

# The Kingstream Communicator

Kingstream Community Council - News Letter – February 2009

## President's Note

By Joan Talbert

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are well into the fall season. Summer events at Kingstream revolved around the pool and the swim team. While the July 4<sup>th</sup> Barbeque was very well - attended, the adult pool party in August had less than 30 people, perhaps due to a busy vacation time for residents.

The KCC Board is currently reviewing the 2009 Budget. It is our intention NOT TO increase the homeowner assessment in 2009. As the community and its physical assets age, the Board must remain vigilant to maintain and improve our assets. Last year, monies from the reserve fund were used to fund the pool renovation (the first time Kingstream has had a major pool renovation since it was constructed in 1988). This year, the Board will consider several potential expenditures from the reserve fund including resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts. In July, as a result of severe storms, KCC remove downed trees in Sugarland Valley and Kingstream. As a result, we discovered that the path behind Sugarland Valley homes are Kingstream property and has not been maintained. This fall, we are removing the limbs and debris from those paths while also maintaining Kingstream areas.

Lastly, we have received many inquires about the conditions of homes on Kingstream Drive near the Dranesville intersection. There are approximately eighty houses on Parkstream Dr. Streamvale Dr. and Kingstream Dr. which ARE NOT a part of the Kingstream Community Council. Rather, they are part of the Kingstream Homeowners' Association (KOA). The KOA president of has been contacted concerning particular homes and has advised the homeowners. We will continue to monitor these homes and remain in contact with KOA.

Do you have new neighbors? If you do, let us know so we can send them a welcome basket. Please email their address (and name if you have it) to [welcome@kccherndon.org](mailto:welcome@kccherndon.org).

## Kingstream Activities

By Erin Latimer

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kingstream Dog Swim did not take place this year, but please watch for notice next year's event!

The Kingstream Community Council will be hosting our first **Pumpkin Toss on Sunday, Nov 2, from 2-4 pm in the pool parking lot.**

Everyone MUST RSVP to reserve pumpkins! Pumpkins will be \$1 each. Please, no pumpkins from neighbor's porches.

Events:

1. distance-- 8 and under
2. distance-- 9-13 year olds
3. accuracy-- 9-13 year olds
4. distance-- 14 and up(adults welcome!)
5. accuracy-- 14 and up(adults welcome!)

Prizes for all 8 and unders, and prizes for the winners of each of the other events. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Teen volunteers welcome, and can get service hours.

RSVPs mandatory, so we can get enough pumpkins.

Please RSVP to [activities@kccherndon.org](mailto:activities@kccherndon.org).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Kingstream/>.

## Pool Notes

By Ken Valcourt

I would like to thank our pool committee and RCS Management for their efforts in keeping the pool environment safe, operational and fun for all this past summer. I also want to thank Palm Pools for quickly handling any issue brought to their attention. Moreover, it should be re-noted that Palm Pools went the extra mile for our community by keeping the pool open two full extra weekends in September free of charge!

In anticipation of the arrival of old man winter, the pool is now being closed up and winterized. Also, final renovation maintenance is being performed on it.

Looking ahead to spring 2009, the board is planning to have the inside of the pool house repainted and some wall areas re-patched. It has been quite a few years since its last painting. Also, since our current contract with Palm expired at the end of the season, a new request for proposal will be submitted by the end of November 2008. This will ensure KCC HOA continues to get the best service for the best price.

As always, please send any pool comments to [pool@kccherndon.org](mailto:pool@kccherndon.org). Enjoy the winter, stay safe and see you next year.

### Landscaping TO DO's

Paul DiCicco

A number of landscaping issues have been addressed since last spring. Around the pool area two new crepe myrtles were planted to replace the dead pine trees. The area behind the pool, along the path was cleaned out and mulched.

The drainage areas on Kingstream Cir and Eddyspark Dr. were cleaned out by Fairfax County. Also a number of large trees came down on KCC property behind Sugarland Valley Drive and Eddyspark from the storm that came through earlier in the spring and those trees were removed.

### Community Feedback Needed

Creating and publishing this newsletter is an important part of our community. Communication is key in bringing us all together, and keeping us informed about timely news and events.

The KCC Communicator offers the Kingstream community the opportunity to include announcements of community service projects, on a space-available basis. No buy/sell/trade announcements or items of a commercial nature will be accepted. Send your announcements to [communications@kccherndon.org](mailto:communications@kccherndon.org). The Board reserves the right to refuse to publish announcements and to edit them for content, length or clarity.

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### REMEMBER!

Board meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Hiddenbrook pool clubhouse, 1508 Sadlers Well Drive, Herndon. The Board usually does not meet in December.