

News of KINGS POINT

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December 2022

2nd Annual Celebration of the Holidays 2022



Proceeds to Benefit
Mary & Martha House



We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Celebration of the Holidays will be held on **December 12th in the North Clubhouse!** There will be tasty entrées and desserts along with a collection of adult beverages. Numerous clubs will be stationed throughout the North Clubhouse to allow for some last-minute shopping, carolers will be strolling the halls, photos with Santa will be available, and thousands of dollars in raffle prizes will be won by the residents of Kings Point! We look forward to enjoying all the festivities!

Q: What is the Celebration of the Holidays, and what will the event raise funds for?

A: The Celebration of the Holidays will be held Monday, Dec. 12th from 4:15pm - 8:30pm throughout the KPNCH and in the Veterans Theater. This holiday celebration is sure to be the social event of the

season. Festivities will include a collection of tasty entrée samples, desserts, adult beverages, shopping with local clubs and vendors, raffles and Santa will be here too! Raffle prizes are being donated by KP vendors and local businesses. All proceeds will benefit the Mary and Martha House. For more information, please go to <https://marymarthahouse.org/>

Q: How do I attend the Celebration of the Holidays on Monday, Dec. 12th?

A: If you would like to participate in the raffle, shopping with our clubs, bidding on trees or wreaths, enjoy the strolling carolers, getting your photo with santa, or even just walking around to take part in the Holiday Spirit, feel free to come to the Kings Point North Clubhouse anytime between **4:15 pm-8:30pm**. The only fees involved are if you choose to participate in the raffle or if you

would like to purchase admission to the dining event.

Dining admission and raffle tickets can be purchased with Card, Cash, or Checks made payable to the Mary and Martha House. All Food and Beverage tickets can be purchased with Card, Cash, or Checks made payable to Vesta.

Dining Admission Wristbands were sold on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of November and no other wristbands will be sold as it is anticipated that wristbands will be sold out. However, if you missed the wristband sale for dining in the Veterans Theater, you will still be able to participate in the raffle and other festivities throughout the North Clubhouse.

Food and raffle tickets can be purchased in \$1.00 increments. Beverage tickets will be sold separately for \$4.00 for each ticket. All tickets can be purchased in advance and the night of the event.

Please bring your Kings Point ID to purchase tickets! Food tickets will only be sold to those with a valid entry wristband. Wristbands will serve as your entry ticket to the dining event, lost wristbands will not be replaced.



Cruise Tickets at the 1st annual Celebration of the Holidays 2021



Mary & Martha House in Ruskin (501 (c) (3) tax exempt corporation) provides emergency and transitional housing and support services to homeless women, victims of domestic violence, and their dependent children so that they will gain employment and successfully secure permanent housing.

COA's 3rd Annual Outdoor Holiday Decoration Contest



The Light Decoration contest will take place the evening of Fri., Dec. 16, 2022. 1st place is \$100, 2nd Place is \$50, and 3rd Place will receive an honorable mention. Your home will be on the judging route once registered. (Note - rain day for judging will be Sat. December 17th) **Only residents who are pre-registered will be included on the judging route. No other homes will be considered.**

TO PARTICIPATE YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER. GO TO KPMASTER.COM/HOLIDAYS AND SELECT THE REGISTRATION BUTTON UNDER THE SECTION (COA'S 3RD ANNUAL DECORATION LIGHT CONTEST) OR CALL 813-633-1710.

COA's Holiday Golf Cart Parade 2022 - Dec. 17th

Show off your creative and festive spirit by decorating your golf cart and participating in the parade. **1st Place - \$500, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$100.** Judging at 10AM Parade at 11AM The parade route is in Kings Point and more instructions will be announced soon.



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! KP RESIDENTS ONLY - REGISTER AT: KPMASTER.COM/HOLIDAYS AND SELECT THE REGISTRATION BUTTON UNDER THE SECTION (COA GOLF CART PARADE) OR CALL 813-633-1710.



2nd Annual Festival of Trees and Wreaths Nov. 28 - Dec. 12, 2022 Kings Point North Clubhouse



This year is the second annual Festival of Trees and Wreaths starting on November 28, 2022, and ending on December 12th, during the Celebration of the Holidays at the North Clubhouse. Last year, according to Sue Martucci Organizer of the Festival, the total amount of bids for the themed trees and wreaths totaled over \$3,000 dollars, the highest bid totaling \$250.00. The item that was bid on the most was the "Quilters Christmas Stitches" Tree (Bid Sheet 17) that was created on behalf of the Kings Point Quilters Club. This year, all proceeds for the event will be helping a deserving local cause - My Warriors Place located in Ruskin. visit www.mywarriorsplace.org for more information.

