

## TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY

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### Why are these sign posts & light post wrapped with leggings / scarves?

Question

I drive by these decorated sign posts every day or so. I asked a VDOT guy I saw today. He says maybe it is for visibility but he had no idea. Why???



The neighborhood's whimsical pole cozies created speculation this month on a Reddit thread. While residents in the know celebrate the creativity of our covert crafter, ("I know where this is, and the crafter does it solely to bring cheer to the neighborhood," said one Reddit commenter), other NoVA-area Redditors had their own theories. "Feuding fiber art crews. Keep your head on a swivel," said one poster. "Maybe they don't want to send out emergency units to pull people's tongue off the metal poles?" wrote another. Several Redditors thought it had to do with concern for the well-being of the poles. "If you're cold, they're cold," one joked. "Bring them inside!" The thread on the popular social media site offered a much needed giggle. Finally, just to tie this post together, shout out to residents who clean up after their dogs. *We need-le more neighbors like you. (Photo: Screenshot from Reddit)*

## Annual Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars and grab your baskets! The annual Kingston Chase Egg Hunt will be 12:30 p.m., March 23 at the pool playground. Thank you to Joelle Harvey for organizing this year's eggs-travaganza.

## Sign up to help with KC Brewfest

It's almost time for Brewfest!

Kingston Chase will host its ale-nual beer and meats extravaganza 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday April 13, at the pool parking lot.

The KC Social Committee is looking for any neighborhood brewmasters or masters of grilling and smoking meats to contribute to the event.

Spring into ... errr ... spring with a bounce house, chit chats and, of course, food and drink. Bring a pot luck item to share. The event is free for KC residents only. You can't beat the price!

For more information, contact KC Social Chair Ken Bonicky at [kchoasocial@gmail.com](mailto:kchoasocial@gmail.com).

## Remember to keep your dogs leashed

A resident has reached out to the KCHOA Board regarding dogs off-leash in the neighborhood.

A reminder to Kingston Chase residents: In Fairfax County, dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public areas unless they're in a designated off-leash area.

### Fairfax County code states:

Section 41.1-2-4. Unrestricted dogs prohibited; leash law. (a) No dog shall run unrestricted, as defined in Section 41.1-1-1, in the County.

Unrestricted means not under the control of the owner or his agent either by leash, cord, chain, or primary enclosure when off the property or premises of the owner or custodian.

# Kingston Chase Home Owners Association

## Board Meeting

### Minutes of February 12, 2024

#### 1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

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

#### 2. Secretary's Report

January Minutes approved.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report:

As of 1/31/2024:

- Checking Balance: \$108,358.51
- CD Balance: \$175,705.05
- 2024 Dues Payments Recorded: 0 of 537.
- 2024 Herndon Crossing Pool Fees Received: 0.
- 2024 Disclosure Fees Received: 1.

#### 4. Member Business

Reminder to residents that Fairfax County has a law stating that dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public areas unless in a designated off-leash area.

#### 5. Committee Reports

- A. ARC: N/A
- B. Buildings and Maintenance: The cleaning service has not had anywhere to leave trash bags at the clubhouse since trash cans are no longer being stored behind the club house. Going forward, the cleaning service will leave the bags in the clubhouse and an HOA Board member has volunteered to remove the trash.
- C. Landscape: N/A
- D. Neighborhood Watch: N/A
- E. Newsletter: We are unable to upload the digital Crier to the KC website due to issues with Squarespace. We are working on correcting the issue. Looking into placing the Crier on our site as a Google doc until issue is resolved.
- F. Pool: N/A
- G. Social: Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 p.m. March 23; BrewFest 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 13. There will be a moon bounce for the kids at Brewfest.
- H. Swim Team: The KC Fighters are looking for new team representatives.

## Kingston Chase Meetings

### Architectural Review Committee

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5

### Board of Directors

7:30 p.m. Monday, March 11

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

## New Crier Address

Need to reach the Crier staff to share about neighborhood going on? We have a new email address! Contact [KingstonChaseCrier@gmail.com](mailto:KingstonChaseCrier@gmail.com).

## Correction

An eagle-eyed neighbor pointed out an error on our "Show Your Love for Kingston Chase" poster in the February Crier. The correct name for our poshest neighborhood locale is Lady Fairfax Circle. We apologize for the error.

- 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%)
- B. Playgroup lead still needed.
- C. Reserve study: Completed on Feb. 6, 2024. Will receive report in near future.

#### 7. New Business:

Tennis Locks – Residents have been unable to open the tennis court lock. We will spray with WD-40 to see if that resolves the issue. We have confirmed that code is still correct and will communicate a reminder to residents on procedure for using the lock.

