

News of KINGS POINT

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On April 12, 2023, the Master Association held their Year End Board Meeting and presented a comprehensive report on the significant achievements made in Kings Point over the past year. One of the highlights was the successful passage of the Master Budget for the 2023-2024 year, which only included a minimal 20-cent increase for Kings Point residents. Furthermore, the association was able to secure increased insurance coverage at a substantially lower cost compared to other providers, with an increase of less than 3%.

A major project approved by the Membership was the Pattern & Coverage Project, aimed at improving the irrigation systems throughout Kings Point. The Irrigation team has already completed the irrigation enhancements in Cambridge M and is now incorporating driplines in the plant beds for the upper loop enhancement designs. The enhancements for Lancaster 3 will begin in the coming weeks, followed by Acadia and Oxford 1, with plans to continue the project in the other upper loop associations. To expedite the enhancement process, the ITS team is in the process of hiring a second crew. Additionally, all lower loop audits have been completed, and the Association has started scheduling meetings with the audited associations to discuss the findings. Audits for hub 41 (Princeton, Tremonts, Southamptons, Manchesters, Oxford 2, Villeroy, Somerset, Yorkshire, and Worthington) will commence shortly.

The Master Association has been actively addressing various maintenance and repair needs in Kings Point. In the past year, they have completed 4,577 work orders, conducted 12 consecutive months of irrigation inspections, processed 324 alteration requests, and



What is the Master responsible for? Operating all irrigation lines within Kings Point as well as the inspection, maintenance, and repair of all irrigation lines, emitters, pumps, controllers and all of irrigation system components.

What are the Associations responsible for? Any additional costs associated with: Enhancements/Upgrades, relocating lines and/or any irrigation work required to accommodate a building alteration, and/or repairing damage caused by other contracted work.

How does the irrigation system work? The process starts at the Communication Hub where it communicates electronically to the Baseline Controller that calls for water from the water source. The pump pulls the water from the water source to a Flow Meter and into the mainline. When the valves open, water is fed through the lateral lines to the emitters (sprays, rotors and dripline).

Another Successful Year here in Kings Point



responded to 69 emergency calls, with most of them resolved within 15 minutes. Notable repairs include the drilling of 2 new recharge wells and replacement of all Baseline components, which were covered under the 10-year warranty, resulting in savings of over \$86,000 for Kings Point residents. Additionally, thanks to Baseline and the experienced water manager, over 8 million gallons of water were saved this year. The Master Association also earned \$4,107 in Rainbird reward credits, which were used towards the purchase of irrigation supplies.

In December, the Master Association partnered with the COA and the Federation to raise over \$17,000 for the Mary & Martha House during the Celebration of the Holidays. The fundraising efforts included a raffle with over 100 prizes, such as a weekend getaway at the Gasparilla Inn, a \$1,250 Carnival Cruise Basket, and a \$1,000 Amazon gift card. The Master Association also successfully conducted the Disaster Planning Symposium, which provided valuable information to the community. This year, Kings Point faced the challenge of Hurricane Ian, but thanks to the pre-approval storm agreements with vendors, the Master Association was able to clean up all storm debris within 2.5 weeks. They also repaired all irrigation issues caused by the hurricane within 2 weeks, including the replacement of over \$40,000 in Baseline parts, which were covered under the 10-year warranty.

The Master Committees, including the Strategic Planning, Disaster Planning, Traffic, Pond, Finance, and Landscape Committees, have been actively working on various projects and presented detailed reports during the Board Meeting. Additionally, a new Gate Access Advisory Committee was established to review the need for an emergency access point and explore alternative locations. The committee is expected to announce their findings soon.

To recognize the invaluable contributions of volunteers in the community, the Master Association introduced the Volunteer of the Month Program this year. This program is designed to honor Kings Point residents who volunteer their time to help others in the community. Nominations can be made by emailing master@kpmaster.com with the volunteer's achievements and why they deserve recognition. In July, a small banquet will be held to thank the nominees for the volunteer and charity work.

