

News of KINGS POINT

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2022 KP Paving Project



It's that time of year again! The Kings Point 2022 Paving Project is set to begin the first week of March and is expected to run through March 15th. For those who may not know, the Master Association keeps a spreadsheet wherein it records the last time every street was maintained (milled and paved). Annually the list is updated, and streets are identified as those that have not

been paved for the longest time as well other paving candidates identified due to deteriorating conditions. Streets are then inspected for current conditions, and those which need attention most are chosen annually based on actual condition while others are identified as near-term candidates for upcoming years. Hence streets are cared for consistently, none are

allowed to deteriorate beyond a reasonable condition and the amount of paving required in any given year is never financially overwhelming. This program has been in place for over 20 years with roads typically lasting 12 to 20 years between paving with occasional exceptions. The diligence of the Master's annual paving program has kept the roads in Kings Point maintained in good condition and is often complimented by consulting engineers and paving professionals.

While every effort will be made to stick to the schedule, the Master asks that you understand paving is a fluid process and weather or other conditions could affect the timeline. Any and all updates regarding paving will be sent to Association presidents, posted on LED signage throughout the community and updated on the Master's website, www.kpmaster.com/paving. Frequently asked questions, shuttle information, maps of areas to be paved and temporary parking maps are also available on the site.

WWW.KPMASTER.COM/PAVING

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

By: MaryAnn Meeker

Hurricane Season will soon be back. The Hurricane Season runs from June 1st to November 30th. The Kings Point community will be having a Disaster Preparedness Symposium on Monday March 7th at 9:30AM in the Kings Point Veterans Theater. This Symposium is the perfect time to get the latest information on preparing for a disaster.

is determined to be safe.

- The Kings Point Main Clubhouses (Main & South Clubhouses, 2020 Centre, Cyber Café, Gate Houses, etc.) are not a designated Evacuation Zones.

We will have several presenters with valuable information, at the March 7th event, we encourage you to attend. You will be told about Emergency Shelters (and who qualifies), how to stay informed and to prepare for Before - During -After.

Bring a note pad so you can write all the suggestions and get the information from the presenters.

Breakfast items and coffee will be served, compliments of USI and Vesta Property Services.

Hope to see you there!

The Rules of the Road are not Optional

By: Deputy Jeff Merry



Sun City Center is a wonderful community in which to live, work, and play. Even so, at times it is very frustrating to navigate. There are an estimated 15,000 cars, 11,000 golf carts, and 2,000 bicycles within our community. This does not include the surrounding areas of Wimauma and Ruskin, whose residents come to the area for commerce. With that in mind, we all need and want voluntary compliance with traffic laws to reduce incidents, accidents, and injury.

Motor Vehicles and Golf Carts:

The most common traffic complaint is the excessive speed of cars. Most roadways within Sun City Center are posted 35 mph and the roads in Kings Point are 25 mph. Fines for speeding begin at \$153.00. The next most common issues with vehicle drivers is their failure to come to a complete stop at stop signs and failing to signal. When approaching a stop sign the car or golf cart must cease all motion, slowing down does not count as a stop. Another issue is the improper left turn where Rickenbacker Drive intersects with Valley Forge. Beginning to turn right then making a U-turn is failure to obey a traffic control device and a \$153.00 fine.

Golf Carts:

Golf Carts are motor vehicles and therefore must adhere to all traffic laws, including stopping at stop signs and signaling their turns. They are not allowed on State Highways, including 301 and 674. There are designated crossings for these highways. They are not allowed on the roadways after dusk or before dawn. No motor vehicle, including golf carts, are allowed on any sidewalk. Violations of these laws could incur fines beginning at \$153.

Cyclists:

Bicycles have the same right to the roadways. Vehicles must give bicycles a 3 foot buffer. Bicycles must travel the same direction as traffic. Bicycles can be ridden on sidewalks but they must yield to pedestrians. They can be ridden after dark with headlamps and taillights.

General Parking:

Cars should not park in golf cart spaces because the spaces are narrower and shallower. In addition, it may impede emergency vehicles if a car is in a golf cart spot. Golf carts may park in handicap spaces if they display a handicap placard, because the placard is issued to the individual not the vehicle. County Ordinance makes it illegal to park motor vehicles and golf carts on or obstructing sidewalks. Cars may park on the side of the road so long as they are parked with the direction of travel and within 18 inches of the curb.

