



Kingsgater Spring '05

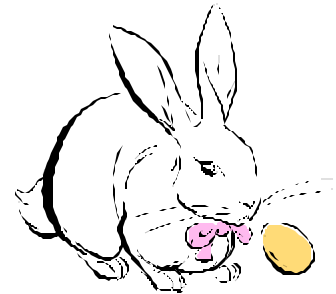
Easter Egg Hunt

All are invited to come to the Park Saturday March 26th to witness the Annual Kingsgate 1&2 Easter Egg Hunt. Actual egg hunting is open to children age 2—12 only, please. There will be **five age groups**, vying to find nearly 1000 plastic eggs hidden around the park. Each group will also be searching for one of the famous Golden Easter Eggs. If you find one, turn it in for a special surprise!

The Bunny's got a schedule to keep, so be ready to hunt at 10 o'clock sharp, rain or shine. We will have the inflatable

Bounce House set-up again so you can practice your hopping skills after the hunt. The Bounce House will be open from 10:30AM to Noon.

We need help with this event! Please call Lynn Gipson at 821-4387 to volunteer. It's big fun and doesn't take long. Set-up begins at 9AM. Lynn says she **especially needs** someone to "wear the ears" and hand out treats this year. If you are 5' 8" or less and have wondered what the rapt attention of dozens of neighborhood kids feels like, Lynn has just the fluffy, white



Will the Bunny make a triumphant return to the Park this year?

outfit for you! We also need a handful of volunteers to help with the proper concealment of the oval candy containers.

Pool Report

With the arrival of cherry blossoms and daffodils, and the humming of lawn mowers, spring is here. Along with spring comes the anticipation of another summer poolside. Your Board tries to make the pool experience enjoyable for all members and guests, we continually discuss the best way to maintain and improve the biggest asset of our community. Here's what's new:

Returning Pool Managers

Katie King and Michaela Stackpoole, will be sharing

manager responsibilities again this year, with Karen supervising. Katie and Michaela have both been on our staff for more than seven years and do a great job managing the lifeguards.

Check-In Procedure

We will be using the same check-in procedure we began last year. It affords the staff better control of the pool area and ensures that everyone in the pool deserves to be there. When entering the Pool House, present your lot number to the lifeguard on duty and pay for

any guests you may be bringing along. You will then be "buzzed-in" to the locker rooms. Note: The door facing the wading pool will remain locked at all times, except during swim meets.

Delinquency

If you have had your pool privileges suspended by a lifeguard, or your lot is delinquent in homeowners dues, you will be prohibited from using the pool. For renters, this means you need to make sure your landlord has paid their home-

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Park & Pool Information

Our park and pool facilities are the gems of our neighborhood. Proper use ensures maximum enjoyment by all. As spring returns and usage ramps up, please help us maintain the quality of the facilities by observing the following rules:



*Did You Know:
You can reserve the Picnic Shelter and Baseball field for your private party!*

Baseball field Member parents/coaches who want to use the park for regular afternoon practices (baseball, softball, soccer) may reserve the field on a one-day-per-week basis by calling the Park Director. Three time slots are available each spring (one team per slot), and reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning March 1. As a safety rule, no hardballs shall be used for batting practice (tennis balls are okay). If no teams are practicing, feel free to use the field to throw the ball around with your kids.

Picnic shelter Members may reserve the picnic shelter for private parties. From May 1 until the pool opens, picnic shelter reservations may be made by calling the Park Director. After the pool opens, reservations are handled by the pool staff (425-823-1520 during pool hours). In addition to the covered area and BBQ grates, parties may use the ball field (no hardballs please), horseshoe pits, and one tennis court. Pickle ball and volleyball equipment may be borrowed (ask the lifeguards).

Note: A \$30 cleaning deposit is required.

This deposit will be returned only if:

1. Garbage in all areas is picked up;
2. The big, green garbage can near the shelter is emptied into the dumpster by the Pool House;
3. Covered areas are swept;
4. Tables and benches are wiped cleaned; and
5. Borrowed equipment is returned to lifeguards.

Private parties are limited to 75 people, and a maximum of 8 non-resident guests may use the

pool during regular pool hours (guest fee of \$1 per person applies). Please give at least 24 hrs notice if you must cancel your reservation.

Pool Members may reserve the pool for private parties, subject to certain limitations. Private parties must be after regular pool hours and when no swim team events or practices are scheduled. From May 1 until the pool opens, reservations for the summer pool season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) may be made by calling the Park Director. After the pool opens, reservations are handled by the pool staff (425-823-1520 during pool hours). **Note:** A **non-refundable** fee of **\$30 per hour** applies to all pool parties to pay for lifeguards.

Pool Rules—The Short List

1. No glass allowed on the pool deck.
2. Swimmers must shower before swimming.
3. Swimsuits only; no cut-offs.
4. Swim diapers required for toddlers.
5. Parent or guardian must supervise children in the Wading Pool at all times.
6. Lifeguards are for your safety and have the responsibility and authority to discipline or eject unsafe or unruly members or guests.

Tennis courts Tennis courts are available on a first-come, first-serve (sic) basis, except during private parties. **The gate should be locked whenever the courts are not in use.** If you're the last one out, this means you! Lock combination is available from any Board member. If you provide the combination to your children, please make sure they are using the courts appropriately and are locking the gate behind them when they leave. Our new nets should last years, as long as people do not sit on them!