Efforts to foster communication have included the monthly Presidents Round Table, where Association Presidents come together to discuss resident concerns. In addition, the "In Focus on Point" E-blast is sent out mid-month, providing valuable updates, and educational speakers, such as alligator and hog trappers, have been brought in to educate the community on relevant topics. We also publish the "News of Kings Point", a monthly publication delivered to residents via the United States Postal Service, keeping everyone informed and engaged.

Infrastructure has been the key focus area for the Master Association. In April, the paving of 15 roads in Kings Point was completed, totaling over 261,000 square feet. This follows last year's successful completion of 12 roads, covering over 398,000 square feet. The Master Association takes a strategic approach in selecting roads for improvement based on expert recommendations to prioritize areas in need.

Drainage has been a priority as well, with over 22 drainage issues addressed in the past year. Repairs and replacements of grates, storm boxes, and storm pipes have been carried out, although more repairs are expected due to the aging storm structures. The Master Association remains committed to addressing these issues in a timely manner.

Landscaping has seen significant improvements, thanks to the landscaping contract awarded to Russell Landscape in December. They have already removed 86 trees, conducted quarterly clean-up of closed courses, and tended to various areas including the Vilmont berm along Lyndhurst and the Oakley Buffer. Additionally, they have been diligent in changing out annual plant beds quarterly, enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal of Kings Point.

Maintaining the healthy ponds is also a responsibility for the Master Association. All 35 Master-owned ponds, as well as the 12 ponds on the leased golf courses, are inspected and treated monthly as needed. Efforts have been made to improve water quality and bank stabilization through the planting of over 4,000 pickerelweed and duck potato plants, supported by a \$2500 grant from the Audubon Society, matched by the Master Association. In addition to infrastructure and landscaping, the Master Association has been proactive in addressing other repairs and maintenance needs. Quarterly sidewalk pressure washings, repairs of 23 sidewalk issues, inspections of 4 bridges, and bench replacements have been completed. LED lighting has been installed at the back gate and gazebo at Hassel Park, and 98 signs have been repaired or replaced, despite some challenges with signs being knocked down due to resident driving.

As the Master Association reflects on the past year's accomplishments, they are optimistic about the future. With a productive year behind them, they are committed to continuing their success in the upcoming 2023-2024 year, working tirelessly to make Kings Point an even better place to call home.



Where does the irrigation water come from? Sections 1 and 2 are irrigated from deep wells which are regulated by SWFWMD. Most of Sections 3 and 4 irrigate from our ponds. However, a few Associations in these sections irrigate from shallow wells.

What is SWFWMD? The Southwest Florida Water Management District is the governing authority responsible for regulating and managing the water resources of a 16-county area in Florida, including Hillsborough County.

What is a spray head? An irrigation spray head is a type of sprinkler head that releases water in a fan-shaped pattern. These heads are typically used in small lawn areas, flower beds, or gardens. (Gallons per minute range from 0.5 to 3 GPM).

What is drip irrigation? Delivers water directly to the root zone of plants through a network of hoses with small emitters. The water is released slowly, drop by drop, minimizing water loss due to evaporation or runoff. Drip

irrigation is known for its efficiency, as it can reduce water usage by up to 50% compared to traditional irrigation methods. (Gallons per minute range from 0.5 to 2 GPM).

What is a rotor head? A rotor head is a type of sprinkler head that rotates, spraying water in a circular pattern. These heads are typically used in larger lawn areas or commercial applications. (Gallons per minute range from 2 to 10 GPM.)

How do I report irrigation issues? All issues should be reported to your Association's Irrigation POC. Your POC will put in a work order request to have the issue addressed.

How do I report irrigation emergencies after hours? Call our afterhours line at 1-866-263-3988

For irrigation information in KP including your water/inspection schedule, please visit kpmaster.com/irrigation.

