

Finally, some sledding snow!



Katy Schrock, above, finishes her sledding run, while younger sister Lucy and her friend Jovie, left, rocket down a popular nearby sledding hill.

(Photos by Amy Schrock)

A group of longtime friends, many from Kingston Chase, take a break from sledding to pose for a photo after recent storms dropped several inches of snow on northern Virginia for the first time in more than two years. It was the perfect chance for many neighborhood teens to take a break from screens and enjoy some old-fashioned winter fun.

Hey kids, what if you were KC president?

With Presidents Day upon us later this month, we thought it might be enlightening to ask the youngest generation of Kingston Chase residents the following:

“If you were named the ‘President of Kingston Chase,’ what would you do? What would you try to accomplish if you were our neighborhood’s leader?”
Here’s what they had to say:

“I would add a hot tub to the pool area and make the main pool water temp adjustable so it can be hotter and colder. I would also like to help

the creeks in our neighborhood be playable and less polluted.”

— *Sebastian C., age 9*

“I would try to add something fun that neighbors can walk to, like a waterslide at the pool.”

— *Bennett G., age 7*

“Nothing ... the education system for swimming is pretty good!”

— *Adrian D., age 11*

“I would add new equipment to the playground to attract more people with kids to the neighborhood.”

— *Avery G., age 10*

“Everybody would throw trash in a big trash cleaner to keep our neighborhood healthy and strong. Everybody would keep their dogs on a leash and pick up their poop.”

— *Lucy M., age 5*

“We could create our own Cub Scout den. We would have neighborhood clean up days every other month. We could raise money for charities or for making the community better.”

— *Lochlan C., age 9*

“I would wish for and help everyone to be friends.”

— *Avery W., age 6*

Kingston Chase Home Owners Association

Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Board members present: Jack McDonald, Kelly Herb, Steve Kapushoc, Deke Smith, Joe Seeger, Jen Baez, Mike Klinker, Todd Waldrop, Philip Hadwin

Other Attendees: Dominic Toto, Melissa Cooper, Erin Sager, and Ken Bonicky.

2. Secretary's Report

December Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

As of 12/31/2023:

- Checking Balance: \$114,943.84.
- CD Balance: \$175,127.38
- 2024 Dues Payments Recorded: 0 of 537.
- 2024 Herndon Crossing Pool Fees Received: 0.
- 2024 Disclosure Fees Received: 0.

4. Member Business

N/A

5. Committee Reports

- A. ARC: Met 1/2/24. 2 requests approved. The ARC is looking for volunteers.
- B. Buildings and Maintenance: N/A
- C. Landscape:
- D. Neighborhood Watch: N/A
- E. Newsletter: N/A
- F. Pool: NV Pools has begun planning for spring pool set-up.
- G. Social: Working on plans for upcoming events. More details to follow.
- H. Swim Team: The KC Fighters are looking for new team representatives
- I. Tennis: N/A
- J. Welcome: N/A

6. Old Business:

- A. Declaration Revision: Vote status: 349 of 537 (65%) of the needed 403 (76%)

Kingston Chase Meetings

Architectural Review Committee

7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 6

Board of Directors

7:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 12

Meetings are held in the clubhouse, with the option to join virtually via Zoom.

Snow Removal Reminder

In the event of measurable snowfall in the neighborhood, the tennis court, pool and clubhouse sidewalks and parking lots will be plowed within 3 to 5 days of the snowfall, provided freezing conditions do not interfere with removal.

B. Playgroup lead still needed.

7. New Business:

Board approved moving forward with an updated Engineering Study.

8. Executive session: 8 p.m.

- A. Board Elections
 1. Jack McDonald will be stepping down as president, but will remain a member of the KCHOA Board.
 2. The following individuals were elected to the Board:
 - Todd Waldrop - President
 - Kelly Herb - Vice President
 - Steve Kapushoc - Treasurer
 - Erin Sager - Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Architectural Review Committee

The ARC met in person and virtually on Jan. 2 to review the following applications:

| <u>Lot</u> | <u>Approved</u> |
|------------|--|
| 137 | Shed (revised application from December) |
| 502 | Patio |

We discussed asking for a few volunteers for the ARC.