This year, Sue Martucci requested donations of new or nearly new, themed, decorated, artificial trees (mini to 6') or wreaths for residents to bid on like last year. In addition, she also requested decorated dreidels and menorahs. We look

forward to seeing the entries this year at the Celebration of the Holidays.

Festival Application Forms with details are available at the front desk in the North and South Clubhouses and the 20/20 Center. Sponsored by the Kings Point Leadership Team. If you have questions, please reach out to Sue Martucci, Coordinator at suemartucci@gmail.com.



Last Years "Most Bid on Tree" Quilters Christmas Stitches

Menu

Station #1 Italian
Three Cheese Lasagna
Caprese Anti Pasta Skewers

Station #2 Mexico City
Mexican Street Tacos
Shrimp & Scallop Seviche

Station #3 Cubano
Mojo Pulled Pork Sliders
Black Beans & Yellow Rice

Station #4 Cajun - New Orleans
Chicken & Andouille Gumbo
Muffuletta Sliders

Station #5 Desserts
Strawberry Shortcake
Chocolate Mousse
Hazelnut-Chocolate Crepes

Each item on the menu requires 3 tickets to purchase.

2022 Celebration Raffle Prizes



\$1,000 Amazon Card
\$1,700 weekend getaways
\$1,000 Carnival Gift Cards
Apple iPad
Apple Air pads
Apple Watch
Tampa Bay Bucs Tickets
Tampa Bay Rays Tickets
Wine and Liquor Baskets
Theater Tickets
Thousands in gift cards
Various Service Certificates
And Much More!

Holiday Gift Ideas for the Gardeners in Your Life

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

With Christmas and the New Year right around the corner, it's time to ponder what to gift to your gardening friends. The classic holiday plant gift is poinsettia. However, this article will focus on two other great holiday plants such as amaryllis and gardenia.

Amaryllis is a bulb that produces large trumpet-shaped flowers. It is also a good container plant and can reach a height and spread of one to three feet. This bulb needs well-drained soil, has medium drought and low to no salt tolerance. It makes a great impact when planted in terraces, at gate entrances or as a border plant in groups of 10 or more. Plant this bulb between September and January. Amaryllis performs best in partial shade and well in sun. Propagation is from seeds, cuttings and smaller bulbs attached to the "mother" bulbs. You can leave bulbs in the ground for years or dig them up and replant them during September and October. Blooms



last for several weeks.

Gardenia produces fragrant white flowers and has glossy dark green leaves. This plant can reach a height and spread of four to eight feet. Full sun to partial shade provides the best flowering. Well-drained soil that has been amended with organic matter is preferred. This large shrub has medium drought and low to no salt tolerance. It should be fertilized two or three times each year. After flowering has been completed, it can be pruned. However, if you prune after Oct. 1, blooming the following year will be decreased. You propagate this plant by grafting or cuttings. Gardenia can be used as a hedge or groundcover, and it's beautiful in mass plantings or as a specimen plant. See <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/EP/EP33800.pdf>.

For the gardeners in your life, they may well want non-plant gardening related gifts. Consider giving items such as knee pads, a garden cart, a saw or pruner, gloves, seeds, bulbs, pots, mulch, potting soil, perlite, compost, plant hangers, composting bin, composting worms, microirrigation kit, garden sculpture, garbage cans (I only have eleven and could use more) and dozens of other items gardeners want or need.



The University of Florida Bookstore, <http://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu/>, has an amazing selection of gardening, health and nutrition, homes and home maintenance, health and nutrition, natural resources and wildlife, and so much more. Logo items include clothing, umbrellas, key chains, hats, children's books, toys and more. What a place!!

Offer your labor for a specific number of hours or tasks to perform for your friends who may not want or are not able to do them. Tasks could include weeding, planting, pruning, watering, propagating, fertilizing, mulching, relocating plants and more. Please get outside and garden so you can check things off your list, enjoy the outdoors and frolic with nature.

For information about upcoming horticultural programs, visit our website: <http://sfl.ifas.ufl.edu/hillsborough/> and check out our calendar of events.

December Holidays around the World

<https://worldstrides.com/blog/2015/12/december-holidays-around-the-world/>

Few months present as many multicultural celebrations as December. From Christmas to Omisoka, the last month of the year is a "world of holidays." Let's take a look at some of December's holidays around the world.

