

Neighborhood News

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*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."
Mark Twain*

President's Message

Greetings Neighbor,

It was great seeing so many of you at the annual meeting. The number of attendees was one of the highest I remember. The discussion was spirited and fun as many ideas were discussed. My thanks to everyone for all the feedback to the Board.

Among the highlights:

- 2019 budget approval
- Presentation and discussion of the rewrite of our covenants and bylaws led by our attorney
- Discussion of the direction to be taken regarding the playground update
- Election of Board members to 3-year terms

Our attorney is currently preparing a copy of the new documents as well as a description of differences between the current and pro-

posed documents. Once that is finished the documents will be sent to all homeowners for review and approval. It will require a 75% response to make the decision. Please return your ballot as soon as you are able.

I included a description in the last newsletter of the potential for a short-term loan to fund the playground. At the annual meeting there was much discussion about whether to continue pursuing the loan for the playground upgrade. An informal vote was taken, and the response very strongly favored going with the loan. The Board is moving forward with a loan.

As I said previously, there will be no dues increase required to cover this loan. One homeowner suggested

at the annual meeting that if there were 15 homeowners willing to donate \$10,000 each a loan would not be necessary. While I don't know how likely that is, the point is valid. Any donations we as a group make up front would lower the amount of loan and/or speed up the payoff.

The Board is in the process of working with a financial institution and the playground equipment contractor to get this started. Nothing has been finalized, but if everything works out it is possible the playground upgrade may be completed prior to this summer.

I look forward to seeing many of you this summer. Have a great 2019.

- Royal Hanson

Vice President's Message

In the By-Laws for the Kingsgate Five neighborhood, in Article XI, section 8 it lists the duties of the officers for your Board. In 'b' of that section, it states that "the vice president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of this absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board". However, not only am I available to follow the above guidelines, what I have done in this role is be more of a historian with regards to the By-Laws and Covenants, since I have served in many capacities on this Board

and have been doing so, off and on, for the past 17 years. What I also do, is try to be as helpful as possible and aid the other, more than capable, Board members in the roles that they do. We all live complex and busy lives, volunteering our time and effort to make this neighborhood the best that it can be. Though the Board may not move as fast as some would like, we have been able to accomplish a great deal in the past few years and I look forward to continuing that momentum into the coming years.

- Alan Nelson

Secretary Report

I've been the HOA Secretary for about 8 years. I've really enjoyed being a part of K5 and keeping minutes for the Board meetings, annual meetings and a few special meetings.

My job on the Board requires me to take notes at meetings and craft a document that conveys the actions taken at the various meetings, although it is not necessary or practical to record every word of the meetings.

One thing I do enjoy adding to the minutes are bits of information like who the Easter bunny will be or who volunteered to go above and beyond to help out in our community, so hopefully when the minutes are read years down the road they will be informative and interesting.

Happy Spring!

- Susan Schilling

Treasurer Report

Dues for 2019 are \$444/year. Statements were mailed in January. As a reminder, only one statement will be issued. Payment can be made via cash, check, or by credit cards on our website. To pay your dues online, visit <http://www.kingsgate5.com/dues/>. A convenience fee of 3% has been included in payments made online with a credit card. Starting in 2020, we transition to annual billing and annual collections.

At the end of 2018, our combined cash and securities totaled \$136,533.33. We ended 2018 with income less than budgeted and expenses more than budgeted. The significant financial projects in 2018 were the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts (\$66,000).

Reserve funds remain adequate and we continue to be financially conservative. In 2016, we updated our reserve study. A full copy of the reserve study can be viewed upon request.

At the annual meeting in January, the budget for 2019 was approved. We are projecting a balanced budget with income and expenses totaling \$221,273. Any excess funds will be moved to reserves for future use.

- Ashley Gillen

Park, Playground & Common Area Report

Upon receiving overwhelming support to replace the playground, the Board is moving forward with a loan. The terms of the loan are reasonable and work within our budget and reserve fund.

The playground design includes equipment structure designed for ages 5-12 in combination with a separate structure for ages 2-5. There will be specific equipment for children with special needs and pretend play. The site will expand over the asphalt area and rotate the swings with a new fence around the site and changing out the safety surfacing to engi-

neered woodcarpet. The shelter will be relocated to the south of the playground.

