

# KC dogs have their day

As the last days of summer tick off the calendar and the neighborhood pool prepares to close until 2023, the good boys and good girls of Kingston Chase got their big chance to splash, swim, sniff and shake off at the annual Dog Day at the Pool. In all, 26 pups played in the pool on a sun-splashed September Sunday.











(Photos by Brad Jennings for the Crier.)





From Labradors and Golden Retrievers to Puggles and Spaniels and everything in between, the dogs of Kingston Chase took to the pool on Sunday, Sept. 18, for their annual Dog Day at the Pool. Thanks to our neighborhood volunteers who made this event happen, as well as the many dog owners and dog lovers who took part.

#### Kingston Chase Home Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022

#### 1. Call to Order

- Board President & Vice President Jack MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
- Board members present: Jack MacDonald, Joe Seeger, Kelly Herb, Deke Smith, Mike Klinker and Steven Kapushoc
- Others present: Melissa Cooper (Administrative Assistant), Myriam Pereda, Margaret Lynch and Martha Perry

#### 2. Secretary's Report: July Minutes Approved

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Checking balance as of Aug. 31: \$173,907.98
- CD balance as of Aug. 31: \$261,999,83
- Dues Payments Received and processed: 527 of 537.
- 2022 Herndon Crossing pool fees received: 0
- 2022 Disclosure fees received: 3

#### 4. Member Business:

- Discussion of trash and recycling options: Interest in exploring the option of using Fairfax County. Board president & vice president provided background on past attempts to look into Fairfax County for trash/recycling needs. The county currently has a moratorium on providing service to new communities and requires a high percentage of homes to concur on the service. The Kingston Chase developer did not include community-wide trash service when neighborhood was established; KC Declaration requires updating in order to make this change. Currently working to obtain enough signatures for the change in Declaration.
- Concerns reported regarding utility company entering a resident's yard without notice while working on transformer box and also regarding landscaping work such as fence installation and tree removal at a neighboring residence.

#### 5. Committee Reports

- A. ARC: Three applications received: three approved; one approved with modifications
- B. Buildings & Maintenance: N/A
- C. Conservation Corps: N/A
- D. Landscape: N/A
- E. Neighborhood Watch: Possible bear scat seen on Little Stones Drive. Be mindful if pets are out alone or if there are attractions in yards (fruit trees, berry bushes, bird feeders, unsecured trash cans or barbecue grills)
- F. Newsletter: Susan Jennings and family have taken over the editing of the KC Crier and are doing a great job! G. Playgroup: N/A
- H. **Pool**: Please remember to get your pool passes if you purchased but never picked up! The pool is closed for the season. Reminder that there is no overnight parking in the pool or tennis court lots.
- I. **Social**: We are looking for one or more volunteers to take over the Social Committee duties. Please let the Board know if you are interested in this important position.
- J. Swim Team: N/A
- K. **Tennis**: Initial round of court repairs (crack) have been completed. More extensive work will be required to properly level the court.
- L. Welcome: Thank you to Dominic Toto for volunteering to be in charge of the Welcome Committee!

#### **Old Business**

329 of 537 (60 percent) of Kingston Chase lots have voted in favor of the Declaration Revision. 493 votes (75 percent) are needed for it to pass. 26 of 537 lots have voted against the Declaration Revision. Suggestion to provide Declaration communication in Spanish. Suggestion to visit residents who have not voted and provide ballot. Looking at sending out postcards with SASE to capture votes. Electronic voting on HOA business is now allowed in the state of Virginia. The Board is working with KCHOA lawyers to create written procedures for electronic participation.

New Business: The Board will be looking for a new President to replace Andy Cassell as his family relocates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Submitted by Kelly Herb, Secretary October 2022



## **Deer management on Folly Lick Trail**

Fairfax County uses a deer archery program to help manage high-density deer herds.

The 2022-23 archery season began Sept. 10 and ends Feb. 18, 2023. During this time period, qualified, licensed bowhunters are permitted to hunt at assigned sites Monday through Saturday.

Legal hunting hours in Virginia are 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Sunday hunting is not allowed in the parks.

Folly Lick Stream Valley and Sugarland Run Stream Valley are among approved sites for the archery program. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ wildlife/archery-program.

## **October Book Club**

The Kingston Chase Book Club is reading "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman this month. The meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the clubhouse.

For more information about book club, contact Betsy Kiker, ekiker@verizon.net.

## **Mich Yardwork**

Bush trimming, weed whacking, edging.

Please email michluke462@gmail.com.

## Mich Car Wash

Exterior wash. Done in your driveway.

Please email <u>amich6528@gmail.com</u>

#### Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) met in person and virtually on September 6 to review the following applications:

Lot <u>Approved</u>

422	Fence
97	Gutter Replacement color change
48	Solar Installation
321	Build screened-in Porch
421	Fence (approved with modifications)

The next ARC meeting will be **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4** 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 <u>www.kchoa.org/architectural-review-committee</u>.