Prevent The Spread Of Mosquitos And Fight The Bite

Ryan L. Terry - Public Information Officer Hills. County



The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County (DOH-Hillsborough) is urging all residents and visitors to protect against mosquito bites as the weather gets hotter and wetter. Preventing bites reduces the risk of a person getting infected with a mosquito-borne disease, known as an arbovirus.

- Empty and clean birdbaths and any pet water bowls at least twice a week.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that do not accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and keep chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

Fight the Bite by taking simple steps to mitigate the spread of disease by mosquitoes. Preventative measures such as **Drain and Cover** can make a significant impact on your home environment and prevent mosquitoes from laying and hatching eggs. Reducing the population of mosquitos helps decrease your likelihood of being bit.

Mosquito Bite Prevention

Using the right insect repellent and other preventive actions can discourage mosquitoes from biting you.

Follow these Drain and Cover tips to help prevent mosquito bites.

- DRAIN water from outside areas to reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.
- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots, or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.
- Discard old tires, bottles, pots, broken appliances, and other items not being used.

Cover with protective clothing while outdoors and keep doors and windows closed to prevent mosquitoes from going indoors. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves while outside when and where mosquitoes are most prevalent to discourage mosquitoes from biting.

Check and repair screens on doors and windows. Keep them closed and use air conditioning when possible.

Make sure window screens are in good repair to reduce the chance of mosquitoes indoors.

Use repellent on bare skin; DEET at 20% to 30% concentration works well for most people when used according to label directions; Do not apply to infants.

About the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County: The department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.



More than 40 species of mosquitoes reside in Hillsborough County, but you don't have to let them live in your backyard. We reduce mosquito populations through treatment and prevention.

To find out more, about reporting mosquito issues in the area, to see the counties presentation on mosquito management, and more visit hillsboroughcounty.org and search for "mosquito control".

REQUEST YOUR AT HOME COVID TESTS: Medicare coverage of these tests ending May 11th!



Q: What does Medicare cover the cost of?

Medicare covers the cost of up to 8 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests each calendar month, at no cost to the patient.



Q: How long will Medicare be covering the cost of these 8 over-the-counter tests?

Tests are covered at 100% of the cost until May 11th.



Q: What do I need to do in order to receive 8 over-the-counter tests?

Fill out request form & turn in to the front desk. Your COVID tests will be delivered for FREE in 1-2 weeks via USPS!



Q: What does the CDC recommend regarding when to use a self-test to detect COVID-19? Why do I need these tests?

- Anytime you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- If you were exposed to COVID-19
- Before you are going to an indoor event or a gathering. (This is especially important before gathering with individuals at risk of severe disease, older adults, those who are immunocompromised, or people who are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, including children who cannot get vaccinated yet.)

COMPLETE REQUEST FORM OR SCAN THIS QR CODE & REQUEST YOUR TESTS TODAY!



32 Senior Discounts for Clothing, Food, and Travel

By: Lauren Garcia - care.com



If you're over 50, you can start cashing in on senior discounts. Many stores offer their senior shoppers some form of a deal, but it's often available only on a specific day or at certain times. Make sure you check with individual stores to confirm any details or senior discount age requirements, as discounts can change and might vary for national chains, and others might be exclusively AARP discounts. Here's a handy list of current deals to get you started.

Apparel, Retail, and Thrift Stores

Before you head out with friends or family for some retail therapy, do a little leg work ahead of time to locate the stores offering senior citizen discounts.

1. Kohl's: 15% off discount every Wednesday (60+).
2. Ross: 10% off on Tuesdays (55+).
3. JOANN Fabric & Craft: 20% off on Senior Discount Days (day varies by location) (55+ or 60+, depending on location).
4. Amazon Prime: \$8 off per month for Prime membership (\$6.99/month vs. \$14.99/month) if you have a valid EBT or Medicaid card.
5. UPS Store: Up to 15% off with AARP membership (50+).
6. Goodwill: 10-25% off one day a week (discount and day varies by location) (55+ or 60+, depending on location).
7. Verizon: \$60 for one phone line per month; \$80 for two (55+)

Grocery, Food, and Pharmacy

Every little bit helps, especially when purchasing daily necessities. With a pre-shopping plan, seniors can save on things like paper towels, bread, and prescriptions at a variety of their favorite stores.