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Check the Pool House for more information on the new entry procedure.

owners' dues. If special payment arrangements have been made with the Treasurer, please present your confirmation letter.

Pool Security

After a couple of break-ins last year, we installed a new **security alarm system** and plan to add automatic exterior lights this year. Although no cash or valuables are stored there (do ice cream sandwiches count?), it was apparently an attractive target. For liability and insurance reasons, however, we could not allow this to continue. The new system also protects your assets: it has

fire sensors and can automatically summon the fire dept. **Returning lifeguards take note:** you will need a password to access the Pool House, unless you want to meet King County's finest.

Suggestion Box

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for the Pool Director, please drop them in the suggestion box in the Pool House foyer. All comments will be kept confidential. You can also email your suggestions and comments to: pool@kingsgate1.org

Clip 'n' Save: Upcoming Events in Kingsgate 1 & 2



You asked for it, here it is! Clip out this article and stick it on your frig!

March 26 Easter Egg Hunt 10AM in the Park. Ages 2—12 only, please. Five age groups will search for 988 eggs! The Bounce House will be back, too.

May 14,15 Clean-Up Days 9AM-4PM Help us spruce up the Pool and Park, earn a rebate (one per household) and get a free lunch! **Bring garden tools.**

[May 21 Make-up Day: Must sign-up with Kathy Kimball at least two days prior to qualify for rebate.]

May 28 * Pool opens *****

June 11 Kingsgate Mega Garage Sale

Includes Kingsgate 3&4, will be advertised in Seattle papers.

June 12 Kingsgate Family Game Day 4:00 - 5:30PM in the Park. An informal get-together; bring your own activities and equipment. Softball and barbecue?

July 9 Kingsgate Spirit Day 4:00—10PM Fun in the park, dinner by the pool, followed by a **Pool Olympics** and **Live DJ!** This year's theme: **Hawaiian**

August Movie in the Park* Got any suggestions?

August Pool Olympics II* One more shot at the gold!

August Teen Pool Nights* Two Fridays in August

Sept 11 * Pool closes ***** (depends on the weather and lifeguard availability)

*** Check the kiosk at the Pool House during the summer for updates!**

Neighborhood Garage Sale Set for June 11

Got some stuff you just can't justify hanging onto for another year? Sell it to a willing buyer and put some green in your pocket! Kingsgate 1&2 will be teaming up with Kingsgate 3&4 on Saturday, June 11 for a Neighborhood Mega Garage Sale.

Every June our associations take turns placing an ad in the Seattle papers for a community garage sale. Depending on the weather, the event can draw legions of bargain-hungry shoppers. Your old junk might be someone else's treasure! "It's amazing what people throw away."

Proceeds may not pay for your trip to Fiji, but it beats having to haul the stuff to the Transfer Center and pay to dispose of it.

The event is also a great way to meet your neighbors, or reconnect if you haven't had the chance lately.

So, put the rummage back in Rummage Sale and start digging through your house and garage. Rule of thumb: If you haven't touched it in a year, you probably don't need it. Second rule: price things low if you want them to sell.



*Did You Know:
Garages were originally
designed to store cars!*

Who's Who on the Kingsgate Highlands (1&2) Homeowners Association Board

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
President	Skip Felts	821-1034	president@kingsgate1.org
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Swim Team Liaison	Judy Field	821-0523	Call now to join the Royals!
Members At Large	Lynn Gipson	821-4387	
	Stephanie Taylor	820-0797	

Board Bulletin Board Time to get those dues in! Split them into three payments if you like, or contact Kathy Kimbell if you need to make other arrangements. We want to work with you! Our dues are modest, compared to other HOA's, and keep the Park and Pool looking good, which boosts your property value. Board policy is to file liens on all homeowners with dues owing for more than one year when no payment arrangements have been made. **About those RVs** It is a covenant violation to leave an RV parked beyond the front face of your house. We make exceptions for visiting guests during the summer months, but for just a few days at a time. If you've had an RV, boat or trailer docked in your driveway for months, it's time to move it into off-premises storage. (This applies to dump trucks, too!) Your neighbors will thank you .

Bits 'n Pieces

This section is devoted to items from the neighborhood. Email your bit to news@kingsgate1.org

New Swim Team Prez

Congratulations to **Deanna Crowe**, who has been elected President of the **Kingsgate Royals Swim Club**. For those of you new to the area, we have a neighborhood swim team that competes during in Division III of the **Midlakes Swim League!** Any resident age **BLANK** to **BLANK** can sign-up, no experience necessary (except, well, being able to swim). Although the Royals are not officially connected to the Homeowners Association, they have been using our pool since very early on in the life of our

community and have been a big part of what's great about living in Kingsgate. For more information, contact Judy Field.

Poop Patrol

Everybody loves pets; nobody loves poop, except when its picked up and disposed of properly. Whenever you or your kids take you four-legged friend out for some exercise, remember to bring a baggie, or shovel, or both. Let's make our neighborhood and park a No-Squish Zone!

letter to the editor, post a fond memoriam to a neighbor who has passed, send a "shout-out" to a deserving neighborhood kid (ask your grandkids what that is), or share your best gardening tips or favorite recipes. If we had more stuff to publish, we might do this more than three times a year!

Email is preferred, but you can also "snail mail" your submission to: Communications Director, PO Box 512, Woodinville WA 98083. All submissions will be edited for length and content.

Where's Your Bit?

Send us your Bits 'n Pieces! Send a



Two Clean-Up Days are scheduled this year.

Grab that rebate!