Christmas

In the Christian faith, Christmas is the historical celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether celebrated for this religious reason or solely as a cultural celebration, Christmas traditions vary around the world. While Americans celebrate with Christmas trees, visits from Santa Claus, and dreams of snowy landscapes, Christmas falls during Australia's summer, where it is popular to go camping or to the beach over the holiday. Some Australians decorate a "Christmas Bush," a native Australian tree with small green leaves and flowers that turn red during the summer.

In England, Christmas traditions are similar to those in the United States, but instead of leaving milk and cookies for Santa Claus, children leave mince pies and brandy for Father Christmas. In Iceland, capital city Reykjavik turns into a winter wonderland with its Christmas market and for the children, there is not one but thirteen Santa's, known as Yule Lads. One arrives each night in the thirteen days before Christmas, leaving small gifts in shoes left in windowsills. Read more about how Christmas is celebrated around the world here.



Hannukah

Hanukkah, or Chanukah, is an eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the re-dedication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean Revolt. Those who took part in the re-dedication witnessed what they believed to be a miracle. Even though there was only enough untainted oil to keep the menorah's candles burning for a single day, the flames continued to burn for eight nights.

Also known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. Celebrations revolve around lighting the menorah. On each of the holiday's eight nights, another candle is added to the menorah after sundown. The ninth candle, called the shamash ("helper"), is used to light the others. Typically, blessings are recited and traditional Hanukkah foods such as potato pancakes (latkes) and jam-filled donuts (sufganiyot) are fried in oil. Other Hanukkah customs include playing with dreidels and exchanging gifts. Learn more about Hanukkah here.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 after the Watts riots in Los Angeles. He founded US, a cultural organization, and started to research African "first fruit" (harvest) celebrations. From there, he combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations to form the basis of Kwanzaa.



The name Kwanzaa comes from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, families gather and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara, then one of the seven principles, values of African culture, is discussed. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31. Learn more about the principles of Kwanzaa here.

Boxing Day

Boxing Day takes place on December 26. Only celebrated in a few countries, the holiday originated in the United Kingdom during the Middle Ages. It was the day when the alms box, collection boxes for the poor often kept in churches, were opened and their content distributed, a tradition that still happens in some areas. It was also the day servants were traditionally given the day off to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Boxing Day has now become a public holiday in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, among other countries. In England, soccer matches, and horse races often take place on Boxing Day. The Irish refers to the holiday as St. Stephen's Day, and they have their own tradition called hunting the wren, in which boys fasten a

HOLIDAY SAVE THE DATES

December 1st at 5:00 PM
KP Chorus Joyful Sounds Concert
 KPCH Veterans Theater,
 Tickets are \$10 at the KPCH Box Office

December 3rd - 9am-2pm
Holiday Arts N' Crafts Fair
 Kings Point North Clubhouse
 80+ handmade crafts tables!

December 6th - 5pm
New York Club Holiday party
 KPCH Veterans Theater
 Food by Banquet Masters and music by Kevin Brooks. Military hats are welcomed. Members \$25.00 guests \$28.50. For further information, please contact Frank Gatto at 813-633-6942.

December 12th 4:15pm - 8pm
Celebration of the Holidays
 Kings Point North Clubhouse
 Food-Thousands in Raffle Prizes!

December 16, 2022 - At Dark
COA's Holiday Light Contest
 Prize for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place!
Preregistration is required!
 You can register at kpmaster.com/coadecorationcontest, call 813-633-1710, or visit the COA office. Registration Deadline is Dec. 13th at noon

December 17, 2022 - 10 am
COA's Golf Cart Parade
 Prize for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place!
Preregistration is required!
You must be a Kings Point Resident To Participate.
 You can register at kpmaster.com/golfcartparade, call 813-633-1710, or visit the COA office. Registration Deadline is Dec. 13th at noon

To Keep up to date with the Holiday events in Kings Point visit kpmaster.com/holidays or check us out on Facebook @kingspointmasterassociation

fake wren to a pole and parade it through town. The Bahamas celebrate Boxing Day with a street parade and festival called Junkanoo. Learn more about the origins of Boxing Day here.

Ōmisoka

Ōmisoka, New Year's Eve, is considered the second-most important day in Japanese tradition as it is the final day of the old year and the eve of New Year's Day, the most important day of the year. Families gather on Ōmisoka for one last time in the old year to have a bowl of toshikoshi-soba or toshikoshi-udon, a tradition based on eating the long noodles to cross over from one year to the next.

