



Kingsgater Spring '06

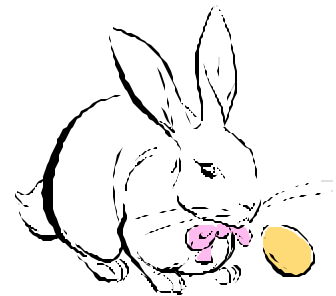
Easter Egg Hunt

All are invited to come to the Park Saturday April 15th to witness the Annual Kingsgate 1&2 Easter Egg Hunt. Actual egg hunting is open to children age 2—12 only. There will be **five age groups** vying for nearly 1000 plastic eggs. Each age group will also get to search for a carefully-hidden Golden Egg. If you find one, turn it in for a special surprise!

Egg Hunters: Be ready to go at 10AM, rain or shine.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to **Lynn Gipson**, who has agreed to coordinate this event once again this year. She will be in need of assistants, so if you would like to help, please email her: lynngipson@verizon.net

Volunteers are needed to stuff and hide eggs, hand out goodies, wear the white suit, and loosely supervise the egg-hunters. Event set-up begins at 9AM. Help us make this Kingsgate spring tradition fun for all!



The Bunny will make a triumphant return to the Park this year!

Annexation Wheels Turning

Annexation of the Kingsgate, Juanita and Finn Hill neighborhoods is moving ahead. According to a Memorandum issued March 6 by Dave Ramsey, Kirkland City Manager, "Annexation is clearly the most complex and significant undertaking that this City will be involved in for the next five years." Dave is about to get some help from the state.

On March 30th Governor Gregoire signed into law a bill that provides financial stimulus for cities like Kirkland. Quoting from a State Legislature press release of the same day:

"Sen. Bill Finkbeiner, Rep. Toby Nixon, and Rep. Larry Springer, the three members of the 45th District legislative team, were pleased to see the governor sign Senate Bill 6686 today in Olympia. The measure removes one of the last major obstacles to the proposed annexation of unincorporated areas into the city of Kirkland.

Finkbeiner was a co-sponsor of the measure and ushered it through both chambers. "There are incorporated areas like Juanita, Kingsgate and Finn Hill that would like

to be incorporated into a larger city like Kirkland," Finkbeiner said. "The difficulty is that Kirkland would need to provide services to nearly twice the number of residents. This bill eases the financial burden without placing an additional tax onto residents."

The language of the measure is narrowly crafted to address a small number of large annexations that are required under Washington's Growth Management Act but that have been held back because the cost of providing city-

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Park & Pool Update: New Reservation Forms



Did You Know:

You can reserve the Picnic Shelter and Ballfield for your own private party!



Did You Know:

You can reserve the pool for your own private party!

Our pool and park are the most valuable physical assets of our community. To maintain these facilities in good condition, to keep them safe for those who use it, and to be considerate of adjacent homeowners, rules and guidelines are needed. The Board has recently updated these, and added a new form (available on-line, or from the Park Directors) for reserving the picnic area or pool for private parties. A synopsis of our Park and Pool rules follows. For the complete text, contact the Park Director or visit our website.

- The pool and park are **private facilities**, use of which is limited to members in good standing, their immediate families and guests. Members are responsible for the conduct of their families and guests.
- Park hours are **6AM to 10PM** unless a scheduled activity has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Unapproved after-hours activities are subject to prosecution by King County Police under trespass laws.
- Conduct of a criminal or disorderly nature, including abusive language, or conduct that restricts the enjoyment of others using the park or of neighbors adjacent to the park is prohibited. Please alert the Park Director.
- The park, or portions of it (picnic area, ball field, tennis court), can be reserved by members for private parties. Guests must be accompanied by a member at all times. The children's play area may not be reserved.
- Malicious damage or the destruction of common property will result in suspension, plus homeowner liability to reimburse the Association for damages, plus possible criminal prosecution.

Picnic Area Reservations may be made by submitting a **reservation form** to the Park Director. Park parties are limited to 75 people. In addition to the covered picnic area, parties may use the ball field and/or one tennis court. A maximum of eight guests at park parties may use the pool during scheduled hours of pool operation. (Regular guest fees apply: \$1 per guest). Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by adults. **A refundable \$50 deposit is required with all park reservations** and is due seven (7) days prior to the party date. The deposit check will be returned only if all the required clean-up procedures are followed. Cancellations are allowed, but please contact the Park Director as early as possible.

Pool Reservations made be made by submitting a **reservation form** to the Park Director. The pool may be reserved for private parties and gatherings **before and after normal hours** of operation, subject to the following conditions: (a) The member reserving the pool must be in good standing; (b) The member reserving the pool **must be present** at all times during the function; (c) Pool reservations are limited to a **maximum** of two (2) weekend days per lot, per year; and (d) **The Park Director is the only person authorized to accept or modify reservations and update the schedule.** Pool staff will no longer do this. **Fees:** A refundable deposit of \$30 is required for all pool reservations and is due seven (7) days prior to the rental date. Except for inclement weather, cancellations received with less than 24 hours notice may result in the forfeiture of your deposit. The rental fee is \$30 / hr for two lifeguards. Groups of 50 or more will require a third lifeguard at an additional charge of \$15/hr.