8. Fred Meyer: 10% off select items (55+) on the first Tuesday of every month.
9. HarrisTeeter: 5% off on Thurs. (60+).
10. Hy-Vee: 5% discount on Thursdays (55+).
11. Rite Aid: 20% off the first Wednesdays, plus a free pharmacist consultation (65+).
12. Walgreens: Up to 30% off on select Seniors Day (dates vary by location) (55+).
13. WW (formerly Weight Watchers): Up to \$120 off a six-month membership with AARP membership (50+).
14. LensCrafters: Discounts on lenses, frames, exams, etc. with AARP membership (50+).

Restaurants and entertainment

Most restaurants offer a senior menu with smaller portions or will take a percentage off the total bill. Early diners may save more by eating during early-bird hours, ordering a late afternoon meal from the lunch menu, or splitting an entrée to leave room for dessert. After dinner, check out senior citizen discounts on movie theaters.

15. El Pollo Loco: 10% off (60+).
16. Denny's: Discounted menu for folks 55+.
17. Carrabba's Italian Grill: 10% off with AARP membership (50+).
18. AMC Theatres: Discounted senior pricing (60+).
19. Cinemark: Discounted tickets on Senior Day (62+).

Lodging

Some mainstream hotels offer discounts on an endless number of destinations. Plan a night or two elsewhere and bring your partner, friends, or family along.

20. Best Western: Up to 15% off (55+).
21. Marriott: Up to 15% off (62+).
22. Choice Hotels: Up to 10% off with advanced reservations (60+).
23. Motel 6: Up to 8% off (60+).
24. Red Roof Inn: 10% off (59+).
25. Wyndham Hotels & Resorts: Extra savings on Best Available Rate at participating locations (60+) or 10% or more off with AARP membership (50+).
26. National Parks: \$20 annual park pass, \$80 lifetime pass, plus 50% off select amenity fees (62+).

Travel

Many seniors might not think about a weekend away as an opportunity to save money. However, plenty of car rental companies, airlines, cruise lines and other methods of transportation offer excellent discounts on fares.

27. Avis: Up to 30% off with AARP membership (50+).
28. Budget: Up to 30% off with AARP membership (50+).
29. Delta: Discounted senior fares on specific flights (65+); not available on Delta.com.
30. Amtrak: 10% off (65+).
31. Carnival: Discounts on select cruises (55+).
32. Royal Caribbean: Discounts on select cruises (55+).

Join senior organizations, like AARP or your local senior citizen center, to nab other deals.

Volunteers Wanted!



The Master Association is interested in forming a committee to help bring new ideas and a broader perspective to the 2023 holiday events. If you are a KP resident interested in joining this committee, please email us at master@kpmaster.com with your name, Association, and the reason you'd like to join. For those whom have already expressed interest will be contacted soon for the first meeting.

UF/IFAS Helps Identify and Avoid Invasive Plants

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



Scientific name: *Melaleuca quinquenervia*
 Common name: Melaleuca, paper bark, punk tree
 Prohibited in North, Central and South Florida. The only good thing about this tree is that the harvested byproduct is Melaleuca mulch which has high termite resistance.

Scientific name: *Paederia Foetida*
 Common name: Skunk vine
 Prohibited and high invasion risk in North, Central and South Florida. It has a foul smell (thus the name) and is extremely difficult to control. This plant can well be an unfortunate 'gift' from and to your neighbors. Vines can reach a length of thirty feet.

Scientific name: *Lantana strigocamara*, Shrub Verbena
 Common name: Lantana
 Invasive in North, Central and South Florida. All parts of this plant are toxic and have impacted livestock, pets, and children according to the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, University of Florida IFAS. There are non-invasive varieties. Look for those.