#### 8. Executive session: N/A

*Adjourn: 8:09 p.m.*

## Architectural Review Committee

The ARC met in person and virtually on Feb. 6 to review the following applications:

| <b>Lot</b> | <b>Approved</b>                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 45         | Porch addition                       |
| 256        | Roof replacement                     |
| 280        | Front stoop, walk and patio          |
| 307        | Roof replacement                     |
| 327        | Garage door replacement              |
| 529        | Roof shingles and gutter replacement |

Art Coleman and Bonne Arnold came to the meeting to volunteer to be on the ARC. Buzz Rider emailed to propose two more names, Arlene Aiello and Jeanie Feltz. Since we have had several meetings where there were not enough members to approve at the meeting, more members would be good. Many hands to do the walkthrough would be good too.

The next ARC meeting will be **7:30 p.m. March. 5** 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](http://www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee).

Applications can be submitted by e-mail to [kchoa.arc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee).

## Sidewalk Maintenance

### Who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance?

The structure of our sidewalks is county property, and cracked or broken concrete should be reported to the county by calling 703-877-2800. However, maintenance of all edges and seams are the homeowner's responsibility. If plant growth is appearing in sidewalk seams or cracks in front of your property, please remove it promptly to continue to keep the neighborhood safe and clean. These unexpected grassy humps trip walkers, joggers, and tricycle riders as well as cause structural problems when the roots spread under the concrete.

The strip of grass between the sidewalk and street (where mailboxes enter the ground) is also each homeowner's responsibility to keep mowed and edged. Any landscaping around the mailbox should be kept neat and should not protrude into the sidewalk, over the curb, or obstruct the front of the mailbox in any way.

**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 plot 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.




  
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# KC kids hit stage in HMS musical

*Resident actress earns lead role in 'High School Musical Jr.'*

By **LILY JENNINGS**  
For the *Kingston Chase Crier*

A new year brings the start of something new for everyone, including the budding actors and actresses at Herndon Middle School!

This March, the HMS theater will be performing "High School Musical Jr.," based on the Disney Channel classic.

If you aren't familiar, the show follows Gabriella Montez, a smart and nerdy girl, and Troy Bolton, the star of the East High School basketball team, where cliques are key to popularity.

During a New Year's Eve karaoke contest, Troy and Gabriella sing for the first time and find a connection. When Gabriella moves and starts school at East High, she and Troy somewhat accidentally audition for the musical, while drama queen Sharpay Evans and her quieter brother Ryan plot to get revenge.

Kingston Chase's very own Alyssa R. will be playing the role of Gabriella in the production. Other neighborhood teens involved include Evelyn S., Maya G., Lily J., and Aaron H.

The production has amazing dance sequences, including basketballs, jumping off tables, and even some original "High School Musical" choreography!

You can see the musical at 7 p.m. March 14-16. Adult tickets are \$10, and children's are \$5. Buy your tickets using the QR code on the flyer above. Tickets for last year's show, "Legally Blonde Jr." sold out, so make sure to get yours early.

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**KC BOOK CLUB****Read 'Horse' by Geraldine Brooks**

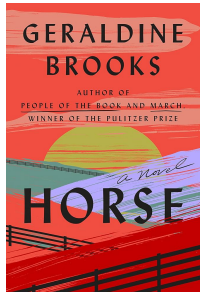
*Kentucky, 1850.* An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

*New York City, 1954.* Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

*Washington, DC, 2019.* Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse — one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

Kingston Chase Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., March 14, to discuss the book. The club meets every third Thursday of the month in the KC clubhouse.

**Kingston Chase Home Owners Association****Board of Directors\***

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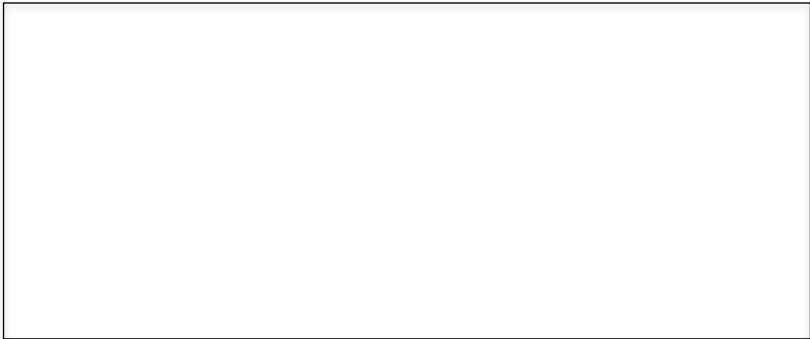
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|                   |   |                                      |                  |                                     | 1                                    | 2  |
| 3                 | 4                                       | 5<br><b>ARC Meeting</b><br>7:30 p.m. | 6                | 7                                   | 8                                    | 9  |
| 10                | 11<br><b>Board Meeting</b><br>7:30 p.m. | 12                                   | 13               | 14<br><b>Book Club</b><br>7:30 p.m. | 15<br><b>February Crier Deadline</b> | 16                                       |
| 17                | 18                                      | 19                                   | 20               | 21                                  | 22                                   | 23<br><b>Kids Egg Hunt</b><br>12:30 p.m. |
| 24<br>31          | 25                                      | 26                                   | 27               | 28                                  | 29                                   | 30                                       |