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## Board of Directors for Homes



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## Villas Board of Directors



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Dawn Kenney

### Villa Board Message, Pamela Clement

Dear Villa Neighbors,

We were fortunate the recent weather events were not any worse than they could have been. I appreciate all who donated their time to help with getting prepared for Helena's arrival. Especially, thank you to all who removed their yard ornaments and brought in their plants prior to the event. Please keep all the families who lost loved ones or loved ones that are still missing up north in your thoughts and prayers.

The FY2025 budget was presented to the owners and was unanimously approved by the Villa Board; this document can be located on Town Square. **Dawn Kenney** our Vice President/Treasurer along with committee members, **Mike Rubenstein**, **Sharon Oliver**, and **Steve Scalione** held a meeting and they really dived into each line item and tried to predict how many homes we will have and what we spent in past years and what they perceive we will spend next year. **Naoma Bush**, Property Manager, helped in getting estimates on mulch and power washing, so we would have a better idea on how much to budget. The Budget Committee did an excellent job and a big thank you to all owners that attended by zoom, volunteered, or showed up in person at the meeting.

Our Governing Documents/Bylaws Committee, chaired by **Marge Ellwein**, your Vice President/Secretary has organized meetings to go over the bylaws documents first. This amendment will consist of rewording the language regarding proxies, so we do not have to go through the quorum issue we had earlier this year in moving to a five (5) member board that was requested by residents.

There will be an upcoming meeting to explain the voting process and the amendments. Thank you to the members of this committee **Jeannette Brown**, **Suzanne Scalione**, **Cindy Strohl** and **Marge Ellwein** for their commitment in volunteering their time for this important effort that affects all of us.

Good news is hurricane season will be ending November 1<sup>st</sup> and cooler weather will be a welcome relief. Stay safe during the upcoming weather events.

Warm regards

Pamela Clement, President Kings Gate Villas HOA,  
[Pclement919@gmail.com](mailto:Pclement919@gmail.com) : 636-577-2069

### Message from your HOA president, Cheryl O'Donnell



Cheryl O'Donnell

Let me introduce myself, for those of you who may not know me. I am currently the president of our Kings Gate HOA due to the resignation of our former president. I

was originally appointed to the board in October of 2020 after the secretary moved away. I was voted on the board in January of 2022. My term will be completed in January 2026. Initially I was the Secretary, then Vice-President.

I have lived in Kings Gate since September of 2002. I am a retired Nurse Practitioner. During my career I served on different boards in all positions. I have a PhD in Geriatric Nursing. I have been married for 54 years to Jim. Our son, Bob lives in Nevada with his family. We have five grandchildren.

Originally, I volunteered for the board because I care about our community and want it to be successful. My four years experience have given me good insight into our finances and resident concerns. Our community presents many challenges especially with an aging infrastructure. Our covenants make the community responsible for all maintenance and upkeep of the common grounds excluding the Lion's Den, Pro Shop and golf course.

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Teamwork makes things happen!

*(President..... from page 1)*

Over the past several years our community has increased in population. We added to our management staff to assist with the increase in residents, which makes the office run much smoother.

We have upgraded and improved most amenities. We have replaced several air conditioners. We upgraded our security at the pool and residents and computer rooms with the fob system and added new fencing around the pool. We have replaced several air conditioners.

We experienced Hurricane Ian and repaired or replaced the damage which was extensive.

There are many areas of concern we will be looking to improve in the future, with our roads and updating the buildings as just two of the items. We, the residents, must pay for these improvements.

My objective as the president is to work with the board, listen to the residents, then make fiscally responsible decisions and plan for our future. We all want to maintain and improve the value of our property and be proud of where we choose to live.