At midnight, many visit shrines or temples for Hatsumōde. Shinto shrines prepare amazake to pass out to crowds and most Buddhist temples have large cast bells that are struck once for each of the 108 earthly desires believed to cause human suffering.



Is your medicine cabinet full of expired drugs or medications you no longer use? Keeping unused, expired, and unwanted prescriptions and medications in your home can have tragic consequences. The best way to dispose of your expired, unwanted, or unused medicines is through a drug take back program. One of the most successful drug take back programs is Operation Medicine Cabinet, right here in Sun City Center. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Home Instead



The Right Way To Take Care of Your Old Medicines

Submitted By Sheriff Merry

Senior Care Brandon partnered to start Operation Medicine Cabinet in 2006. It gave local residents a way to safely dispose of these types of drugs and avoid the potential for self-harm. Kristi Campbell, founder of Home Instead Senior Care Brandon, and then Community Resource Deputy Robert Thornton, started the program. Too many people in Sun City Center were making medication management errors and ending up in the hospital. Another reason for the collection is the improper disposal of drugs when folks flush them down the toilet or throw them in the trash. This contaminates our public water supply and county landfills.

On Friday, December 2, 2022, from 8 a.m. until noon, current Sun City Center Community Resource Deputy Jeff Merry will be collecting any and all

unused and expired medications. This includes prescription medication, over the counter medication, pet medication, liquid medication, and sharps. Just drive to Community Hall, located at 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, and had them your medication. It is not even necessary to get out of the vehicle. Put those drugs and drug containers in a grocery bag and hand them over. Everything is accepted as is, you don't need to remove any labels, and we don't ask questions. It is completely confidential.

Once drugs are taken into custody, they're boxed and officially sealed, labeled, and transported to the HCSO District 2 office in Tampa. They're securely stored until they can be taken for incineration in the same manner as illegal drugs and confiscated

guns. This program has kept the community safer from medication errors and actually saved lives, it has also kept drugs out of the hands of contractors, service providers and relatives who either end up personally misusing them or illegally selling them on the street.

The event is open to anyone and conducted twice a year, April and December. For more information, call Deputy Merry at 813-242-5525 or Kristi Campbell at 813-684-1972.



On Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, the officers, and members of the combined Military Veterans Organizations of Sun City Center had their community patriotic observance honoring all branches of the United States Armed Forces. The observance started at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Association's Community Hall on South Pebble Beach Boulevard, Sun City Center. Before the ceremony began, the Sun City Center Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution served refreshments and a local High School provided each service man and woman an embroidered blanket in honor of their service to our country.

The observance began when the Grand Marshall, Dr. Ken Barringer, World War Two veteran, who led the honored attendees to the



Dr. Ken Barringer, US Navy, WWII Vet Escorted By Legionnaire Janet Taylor, US Navy (ret)

Veterans Day Celebration - CA's Community Hall



Memorial Outside of the Community Center Sun City Center

stage. Once all were seated, the welcome address was given by LTC Paul Wheat, Commander of the American Legion Post 246. Following the welcome, the introductions, the invocation, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of our National Anthem was performed. Once the audience was seated, the tribute to the honored Grand Marshall, Mr. Barringer was given by Legionnaire Janet Taylor, US Navy Retired, honoring the Grand Marshall for his achievements as a serviceman.

The Trinity Singers of the Sun City Center Trinity Baptist Church directed by Dr. Jim Burns did several terrific performances. They sang God Bless America, the Musical Interlude, and the Veterans Service Tribute which was an absolute delight. As they sang the anthem of each of the branches of the



Honored Speaker - Mr. Bob Black USA Korean War Veteran

United States Armed Services; the men and women who served in that branch would stand to get their recognition for their service for our country.

Bob Black, a United States Army Korean War Veteran who was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge as a member of the Second Infantry Division in the Korean "war" was there to present a speech. Mr. Black, a resident in Kings Point, presented an emotional and thought-provoking speech that moved every member of the audience. His experience as a writer and public speaking is profound; submitting articles for the New York Times, TIME magazine, & NBC to name a few. When he moved back to Sun City Center in 2002, he joined the News of Sun City Center as Senior New Editor and then became the Deputy Editor.

After Mr. Blacks moving speech, the ceremony began to come to a close with acknowledgements, the singing of God Bless America, the performance of Taps, The benediction, Retiring of the Colors, and the closing ceremony presented by LTC Paul Wheat. Finally, a wreath was placed at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Community Association's Community Hall by Grand Marshal Ken Barringer, assisted by Col. William Kirkpatrick, USAF (Ret) during the signing of America the Beautiful. Overall, it was a great ceremony, well executed, and definitely showed reverence to all of our service men and women of all branches of the United States Military.



