours: The pool schedule will be as follows during the remaining swim season.

- August 29th - September 2nd: The pool will switch to SCHOOL hours during the week and the new hours (Monday - Friday) will be 3 - 6pm.
- September 3 - September 5: The pool will be open regular hours throughout the extended Labor Day weekend. (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 11:00am - 7:00pm)

Pool Safety: Children 12 and under must be supervised by parents and guardians over 18. Also, the first 45 minutes of each hour are guarded, followed by the last 15 minutes being guard-free-adults only/swim at your own risk. Please plan pool arrival time accordingly. Finally, as in past years, the baby pool does not have lifeguard supervision; therefore, all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the baby pool.

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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

August 29th - September 2nd

Pool School Hours

3-6pm

September 3rd - 5th

Labor Day Pool Hours

11am-7pm

September 5th

Labor Day Low Country Boil

1pm at the KP clubhouse

September 5th

Drool in the Pool

Dog swim at 7pm

September 21st

Women's Club Welcome Coffee

10am at the KP clubhouse

September 24th

Harvest Happy Hour

at the KP clubhouse

October 1st

Dues

4th payment for KP Club Dues.



dessert to share.

- Please help our hard-working social committee with the behind-the-scenes jobs by signing up for one of the small tasks on this [sign-up genius link](#).

Lost and Found: Before the swim season ends, please make sure to check the exterior baby pool fence and under the lifeguard table for this summer's lost and found items. (See photos above).

Drool in the Pool: Don't forget to bring your pooch for a plunge in the pool on Monday September 5, at 7pm. This event will close the 2022 swim season!

Upcoming Social Committee Events: Keep your eyes peeled for information about our next events!

- Harvest Happy Hour at the Clubhouse, Saturday Sep 24th
- Campout/Movie night on the Green, date TBD

The Clubhouse: The KP Clubhouse remains

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Labor Day Celebration: Please join us as we celebrate the end of summer. The KP social committee is hosting a **Low Country Boil** at the Clubhouse on Labor Day, Monday September 5, at 1:00pm.

1. To help cover costs, we suggest a donation of \$10/family.
2. Beer and wine will be provided for a suggested donation of \$4 each.
3. Club members are encouraged to bring a

open for business and fun! Our Clubhouse can be rented by both members and non-members. (All stockholder members get one free 1/2 day rental each year **and** all KP Club members get reduced rental rates.) Spread the word that our wonderful facility is available for rent and has the best rates in town. The clubhouse has wonderful views and great amenities. The KP Clubhouse calendar and rental forms can be found on the Kingspoint Club Website. Please call Denise Koch (757-870-0900) or email kpclubrentals@gmail.com for more details.

Resident Memberships: Please check to make sure your household is up-to-date on your membership.

1. All members must be in good standing to use the pool and clubhouse.
2. Quarterly paying members should have no more than \$150 left on their balance.
3. Third quarter dues were due on July 1, 2022.
4. The next quarterly payment of \$150 is due by October 1, 2022.
5. Contact the Treasurer, Jim Gravgaard, if you need additional information.
(JimGravgaard@gmail.com or KPWilliamsburg@gmail.com)
6. Out-of-town house-guests are free
7. Local grandchildren are free.
8. All other local guests are \$5 per person (Note: Kingspoint residents that are not club members cannot be guests).
9. Please use the “pay box” at the lifeguard stand.

2022 Kingspoint Club Dues: Is your household in good standing for the 2022 season? Did you remember to send in your third quarter payment in July? The last quarterly payment will be due on October 1, 2022.

1. Payments must be paid in full OR on a quarterly schedule: 10/1 — \$150.
2. The KP Club accepts cash, checks, and electronic payments.
3. Make checks payable to Kingspoint Club Inc.
4. Mail Cash/checks to Kingspoint Club Inc., PO Box 365, Williamsburg, VA 23187
5. Send electronic payment through the email we have on file. Once you receive your electronic invoice, please make your payment online.

- (a) Electronic invoices were emailed from our KP Club QuickBooks account (received from Kingspoint Club, Inc., or quickbooks@notification.intuit.com).
- (b) Open the Kingspoint Club Electronic Invoice Email and select Review and pay.
- (c) Select the Edit amount icon to edit the Payment Amount.
- (d) Enter the partial amount.
- (e) Complete the rest of the fields and select Pay.
- (f) The Treasurer will be emailing the final round of electronic invoices on September 30, 2022.
- (g) Email KPPresidents@gmail.com or the Treasurer, KPWilliamsburg@gmail.com, if you have questions about the Quickbooks process or you would like to receive a paper invoice in the 2022 season.