Cheryl O'Donnell  
HOA President  
carnp@comcast.net

***Your Board of Directors of the HOA and the Villas are working hard to make our community a happy, healthy place in which to live. Remember, they are volunteers who give freely of their time and energy. Please be respectful at all times whether or not you agree with their decisions.***

### Helpful numbers

Envera..... (877) 936-8372  
GAEA Landscape..... (941) 916-0903  
Waste Management..... (941) 629-1106  
Comcast .....(800) 266-2278  
Charlotte County Utilit....(941) 764-4300  
Emergency After Hours..(800) 337-5850

### CPR Classes to be Held

Everyone should know CPR and basic first aid. Here is an opportunity to refresh your skill set or learn what could be a life saving technique for you or a loved one.



**Kate Taylor**, recent retiree and new resident of Kings Gate will teach a class on CPR, AED and first aid on **November 6** at 1 p.m. in the Palace Theater. This course will include everything included in a certification class.

Certification can be obtained by going to the following web site. Take the 25-minute online class review and complete the test. The cost is \$14.95 for your printable certification and wallet card download. <https://nationalcprfoundation.com/courses/standard-cpr-aed-first-aid/>

Kate will be repeating this class on **Feb 4th**. Please RSVP to the HOA office so we have a count of how many will join us!! Contact the admin on Town Square, or call Chevy or drop by the office.

This important program is being presented to you by ***Neighbors Helping Neighbors.***

### Crafty Ladies Group Forming.



We wish to invite anyone who likes to knit, crochet or work on crafts to join us in the Residents' Room at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month

where you can meet new friends, share ideas and maybe learn a new hobby. Contact **Linda Ashley** (508)264-9579 for more information.

Happy  
November!





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**Nick Argentiero, Food and Beverage Manager**



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☆☆ **The Lions Den & Kings Gate** ☆☆

☆☆ **staff and volunteers along** ☆☆

☆☆ **with Benderson Corporation** ☆☆

☆☆ **present the** ☆☆

☆☆ **Veterans Brunch** ☆☆

☆☆ **November 11, 10:30 a.m.** ☆☆

☆☆ **Veterans eat free, compliments of** ☆☆

☆☆ **Benderson Corporation.** ☆☆

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# Financials

## Message from the KGHOA Treasurer

This article on our finances may be helpful to residents.



### The subject this month is the Balance Sheet

The Kings Gate community receives monthly financial statements from Castle Accounting. One of the two key statements is the Balance Sheet. What is this report and why is it important?

The HOA Balance Sheet is a picture in time of our financial health. On that date the report provides a summary of the assets we have on hand and of what we owe or need in order to meet our obligations. If the assets are larger than the liabilities, the report details the difference as a positive owner equity.

The first part of the Balance Sheet reports our total assets. Current Assets are cash on hand in banking accounts. Accounts Receivable includes assessments that have not yet been received. Other Assets are, for example, prepaid insurance. The HOA paid for these items in advance but the expense is taken in monthly installments.

The HOA also has liabilities. Examples are contract balances that have not yet been paid, invoices received but not yet paid, assessments received that have not yet been applied, and any amounts received that have not yet been “earned.” Long term liabilities such as Reserves are shown as a liability because the HOA is committed to spending that amount.

Owner equity, hopefully a positive number, indicates the true funds that are available.

The Board utilizes the Balance Sheet to identify changes or trends. For residents and prospective buyers it is an excellent indicator of the financial strength and stability of the community.

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How is Kings Gate’s Balance Sheet? At the end of August we have:

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash	\$564K	Short Term	\$450K
Reserves	\$775K	Reserves and Interest	\$775K
AR	\$169K	Equity	\$436K
Other	\$153K		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,661K</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,661K</b>

Numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand. Additional details are always available on Townsq under Tools/Documents/Financials.

More next month.

John Spradlin, KGHOA Treasurer

### Auto pay information

*If you want to set up auto pay for your HOA fees, you may go to [Castlegroup.com](http://Castlegroup.com), and click on “manage autopay.” There you can enroll in autopay directly through Castle. You may also go to the office for assistance.*

*Another way is to set auto payments up through your own bank. Either way is efficient and a time saver and you never have to worry about being late.*





# Clubs and Activities

## Texas Hold' Em Poker

(contact **Everett Wilson** 941-625-0504)



Want to have some fun, have something to do, have a chance at winning a monetary prize --- then come to the Residents' Room and play some **TEXAS HOLD'EM** poker!!!