Walking:

Pedestrians are allowed to walk on county roadways. They must walk against the flow of traffic, on the left side of the road, and close to the curb. Walkers are encouraged to wear reflective clothing so drivers can see them more easily.

The best policy is education and voluntary compliance; however, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office can and does write traffic citations for those in violation of these and other Florida State Statutes. Most of these traffic laws are covered in the Sun City Center Golf Cart Handbook, which is reprinted with updates every year. The handbook is available at the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce.

Kings Point Disaster Planning Symposium 2022

DISASTER PLANNING

MONDAY MARCH 7th, 2022
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Get information about how to plan and prepare for hurricane season!

Purpose:

- Inform the unit owners regarding preparation and safety in the event of a severe storm or other disaster.
- Inform residents regarding services (and suspension of services) during a disaster.

Location:
VETERANS THEATER
North Clubhouse
1900 Clubhouse Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Who you gonna call?
What you gonna do?

KINGS POINT

March will be here soon! We're past the last chance of frost which means we can start spring gardening: pruning, recycling, spreading mulch, planting vegetables and checking your inground irrigation system.

It's a good time to shape and reduce the size of landscape plants. We experienced more winter cold spells than normal this year, and many of us had significant freeze and frost damage. Don't prune Gardenias and Azaleas until after they have bloomed. For ornamental grasses, cut the stems to 4-12 inches above the ground, depending on the size of the clump.

Check your inground irrigation system. If you have misdirected sprays, plant interference or leaks at the base of your pop-ups, these issues need attention.



Green Light on Gardening in Hillsborough County

By" Lynn Barber, Florida-Friendly Landscaping TM agent, UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County



Sooner is better than later. Recycle your landscape clippings in your compost bin. If you're raking oak leaves, compost or use them as mulch in a landscape bed. To learn about the do's and don'ts of composting, sign-up for a composting workshop offered once a month from February through November, currently via ZOOM and in person. Use your browser to access Hillsborough County Extension Calendar of Events.

Before the temperatures get too high and mulching becomes a challenge, take the time now to apply organic mulch if it is less than 3 inches deep. Move mulch away from the stems of your plants. It's a great landscape addition because mulch adds nutrients to the soil when it decomposes, retains soil moisture, reduces runoff and erosion, regulates soil

temperature, suppresses weed growth and protects plants from lawn mowers and weed eaters.

What to do and when? It's easy. View "Ask IFAS" Central Florida Gardening Calendar, which provides a month by month list of what to plant and what to do; such as pest control, pruning, lawn maintenance and irrigation. Another excellent resource that will make your life easier is the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide. This publication helps you plant the right vegetable at the right time of year and contains information on soil preparation, fertilization, irrigation, pest management approaches, planting dates, days to harvest and more. While you can purchase many varieties at garden stores, it is important that you are purchasing recommended varieties. This publication provides varieties and other important notes

about staking, harvesting and moisture.

We will be planting beans, southern peas, peppers, sweet potatoes and tomatoes in March. If you like to grow your own herbs and spices, consider basil, lemon balm, mint, oregano and rosemary. Bulbs provide color, form and texture. Some beauties are Amazon lily, crinum, and agapanthus.

For assistance with horticultural questions, call: 813-744-5519. Planting a garden with family and friends is productive and fun. Consider joining a community garden in your area. Life's too short not to garden.

Lynn Barber is the Florida-Friendly Landscaping TM agent for UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County. Contact her at labarber@ufl.edu.



First Day of Spring 2022: The Spring Equinox

By: www.almanac.com



In 2022, the spring equinox occurs on Sunday, March 20. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the start of the spring season. What does equinox mean? What happens on the equinox? What determines the first day of spring? Before you try to balance that egg, read this!

What Is the Spring Equinox?

In the Northern Hemisphere, the March equinox (aka spring equinox or vernal equinox) occurs when the Sun crosses the equator line, heading north. This event marks the start of the spring season in the northern half of the globe. After this

date, the Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures. (In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite: the March equinox marks the start of autumn, as the Southern Hemisphere begins to be tilted away from the Sun.)

When Is the First Day of Spring?

In 2022, the March equinox happens on **Sunday, March 20, at 11:33 A.M. EDT.** In the Northern Hemisphere, this date marks the start of the spring season.

*Due to time zone differences, this equinox will technically occur on the next day in some parts of the world.

What Does Spring "Equinox" Mean, exactly?