Thank you,

Sarah Huber and Kim Lavach
Co-Presidents, Kingspoint Club

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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, tracp@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Watch

Please be careful to lock your car whether at home, or out and about, and keep any valuables, including loose change, out of sight. There are reports of thefts from cars every week now, and sometimes several times a week. There have been thefts from cars left in the lot at Freedom Park. Several neighborhoods

have been hit in recent weeks. Sometimes this is occurring at night, but the Freedom Park thefts (I know of at least 3 separate instances) all occurred during the day with people coming and going. If a thief sees a desirable object in your car, they may break in. Many of the thefts have been from unlocked cars when thieves just opened the door and checked all of the usual places for things to steal. County residents report having credit cards, guns, purses, cash, and electronics stolen.

So far, **there haven't been any recent incidents in Kingspoint.** I trust it will stay that way. But please don't let yourself become a victim of a random theft as you go about your routine.

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 Solicitor's" policy.

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.

FYI: Feeding Deer Prohibited in JCC September 1- January 4

Effective September 1st it will be illegal to feed deer statewide in Virginia. This coincides with deer hunting season. Feeding deer during hunting season is considered 'baiting,' whether the individual feeding them hunts or not. The annual prohibition runs through the first Saturday in January in most of the state, including James City County and the City of Williamsburg.

Problems with feeding deer: "Feeding deer can unnaturally increase deer populations and damage natural habitats, increase the likelihood for disease transmission, increase human-deer conflicts such as deer/vehicle collisions, and diminish the wild nature of deer. Fed deer are often emboldened to seek human foods, leading them into conflict with people. Feeding deer leads to the prolonged crowding of animals in a small area, resulting in more direct animal to animal contact, contamination of feeding sites, and greater risk of disease transmission." [VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries.](#)

Report Wildlife Violations: "It is clear that

the negative consequences of feeding deer outweigh the benefits. If anyone sees or suspects someone of illegally feeding deer during this time period ... please report it to **DGIF's Wildlife Crime Line at 1-800-237-5712.**"

FYI: Power Outages

It is never a good time when the power goes out unexpectedly. Here are some tips that can help make the best out of a bad situation:

1. **Report the outage:** Contact Dominion Energy right away to document the outage and initiate a response to fix the problem. In a storm or widespread event, priority goes to the areas with the most customers out so it helps when everyone who is affected makes their own report:
 - **Phone:** 1-866—DOM-HELP or 1-866-366-4357
 - **Website:** <https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency>
 - **Dominion Energy app:** The app is free on the Apple Store or Google Play
 - **Outage Map:** <https://outagemap.dominionenergy.com/external/default.htm>

Customers can view outages on the outage map, which is also customizable. Customers can book-mark their location to see if there is an outage at their location.

2. Unplug or turn off appliances and electronics that might be damaged when the power comes back on, unless they aren't already protected by a surge protector. Whole house surge protectors can be installed by a qualified electrician.
3. Keep flashlights and battery operated lanterns where you can find them in the dark. There are lots of battery and solar powered products available for charging phones and getting weather and news. Small power packs for running phones and small electronics are very affordable and can help keep your family online and entertained until power is restored.
4. Please be aware of safety for refrigerated and frozen food. <https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage> Packing ice into the refrigerator, or moving food into coolers, may help preserve food longer.
5. If you have a generator, follow all safety guidelines to use it safely. Pay special attention to making sure that the exhaust fumes won't harm your family, pets, or your neighbors.

Kingspoint Real Estate Updates for August!

127 Northpoint Drive	For Sale	\$825,000
6 Firethorn Place	U/C	\$619,000
203 Woodbine Drive	U/C	\$474,900

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Kingspoint Neighborhood Association News

Many of us are looking for better days ahead as August draws towards a close and the cooler, brighter days of September beckon. Many families are busily shopping for back to school and figuring out new schedules. September and October offer a much-appreciated respite from summer's heat and humidity as the season begins to turn.

We can feel the excitement building as summer draws to a close. From Labor Day until the first frost of November is one of the best seasons of the year in our area. It is a great time to walk, get out on the water or bike on the Parkway. It's a great time for watching birds and butterflies. Mid-September through early November is the best time for planting new trees and shrubs because they can establish good roots before cold weather arrives. We can plant daffodils and other bulbs in October through December, and we enjoy pots of bright chrysanthemums and pansies once the weather begins to cool.

Neighbors have put up with quite a bit of disruption in the neighborhood this month **as Dominion Energy began replacing the original power cables into our community with new, more dependable lines.** Between the power outage for most of the day on August 3; the utility work at the Crownpoint Road and Kingspoint Drive intersection; and the workers, heavy equipment and rolls of cable turning up throughout the neighborhood; our patience and good humor have been put to the test.

Our frustrations brought this matter to the highest levels of county government, and that initiated a new plan for how the county and VDOT will work with utilities and neighborhoods when such major infrastructure work is required, going forwards. As always, communication is key to any sort of success. Many of us certainly wanted, and expected, better communication from Dominion before they began digging up neighborhood yards.