The assessment uses science-based tools to evaluate the risk of invasion by non-native species, new species that might arrive here and novel agricultural and horticultural varieties. The assessment, in conjunction with the UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants and the UF/IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design, can provide you with the information you need to make appropriate plant selections. Let's get outside and garden! Contact Lynn Barber at labarber@ufl.edu



Invasive plants can create havoc in your yard by displacing native vegetation. Their populations explode, with catastrophic effects. Those include displacing native and non-native adaptive plants and disrupting naturally balanced plant communities. When our native and non-native adaptive plants are destroyed and replaced by invasive species, we encounter significant consequences. These include an aggressively hostile plant takeover, ecological problems such as habitat degradation or biodiversity loss, high management costs and significant impacts to recreational areas, which result in economic losses.

We want to reduce the number of invasive plants invading your yard. To help, UF/IFAS developed the Assessment of Non-native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas. This online resource, available at <https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/>, provides information about invasive plants and invasive plant potential around the state and those under caution in other areas.

Note that the status of a plant can change from being acceptable to high invasion risk based on the above criteria. One such plant, Liriope, common names monkey grass, lily turf, border grass, has been determined to be invasive. In the newly published Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design, this plant is no longer included.

Here are three of many of the "worst offenders" among invasive plants:

Know the rules of the road!!

By: Sheriff Merry - HCSO



The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the illegal use of golf carts lately. Several golf carts have been seen driving on roadways that are not exempt from Florida State Statute (FSS) 316.212, which makes it illegal to operate golf carts on Florida roads. Golf carts have also been seen driving on sidewalks, which is a violation of FSS 316.1995. Both of these offenses are citable offenses with applicable fines.

And although golf carts are a casual style of transportation enjoyed by most residents within Sun City Center, there are only a few public roadways where it is legal. Most streets between W Del Webb Blvd and E Del Webb Blvd plus S Pebble Beach Blvd and the side streets off of S Pebble Beach Blvd. Streets along 19th Avenue and streets within The Villages of Cypress are not golf cart legal and thus citable under FSS 316.212.

Driving golf carts and any other motor vehicle on a sidewalk is prohibited. Ensure the "path" is a legal golf cart path.

If you are driving your golf cart within Sun City Center ensure you are operating it legally and safe by:

1. Obtain a copy of the Greater Sun City Center Golf Cart Drivers Handbook. A map of legal roadways and paths is included.

2. Know where golf carts are allowed on the following roadways:

2.1 Golf carts are not allowed on State Route 674, except the four (4) designated crossings:

2.2 Golf carts are not allowed on U.S. Hwy 301, except at the one (1) designated crossing

2.3 Golf carts are not allowed on sidewalks.

2.4 Golf carts are not allowed on the path on the eastside of 301 running north south

3. Ensure it is not dark out, golf carts are only allowed on roadways after dawn but before dusk

4. Obey all traffic laws when operating on the roadways, including stop signs and red lights.

5. Ensure drivers are at least 14 years old.

6. Signal any turns and check blind spots

7. Drive responsibly and with courtesy

8. Always yield to pedestrians

9. Register golf carts with the Sun City Center Security Patrol

10. Obtain Golf Cart Insurance

Contact Community Resource Deputy Jeffery Merry if you have any concerns (813) 242-5515.

Kings Point Quilters Club Quilt for Vets Project



On April 14, 2023, the Kings Point Quilters Club presented sixteen handcrafted quilts to nominated veterans from all branches of military service during a Spring Veterans Quilt Presentation. Each recipient spoke about their experiences in the military and how their time in the military influenced their life choices.

Thank you for your service from the KP Quilters to: Bill Behm, Jack Marinchek, Harry Garrison, Stanley Gomm, Scott Thorne, Steve Cohn, Michael Whitt, Donald Kierce, Les Raba, Alan Teicher, Joseph Rodriguez, Charlene Miller, Charles Rea, Del Connell, Mike Trela and Kevin Hanrahan.



