



What a beautiful fall it's been! We hope you have been enjoying the uncommonly sunny weather, the cool, crisp days, and the glorious autumn colors. As we head into the holiday season, we wish you many things to be thankful for.

Kingsgate 1&2 On The Internet

Want a quick way to get the latest info on neighborhood news, event schedules, this newsletter, and links to local weather and traffic? Click over to: www.kingsgate1.org

Comments?

The Kingsgater invites you to submit news items, letters, and tributes. Mail to: PO Box 512, Kirkland, WA, 98083, or email: news@kingsgate1.org

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Royals Swim Team Update

Our terrific neighborhood swim team, the Kingsgate Royals, enjoyed another fun summer of swimming. The Royals posted another winning season and were the proud hosts of the Division 4 B-Champs meet. Coaches Larry and Jerrie did another great job guiding and encouraging the improvement of our swimmers. Thanks to their progress, the Royals will be moving up a division next summer! Summer swim team is a neighborhood tradition and a fun ac-

tivity for all swim levels. If you have school age children, please consider joining the Royals Swim Team next summer. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Information is available on the website (see box at left) and will also appear in the spring newsletter. Thanks to all in the community who helped make this year a great one for the Royals. They are looking forward seeing you all again next year!

Holiday Lights Walk

For those of you new to the neighborhood, every year the Homeowners Association sponsors a holiday decorating contest with **cash prizes** for first, second and third place. Judging is based on originality, theme, creativity, and/or overall presentation. Sorry: recent winners are disqualified.

If you would like to help select this year's winners, join us on our Holiday Lights Walk on **Saturday Dec 16th**. We will meet at **6:30pm** at the **Pool** and canvass the entire neighborhood, rain or shine. There will be several pit stops along the way for warm beverages and ... other needs. It will be a fun evening for young and old alike.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Kingsgate 1&2 will be held on **Monday, Feb 12th**, at **7PM** at **Our Redeemer Church** on the corner of 116th Ave and NE 140th. In addition to reviewing budgets and discussing capital

improvements, this year's meeting will also **elect officers**. Homeowners in good standing may vote in person or by proxy (see form on last page of this newsletter). **Several important Board positions are open.**

President's Message

By Skip Felts, President

This will be my last newsletter message as the Association's President. My family and I now spend many of our summer days at our home on Lake Cushman, and I believe the Association should have a President who is more connected to the community during the summer season. I will continue to serve on the Board in a non-officer position, unless there are enough others volunteering to serve so that all Board positions will be filled.

During my fifteen year tenure as Treasurer and President, I have had the genuine pleasure of working with some great people. The Association and its members have achieved many accomplishments, including significant upgrades to the facilities – such as new tennis courts, fencing, playground, pool shell, boilers, and others. A savings program is currently well underway that will result in a much-needed new pool deck surface. And season after season of recreational opportunities have been provided to all the residents of Kingsgate I&II. A consistent emphasis on preventative maintenance has kept costs down and dues increases to a minimum.

But even after all this time and all that has been accomplished, the Association remains extremely vulnerable to a loss of energetic volunteers who will serve on the Board of Trustees, participate in clean-up days and community events, work to enforce covenants, and other necessary functions. My primary regret from my years of service is that sometimes things have seemed to run too smoothly (thanks to the efforts of many) – so that the members take it for granted that the volunteer work will be done and the facilities will be well-maintained and available to them. I know that many members do not use the pool and park facilities, even though their benefits are a tremendous bargain for the cost of the dues. But every member has an investment in this community, and has a stake in how it looks, what sort of activities are allowed, what recreation is provided, and how neighbors treat each other.

So as I end my time as an officer, I would like to spend whatever goodwill I have to urge you once again to take a greater interest in your neighborhood. Volunteer to work with a covenant or events committee. Serve on the Board of Trustees. There are many opportunities to contribute to the Association, and its mission to enhance the experience of living in Kingsgate I&II.

I hope everyone can find the time to attend our **Annual Meeting on Monday, Feb 12th** at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 7PM. This meeting is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and Board members, and the input of homeowners at this meeting provides significant guidance to the Board for the upcoming year. We will also elect officers, so we encourage all homeowners to attend. For those who cannot attend, a proxy voting form is included on the back page of this newsletter. Just fill it out and mail it in. The more proxies we receive by mail, the less we need to come door-to-door to collect them.

Thanks very much for your consideration, and for the opportunity to get to know so many great people over my years of service.

