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Door-to-Door Soliciting in Kingston Chase

Submitted by Ken Duncan, Kingston Chase resident

Solicitors offer a wide variety of goods and services for sale and often just “show up” at our front door asking to “set up appointments” for high-speed internet or cable service, home improvements such as windows and siding, or home security systems. No matter what goods or services they are offering, the solicitor is required to have a valid Fairfax County license.

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- Ask to see his or her license.
- If they do not have a valid license, ask them to leave.
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- Immediately call Fairfax County Police (non-emergency) at 703-691-2131 to report the violation. If solicitors take shortcuts on simple inexpensive licensing, are you really going to trust them with your business?

For more information, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/csd/door-to-door-solicitors>

Halloween 2020

Submitted by the Social Committee

Many residents have asked about Halloween and Trick-or-Treating during Covid-19. Parents want to keep as much normalcy in the lives of their children as possible. A group of Kingston Chase parents suggested guidelines to minimize the possibility of Covid transmission. The parents are trying to reduce clumping of children in doorways, touching of doorbells and door handles, close interaction with strangers, and 100s of little hands in candy bowls. As Halloween is not an HOA-sponsored event, this is not an official HOA request. All residents may do as they please with regards to Trick-or-Treating. However, by following the guidelines listed below, you will demonstrate a willingness to take precautions and are welcoming little ghouls and goblins to partake in Trick-or-Treating at your house.

- Homemade goodies are very much discouraged.
- Set out a table/treat station in your yard or driveway to avoid children approaching doors:
 - Stay near the table to enjoy costumes the children have created, or watch from inside your house.
- Do not use candy bowls or hand out candy/treats. Instead:
 - Place treats on the table so the children can grab ‘n go.
 - Pre-fill small treat bags and place them on the table.
 - Use small Halloween containers that children can keep.
 - Replenish as needed throughout the night.
- Decorate the tables with holiday flair!
- Get creative with treat distribution, i.e. a Candy Luge or a Treat Cannon! The possibilities are endless.

Overall, let's have a safe but super-fun Halloween 2020!



Friendly Fall Reminder: Kingston Chase does not offer a leaf collection service. Residents must collect and bag leaves and set them out for pickup by their private trash removal service on lawn waste day. Leaves may not be blown into the street, nor may they be burned. As the leaves fall, please continue to trim all branches growing over the sidewalks and streets.

This is also an excellent time to check for any overgrowth between the road and road apron and storm drains near your house. While the roads and sidewalks in Kingston Chase are maintained by the county, they don't seem to come in and service that area frequently, so it is left to us as homeowners to maintain and keep those areas tidy.

The next ARC meeting will be **Tuesday, October 6**. In accordance with CDC guidelines it will be held virtually. Please e-mail applications ahead of time to kchoa.arc@gmail.com or mail them to KCHOA ARC, P.O. Box 332, Herndon, VA 20172.

**Kingston Chase Home Owners Association
Board Meeting
Minutes of September 14, 2020**



Call to Order

- Administrative Assistant Marsha Cassell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Board members present via Zoom conference: KCHOA President Andy Cassell, Jen Baez, Chris Buley, Rosemary Buley, Kerry Buss, Steve Kapushoc, Mike Klinker, Pat Kollar, Deke Smith, and Todd Waldrop.
- Others present: Shannon McClain, Swim Team; Heather Kapushoc, Social Committee; and homeowners James Kennedy, Scott Mabry, Joe Seeger, and Natalia Speer.

Secretary's Report – August Minutes were approved as published in the September *Crier*.

Treasurer's Report – There is \$159,456 in checking and \$243,074 in CDs.

Member Business – Pool playground swings are rusty.

Committee Reports

ARC – No report.

Buildings and Maintenance – No report.

Landscape – Some cleanup around pool, including replacing mulch behind pool deck that had been washed away. Will need to do some fall planting.

Conservation Corps – No report.

Neighborhood Watch – No report.

Newsletter – No report.

Playgroup – Hosted Tea and Tissues event and it was well attended.

Pool – Thank you to everyone for making the pool season a happy one. Replaced main pool pump and strainer, so circulation has improved. May need to vent the pool pump room to improve air circulation—with pumps running it can get up to 130 degrees on a hot day. Will get three estimates. Swim Team requests that the lock be replaced because it is difficult to open.

Social – Trying to organize tennis lessons. Low numbers per lesson and all will have to wear a mask. Thinking about Halloween—possibly ask people to bag candy (instead of reach into communal bowls) and set up a table at the end of the driveway (to avoid crowding at doorways/porches). No Halloween Parade or Magic Show. No Oktoberfest.

Swim Team – No report.

Tennis – Line painting may happen in the fall instead of spring.

Welcome – No report.

Old Business

- 244 of 537 lots have voted in favor of the Declaration Revision. 403 votes are needed for the initiative to pass.
- \$16,452 will be moved from checking to a CD.
- The HOA has until May 2021 to acquire new insurance for the pool that will cover the diving board.

New Business

- Received an e-mail complaint from a homeowner about curb overgrowth and weeds growing from the sides of the street. Curbs and streets are county property. The Board will ask homeowners to consider trimming those areas and keeping them free of debris as they care for their own lawn. The Board will also solicit volunteers to assist with curb cleanup.
- Dog Day at the Pool is September 27. Waiver does not state that dogs must be neutered, which was confusing last year. No children will be allowed in. A sign-up will be required to keep the number of people manageable, and may have to limit time to only one hour. No more than 50 people at one time. The Board voted to add language to the Dog Day flyer that masks will be required.
- 2020 budget items are due from Board members by next meeting.
- Dumpster and port-a-potty for a homeowner project will be temporarily located in the pool parking lot.