The word equinox comes from the Latin words for "equal night"—aequus (equal) and nox (night). On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world. On the equinox, Earth's two hemispheres receive the Sun's rays about equally.

Spring Equinox Dates and Times

Year	Spring Equinox (Northern Hemisphere)	Spring Equinox (Southern Hemisphere)
2022	Sunday, March 20, at 11:33 A.M. EDT	Thursday, September 22*
2023	Monday, March 20, at 5:24 P.M. EDT	Saturday, September 23
2024	Tuesday, March 19, at 11:06 P.M. EDT	Sunday, September 22
2025	Thursday, March 20, at 5:01 A.M. EDT	Monday, September 22

What Happens on the March Equinox?

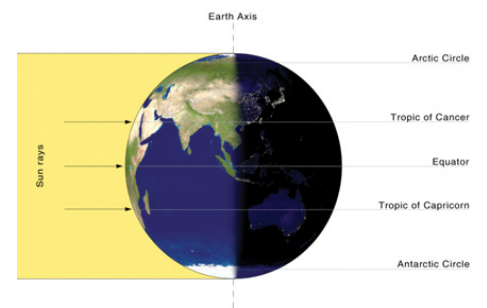
On the March equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. It's called the "celestial" equator because it's an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator.

If you were standing on the equator, the Sun would pass directly overhead on its way north.

Equinoxes are the only two times each year that the Sun rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun. Although in most locations (the North Pole and Equator being exceptions) the amount of daylight had been increasing each day after the winter solstice, after the spring equinox, many places will experience more daylight than darkness in each 24-hour day. The amount of daylight each day will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June, during which the longest period of daylight occurs.



See Something, Say Something

We have all seen or heard this at some point and maybe you have even said it yourself. But how about changing the meaning and challenging ourselves to catch someone doing something good? Kings Point is an amazing community made up of great people! Let's look for the good, the positive, and the inspiring in our community! It becomes so easy to point out what we don't care for in our lives and sometimes hard to recall the precious moments. Here are just a few things we

love about our community, and we would ask you to share what you love about Kings Point.



- * Saying hello to those passing by on their afternoon walk and talking sports with them.
- * Telling the neighbor who works tirelessly to keep their lawn and garden immaculate, that you appreciate and admire what they do.
- * Meeting neighbors that we've never met at a community gathering.
- * Neighbors keeping our community safe and clean.

The numbers of volunteers that live in our community are countless and too many to name here. These people do not get a special award or accolade, but it is so nice to see them caring for each other and the community we live in. What a nice gesture to stop and tell someone thank you or I appreciate you. Kings Point is a wonderful place to live because of people like you! So we are calling for all of us to "Catch Someone Doing Something Right" and tell them about it.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

The 15 Most Interesting St. Patrick's Day Facts

By: ProFlowers.com Blog


As St. Patrick's Day draws closer, we'll soon be searching for that green Shamrock shirt, scanning Pinterest for (easy) Corned Beef recipes, and picking up a little whiskey or Guinness to get ready for the celebration. Sure we love to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but where did these traditions come from and how are we celebrating them today? We've picked some of the most interesting St. Patrick's Day facts and tidbits for you to share in your party conversations! Here are 15 of our favorite facts and tidbits about St. Patrick's Day:

- 3. Shamrocks are the national flower/emblem of Ireland.
- 4. The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue.
- 5. Beer is one of the most widely consumed beverages on St. Patrick's Day.
- 6. Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.
- 7. 1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river green for St. Patrick's Day.
- 8. Guinness is one of the most popular drinks on St. Patrick's Day. Here are 34 recipes:
- 9. Shamrock shakes are also very popular (and tasty!):

- 1. St. Patrick's Day is an Irish national holiday with banks, stores, and businesses closing for the day.
- 2. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).

- 10. There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- 11. The real St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family.
- 12. Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.
- 13. The world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade is held in an Irish village. It lasts only 100 yards, between the village's two pubs.

- 14. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Chicago dyes the river green for a few hours.
- 15. St. Patrick never got canonized by a pope, making his saintly status somewhat questionable.

YOU'VE BEEN ASKING ABOUT FUTURE SHREDDING DAYS
The Kings Point COA is targeting another shredding day for April, depending on availability. More information forthcoming.

FEBRUARY MEETING LOTTERY DRAWING WINNER (\$25)
SHARON BERNICO - GLOUCESTER N
CONGRATULATIONS!