Skip Felts

Pool Deck Committee Forming

Our fund for replacing the pool deck is growing at a steady clip. This project was initiated at the 2004 Annual Meeting and is currently targeted to take place in early 2008. Because this is a significant capital improvement, the Board is establishing a committee to start exploring the options and costs. The committee will be comprised of Board members, Swim Team members and members from the community at large. The committee will communicate with other neighborhood associations and swim clubs who have replaced their pool deck to see what works best. Our goal is to achieve a smooth, modern surface that will last for decades. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Heather Trautmann (see contact list, last page).



Pool Season Wrap-Up

By Dwight Yoder, Pool Director

This past swim season was a very special one. The weather was warm and sunny for a good part of the summer months. Kingsgate Day in July was especially fun for the community, with a great turnout for the barbecue, aquatic games and pool competitions. Revelers enjoyed poolside music and dancing well into the evening.

Our swim lesson program was also a big success. Along with returning instructors Katie King, Jennifer Egan, and Emily Pierson, we brought on two new instructors: Danielle van der Baan and Kevin King. Both were wonderful additions to our staff. This year we also employed the services of Julie Sparks-Stuht, a certified lifeguard, swim instructor and consultant for swim lesson programs. You may know Julie from the faculty at Robert Frost. Julie conducted a swim lesson clinic for our instructors. Her training program

and lesson planning tools helped to increase the effectiveness of each instructor by providing new techniques, insights, and skills.

Our lifeguard staff participated in a first aid training seminar with firefighter and guest member, Phil Pierson. This training provided additional training in first aid and emergency response beyond that required for normal Red Cross and lifeguard certification. From a safety standpoint, we had no major incidents this summer, and I want to thank parents for watching their younger children, being sure their activities in the water were well within their abilities.

Our pool staff worked hard to increase their knowledge and skills in water safety, pool maintenance and operations, and first aid. I thank each of them for their contributions to a safe and enjoyable swim season, and look forward to working with them next summer.

Annexation Update

The City of Kirkland is gathering feedback from city residents about what they think of annexation. City officials held three Public Forums in Kirkland during the month of October and will be meeting with Kirkland neighborhood associations through December. According to the City of Kirkland website, "We are carefully considering the annexation of the Finn Hill, Juanita, and Kingsgate neighborhoods. ... While annexation has been discussed for years, recent state legislation has provided funding incentives to annex unincorporated urban areas. This creates an opportunity to consider annexation more seriously." Translated: the state is kicking in some money to entice cities like Kirkland to annex neighborhoods like ours. It takes years and requires several public votes, but Kirkland is taking the right steps and making progress.

To learn more visit the City of Kirkland's Annexation webpage:

http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/CMO/Annexation_Information.htm

You can also sign up to receive annexation email updates by visiting:

<http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/E-Bulletins.htm>

Kingsgate Highlands (1&2) Homeowners Association: Names & Numbers

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Covenants	<i>Committee positions open!</i>		
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Neighborhood Block Watch Crimes like vandalism, damage to property, excessive noise, and traffic violations can be reduced through a Block Watch program. If you would like to participate in or help set-up a Block Watch program for Kingsgate 1&2, please email Rita Brown: ritabrown13@comcast.net

Covenants The most common recent violations are business signs displayed on property, RVs/boats stored on the street or driveway, and too many parked cars on the street. Refer to your Homeowners Guide for specific information. Covenants keep our neighborhood looking good and help protect the value of our homes. Sometimes all it takes to get a problem corrected is a friendly reminder from a neighbor.

Can't Attend The Annual Meeting? Mail This Form!

The election of Board Members can be done by proxy for those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting. If you would prefer not to have a Board member visit your home in January to collect your proxy, simply complete this form and **mail to:** Kingsgate Highlands Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 512, Kirkland, 98083 **by December 31, 2006.**

PROXY FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES KINGSGATE HIGHLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

I am a homeowner and member in good standing of the Kingsgate 1&2 Homeowners Association. I hereby give my proxy to Association President Skip Felts so that, in my absence, he may exercise the vote for my lot for the election of the Association's Board of Trustees only. This vote will be made at the Annual Meeting on **February 12, 2007**. I understand that, should I be able to attend the annual meeting, my proxy will be returned to me and I will be allowed to vote in person.

MEMBER SIGNATURE

LOT # (if known)

ADDRESS

Only proxies with legible address (or lot #) will be accepted.