



With Thanksgiving behind us and the holidays fast approaching, we wish you a joyous season with many friends and family around you.

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Royals Swim Team Wrap-Up

The 2007 version of the Kingsgate Royals saw 120 eager swimmers sign up for our summer competitive swim program. We had swimmers ranging from ages 5 to 18. This season was a blend of the old and the new. Head coach Larry Royce returned for his 10th year (and got his 10 year pin!) and assisting him for the first time were former Royals Erin Mackey and Chelsea Leahy. Due to our last two years of considerable success in Division 4, the league chose

to move us into Division 3 for this season. Having been a member of D3 in previous years, we again enjoyed competition with familiar rivals Maple Hills and Overlake. Our number one priority has always been to provide a fun experience for the kids that participate and from the numbers of kids that choose to return year after year, it appears that we are having some success. As always, the highlight of

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Comments?

The Kingsgater invites you to submit news items, letters, and tributes. Mail to: PO Box 512, Kirkland, WA, 98083, or email: k1news@kingsgate1.org

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 us select this

year's winners, meet at **7pm** at the **Pool** on **Saturday Dec 15th**. It will be a fun evening for young and old alike. You can also submit nominees to Kathy Kimbell by phone or email (see Contact list on page 4). A special thank-you goes out to Kathy for continuing this fun tradition!

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Kingsgate 1&2 will be held on **Monday, Feb 11th**, at **7PM** at **Our Redeemer Church** on the corner of 116th Ave and NE 140th. In addition to the normal business of the annual meeting,

there will be a presentation from the **Pool Deck Committee** and a discussion of funding options. This will be an important meeting for any homeowner interested in this major capital improvement project.

President's Message

By John Pabst Jr., President

As I sat down to write this letter, I began to think, "What makes up our Kingsgate community?" Certainly one could say it is a group of houses or a particular set of coordinates on a map. I like to think of our Kingsgate community as a group of people, connected by friendship, neighborhood, and school that work together to make life on our little portion of the map better. While the summer park and pool activities are the focal point of our community, I encourage you to reach out to friends and neighbors this holiday season and throughout the New Year. Only through continued exercise of our connections will the community grow stronger.

Our previous Association President, Skip Felts, stated in the president's letter last year that the Association remains vulnerable to a loss of energetic volunteer. I am happy to say that we have several new people on the board. However, there are key positions still open: Vice President, Secretary, and Covenants. The park, pool, and other various activities we enjoy do not happen by themselves. It takes all of us working together to make these events happen. I encourage you to volunteer! You can help a little or a lot. Please contact me, or anyone on the board, by phone or email. You can find contact information listed in this newsletter or on the neighborhood website: kingsgate1.org.

This past pool season ran smoothly thanks to our new pool manager, Jeanette Stevens. I am happy to say that Jeanette will continue as our pool manager for the 2008 season.

Speaking of the pool, the biggest challenge facing our community this coming year is the replacement of the pool deck. We originally stated the project would be completed in the spring of '08. Now that the pool deck committee has done some research, we decided that schedule was too aggressive. We are now targeting the spring of '09 to complete the project. Please come to the Annual Meeting to learn more about the project and give your input.

The upcoming Annual Meeting is on Monday, February 11, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 7PM. In addition to discussing the pool deck project, the meeting is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and Board members. The input of homeowners at this meeting provides significant guidance to the Board for the upcoming year.

John Pabst Jr.

Home Burglary

One of the best things about our Kingsgate neighborhood is the relative peace and security we enjoy. Recently, a home was burglarized near the pool. This is startling, unfortunate news. Almost unthinkable in our neighborhood, but it does happen. On the positive side (a thin silver lining) no one was home at the time so there were no injuries or threats to life. The thief focused on high-value items, like jewelry and a laptop computer. These unfortunate events remind us to keep our windows and doors locked at all times, even when leaving for a short time. We can also help each other by staying in touch with our neighbors and keeping an eye out for unusual vehicles or activity in our neighborhood. Call 911 if you see or suspect a crime in progress. Our hearts go out to the affected family. Insurance will cover some of their losses but can't bring back sentimental items.