KPCOA MEMBERS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH 2, 2022:
KPCOA MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING AT 2:00 PM IN THE BANQUET ROOM OF THE MAIN KINGS POINT CLUBHOUSE.

SENIORS IN SERVICE PRESENTATION AT FEBRUARY 1, 2022 BUSINESS MEETING



Chris Noble, Community Engagement Manager for Seniors in Service, spoke at the COA February Business Meeting. Seniors in Service recruits and engages volunteers to help local nonprofits achieve their mission. They match volunteers with the service opportunity of their dreams!

Seniors in Service offers a variety of initiatives: Senior Companions; Telepals keeps people socially connected through telephone reassurance; Health Buddies offers companionship to help individuals manage chronic conditions; Children Learning Programs; to name just a few of the programs available for seniors to get involved.

THANK YOU TO CHRIS NOBLE FOR SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP.



GUEST SPEAKER

KINGS POINT GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

The COA is working on an ongoing Guest Speaker Program to bring new important information to our Members. If you have suggestions regarding topics you would like to recommend that we consider including in the program, please email kpcoa@yahoo.com



THE 2022 KINGS POINT COA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

You've been asking about it. Since the Yellow Book no longer publishes our COA Membership Director, we have had to search for a publisher for this work. Several printing companies are no longer in business, and we are searching for the best solution for the Kings Point COA.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

By: hillsboroughcounty.org



Project SAFE, a Hillsborough County and American Red Cross partnership, provides smoke alarms at no cost for residents in unincorporated Hillsborough

Keri Jackson recently discovered Hillsborough County Fire Rescue's program to install battery-powered smoke alarms in unincorporated Hillsborough residences that don't have them.

She reached out to Fire Rescue, which then installed three smoke alarms in her Town 'N Country home. Keri doesn't wear her hearing aids when sleeping, so one of the alarms has a strobe light. "I'm grateful that should something happen, the strobe light alarm will alert me," she says.

The County and the American Red Cross, which provides the smoke alarms at no cost, have partnered on Project SAFE (Smoke Alarms for Everyone) since 2013. Working smoke alarms, both battery-powered and hard-wired versions, can reduce home fire fatalities by 50 percent.


Hard-wired systems generally are favored because if one smoke alarm in a residence goes off, they all do. Hard-wired alarms are in many newer homes and have a back-up battery in case of a power failure. Smoke alarms powered solely by lithium batteries function individually.

Residences should have multiple smoke alarms. It's important to replace them, regardless of type, every 10 years. Sometimes, people disable the alarms, or the batteries die and residents don't realize the emergency devices no longer work.

Fire Rescue installed battery-powered smoke alarms in more than 150 residences in 2021. Project SAFE also provides and installs uniquely equipped alarms, like Keri's strobe, for residents with hearing impairments or children with special needs.

Firefighters offer tips and information during their visits, emphasizing that most fire-related residential deaths are caused by smoke inhalation, not burns. They recommend families have an escape plan in case of fire, and an outdoor meeting place - a mailbox, a telephone pole, a neighbor's house - so it's clear everyone escaped safely.

For more information, call (813) 272-6600.



KPCOA OFFICE HOURS
1902 Clubhouse Dr. Suite B
Sun City Center, FL 33573
Ph. 813-633-1710
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Spring and the Wildlife in Kings Point

Springtime is upon us, so we would like to remind the Kings Point community that feeding the alligators is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Feeding them can lead the animals to overcome their fear of people and teach them to associate people with food.



As we approach mating season the alligators will be become more active. They are most active between dusk and dawn so please plan accordingly to reduce your chances of running into them. If you are a pet owner keep your pets on a leash and away from the water as they can resemble natural Prey.

In addition, it is also Sandhill Crane mating, nesting, and hatching season. With less than 5,000 breeding cranes in the state, please admire these amazing birds from a distance, slow down for these slow-moving birds, and remember that feeding them is illegal in this state.



If you spot someone feeding an alligator or if you find an alligator anywhere else he should not be, please contact the Master Association right away at 813-812-7559 so we can dispatch our contracted alligator trapper.

This Month In History...