Additional picnic tables, benches, and signage will be added. A full rendering of the playground is available on the website www.kingsgate5.com.

Over the winter, our landscaper started the task of going through our neighborhood trimming overgrown weeds and grass from the curbs and sidewalks to make safe walking paths. That task was on a trial basis. The Board has decided to discontinue the service as the cost did

not outweigh the benefit.

Last year the tennis court was resurfaced. Since then, there have been still some issues to be dealt with in order to make the court better and friendlier to play on. These issues included adding some signs, improving the fence area, adding some padlocks, and small issues so that whoever is playing will have a better and enjoyable time on the court. We will also be adding pickle ball lines this spring or summer.

- Bill Keating

Compliance Report

We continually work to ensure the neighborhood is in compliance with our CCR's and Bylaws. We work hard to address issues brought to us by neighbors. Most neighbors are in compliance and we appreciate their diligence in complying with our community's rules. The biggest thing is to try to be a good neighbor; be the kind of neighbor you would like to have.

Some things to remember:

- The best way to communicate about issues with compliance that you see is to utilize the link on the Kingsgate 5 Website.
- We are seeing a lot of garbage cans on sidewalks, which impedes our friends and neighbors from being able to walk on them.
- We are seeing a lot of garbage strewn about on garbage days as garbage cans get overfilled. The lids don't get closed and crows and raccoons can get in them and spread it about. Please think about the size of garbage can you need.
- We are seeing many cars parked on sidewalks, which again impedes the ability of friends and neighbors from using the sidewalk. Please be mindful of where you and your guests park.
- Sidewalk maintenance is not only an expectation of our homeowner's association, but also a city requirement www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Transportation_and_Traffic/sidewalks.htm

We appreciate all our neighbors do to maintain our community and we will continue to do our best to keep our neighborhood attractive for current homeowners and prospective buyers.

- Sarah Curde

Pool Report

Spring is peaking through, which means we are gearing up for pool season. There have been a lot of changes at the pool, including myself, the new pool manager. We have new floors inside of the pool house, and after years of trouble-shooting a mystery leak, we have had it located and fixed! As we approach a new season, we've found that many of our fantastic lifeguards have graduated and are on to new things, therefore we will be welcoming a new group of young leaders. The Gators swim team, swim lessons, and pool parties will continue as usual. The pool information sheet is included in this mailing. I hope the info sheet can find a home on your refrigerator or bulletin board. The pool is where we see our community come together. Each year we create new memories, friendships, and we see the youth flourish. I anticipate this year is no different. If you would like to see a new program or have any suggestions, you can always email me at pool@kingsgate5.com. Pool updates, swim meets schedule, and closures will be posted on the facebook page and on the website, but we will cross our fingers for a smooth and smoke free summer.

-Lauren Johnson

Gator Swim Team Report

Hello from Gator Nation!! Swim season is just around the corner and we are excited! The first wave of registration went well. Great news--our amazing Allie-Gator (Coach Allie Knerr) is coming back for the season! We are in the hiring process for an assistant coach. Some important dates to get on the calendar:

- Wed May 8th: Mandatory Team Meeting @ Kamiakin MS
 - Wed May 15th: New Parent Meeting @ Kingsgate Library
 - Mon May 20th: Practice Starts
 - Sat June 8th: Kingsgate Invitational - hosted by Gators @ Kingsgate 3/4 Pool
- Other important dates: <https://kingsgategators.swimtopia.com>

Looking forward to another outstanding (and hopefully dry and sunny) swim season. Questions/comments contact Pam Zackula president.kgg@gmail.com or Kris Sather teamparent.kgg@gmail.com

*Interested in serving on the Gator board starting next season? Please contact us

- Pam Zackula & Kris Sather

Recreation Report

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your baskets and join your neighbors **Saturday, April 20th** At the Kingsgate 5 Park for our annual HOA neighbors Egg Hunt. The egg hunt **starts at 10 am sharp!** We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Community Garage Sale

Currently we DO NOT have this on the HOA calendar. In the past it has been scheduled the first weekend of June. Please email Tracy Joshi if you would like to continue the annual community garage sale.