TEXAS HOLD'EM is a simple poker game and if you have any knowledge of poker, you can learn this game in a very short period of time. This is the same game you see played on T.V. Our game was established about 20 years ago and has continued ever since. We play in the Residents' Room on Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 1:00 p.m. There is also a Thursday game starting at 6:30 p.m.

All Kings Gate resident members are welcome to join the game - if you are not sure you want to play, you are welcome to come and watch, then you can decide if you want to join in.

We do not play by casino rules, but rather our game is designed to have fun, promote camaraderie, and give every player an equal chance to win.

There is a nominal entry fee for each daily game. All of the daily entry fees are combined and distributed to the winning players!!!!

## Card Making Class (Weekly)

Started first Wednesday in October



The greeting card making class is held each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to around noon. The cost is \$5.00 per week for four cards. Residents can join at any time, space permitting. There is a maximum attendance of 20 people. You get a kit with everything needed to make your cards. Folks may want to bring a good glue and any other tools they like but most items are furnished.

*Get creative and express yourself with your own hand-made greeting cards*



## Kings Gate Globe Trotters Upcoming Travel Trips



### Members Save the Dates

Tues Nov 19.....Top Golf in Ft Myers  
 Thurs Dec 5.....Edison Ford Xmas lights – bus trip  
 Sat Dec 7.....Charlotte Chorale Sing We Now of Christmas  
 Mon Dec 16.....Christmas Party  
 Sat Jan 18 .....Broadway Palm Theater– Buddy Holly Story  
 Sat Jan25 .....Charlotte Chorale: Yesterday: The Beatles Tribute Show  
 Tues Jan 28-31....Miami, Key West bus trip-Diamond Tours  
 Thurs Mar 6 .....Strawberry Festival Bus trip – Plant City  
 Sat Mar 22.....Whimzeyland bus trip – Safety Harbor

Your Globe Trotters Travel Club meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Palace Theater. There are no fees to join. When you are a member you are among the first to know of upcoming events. We coordinate events with input from the club, offer day and multi-day trips, motorcoach travel and extended vacation opportunities abound. Contact information:

**Evelyn Ruff** ..... 941-276-5146  
**Mary Williams**..... 941-376-0563  
**Kim Brock**..... 513-377-3669

**(Not a member? Come to a meeting and sign up)**

### *Mission Statement of Kings Gate Globe Trotters Travel Club*

*The purpose of the Kings Gate Globe Trotters Travel Club is to create an avenue in which people interested in travel can come together to share experiences and learn of travel destinations from one another as well as through monthly program presentations. The Travel Club is created as a social, educational and informational tool to enhance knowledge and enjoyment for vacation and travel by participants. The Travel Club is not affiliated with any single business, individual or group, and is designed solely for the purposes listed previously. Meetings and topics will be selected by the group with the assistance of the coordinators.*

Greeting cards of all types are made: anniversary, get well, thinking of you or sympathy are available. They can be tailored to the individual's own needs. Sign up is necessary. You can call or text **Beth Fuller** at 218-590-2253.



# Clubs and Activities (continued)

## Water Aerobics Daily Exercise

(contact **Jean Sutton** 864 420-3146/ 9 a.m. class  
**Ann Allen** 941-286-2633/10 a.m. class)

Are you looking for a safe and fun way to exercise? Most people do not realize low impact water aerobics is the best attended activity here at Kings Gate! We have classes at the pool every Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00a.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (seasonal).



Water aerobic exercise benefits include:

- Increases flexibility and improves heart and lung function
- Builds strength with gentle resistance from the water
- Helps with balance and reducing the risk of injury from falls
- Relieves joint pain as well as symptoms of arthritis and blood circulatory problems
- A popular activity that is not limited to any age group or skill level
- Provides a sense of well-being

If these benefits sound like something you would be interested in, please join us at the pool! I've had many people tell me they can't because they have arthritis or a bad back. My comment to them has always been that is exactly why you should give water aerobics a try! I can't tell you how many people with these problems have told me how much water aerobics has helped them! Please join us at the pool and give it a try! If you would like additional information or have any questions, feel free to contact me. Hope to see you soon! **Jean Sutton** (864 420-3146.) Information for the 10:00 a.m. class can be obtained by contacting **Ann Allen** (941-286-2633).