Jim Hagerty Pres. of the Master Association and Eileen Peco Pres. of the COA are just a few of Kings Point residents in attendance.

Hillsborough Buys 487 Acres to Expand Wildlife Corridor in South County



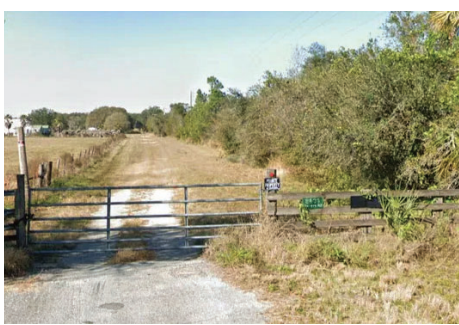
Hillsborough County, Fla. (Nov. 18, 2022) – Hillsborough County is buying a nearly 500-acre cattle ranch to help create a critical environmental corridor in fast-growing South County.

The 487-acre tract connects 9,000 acres of County preservation along the Little Manatee River with about 3,000 acres protected by the state. The land is in southern Wimauma and borders Manatee County.

Acquiring the property brings significant environmental benefits, including allowing the County and state preserves to function as a wildlife corridor. The property will help mitigate the impact of floodwaters, and the pasture areas will be restored to a more natural state. The contract allows the landowner to lease back the

property for two years while the existing cattle operation is shut down.

The purchase price is \$10.2 million and will be made through the County's Jan K. Platt Environmental Land Acquisition and Protection Program, which is funded through a voter-approved tax. The County will spend about \$1.2 million to restore the property and tear down existing structures on the land.



GOOD News.....

The monthly Board and Membership Meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 6th at 2pm in the Banquet Room of the North Clubhouse. We were able to reschedule Jim Taylor to talk about Veterans Benefits for Veterans and their spouses.

Jim comes to us as a retired US Army Major with 20 years of service. He is currently the DAV Chapter Service Officer for five years, and also serves as the commander of Chapter 110, Disabled Veterans in Sun City Center. He will be speaking on Disabled Veterans Benefits as well as other benefits for Veterans and their spouses. Please come to be better informed about information available to all Veterans.

Because we were not able to celebrate our Veterans on Nov. 11, 2022, as planned, we will continue to honor our Veterans with special refreshments after the meeting. Sponsored by the Condominium Owners Association of Kings Point.

Nov. 11th COA Shred Day Was A Success!



SHRED360 shredded 9,980 lbs. of paper. Selecting times for the residents to arrive assisted the COA in keeping the line running smoothly with very little wait time. We were grateful for the assistance of Security in directing traffic. The volunteers of the COA were there to answer questions and direct traffic. Thank you for all who took advantage of this service, the next Shredding Day will be Apr. 14, 2023, so mark your calendars now. From, your COA Volunteers.



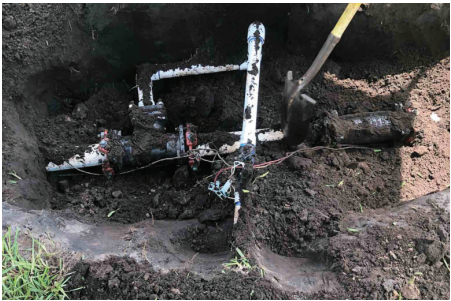
**DECEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
GAYLE HENDRICK**



She is a volunteer who has enriched the lives of the Happy Tappers (A Tap Group in Kings Point). She has tirelessly choreographed dances for the class for eight years. She not only leads the Happy Tappers but also leads a beginner class for anyone wishing to learn how to tap dance. The group has performed in many shows in Kings Point under Gayle's leadership. The group also performs dance routines to the local nursing homes to brighten the days of the staff and residents. The Happy Tappers meet at the North Clubhouse Tuesdays from 2-3PM and the beginner classes starts at 1PM.

All Volunteers who were nominated or received the Volunteer of the Month will be honored during a special Volunteer Banquet at the end of the year. More information coming soon. To submit a volunteer for consideration, please email master@kpmaster.com with the details of their community service.