Summer Movie Series

What should we show?
Marvel Movies? Harry Potter? Pixar?
Or Throwback movies like Back to the Future? Admission is Free!
Email me with your vote at tracyjoshi1@gmail.com

- Tracy Joshi

Communications Report

The board makes an effort to communicate in a variety of ways.

How we reach you:

1. We have our annual meeting in January each year to review the past year, approved the upcoming budget, and vote on new members.
2. Monthly the board meets to discuss new and ongoing topics. Each board member gives an update on information pertinent to his/her position. All meetings are open to the public and homeowners are encouraged to attend.
3. Twice a year we publish a newsletter that is mailed and emailed.

4. On occasion, we email all members with important updates but have made an effort to use this method sparingly to not overwhelm inboxes.

5. We also communicate via our website (<http://www.kingsgate5.com/>). Our website includes community updates, pool information, a calendar of events, important documents, and you can pay your dues via paypal.

6. Recently, we added a community forum page on our website (<https://community.kingsgate5.com/>). The community forum for owners and residents of the Kingsgate 5 neighborhood. It's a place to discuss neighborhood issues, ask

questions, and connect with the board and your neighbors.

7. We also have Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/kingsgate5>). Our Facebook page is public and you do not need a Facebook account to access it.

How to reach us:

The best way to reach the board is via email at board@kingsgate5.com. Any email sent to the board is cc'd to all nine members and someone will respond promptly. We welcome suggestions and feedback.

- James Weinrod

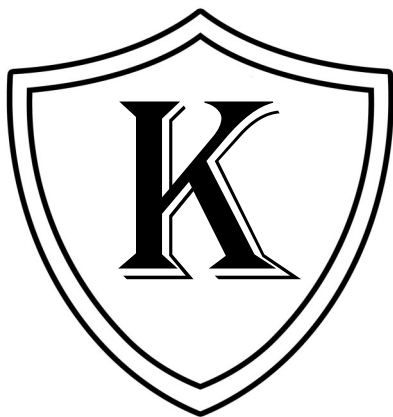
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**Calendar**

April 1	Board Meeting @ Kingsgate Library 6:30pm-8:30pm
April 20	Annual Egg Hunt @ the Kingsgate 5 Park 10:00am
May 6	Board Meeting @ Kingsgate Library 6:30pm-8:30pm
May 25	Pool Opens
June 3	Board Meeting @ Kingsgate 5 Pool 6:30pm-8:30pm
July 8	Board Meeting @ Kingsgate 5 Pool 6:30pm-8:30pm
July 12	Movie Night @ the Kingsgate 5 Park 8pm
July 26	Movie Night @ the Kingsgate 5 Park 8pm
August 5	Board Meeting @ Kingsgate 5 Pool 6:30pm-8:30pm
August 9	Annual Homeowner BBQ & Movie Night 6pm
August 23	Movie Night @ the Kingsgate 5 Park 8pm
September 2	Pool Closes
September 6	Movie Night @ the Kingsgate 5 Park 8pm
September 9	Board Meeting @ Kingsgate 5 Pool 6:30pm-8:30pm

The Kingsgate 5 Homeowners Association was established in 1968 and serves 342 homes in Kirkland and Woodinville. The Board of Trustees is made up residents who volunteer to manage the association. The primary duty of the board is to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood by managing the following:

1. Provide Financial Management & Neighborhood Planning
2. Common Area Maintenance & Repairs
3. Oversee the Declaration of Covenants & Rules Enforcement.

The board meets monthly to conduct association business. All homeowners are invited to attend and become active in our community.

2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name	Position	Years in K5	Alma Mater	Hobby
Royal Hanson	President	34	Concordia College	Music
Alan Nelson	Vice President	17	Purdue University	Reading
Susan Schilling	Secretary	28	Digipen Institute of Technology	Gardening
Ashley Gillen	Treasurer	11	University of Washington	Reading
Lauren Johnson	Pool Trustee	3	San Jose State University	Hiking & Yoga
Bill Keating	Park Trustee	17	St. Leonardo College	Cooking
James Weinrod	Communication Chair	16	Haverford College	Writing
Traci Joshi	Recreation	5	Kent State University	Crafting & DIY Projects
Sarah Curde	Compliance	6	Seattle Pacific University	Raising a family