I can promise you that Dominion executives heard that message loud and clear from Kingspoint. Many thanks to former KPNA President Tim Murphy for his invaluable assistance in working with Dominion Energy. Tim, and my husband Stephen, managed to convince the Dominion contractors that digging up our entrance landscaping and irrigation system wasn't a very good idea. The new cable was laid in that area after our landscaping contractors marked all of the important lines and recommended the best path for the cable to do the least damage.

There will be more power disruption as Dominion finishes laying cable and connects and tests the new cables. We expect to receive some notice, probably around the end of next week, before the power is turned off. This should give neighbors the opportunity to unplug sensitive electronics beforehand. I expect to receive enough warning to be able to send out an email with some advance notice. If any readers of the

Crier aren't on the neighborhood email distribution list, please write to me at kpwebmistress@gmail.com to have your email added to that list.

If you have a hardwired generator at your home, you may want to consider whether you want it turning on and off during the connection process and set your controls accordingly. Dominion has already stated that they may need to turn the power on and off more than once as they test the system.

Our other frustration this summer has been cell phone service for Verizon customers. It seems that Verizon has been working to update its infrastructure to provide 5G service, but those of us with Verizon cell phones have been struggling to get a signal to make and receive calls. This is a county-wide problem that remains unresolved. Many of us have been getting the annoying message that a cellular network is unavailable. The signal has been inconsistent throughout the day in most areas.

Several neighbors have shared their experiences in trying to resolve this with Verizon. Some have gotten a 'power booster' to plug into their router which has 'fixed' the problem. Some neighbors paid for this gizmo, close to \$200.00, and others were persistent enough to get it sent to them for free. These calls with 'customer service' often went on for hours. A neighbor who has a Verizon router was able to reset the router to solve the cell phone problem. My own Verizon problem remains unresolved, and I hold out hope that Verizon will 'fix' this once the infrastructure upgrade is complete.

Summer usually brings out a wide variety of animals in our neighborhood. This year neighbors have shared their sightings of a bear in their back yard, snakes in their garage, and bats in their home. And of course, we always have families of deer, rabbits, squirrels, and a variety of turtles in the neighborhood. While Animal Control officers are available to help with family pets, they won't remove a bear from your yard or bats from your attic. In most cases, it is up to the homeowner to have wild animals removed when they cause a problem. And quite often, there are laws protecting those animals that make it illegal to catch them and release them elsewhere, or to harm them in any way.

Please bookmark the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources website for easy reference should unusual wildlife turn up in your yard. You will find identification guides for many species, safety tips, and advice for how to get wildlife to avoid your home.

I've been sending links from this website to neighbors this month. And neighbors shared names and contact information for services to safely remove troubling wildlife from your home. [Cornwells Wildlife Control](#) (757.264.6369) will safely remove a variety of animals from your property and will help you close openings to keep wildlife out of doors. There are also two individuals in JCC who will come to specifically remove snakes. Their names and numbers were printed in an email to the community earlier this month. Please write if you need that information again.

Our waterfront areas and ravines are home to a great many animal species. Most of these wild areas are [Resource Protection Area](#) easements and vegetation there may not be disturbed, by law, without first seeking a permit. Once granted, that permit must be followed to the letter, because doing more than the permit allows can still result in fines.

Please be aware that many of the animals living within the RPAs, including all snakes, are protected, as well. [Learn more here](#). There is free access between the Colonial Parkway and parts of Kingspoint so that bears, coyotes, and other animals can wander in and out of the community freely. [Because animals can smell food so keenly, bird feeders, grills, compost piles and trash cans may attract hungry wildlife to your yard.](#) Please keep an eye out, don't leave pets outside unattended at night, and remind children to use caution when playing outside.

It won't be long before families with young children and pets will head to the bus stops once again. We expect the work crews to be finished before the first day of school, but we have no guarantees. It always requires patience and consideration to work together to get everyone to work and to school on time. [Let's continue to look out for one another.](#)

[Many thanks to Ann Hobson, Chris Bonday, Tom Mahone and those working with them](#) as they continue work on our neighborhood entrance and keep the area well-maintained throughout the year. They work hard to keep that area beautiful. Heartfelt appreciation to all Kingspoint neighbors who keep their homes and yards attractive. Your pots of flowers, wreathes, and thoughtful plantings bring a bit of happiness to us all.

[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.](#)



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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 rea-

sonable 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.

all types and breeds. Some other services I offer are watering plants, collecting mail, or taking care of your house while you are out of town. For reasonable rates and more details call or text 757-298-8798

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If you know someone who wants to subscribe to the Crier, please ask them to send an email to kpcrier@gmail.com. We cannot add names to the distribution list unless the request is send from the email address itself. Similarly, if you are receiving the Crier and you would like to unsubscribe, please let us know at kpcrier@gmail.com.

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.
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Pet Sitting

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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.

Baby Sitting and Pet sitting/walking

Hello all! My name is Lexi Stanhope and I am a 14 year old freshman at Jamestown. I am a pet sitter and babysitter who has attended a CPR class and a training course for babysitting. I have lots of experience with animals of