Master Association Director - Les Raba

Shredding Event Success



On April 14, 2023, between 9am and 12pm, residents in the Kings Point Community were lined up and ready to shred their important papers early on Friday morning. We had over 600 residents sign up. The lines were long when we started but went away quickly as we had folks preregister on Signup Genius or came into the COA office to sign up. We averaged 175 residents per hour. The event continues to be successful. We shredded over 10,600 lbs. of paper. The \$5.00 paid by each member within their association who continues to join the COA annually and the individual membership paid by those whose association does not participate helped defray the \$1,580.00 cost for the service. Thank you to the COA volunteers; Forrest Davis, Marcia Doscher, Ed Cohen, Laurie Palermo, Mickey Rodgers, Sheila Houlihan, John Wohlrab, Eileen Peco, Jayne Nardin, and Mary Ann Meeker for their help. Many thanks to Vesta Security for their hard work.

COA Board Meeting May 2, 2023

Our May Board Meeting will be held on May 2, 2023, at 2pm in the Banquet Room, North Clubhouse. The guest speaker will be Sheriff Jeff Merry who will be presenting a program addressing Schemes and Scams, giving us examples and ways to stay alerted to any potential schemes and scams. We will have refreshments at the presentation to give our residents a nice sendoff until our next Board Meeting in October. We wish all the residents a safe and healthy summer.

Summer Schedule is comming for the COA.

Currently (through the month of April and May) the COA is open Monday through Friday between 9am and 12noon. When the months of June and July roll around our days open during those two months change. Effective June 1st, we will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9am and 12noon. The COA closes during the month of August. On September 1st we will open Monday through Friday between 9am and 12pm.

Computer Classes available to our community.

The Computer Club of SCC offers classes to the Sun City Center Community. They offer many classes each month. To attend a class, you must register on their website. You can come to the lab at 1009 N. Pebble Beach Blvd., and we will assist you or use any available computer.

To register for a computer class please visit Their website at scccomputerclub.org

Please check the Sun City Center Computer Club website for more educational opportunities, computer related information, membership fees, class fees, other services available, and the class list for May.

APRIL MEETING LOTTERY DRAWING WINNER (\$25) ADELE HARNOIS CONGRATULATIONS!



May Volunteer of the Month - Catherine (Cat) Drinkard



Cat Drinkard has been actively involved in many charitable activities in our community. During the first Covid vaccination drive thru event in Kings Point, Cat organized dozens of volunteers to host both a breakfast and lunch for medical personnel, traffic control, and the National Guard. She was able to get monetary donations, food donations, and people to help organize beautiful buffets each day.

She created and monitored several Facebook Pages, most notably the Facebook Page KPWhatsApp that provides residents

information regarding just about everything happening here in Kings Point including Federation and Master meeting updates, special offerings for KP residents, and the daily menu for both cafes. Most recently, Cat was able to rally the residents, by requesting (and getting) auction items and baskets for the Moffitt fundraiser in March. Those donations included basket items, baked goods, gift certificates and raised over \$40,000 (with an additional \$40,000 matched) for a total of \$80,000.

She is a very informed member of our community, and she provides sound information regarding the concerns of the residents and is active on the Master Associations Emergency Access and Landscape Committees.

She is a huge proponent of being well informed and is often seen encouraging all residents to get involved, stay involved, and allowing us to know our voices have been heard. Congratulations Cat!

Please send your nomination with the persons accomplishment and contact information to master@kpmaster.com for consideration for the next Volunteer of the Month Award.

Master Maintenance Updates

Irrigation Repairs April



- 114 Irrigation Inspections
- 383 Work Orders
- 7 Emergency Calls
- 29 Alteration Requests
- 21 completed Alteration Req.
- 13 Mainline Repairs
- 16 Lateral Line Breaks
- 4 Lateral Line Reroutes
- 4 Decoders

- 16 Wire Issues
- 2 Moisture Sensor Replaced
- 2 Radio Replaced
- 4 Antenna Repairs
- 2 Directional Bore Replaced
- 5 Breakers Replaced
- 3 Control Boxes Replaced
- 3 Control Boards Replaced
- 2 5HP Recharge Pumps Replaced

Double Yellow Lines Mean NO PASSING



THIS INCLUDES GOLF CARTS!