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level services in the annexation area substantially exceeds the tax revenue the city would obtain from the area." . . .

Rep. Nixon, a resident of Kingsgate and leader of a homeowner association in the annexation area, has worked for several years to find a way to annex the area into Kirkland – a matter that gained renewed urgency with the opening this year of a casino close to his neighborhood. "This measure is aimed squarely at facilitating specific annexations in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, such as the Kingsgate area where I live" Nixon

said. "Many of these areas *want to annex into adjacent cities in order to get improved police, fire, and other services, but the cities can't afford it. The cities understandably don't want to either increase taxes citywide or reduce services citywide in order to complete these annexations. Since completing the annexations is a key part of state growth management policy, it makes sense for the state to help with temporary funding while the city absorbs the increased population and equalizes taxes and services across its entire area.*"



Remember:

Children under 12 must be supervised at all times by a parent or adult guardian!

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 fridge!

April 15 Easter Egg Hunt 10AM in the Park. Ages 2—12 only, please. Five age groups will search for 988 eggs! We need volunteers for this event!

May 13 Clean-Up Day 9AM-4PM Help us spruce up the Pool and Park, earn a rebate check (one per household) and get a free lunch! **Bring gloves, garden tools.**

May 20 Make-up Day: To qualify for rebate, must contact Kathy Kimball (820-4789) by May 18th to receive job assignment.

May 27 * Pool opens *****

June 10 Kingsgate Mega Garage Sale includes Kingsgate 3&4, will be advertised in Seattle newspapers. Lots of shoppers!

June Family Game Day* Tentative; subject to review

July 8 Kingsgate Day 4:00—10PM Fun in the park, dinner by the pool. Parade? This year's theme: **Unknown** Anybody want to volunteer to run this event?

August Movie in the Park* Tentative; subject to review

August Pool Olympics II* Tentative; subject to review

August Teen Pool Nights* Tentative; subject to review

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

*** Check the website and Pool House signboard for updates!**

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Rep. Springer worked for many years on the Kirkland city council and as Kirkland mayor to find a solution to funding the proposed annexations. He introduced several solutions in the House before the legislature settled on the funding mechanism in SB 6686.

"I am pleased after two years of trying and four different bills we have passed legislation that will allow cities to fully meet their obligations mandated by the state GMA," said Springer. "The City of Kirkland has been trying to solve the annexation problems since 1995. This legislation is a win-win that will allow the residents of Kingsgate, Finn Hill and North Juanita to receive much needed services without having to raise taxes."

Because Kirkland bans cardrooms within its boundaries, completion of the Kingsgate annexation would likely result in closure of the cardroom at the Casino Caribbean. All three legislators have publicly opposed the cardroom, including arguing against issuance of its liquor license and gaming license."

Footnote

While the skids of annexation have now been greased, actual annexation is still a few years off and will require several public votes. A vote by the residents of Kirkland to approve annexing us, and a vote of the residents of the affected areas to approve being annexed. There is a footnote, however, that provides guidance as to timeline: In order to qualify for the funding provided by SB 6686, **"...annexation must take place prior to January of 2010."**

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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Communications	Roger Clarke-Johnson	821-8076	news@kingsgate1.org

Thanks to Julie and Rita for stepping up and answering the call for new Board members! If **you** would like to help in any way, with any event or neighborhood issue, please let any of us know. We're all in this together!

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 RVs** It is a covenant violation to leave an RV or trailer 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. **And please: scoop your pet's poop.** Your neighbors will thank you!



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



*Clean-Up Day is when we
all get the Pool and Park
ready for summer.*

The Royals Swim Team Wants Your Children!

By Deanna Crowe, Kingsgate Royals Swim Team President, and Roger Clarke-Johnson

Calling all swimmers! We are getting ready for the 2006 summer swim team and WE WANT YOU! We are encouraging all Kingsgate 1&2 homeowners with children or grandchildren between the ages of 5 and 17 to consider joining. Swimming proficiency is desired, but our excellent coaches will be happy to teach your children, no matter what their skill level. Please contact us NOW if you are interested in having your children or grandchildren join the team. Official registration begins in April, and we would like to get a general idea as soon as possible regarding how many neighborhood kids are interested in swimming with us this year.

If you have questions or want to sign-up, please call **Kay Simpson (820-0376)** or send an email to: Royals@kingsgate1.org. For Royals news and info: <http://royals.kingsgate1.org/royals.htm>. The Royals Swim Team has provided great memories for many Kingsgate kids, but just in case you're still on the fence about joining:

Top 10 Reasons to Join the Kingsgate Royals:

10. A challenge for kids at their own level and ability
9. Fun, supportive, and encouraging environment
8. Physical activity provides strength, conditioning
7. Awards and recognition
6. Learn discipline and teamwork
5. Improve swimming skills and build confidence
4. Build friendships
3. Strengthen neighborhood ties
2. Swim Meets are a great family activity

And the number 1 reason to join the Kingsgate Royals Swim Team Hey, Donut Friday, Flapjack Friday, a possible lollipop twice a week, ribbons, trip to Wild Waves, Big Buddies, not to mention the adoration of cheering fans...need we go on? Last year's team advanced to the championships, and we look forward to another great team this year! **Come join us!**