

# Neighborhood News

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## President's Message

Greetings,

It's been an exciting start to the new year. It was great to see such a good turnout at the annual meeting. The discussions were spirited and resulted in many important decisions.

Looking forward to events coming up this year we have the Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th, pool opening in late May, the annual association BBQ on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Fall Festival in October. Details for this will be found in upcoming newsletters.

In this letter, you will find information about signing up for the Gators swim team and other pertinent HOA information. It should be another great year.

Have a great spring. I hope to see many of you at the pool and around the neighborhood.

Royal Hanson  
President

**"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. "**

**- John Steinbeck**

**"One kind word can warm three winter months. "**

**- Japanese Proverb**

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## Save the Date

Feb 1st	Homeowner/Renter Gator Swim Team Sign Ups Open
Feb 13th	HOA Board Meeting Kingsgate Library 6:30pm-8:30pm
Mar 7th	HOA Board Meeting Kingsgate Library 6:30pm-8:30pm
Apr 15th	Easter Egg Hunt at the pool 10:00am
Apr 10th	HOA Board Meeting Kingsgate Library 6:30pm-8:30pm
Jul 9th	Annual HOA BBQ at the Pool 5:00pm

## Join the Gator Swim Team!

The Gators won the 2016 Division IV Championship for the Midlakes Swim League! Our swim team includes children and grandchildren of Kingsgate 5 as well as our Pool Pass purchaser families and a limited number of non-resident swimmers.

Joining a swim team is one of the best things you can do to help your children be safe around the many bodies of water we have in our area. Just like the Seahawks, the Gators build their success on developing talent. If your child can swim the length of the pool, they can join swim team. The Gators' coaches have experience with children from beginners to the high school level and beyond.

Kingsgate 5 homeowners and renters are guaranteed a spot on the swim team if they sign up before April 1st. This also includes both new and returning pool pass purchasers. Please visit the Gator's Website to sign up starting February 1st. <https://kingsgategators.swimtopia.com>

### Registration Opening Dates

- 2/1: New and Returning Home Owners and Renters are guaranteed a spot
- 3/15: New and Returning Pool Pass purchasers are guaranteed a spot (Returning Swimmers if spots are available)
- 4/1: New Swimmers if spots are available and approved by the K5 HOA Board

This year the Gators have converted from a standalone organization to a K5 HOA Board subcommittee. This change simplifies accounting and insurance for the Gators. We also expect this arrangement to facilitate better communication and alignment between the Gators and the K5 HOA board. During this transition, we will be putting an emphasis on making only necessary changes. We hope that there will be no noticeable impact to swimmers and their families.

## Pedestrian Safety

Several Kingsgate 5 neighbors have been working with the City of Kirkland to improve pedestrian safety and help calm the flow of traffic near the pool on NE 144th/NE 143rd.

Through the City of Kirkland Neighborhood Safety Program, we have submitted a proposal for two flashing speed indicators, one on each side of 144th/143rd to slow traffic and allow

greater safety for pedestrians crossing the street. We are also working with the City of Kirkland to have pedestrian flags posted at the crosswalk at NE 144th and 128th Avenue NE (crossing the street to the pool).

Final review of the proposals begins in February with project approval in April 2017. If our project is approved, we can expect to have this completed

by June of 2018. Thank you to those who submitted personal stories to submit with our application and to everyone who is working to make our neighborhood safer.

To learn more about the City of Kirkland Neighborhood Safety Program visit: [http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood\\_Services/NSP.htm](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/NSP.htm)

## Treasurer's Report

Dues for 2017 are \$420/year or \$105/quarter. Statements are mailed quarterly and payment is due upon receipt. Please contact us if you prefer your statement emailed. 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.

At the end of 2016, our combined cash and securities totaled \$170,280.35. We ended 2016 with income more than budgeted and expenses less than budgeted. The big-

gest expense to note for 2016 was the replacement of the mailboxes totaling \$41,041.24.

We also updated our reserve study which was originally completed in 2012. Currently, our reserves are 83% of suggested ideal fund balance thus our reserves are considered healthy. Healthy reserves are defined as 60%-100% of fully funded balance. A full copy of the reserve study can be viewed at the monthly board meetings.

Finally, the neighborhood is changing; 20 homes sold in 2016. Welcome new neighbors!

## Recreation

### Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 15th, 2017*

Join your neighbors for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 12 & under.

The Egg Hunt starts at **10 AM SHARP** at the Kingsgate V Pool/Park.

Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Gators Swim Team.

Grab a basket, rain or shine, and enjoy a morning of fun!



### Holiday Lights Contest

Our first Holiday Lights Contest was held this year and was a fun, new activity for our neighborhood!

The winners are:

- 1st: "I Like Sun, Warm, and All Things Summer" by Tammie Gonzalez
- 2nd: "Santa and His Reindeer" by Susan Bjork
- 3rd: "All is Bright Christmas" by Mary Zimmisky

*Please email the board@kingsgate5.com to receive your prize.*

Honorable mention goes to "Candy Cane Lane" by Doug Klein. A big thank you to everyone who put up lights to brighten the dark winter days!

For 2017, we are planning to assemble a team of volunteers for judging to allow for more community spirit and allow for a more stream-lined voting process. Details to come in a future issue of the newsletter.

## Now Hiring: Facilities Maintenance Manager

The Kingsgate V Homeowner's Association is looking for a year-round part time Facilities Manager. This is a paid part time position and would involve the upkeep of the pool house and pool area in addition to overseeing the park and common areas. Specific responsibilities would include the following:

- Keep up the ongoing facility repairs and handyman jobs
- Supervising any substantial repairs including collecting bids, presenting to the board, hiring the contractor, and over-seeing the work
- General cleaning, pressure washing, roof and gutter maintenance, removing debris from the pool
- Biweekly checking on the facility and weekly checking on the facility in the off-season
- Look after the park, tennis courts, basketball courts, common areas, and fences
- Hiring contractors when necessary and supervising any work
- Be on call in the event of a pool emergency; including pump room equipment failure

To apply, email resume and cover letter to: [board@kingsgate5.com](mailto:board@kingsgate5.com)

## Winter Home Maintenance Tips

1. Vacuum out air registers to remove dust and debris.
2. Clean your refrigerator coils.
3. Check and flush out the water heater to remove sediment that may have built up in it.
4. Check the caulking around showers and bathtubs and replace it if it's cracked or peeling.
5. Check your home's crawlspace for water damage, animals, or other foreign matter.
6. Replace flashlight batteries.
7. Change furnace filters.
8. Test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to make sure they're working correctly.

"Wisdom comes with winter."  
- Oscar Wilde

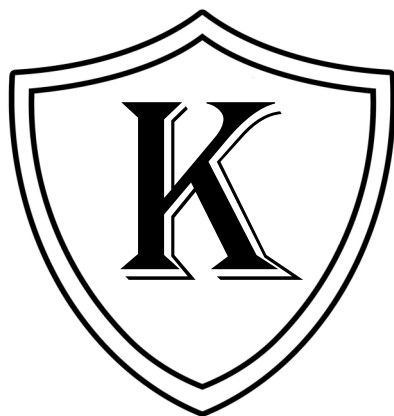
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### Pool

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The Kingsgate 5 Homeowners Association was established in 1968 and serves 342 homes in Kirkland and Woodinville.

The Board of Directors 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:

- Provide Financial Management & Neighborhood Planning
- Common Area Maintenance and Repairs
- Oversee the Declaration of Covenants and Rules Enforcement

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

## 2017 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Royal Hanson	President	(425) 488 - 4791	president@kingsgate5.com
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