There was no Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46p.m.

Kerry Buss, Administrative Assistant

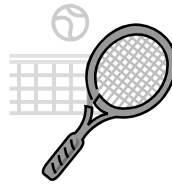


Kingston Chase Meetings

Architectural Review Committee
Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors
Monday, October 12, 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.

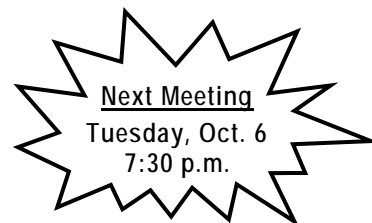
No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or
wheels of any kind – and no dogs – are allowed
on the tennis court surface inside the enclosed fence.
Please remove trash and lock the gate when finished.



Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee met virtually on September 1 to review the following applica-
tions:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Approved</u>
49	New shed.
173	Replace roof.
258	Install solar panels.
449E	Install fire pit patio and hot tub slab.



Next Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 6
7:30 p.m.

The next ARC meeting will be **Tuesday, October 6**. In accordance with CDC Guidelines at this time, the meeting will be held virtually. ARC Guidelines, the application form and what to submit can be found at www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee. Applications can be submitted in person, by e-mail to kchoa.arc@gmail.com, or by mail to KCHOA ARC, PO Box 332, Herndon, VA 20172. Applications will be reviewed at the monthly meeting and must be approved before work begins. If you have any questions, please email kchoa.arc@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood 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. Also, please contact Pete if you would like to be included on the e-mail notification list that alerts residents to reported events as they occur. There are no incidents to report for this month.

Kingston Chase Board of Director Elections Coming in December

Kingston Chase will hold its Board of Director annual elections at its December meeting set for Monday, December 14. There are four terms that expire at the end of the year. While incumbents often return to continue serving, each year presents an opportunity for others to step up and be included in the election process. The 3-year term begins January 1, 2021 and continues through December 31, 2023. If you are interested in learning more about what the Board's responsibilities are, please attend an upcoming virtual Board Meeting or contact a current Board member. Additionally, please send an e-mail to info@kchoa.org that expresses your interest and includes a brief biography to introduce yourself to neighbors. The bios will be included in the November and December *Criers* alongside a ballot to use for voting. Bios are due October 21 and November 21, respectively, but the November submission will only be included in the December newsletter. The Kingston Chase Board of Directors are volunteers who are committed to the best interests of the neighborhood.

“Putt Putt in the Hood” Returns to Kingston Chase

Submitted by Kerry Buss

On a cloudy but warm September day, neighbors participated in the “Putt Putt in the Hood” event, where 11 families volunteered to create a mini golf hole in their driveways or front yards and then open up the “course” for everyone to play. This was a bring-your-own-clubs/balls event, so it was a great way to come together as a community while remaining socially distant. Thanks to all who participated! The photos are a sampling of the creativity involved in constructing the putt putt obstacle course holes that the participants had to navigate.



Hole name: Skee-golf



Hole name: Fall Football



Hole name: Traffic Jam



Hole name: Not a Windmill



Hole name: The Green Mile

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All homeowners and residents are invited and encouraged to attend.



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Welcome to the Neighborhood!



There are no new residents to welcome this month.

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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KCHOA does not endorse any of the advertisements or services offered in the *Crier*. Residents are encouraged to check references or take other precautions to ensure that expectations are met.



New Baby? Is there a new addition to your family? If so, the Welcome Committee has a special gift for you. Please e-mail info@kchoa.org with your stork information and an HOA representative will deliver your gift and announce the happy news in the *Crier*.

Kingston Chase Home Owners Association

Board of Directors*

'21 President	Andrew Cassell	703-468-1782	me@andrewcassell.com
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* Board terms are for three consecutive years and expire on December 31st of the year noted.

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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.

The deadline for the November issue of the Kingston Chase Crier is October 15.

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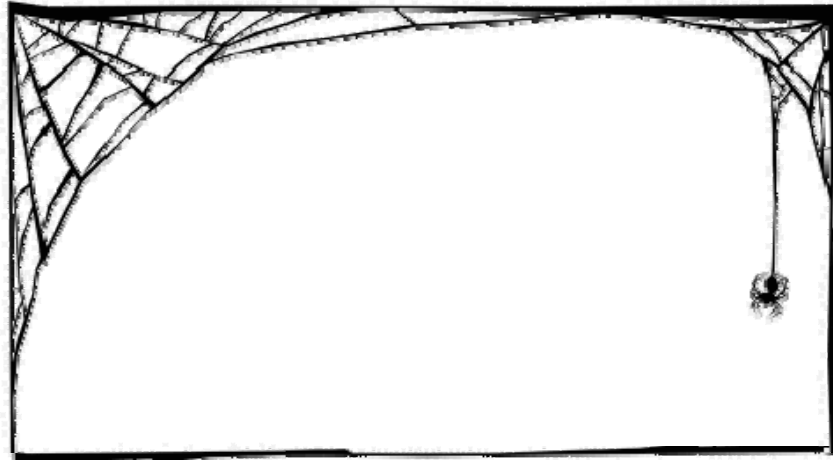
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October 2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Unfortunately, there will be no Oktoberfest or Halloween Parade and Magic Show held in Kingston Chase this year due to social distancing requirements.				1	2	3
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