*Exercise is good for the soul, not just the body.*

## Bocce Ball Winter League



The upcoming winter season will soon be upon us. We are hoping to start January 8th through March 26th. Playing will start at 12:30 and run to about 3:30 with half hour starting times. We will have a class for all newbies and those who want to sharpen their skills on Jan 7th. We need someone to help with the scheduling and communication with the players. Please contact **Cheryl Drake** at [cheryldm5@gmail.com](mailto:cheryldm5@gmail.com) or call or text at 734-558-3735.

## Book Club Notices



Do you like to read? Would you enjoy exploring different types of books and talking about them with friends and neighbors?

If so, the Kings Gate Book Club invites you to join us for lively book discussions! We meet the third Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Palace Theater. To join, just come to a meeting. For questions or if you would like more information contact **Gail Mears**: (603) 481-0877, [gailmears1@gmail.com](mailto:gailmears1@gmail.com)

Upcoming books include:

Nov. *The Wolves at the Door* by Judith L. Pearson  
Dec. *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman.

## Third Bunco Group now Forming



A new Bunco group is forming. Bunco is a simple dice game that is usually played monthly with 12 members. Participants contribute \$10 to a pool which is divided between specific winners. It is a great way to socialize and if you can count to six, that is all the skill you need! The specific day and times will be determined by the group. Contact **Kim Brock** (513) 377-3669 or [kimbrock21423@gmail.com](mailto:kimbrock21423@gmail.com).



# Clubs and Activities (continued)

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a volunteer initiative, focuses on providing wellness information to the community, improving community safety, identifying community members in need of

support, and creating/supporting opportunities for community members to share interests, knowledge and skills.

Through seminars and newsletter inserts, information has been provided on estate planning, Alzheimer's Awareness, Power Surge Protection, the Red Dot Program, DNA documentation, the CPR/BLS Certification, and reflective tags for mailboxes.

Requests were made to Castle Management to ensure that safety equipment inspections were up to date and to request additional first aid kits. A community volunteer program was revived to support community members during emergency situations.

A drop box system was developed to request care and sympathy cards for community members; to make requests for needed help (these are screened and provided if appropriate and referrals made if beyond the scope of a neighborhood volunteer); and to provide a space for community members to identify interests, skills, and knowledge they are willing to share with the community.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors meets the last Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Card Room. Please consider joining us! Bring your ideas, energy, knowledge and skills. The more volunteers involved, the more effective Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be!

For information please contact **Cheryl Drake** (734) 558-3735 or **Gail Mears** (603) 481-0877).

## Looking for Interesting Stories

Do you have a story to share about a club activity, something in which you are involved or have a unique twist on something you think your neighbors might enjoy learning about? Then, WE WANT YOU! Contact Evelyn Ruff (eviesgems@gmail.com) or Mary Williams (bnmwms1@gmail.com) with your good news.

## New Residents Exercise Caution

Unfortunately there are solicitors (even though we try to prevent outsiders from roaming the neighborhood) leaving a note for new residents offering a toll free number to contact them to receive a welcome gift.



THIS IS NOT THE KINGS GATE WELCOME TEAM. The Kings Gate Welcome Team will leave a 3X3 note card that looks like the pineapple in the above photo stating they had stopped by.

### The Welcome Team.

Welcomes you to the Kingdom! Our group of terrific volunteers are ready to welcome you to our community with a goodie bag and let you know where to turn to find fun and answers. As many homeowners return to the Kingdom, we welcome all residents back and hope you had an enjoyable summer. Should you have questions about the ACC requirements, warranties, or even what's going on in the Kingdom, just ask us!