For your safety and the safety of others please exercise patience while driving on non-passing roads. It could truly save your life!



Please Report Speeding Vendors to master@kpmaster.com

Spring and the Wildlife in Kings Point



Springtime is in full swing, so we would like to remind the Kings Point community that feeding the alligators is not only dangerous, but illegal. Feeding them can lead the animals to overcome their fear of people and teach them to associate people with food. In addition, taking selfies (pictures) in close proximity of alligators is extremely dangerous and is strongly discouraged.

As we approach mating season the alligators will 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.

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

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 also illegal.

KINGS POINT CLUBS In the Spotlight THE GARDEN CLUB OF KINGS POINT



The Kings Point Garden Club began in 1990 on land near the South Entrance that used to be an airfield for early developers in our area to fly in clients interested in purchasing lots. Today it is an oasis of 136 garden and orchard plots with lovely, treed common areas and gardens tended to by approximately 190 members who grow a myriad of seasonal vegetables, flowers, fruit trees, and bushes including exotic varieties from many parts of the world!

Each of the 136 plots is fenced and has its own water source. Gardeners have a well-stocked tool shed at their disposal to "get the job done" and an informational bulletin board. The extensive grounds also feature a tractor/maintenance shed, port-a-let, sitting patio with a wisteria accented pergola, and a covered picnic/BBQ pavilion with 8 colorful picnic tables and new grills for member gatherings, parties, and meetings.

The Gardens are the property of the Master Association and the KPGC has a Land Use Agreement with the Master dictating how the land is used and cared for by Club members. The Land Use Agreement is part of the Club's By-Laws that every member is required to be familiar with and abide by.

So how do you become a Club member and secure a very coveted garden plot? Kings Point owners may stop by the Gardens, enter the gate, and ask a gardener for an Application Form available in our Tool Shed. Once completed, your name is placed on our Wait List. One can find information about the Garden Club on the Master Association tab on kpscc.com under "Clubs". We also have a Kings Point Garden Club Facebook page for folks to join and they will have access to many fascinating informational and educational postings.

When plots become available, people at the top of the wait list are contacted and shown available plots, pay their \$50 annual dues and become an official Club member. An orientation and Member Handbook is given to each new member. Membership allows attendance at monthly Member meetings, Club sponsored educational workshops, seminars with guest presenters, and field trips arranged by the Club's Education Committee and social events planned by the Club's Social Committee. Members are also allowed to book the open-air picnic pavilion for their own private gatherings.

The Garden Club members are very dedicated and passionate growers! We are friendly and helpful to our fellow gardeners; especially newcomers and we all share growing tips, advice, and the best places to buy "all things gardening"!

We also give back to our community in many ways! Our Club recently participated in the Moffitt Cancer Center fundraising basket raffle at the North Clubhouse, Club Pres. Sue Martucci and club members started the annual Festival of Trees & Wreaths at the North Clubhouse two years ago as a community fundraising opportunity, member Rob Davies is Chair of the Master Association's Pond Committee tasked with increasing the health of our Kings Point ponds and making them environmentally friendly, Club Member and Secretary Janette Craig and member Rob Burns organized the recent, annual Kings Point Art Club Show.

For more information on the Kings Point Garden Club or to request a tour of our Gardens, please contact Sue Martucci at suemartucci@gmail.com

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 5th @ 9:30am
Federation Board Meeting
KPNCH - Card Room

May 2nd @ 2:00 PM
COA Board Meeting
KPNCH - Banquet Room

May 10th @ 9:30am
Master Assoc. Board Meeting
KPNCH - Card Room

May 31st @ 2:00 PM
Master Association Round Table
KPNCH - Ripple Room
Association Board Members Only