**Master Maintenance Updates
Irrigation Repairs December**



- 114 Irrigation Inspections
- 316 Work Orders
- 21 Alteration Requests
- 6 Emergency Calls
- 12 Mainline Repairs
- 9 Lateral Line Breaks
- 11 Valves Repaired/Replaced

- 5 Control Boxes Replaced
- 4 Breakers Replaced
- 3 Lateral Line Reroutes
- 1 Moisture Sensors Installed
- 2 Control Boards
- 6 Decoders
- 2 Radios Replaced

Please Help Keep Our Community Safe!
October 15th - November 15th Traffic Count

- 31-35 MPH - 30,782 Vehicles
- 36-40 MPH - 1,241 Vehicles
- 41-45 MPH - 165 Vehicles
- 46-50 MPH - 25 Vehicles
- 51-55 MPH - 7 Vehicles



Warm welcome to the Masters Association's new landscaping contractor Russell Landscape!

Thank you to all of the donors helping to make the 2nd Annual Celebration of the Holidays Charity Event possible.

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KINGS POINT CLUBS

**December Club of the Month
Model Railroad Club**



The Model Railroad Club started more than three decades ago. It began slowly sharing the current room with several other clubs. The Track to run the trains was placed on portable modules which were set up and taken down as needed. As interest in the other clubs sharing the room declined, the Model Railroad Club took over the complete room and expanded track and scenery.

In addition to expanding the layout to fill the room, the club upgraded the way trains run. Originally trains operated using DC (direct current) power. For a train to move, increased voltage was applied and the train moved faster as the power increased. DC gave way to the DCC (Digital Command and Control) which puts computer chips into each engine. Engines are controlled by instructions sent to the engine instead of changing the power on the track. DCC allows multiple trains to run on the same track in different directions and at different speed.

Slow, evolutionary changes continue in the train layout. One recent change was to rename the cities in the layout for cities in Pennsylvania. Driving this change was the look of the mural backdrop for the railroad. The backdrop looked more like Pennsylvania than Florida. Track sidings have been added to increase overall track length and add some changes to members running trains.

Recently a big screen TV has been added to the Train Room. When the room is open, the TV is showing live views from the Virtual Railfan network of cameras. Cameras are set up on a number of high traffic train sites around the U.S. Having a view of real trains adds interest to running model trains.

Any community resident is eligible to join the Model Railroad Club. New members go through a trial period where they learn to operate trains and use the layout. Members

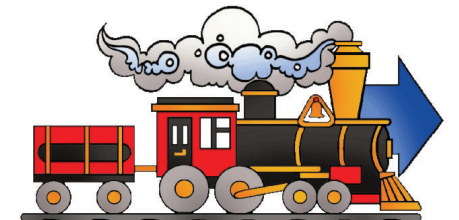
have access to the Train Room at anytime when the main clubhouse building is open.

To join the Model Railroad club, community residents may stop by the room in the North Clubhouse any weekday afternoon between 1 and 3 o'clock. If you have any questions you may send an email to tube_buff_0c@icloud.com. Current Officers of the club are, President: Chet Rindfuss, Secretary: Vic Dougherty, and Treasurer: David Mariconda

Although the club is always looking for an "expert", you do not have to have experience with model trains. Over the years the club has lost most of the original members. Current members are rapidly becoming experts and the club is always looking to community members with model railroad experience to become the next experts. However, members do not need model railroading experience.

The club meetings are in the Train Room in the Kings Point North Clubhouse. The Train Room is open weekday and Sunday afternoons from 1 to 3 o'clock. Guests are welcome to stop by and watch the fun. The club does periodically conduct business meetings when required. Generally, members meet when the Train Room is open during the week.

During an annual meeting held in January each year, club members vote on the dues for the upcoming year. For 2022, the dues are \$50 per member. New members also pay an initiation fee of \$30 and a small "key fee" for a set of keys to the Train Room. The keys allow members access to the room at anytime. New members go through a trial period. At the end of the period they become full members. Dues and key fees are collected from new members at the end of the trial period. Also, Each Christmas the Model Railroad Club operates a train around the building's Christmas Tree in the main lobby during the Celebration of the Holidays so be on the look out!



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Pattern and Coverage Updates

kpmaster.com/patternandcoverage

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 2nd @ 9:30am**
Federation Board Meeting
KPNCH - Card Room
- December 9th @ 2:00 PM**
COA Board Meeting
KPNCH - Banquet Room
- December 14th @ 9:30am**
Master Assoc. Board Meeting
KPNCH - Card Room
- December 16th, @ 9:30 am**
Federation Membership Meeting
KPNCH - TBD
- December 28th, @ 2:00 PM**
Master Association Round Table
KPNCH - Card Room
Association Board Members Only