- March 1, 1872 - Yellowstone becomes the U.S.'s first national park.
- March 2, 1887 - The first Ground Hog Day is observed in Punxsutawney, PA
- March 3, 1931 - The Star-Spangled Banner becomes the National Anthem
- March 4, 1789 - The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect.
- March 6, 1981 - Well known and loved Walter Cronkite signs off as anchorman off the CBS Evening News
- March 7, 1933 - Monopoly board game is invented.
- March 7, 1876 - Alexander Graham Bell patents the Telephone.
- March 8, 1817 - The New York Stock Exchange is founded.
- March 9, 1959 - Mattel debuts Barbie dolls at the International American Toy Fair in
- March 12, 1912 - Girl Scouts of USA were founded by Juliette Low of Savannah, GA.
- March 12, 1965 - The song "Wooly Bully" by Sam the Sham and Pharaohs is released as a single. Karaoke anyone!?
- March 19, 1918 - Congress approves Daylight Savings Time
- March 20, 1922 - The U.S. Navy commissions the first aircraft carrier, the USS Langley.
- March 24, 1958 - Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army.
- March 27, 1964 - The biggest earthquake ever recorded strikes Anchorage, Alaska. It measured 8.3 on the Richter scale.
- March 30, 1867 - The United States buys Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 M

Daylight Savings Time and Smoke Alarms

By: Sun City Center Community Emergency Response Team

Daylight savings starts on March 13, 2022. It is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Most smoke alarms use a standard 9-volt battery. However, not all 9-volt batteries are the same.



batteries, they have useful life in other applications or equipment.

Each smoke alarm has a warning sticker that lists which 9-volt batteries should be used with them. You should refer to the product label found on the back of your alarm (or the user's manual) to identify which type, brand, and battery model is recommended for your specific

alarm. Caution should be applied when considering the use of "10-year" 9-volt batteries, if they are not listed for use in your smoke alarm, do not use them.. It is a good practice to mark the date that you install them in your smoke alarm. Just because they were replaced with new

Smoke alarms lose their effectiveness over time due to the coating of dust and vapors that wait around a home and should be replaced after 8 to ten years of use. If you choose to replace your smoke alarms with new units, mark the inside covers with the date you replaced them for future reference.

This safety tip is brought to you by the Sun City Center Community Emergency Response team.



Master Maintenance Updates

Irrigation Repairs February



Misc. Repairs February



- 390 Upkeep Tickets
- 21 Mainline Breaks
- 35 Valve Repair/Replace
- 1 Pump Start Relay
- 2 Bicoeder Replacements
- 1 Faceplate Replacement
- 18 Alterations
- RTU replaced on UL40
- 4 Time Delay Relays

- 6 Sidewalk Repairs
- 3 Thermoplastic Crosswalks Installed
- 4 Pedestrian Crossing Signs Installed
- Leaking Weir Repair Sifield Greens
- Drain Grate Replacement Finsbury
- 4 Stop Sign Repairs
- 5 Tree Removals Closed Courses
- 4 Ligustrums Removed Kings Medians
- 1 Queen Palm Removed McDaniel
- 1 Holly Tree Removed Lancaster Common
- 3 Pine Trees Removed Kings Ext.

WINNERS

Winners of the Last Chance Silent Auction to Benefit Mary & Martha House.

Teresa Vollrath & Huber Stover!

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR KINGS POINTS RESIDENTS

After Hours
Emergency #
813-642-8990

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kings Point Garage Sale
March 4th 3 PM – 6 PM
(KP Residents only)
March 5th 9am-1pm
(All of SCC)
Kings Point North Clubhouse

KPSC St. Patrick's Party on the Patio
March 18th @ 5 PM – 8 PM
KPSC Outdoor Pool
Irish specials and music by The Prodigal Sons.

Kings Point Spring Fling
March 23rd @ 10 AM – 2 PM
KPCH Veterans Theater check out our local vendors! Blue Coconut BBQ Food Truck will outside as well as Urban E-Recycling collecting E-Waste.

The KPCH Pop-Up Series
April 8th - "Alter Eagles" and/or
April 11th - Mark Anthony Band A Tribute to Billy Joel. – 7:30 PM
Tickets - KPCH Box Office \$27 for individual shows \$45 for both.

The Brandon Ballet
April 9th @ 7 PM
KPCH Veterans Theater
Tickets - KPCH Box Office \$16 at the KPCH Box Office

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 1st @ 2:00pm
COA Meeting
KPNCH - Banquet Room

March 4th @ 9:30am
Federation Board Meeting
KPNCH - Card Room

March 9th @ 9:30am
Master Association Town Hall
KPNCH - Card Room

March 25 @ 9:30am
Federation Membership Meeting
Room - TBD

March 30 @ 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Master Association Round Table
KPNCH - Card Room

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