

Committee Forming to Plan Kings Forest Revitalization

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Revitalization Committee Will Focus on Neighborhood Improvements

Residents invited to help preserve the distinctive character of Kings Forest



Back in the 1970's, Kings Forest was the premier village in Kingwood with its large stately homes on estate-sized lots. Of course, the community was a lot smaller then ---- Kingwood Drive ended at the entrance to Kingwood Country Club!

Since that time, the growth of new villages has been spectacular and new homes continue to be built. Although many of these homes are larger than Kings Forest homes and are filled with all of the latest designs and equipment, we believe that Kings Forest continues to be a very unique and special village. We still have stately homes on estate-sized lots; in fact, no other village has the lot sizes we have throughout their entire village. We also have the distinct

advantage of being located "up front."

The challenge we face today is to bring Kings Forest back to being viewed once again as a premier village. With all of our natural advantages -- and the value our homes represent in our wealth portfolios -- we owe it to ourselves to step back and look carefully and thoughtfully at our neighborhood. Where can we make improvements, both as individual property owners and as a village? What can we do to rejuvenate and revitalize Kings Forest?

To help guide us through these decisions, a new committee has been approved by the board of trustees to focus on revitalization, chaired by Suzanne Harssema and Tricia Morley. Their first step will be to conduct a focus group of Kings Forest residents who want to share their ideas of how the overall appearance of Kings Forest can be improved. The recommendations of this focus group will be summarized in a report that will be presented to the board of trustees and shared with Kings Forest residents through *WoodNote*.

If you would like to be a part of this focus group, please email or call Suzanne or Tricia (see below) by *June 1* and indicate which Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in June you are available. They will try to schedule a date that matches common availability.

We Want to Hear Your Ideas

We are looking for Kings Forest residents who have a passion for Kings Forest and are willing to volunteer two hours for an open and candid discussion in a **focus group** that we'll schedule in June. We want to hear your perspectives on what needs to be done to improve and enhance our village.

Your time commitment will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Kings Forest Pool meeting room. As is customary with focus groups, current board of trustee members and section representatives cannot participate.

If you'd like to join us, please email your contact information and availability by June 1 to kings_forest_woodnote@yahoo.com or call (281)358-0144. (No walk-ins, please, as space is limited.)

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Summer Kickoff Party at the Kings Forest Pool

Reconnect with neighbors, meet new residents

Please join us for the Kings Forest Summer Kickoff Party on **Saturday, June 2nd**, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the community pool on Woods Estates Drive. We will provide chicken and beef fajitas as the main course, and beer and wine. If you would like anything else to drink please feel free to bring it with you.



If your last name begins with A through I, please bring a dessert to share; J through R, please bring an appetizer; S through Z please bring a side dish. We hope to have a great turnout this year so be sure to invite your neighbors to join you.

Although the party will take place at the pool, we will not have a lifeguard on duty so no swimming will be allowed. This party is our way of bringing Kings Forest neighbors together for an evening to visit with each other. If you have a couple of lawn chairs that

you could bring, it would help us out.

Date & Time:

Saturday, June 2

6:30 p.m. to whenever the party ends

RSVP by June 2:

Mary Ann Burckhardt at bluegemini522@aol.com or call (281)359-3484

WoodNote Is Being Revitalized Too

E-newsletter will keep Kings Forest residents updated on key issues

Those of you who have lived in Kings Forest for many years will recognize the *WoodNote*. Unfortunately, it has been dormant for a while. We are bringing it back into circulation as one way for residents to reconnect with this wonderful village. The newsletter will talk about plans to enhance the neighborhood and provide information about upcoming events, important board decisions, safety issues, resident concerns, and any other topics relevant to Kings Forest. It will be published approximately three to four times a year, or as local issues require.

This first issue is being mailed to every Kings Forest home but we hope that future issues can be distributed more efficiently and less costly. . . via email. Please send your email address to **Tricia Morley** at kings_forest_woodnote@yahoo.com. Those who cannot receive it by email can call **Suzanne Harssema** at **(281)358-0144** and ask to receive the *WoodNote* in their mailboxes.

We'd like to hear your opinion on this issue of *WoodNote* and what we're proposing as its focus. If you have topics that you would like to see covered in future issues, or would like to become a contributor, please contact us.

To our "older" residents -- we're glad you're still here! To our newer residents -- *Welcome!*

Important Dates

Kings Forest Pool Opens -- May 26

May: Open Weekends from 11 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m. • *June 1 through August 19*: Open Daily 11 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m., closed on Tuesdays • *August 20 through September 5*: Open Weekends from 11 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m. • Pool Phone: (281)358-3699 • Pool Management: (713)256-3810 •

Board of Trustees Meeting -- June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Board meetings are open to any Kings Forest resident who wants to learn about problems being addressed. Come listen to discussions and share your insights on topics of concern. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the Kings Forest Pool building, 2615 Woods Estate.

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WoodNote is distributed quarterly to residents of Kings Forest. Please send announcements, articles or story ideas to kings_forest_woodnote@yahoo.com or call us at (281)358-0144.