

Playgroup in search of new lead

The Kingston Chase Playgroup is seeking a volunteer to take over organizing meetups with neighbors.

Currently, the group is comprised of about 30 families with children up to 5 years old (along with some older siblings). The group meets at the clubhouse monthly for snacks and an activity. During the summer, member families have hosted backyard and cul-de-sac gatherings. Not to be left out of the fun, parents try to do a kid-free night every few months as well.

Playgroup hosted Valentine's delivery in February, a summer pizza party, Halloween crafts, Friendsgiving, and a cookie decorating party in December.

"It's an informal club and the new coordinator has full reign to be creative," said outgoing club chair Kristine Covey.

The HOA provides playgroup a budget for events, and the group has amassed a variety of craft supplies and musical instruments over the years.



Playgroup families participate in the annual Kingston Chase Halloween Parade in 2022.

Those interested in leading playgroup should contact kchoa.mgmt@gmail.com.

ABOUT PLAYGROUP

The Kingston Chase Playgroup was started in the mid 1980s (when the neighborhood was still being built) by a group of new moms looking to navigate parenthood in an unfamiliar place.

Flagship Avenue resident Mary Lou Minchak, one of the playgroup founders, shared that many of the original playgroup families had relocated to Herndon and didn't have relatives in the area. Moms would host meetups at each other's houses where they found friendship, support, and even free babysitting from time to time (members collected and cashed in poker chips to "pay" for childcare).

Minchak shared that the friendships her daughters formed in playgroup carried through to elementary school and on the neighborhood swim team.

She's happy to see that the tradition has carried on and that today, more dads are involved.

Brewfest returns to neighborhood

Brewfest is planned 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 18 in the pool parking lot. Chat with neighbors, sample brews and wear your kids out, all from the comfort of Kingston Chase. Beer and a bouncy house will be provided; residents are invited to bring a chair and food to share.

If you have a responsible teen at home in need of volunteer hours, organizers are looking for help supervising the bouncy house. Homebrewers interested in contributing to the festivities or anyone willing to help set up and tear down the event, reach out to Social Committee Chair Ken Bonicky at bonicky4@hotmail.com.



Kingston Chase residents gather for Brewfest, a Kingston Chase tradition that is back this year for the first time since the pandemic limited neighborhood events in 2020.

Kingston Chase Home Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023

1. Call to Order

- Board President Jack McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
- **Board members present:** Jack McDonald, Joe Seeger, Kelly Herb, Rosemary Buley, Chris Buley, and Jen Baez
- **Others present:** Melissa Cooper (Administrative Assistant), Ken Bonicky (Social Committee Chair)

2. Secretary's Report – January Minutes Approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- Checking balance as of Jan. 31, 2023: \$144,436.05
- CD Balance as of Jan. 31, 2023: \$170,201.06
- 2023: one CD expired at 3 percent (new expiration December 2023), rolled over two others at nine months at 4 percent (will expire October 2023)
- 2023 YTD: Dues Payments Recorded: 1 of 537; Herndon Crossing Pool Fees Received: 0; Disclosure Fees Received: 3.

4. Member Business: N/A

Committee Reports

- A. **ARC:** Four people attended; five approved; two approved with conditions. Reminder that trash cans should be stored on the side of houses.
- B. **Buildings & Maintenance:** N/A
- C. **Conservation Corps:** N/A
- D. **Landscape:** N/A
- E. **Neighborhood Watch:** N/A
- F. **Newsletter:** N/A
- G. **Playgroup:** Needs a new leader
- H. **Pool:** Gutters completed, windows replaced, doors painted.
- I. **Social:** New committee chair Ken Bonicky. One meeting on Feb. 16; Brewfest on March 18.
- J. **Swim Team:** Four coaches hired; Meeting for Olympics Feb. 16
- K. **Tennis:** N/A
- L. **Welcome:** Three kits delivered

Old Business

- Declaration Revision – no update. Vote status: 342 of 537 (64 percent) of the Needed 403 (76 percent). Board members to follow up with resi-

Volunteers needed

The Kingston Chase Home Owners Association is in need of volunteers to chair the Playgroup and Book Club. The Kingston Chase Book Club meets monthly at the clubhouse. Those interested in volunteering should contact kchoa.mgmt@gmail.com.

Save the Date

The annual Kingston Chase Easter Egg Hunt and Easter bunny visit will be 10:30 a.m. April 8 at the pool playground.

Kingston Chase Meetings



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

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

Meetings have resumed at the clubhouse, with the option to join virtually via Zoom. For those who are unvaccinated, masks are required.

dents.

- Book club leader needed
- Playgroup leader needed

New Business

- Need to make allocation to capital reserve. It will soon be time for the next reserve study update. Need assessment by engineers every five years of all property to determine O&M schedule for the next 15 years. Cash flow analysis tables will be provided to support O&M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. to Executive Session adjourned 8:34.

Submitted by Kelly Herb, Secretary

TRASH TALK

Hide your refuse bins out of sight from street

The words “trash can” can be a hot topic around these parts. From neighbors frustrated with spotty trash service to neighbors peeved by their bins being used to dispose doggy doo from unfamiliar doggies (more like doggy don’t!) — there’s been no shortage of trash talking recently.