Kingsgate Day 2007

By Rita Brown, Activities Director

Kingsgate Day 2007 was yet another wonderful neighborhood gathering! The weather was perfect, the food was good, the turnout was excellent, the pool games were a blast and our first talent show was fun to watch! What more could you ask for?

The theme this year was **Zoo Animals** and kicked off with a parade around the neighborhood. Kids then enjoyed the bounce houses and swimming in the pool. A pool-side BBQ dinner followed, with music, entertainment and games well into the evening.

There were many people that helped me, such as our **Kingsgate Idol** contest judges: Omar Field, Eric Baird and Twyla Baird. Emcee Dwight Yoder introduced our neighborhood talent, which was impressive. Jeanette Stevens and our lifeguards came up with some great pool games and prizes, and Emily Pierson did a fantastic job leading the pool games! Gaylen Suave returned as Music D.J. and kept the festivities lively. Our ever-giving board members John Pabst, Kathy Kimbell, Dwight Yoder, Jeff and Heather Trautmann, Judy Field, Roger Clarke-Johnson, and Skip Felts kept the food and drinks going.

It was a hot day, with a hot, hot BBQ. A very special thanks to Dwight. He was such a great help to me with getting this all together. Gatherings like this really make this an exceptional place to live. Thank you to all that turned out, it really was a lot of fun for me as well.



Annexation Update

The Kirkland City Council held a series of public information meetings this fall to gather input from residents in the affected areas, including Kingsgate. The next Council meeting is **January 15** and will be largely devoted to the annexation issue. Even though we are not residents of Kirkland, we can attend and participate in the meeting. This has become a contentious issue for the city. Many current residents have raised concerns about the cost of annexation. This will be another opportunity to **make your opinion known**. For the latest information and updates, visit the city's annexation website: www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/annexation

A grassroots organization promoting annexation has recently formed. Their goal is to encourage the City to move forward with annexation. For more information, visit their website: www.onekirkland.com. There is also an anti-annexation group that is lobbying the City to abandon annexation. For more information, visit their website: www.savekirkland.com. Both will try to muster as many people as possible to sway the Council.

The above information is provided so that you can stay informed on annexation issues affecting our neighborhood. The KG1&2 Board does not take a position on political issues.

Kingsgate Highlands (1&2) Homeowners Association: Contact List

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* Not a Board position

Get Involved in Your Neighborhood Whether it's serving on the Board, participating on a committee, or pitching in to help with a project at the pool and park, we need your help throughout the year to keep Kingsgate 1&2 the wonderful place to live and raise a family that it is. There are lots of ways to participate. Contact John Pabst to find out how.

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.

Junk Vehicles If you believe there is a junk vehicle near your house, King County may provide some relief. To qualify as a "junk vehicle" in King County, a vehicle must meet at least three of the following four conditions: 1) Must be three or more years old; 2) Have extensive damage; 3) Be inoperable and/or 4) Have a fair market value that is equal to the approximate value of the scrap metal. Check whether the license tabs have expired before calling. There are different King County numbers to call depending on whether the vehicle is on private or public property. For more information, visit the County website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/cleanup/report-junkvehicles.asp>

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the non-pool events is the Wild Waves day and we had a great time again this year. In the area of competition, we achieved mixed results. Our "B" swimmers finished with a record of 5-1 and won the "B Champs" meet by a huge margin. As expected, D3 provided much stronger competition for our "A" swimmers and we finished with a league record of 2 wins and 4 losses. One of our long term goals has been to help kids achieve an "A" time. Ten years ago the Royals had nine swimmers record an "A" time during the season. This year 53 swimmers were able to attain that goal. The end of the season all divisions championship meet allowed us another opportunity to show improvement. The Royals finished 17th of the 26 teams in the league. This was our best team A Champs performance in the last 10 years. The highlight of the meet had to be the win by the girls 13-14 200 yd. Free Relay. Hannah Armstrong, Nicole Fausset, Rachel Kurtz and Madi Graham capped their undefeated season with the gold medal.