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It is almost like a swimming pool

By Deke Smith, Board of Directors

he Kingston Chase swimming pool opened this summer, but it is certainly not "business as ▲ usual" with COVID-19 in the air. Our pool was one of a small handful of pools who even attempted to open. We started with lap swimming with one person per lane under Phase 1 of reopening, then moved to three people per lane in Phase 2. Thanks to support of the KCHOA Board of Directors and its HOA administrative assistant, Marsha (who created a very userfriendly reservation system in a matter of hours), the pool opened to the designated capacity as soon as we were allowed. The pool is now open to a designated 116 person capacity (75% of capacity) under Phase 3 on July 1. Things will still not be back to "normal" quite yet as there are no communal toys and no baby pool, but free play will be back in the shallow end, the deep end, and most of the main pool (two lanes still available for no reservation lap swimming). There can be diving again also. If you want to use a chair, then you must bring your own. Double-check when you leave, as the ever-popular lost-and-found will not be available, and everything left behind will be thrown away daily. Pool administration will be trying out several systems to make Phase 3 work, initially without reservations, but still having that approach available should it be needed to manage the capacity. Users are asked to please continue to wash and shower, use social distancing, and wear a face-covering whenever practical. The disease is not going away as we had all hoped, and everyone needs to remain vigilant and enjoy as much of summer as possible. See you at the pool, but don't forget your waiver!

Pool Surveillance

C urveillance cameras have been installed at the pool for all public areas and are being monitored 24 hours a day. Foxes and other animals have been observed on the pool deck, but also one person was observed trespassing after hours. This issue was resolved, but please be mindful that the pool area is being monitored and we plan to hold persons accountable for their actions. As one of the few pools open, we expect it may be a bit more enticing this summer for others to access our pool after hours. Just spread the word, they will be caught.



Welcome to the many new families who have joined the Kingston Chase community this spring and summer! For your reference, and for anyone else interested in a refresher, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) would like to provide a quick review of the most commonly received applications and questions. For the complete ARC Guidelines, please visit www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee.

Applications – Any change to the exterior of the house or property (front, back, or sides) requires an ARC application before work begins. The only exceptions are landscaping and lawn ornaments less than two feet tall. When applying, please include with the application the house plat and details and pictures of the colors and materials to be used in the project.

Fences – All fences require an application. Kingston Chase allows board-on-board fences with no overlapping boards, estate fences, and picket fences. Stockade fences are not allowed and will not be approved.

Sheds – All sheds require an application. Sheds may not be more than 8.5 feet tall at their peak and must have an area of 160 square feet or less. Homeowners are encouraged to choose shed designs and colors that match the house and are in keeping with the earth tones found throughout the neighborhood.

<u>Driveway Extensions</u> – Driveway extensions require an ARC application and are considered on a case-by-case basis. They are rarely approved. Driveways cannot extend past the edge of the garage and Fairfax County does not allow any alteration to the apron, the piece of concrete or asphalt that connects the road, the sidewalk, and the driveway.

The next ARC meeting will be **Tuesday**, **July 7**. In accordance with CDC guidelines it will be held virtually. Please try to send applications ahead of time to kchoa.arc@gmail.com or KCHOA ARC, P.O. Box 332, Herndon, VA 20172. Alternatively, a water-proof bin will be placed at the clubhouse entrance on July 7 for applications to be dropped off.

Kingston Chase Home Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2020



Call to Order

- Board President Andrew Cassell called the virtual meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Two Board members were present in clubhouse, as required per lawyers: Andy Cassell and Jack McDonald.
- Board members present via Zoom conference: Jen Baez, Chris Buley, Rosemary Buley, Kerry Buss, Steve Kapushoc, Mike Klinker, Pat Kollar, Deke Smith, and Todd Waldrop.
- Others present: Marsha Cassell, Administrative Assistant; and Shannon McClain, Swim Team.

Secretary's Report

- May Minutes were approved as published in June Crier.
- Correction to the April Minutes: The Declarations vote count in the April Minutes was incorrect. The vote count should have been 166 of 537.

Treasurer's Report – There is \$185,504 in checking and \$242,224 in CDs.

Committee Reports

ARC – No report.

Buildings and Maintenance - No report.

<u>Landscape</u> – Dead tree by tennis court needs to be removed. Permit Court needs cleanup as a result of the weekend storm.

Butterfly Garden is not being tended by Landscaping; volunteers continue to maintain it. Conservation Corps – Planning future events for children.

Neighborhood Watch – No report.

Newsletter – No report.

Playgroup – No report.

<u>Pool</u> – Pool is open according to Virginia Phase 1 Guidelines. Only change for Phase 2 will be that there are 3 people allowed per lane.

<u>Social</u> – No coordinated event is planned for the 4th of July.

Swim Team – Practices begin June 8, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. and will include "dry land" time in pool parking lot.