We’re not one to put a sack in it (too much?), so here’s the latest update from the waste disposal beat: The Kingston Chase HOA wants to remind residents that trash cans and bins should not be visible from the street.

According to the HOA, unsightly trash cans being in sight is the No. 1 ARC violation. One advantage of stashing your cans on the side of your house is they can cover up any algae that might be growing on your siding, which is another potential ARC violation. Look at it this way, by moving your cans out of sight you could actually kill two birds with one stone, which is NOT an ARC violation, but might be a violation of unwritten covenants to live in harmony with neighborhood birds.

In sum:

- Don’t ditch your doggy doo in your neighbor’s cans (unless they’ve told you they’re OK with that).
- Don’t store your trash cans where they can be seen from the street.
- Don’t kill two birds with one stone unless it’s metaphorical.

CRIER UPDATE

Opt in for print edition

Beginning next month, residents who wish to receive a print edition of the Kingston Chase Crier will need to sign up.

Residents opting into the print edition will need to check the box on their annual dues invoice asking about their Crier preference OR they can email info@kchoa.org to share their preference.

April will be the last issue delivered to those on the current list of print edition recipients.

Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) met in person and virtually on Feb. 7 to review the following applications:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Approved</u>
22	Color change
104	Kitchen window change
133	Change house color
164	Roof replacement
496	Siding
<u>Lot</u>	<u>Approved with Conditions</u>
25	Fence
400	Fence

The next ARC meeting will be **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7**. The meeting will be held in person as well as an option to join via Zoom. ARC Guidelines, the application form and what to submit can be found at www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee.

Applications can be submitted by e-mail to kchoa.arc@gmail.com (preferred), 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.

Welcome to the many new families who have joined the Kingston Chase community recently! For your reference, and for anyone 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.

Driveway Extensions: 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.



KIDS CORNER

5 present-day heroines to celebrate

By LILY JENNINGS

For Kingston Chase Crier

For Women's History Month, we thought you'd like to hear about present day heroines. So, in no particular order, here are five young women who are doing things to change the world now: (Source: "Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Inspiring Changemakers")

1. Greta Thunberg

When Greta was 8, she learned about climate change. A few years later, she was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, which she used to her strengths to become a climate activist. She started Fridays for the Future, where strikers skip school on Friday in protest of climate change.

2. Marley Dias

At the age of 10, Marley came home complaining that all the stories she read were about white boys, her mom inspired her to launch the #1000BlackGirlBooks book drive, with a goal of collecting 1,000 books about black girls in a few months. Instead, she collected over 13,000 books!

3. Jalaiah Harmon

When Jalaiah made a dance called the Renegade, it went viral all over TikTok, but Jalaiah, a Black dancer, did not get any credit. She soon made sure people knew her as the creator. She now makes sure that other online creators get credited for their content, too.

4. Maayan Segal

When she and her dad were playing a card game while on vacation, Maayan asked her dad why the king was worth more than the queen. This led her to creating Queeng, a card deck where queens and kings are equal, duchesses and dukes are equal, and jacks are replaced by princes and princesses. She's also created cards with different races, cultures and ethnicities.

5. Mari Copeny

When Mari's hometown of Flint Michigan had a water crisis, in which lead contaminated it, she sprang into action, with marches, protests and writing a letter to President Barack Obama. She also raised thousands of dollars to make sure people got the clean drinking water they need.

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CPR CLASS

Instructor needed

Social Committee Chair Ken Bonicky is interested in hosting a CPR class, but is seeking a co-instructor. Any American Heart Association CPR instructors interested in teaching a class to neighbors should contact bonicky4@hotmail.com.

Kingston Chase Home Owners Association

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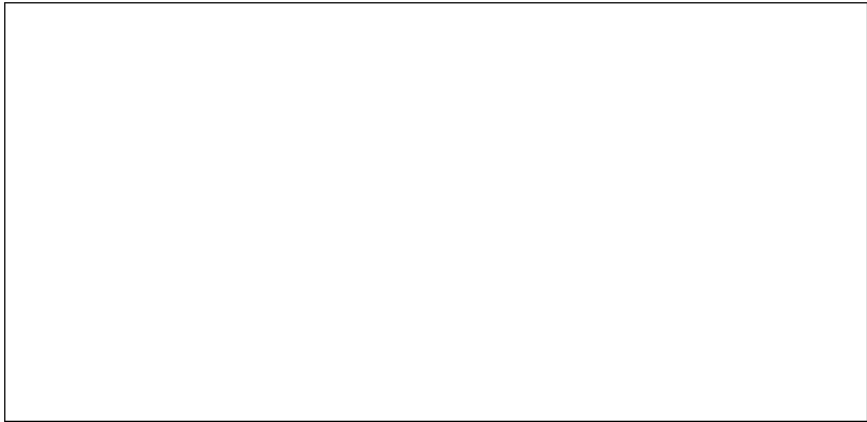
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5	6	7 ARC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8		10	11
12	13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17 Deadline <i>April Crier</i>	18 Brewfest 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23 Book Club 7:30 p.m.	24 Harry Potter Trivia 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Herndon Community Center	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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