Applications can be submitted by e-mail to <u>kchoa.arc@gmail.com</u> (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 <u>kchoa.arc@gmail.com</u>.

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.

**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 Trick-or-treaters share their favorite candy

Neighborhood kids, Clearview students, and one kid at heart share their favorite candy picks for Halloween (hint, hint)!

Lily, 12: Hershey Bars Annie, 4: Hershey Bars Jovie, 10: Skittles Lucy, 10: Skittles Ava, 10: Skittles Sophie, 10: Jolly Ranchers Arya, 10: Chocolate Amur, 6: Smarties and Pop Rocks Elana, 11: Twix Alyssa, 11: Snickers Daisy, 11: Skittles Samantha, 11: Reese's Ryan, 45: Snickers Meera, 10: Skittles Bethany, 10: Skittles Brock, 11: Skittles Sofia, 11: Twix Maggie H., 4: Chocolate Maggie M., 11: Reeses Saanchi, 11: M&Ms Juliet. 11: Reeses Owen, 8: Kit Kats

#### Lily Jennings, 12

To recommend your favorite books, music, movies, shows or other activities for kids, submit to kingstonchase kidnews@gmail.com.

## KCHOA needs your vote on amendments

If you have not yet voted on proposed updates to the HOA's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, please do so as soon as possible.

Visit <u>www.kchoa.org/amended-</u> <u>declaration-covenants-2020</u> to review the proposed changes.

Find the ballot there, and mail it to KCHOA PO Box 332 Herndon VA 20172, or email to kchoa.mgmt@gmail.com.

## Social committee seeks new chairperson

**By HEATHER KAPUSHOC** Social Committee Chair

We are all lucky to live in such a fantastic neighborhood. Kingston Chase is well known and sought after for our community, our residents and our HOA. I often see posts touting "what a great neighborhood we live in". Our volunteers run the HOA, swim team, playgroup, women's group, book clubs, and newsletter. Now's your chance to contribute back to your neighborhood.

For well over a decade, I have run the social events for KC. Before me, Nancy Wood held the position for 20-odd years. But it's time for someone else to take the reins. The Social events have included:

- The 4th of July Parade
- Halloween Magic Show and Parade
- Santa Drive Through
- Teen Pool Party
- Holiday Decoration Contest
- Tea & Tissues Back to School Brunch
- St. Patrick's Day Brewfest/Pi Day
- Oktoberfest

### Neighborhood Watch

What has been identified as bear scat has been found in the yards of two residences on the 12800 block of Little Stones Lane. Indications are that the scat was from at least two separate occasions.

Be mindful if you allow your pets out by themselves or have attractants in your yard such as fruit trees, berry bushes, bird feeders, pet food, unsecured trash cans, or barbecue grills that you could be stimulating a confrontation. We all know bears have a natural distrust for and try to avoid humans, but the important thing is, does the bear know it?

-Pete Banks call 7



- Biannual Community Yard Sales
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Kids' Tennis Lessons (and now Pickleball)
- Pool Opening Picnic
- Summer Outdoor Movie Nights.

As you can see, there are many events for the residents of KC. We need a person, couple, or several folks to run these, or other, events in the future. For the next year, I will gladly provide guidance and assistance so you'll have support.

Please consider becoming our KC Social Chairperson! If interested in learning more, please email me at <u>hkapushoc@gmail.com</u>.

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, e-mail Neighborhood Watch and, if appropriate, call the Fairfax Police nonemergency number at **703-691-2131** or **911** in the case of an emergency.

To report incidents or to be included on the Neighborhood Watch e-mail distribution list, contact Pete Banks, Neighborhood Watch Chairman, via e-mail at <u>kchoa.watch@gmail.com</u> or call 703-209-3004.

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#### Welcome to the Neighborhood



Brandon Wolfe 1701 Fantasia Circle

Tricia Turner 12710 Taustin Lane

If you are new to Kingston Chase and have not yet received a welcome packet, please e-mail 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.

## **Reminder** about boats, trailers, RVs

Residents are reminded of Article 10.10 of the ARC Guidelines. which states:

"Motor homes, campers, boats and trailers are not permitted to be parked overnight within the community."

The complete list of ARC Guidelines can be found at kchoa.org.

### Kingston Chase Home Owners Association

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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.

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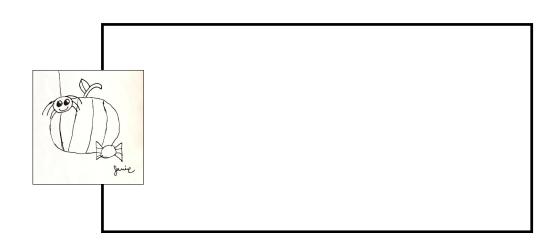
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 .	10 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Herndon Farmer's Market 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	14 Fall Book Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library	15 Fall Book Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library
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