Tennis – The Board is getting estimates on Pickleball lines for the tennis court.

Welcome - No report.

Old Business

• The current rate of a CD that is rolling over it 0.1. The CD will be moved to NWFCU for a new rate of 0.14.

New Business

- Current insurance does not cover the pool diving board. The Board is shopping for a new insurance company that does.
- 2019 taxes are paid; contribution to the reserve fund is \$16,462.

There was no Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by Kerry Buss, Secretary

Children's Activities for Oktoberfest

Betsy Kiker is working on two future children's projects to hopefully undertake at Oktoberfest in the fall: (1) make seed bombs from seeds found in the neighborhood and the neighborhood's pollinator garden, and (2) teach simple games involving bottle caps. Even though the event is several months away, she will need the following: (1) a large variety of bottle cap designs/colors, so please save interesting bottle caps (not the screw-off kind commonly found on soda, but rather the old-fashioned kind that you pry off with a bottle opener), and (2) self-seeding flowers from your own garden (for example, columbine, asters, black-eyed susans, bee balm, cat mint, cone flower, coreopsis, etc.). Betsy is also working on a virtual matching game to learn plant names in the pollinator garden. If you enjoy taking photographs, please send her close-up photos of the flowers in the pollinator garden, including some with the creatures they support. Please e-mail Betsy at ekiker@verizon.net if you can help in any way or if you have any other ideas.



Kingston Chase Meetings

Architectural Review Committee Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 p.m.

> Board of Directors Monday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

In accordance with CDC Guidelines at this time, the meetings will be held virtually.



Tennis Court

To obtain the combination for the lock to the tennis court, please call Alex Fletcher at 703-435-2638.

No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or wheels of any kind – and no dogs – are allowed on the tennis court surface inside the enclosed fence. Please remove trash and lock the gate when finished.



Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee met virtually on June 2 to review the following applications:

<u>Lot</u> <u>Approved</u>

62 New roof.

New fence.

Replace fence.

171 Install shed.

183 New roof.

247 Replace mailbox.

270 Replace deck.

292 Remove shutters and install electrical outlets.

378 Install solar panels.

412 Install vent fan.

449E Install fence.

Front porch.

A water-proof bin will be placed at the clubhouse entrance on July 7, in case some are not able to submit applications electronically. Alternatively, applications and supporting material can be scanned or photographed and e-mailed to the KCHOA ARC using the e-mail address on the application. Also, a copy can be mailed to P.O. Box 332.

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Neighborhood Watch

Peighborhood Watch is a Kingston Chase committee of residents that monitors reports of vandalism, theft, or criminal activity in the neighborhood and surrounding communities. All are asked to serve as the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, keeping a lookout for unusual or suspicious activity. When in doubt, please e-mail Neighborhood Watch and, if appropriate, call the Fairfax Police non-emergency number at **703-691-2131** or **911** in the case of an emergency. Contact **Pete Banks**, Neighborhood Watch Chairman, via e-mail at kchoa.watch@gmail.com or call 703-209-3004 to report any incidents.

Kingston Chase has recently seen a spate of thefts in our community. It is easy for a thief to stroll down Fantasia, in the middle of the night, trying car doors. When one is found unlocked... immediate access to the garage opener and instant access to the home. To eliminate most threats: (1) Always lock your vehicles. (2) Never leave valuables in your vehicles. EVER! (3) Do not leave anything in the cabin of your vehicle that could be construed as valuable such as a package or bag. (4) If your vehicle has been tampered with, entered, or attempted to be entered, notify the police even if nothing was stolen. (5) Take advantage of your Ring or similar device and have it set up to cover the area where you park your vehicle. (6) If you see that a neighbor may have forgotten to lock their vehicle or close their garage door, given them a call. Let's be a neighborhood where everyone is watching out for everyone else. That is how we all stay safe and will help Kingston Chase avoid being a target-rich environment for thieves.

Herndon Sales Stats (20170)

(Through May 31)

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If you are new to Kingston Chase and have not yet received a welcome packet, please send an e-mail to info@kchoa.org and someone will see that you get one. Please fill out and return the database sheet in order to receive KCHOA correspondence.





In most instances, and for many people, e-mail is preferred over phone calls.

Seller's Packet

When selling your Kingston Chase home, you or your real estate agent must purchase a Seller's Packet for closing. For more information or to obtain a copy, send an e-mail to info@kchoa.org. The packet is \$125 and must be submitted at closing.

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Kingston Chase Home Owners Association

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To discuss any questions or concerns, please contact the relevant Club or Committee Chairperson. Homeowners are welcome at the monthly Board meetings held the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse adjacent to the pool.

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July 2020

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cale	the Kingston Chase clubhouse and endar can be viewed online at the https://teamup.com/ks33de6e4	following link:	1	2	3	4 Independence Day (no coordinated event is planned)
5	6	7 ARC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	15 Deadline - Aug. Crier	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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