We discussed security cameras. There are currently no guidelines for the cameras. We agreed that we would not want to see big obvious cameras, though with current technology the cameras are not obvious and very small.

One of the things we do as the ARC is approve homeowners plans or tell homeowners that they don't meet HOA standards. Our guidelines don't tell people how they have to do things - that is mostly up to them, Fairfax County and the laws.

A good example is we require driveways to be hard surfaces- but aren't specific to exactly which material and exactly how it must be installed. That is in the end up to the homeowner to ensure that they are compliant.

The same will be the approach for security lights. We say matching the house style and no floodlights in

front. Beyond that, we don't tell them how to install and where to point them.

We also will want to follow the same if we decide to include security cameras of any kind in the future. We give guidance and the homeowner needs to meet code and legal requirements.

The next ARC meeting will be **7:30 p.m. Feb. 6** at the KC Clubhouse. 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. For questions, Email kchoa.arc@gmail.com.

ARC Corner

Welcome to the many new families who have joined the Kingston Chase community. 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.



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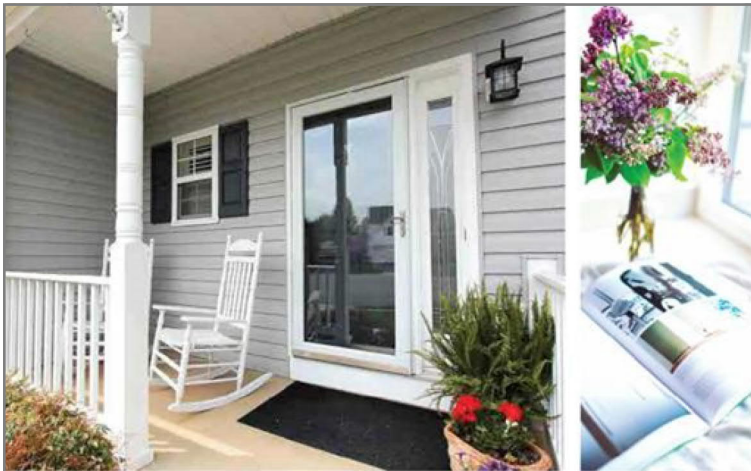
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BOOK CLUB**February, March
picks announced****February pick: "Lessons in
Chemistry," by Bonnie Garmus**

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an *average* woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team

at Hastings
Research

Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love

with—of all

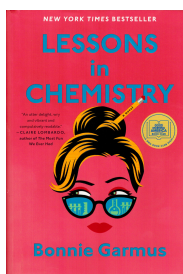
things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show "Supper at Six." Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

**March pick: "Horse,"
by Geraldine Brooks**

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history

Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the Month in the Kingston Chase Clubhouse.

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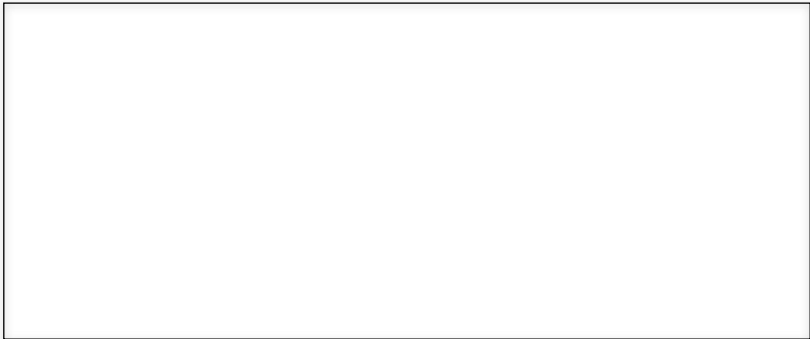
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