If you'd like to join our team, free feel to reach out to [welcometokingsgate@gmail.com](mailto:welcometokingsgate@gmail.com). See you out there!



# Upcoming Activities/Events

## Get in the Christmas Spirit



**Presented By Kings Gate  
GLOBE TROTTERS TRAVEL CLUB**

DATE: THURSDAY DEC 5, 2024

COST: \$75.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES: BUS, BUS TIP, ADMISSION FEE, PIZZA DINNER)

ITINERY: 4:00 Pizza & Salad dinner in resident room  
5:00 Bus from KG to Edison Ford Estates in Ft Myers  
6:30 Guided Tour of Edison Ford Estates  
8:30 Bus to return to KG

Contact: **Evelyn Ruff** at 941 276-5146 or [eviesgems@gmail.com](mailto:eviesgems@gmail.com) Only 12 seats left on the bus.



**Let's Hit Some  
Balls  
KG Globe Trotters  
Travel Club Presents**

### TOP GOLF EVENT

DATE: TUESDAY NOV 19 COST: \$34

INCLUDES: CLUBS, BALLS AND LUNCH

**Top Golf** is a driving range in Ft Myers. Participants are grouped in teams of six. Each group of six is assigned to a bay. We will have 2 hours of play. Players stand at the end of the bay and hit balls to the various targets. The price is based on (6) people to a bay – we pay for the bay – which is divided by the 6 people.

The menu consists of: steak and chicken fajitas, south-west salad, cilantro lime rice, refried beans.

We will carpool: Exact time to be announced

Contact Evelyn Ruff at 941 276-5146 or [eviesgems@gmail.com](mailto:eviesgems@gmail.com)

All are welcome!



## More Christmas Spirit Events

**Two Great Choral  
Performances featuring some of our own  
Kings Gate Residents**

**Saturday, December 7, 2024: 4 p.m.**

Charlotte Choral

**"Sing We Now of Christmas"**

Get tickets early: assigned seating: 941-204-0033 \$25.00

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Punta Gorda

### AND

**Saturday, December 14, 2024: 7 p.m.**

North Port Choral

**"Home for the Holidays: The Sounds of the Season"**

Tickets available now 941-426-8479 \$25.00

North Port Performing Arts Center

*(See related stories..)*

### **And... during this holiday season....**

*As we approach the Christmas Season, be sure and consider supporting local activities. Many events take place this time of year within Kings Gate with dances and parties, the Lions Den's events in their beautiful updated restaurant and outside the community as well.*

*There are also many charity organizations and churches who can use extra help in gathering donations or gifts. There is usually a food box in the foyer at the clubhouse and the need is always present but even more so at this time of year.*

*Be mindful that for some of our residents who may have lost loved ones in the past year this could be an especially difficult period. If you know someone, you may want to drop them a note or go for coffee or lunch or invite them to an event to let them know they are not alone.*





## Chorale Performances Abound

If one thinks there is little in the way of arts and culture in our small Port Charlotte area, think again! We have not one, but two wonderful chorales that perform regularly.

Both have musicians from Kings Gate who lend their talents and passion for music.



The **North Port Chorale** has a rich history since its inception 44 years ago, and currently boasts our own

Kings Gate resident, the talented **Cheryl Huber** as the accompanist for the nearly 70 singers who perform at Christmas time and in the spring. Huber works closely with the artistic director, **Paul Webster-Greene** who has over 40 years experience in the music/theater arts realm. Webster-Greene was Minister of Music in churches in New England and has a long history as performer, director, set designer, choreographer, and promoter of the arts. Huber has an extensive tenure as a church organist/ pianist, and performs with local bands and musical organizations, including the Port Charlotte Band. She taught music in the elementary school system for over 35 years. Performances are in the North Port Performing Arts Center.

More information can be obtained by contacting Denis Greene; Publicity/Advertising and Public Relations 978-397-1591, or Huber would be happy to answer questions.

**Tickets** can be obtained by calling the box office at the center at 941-426-8479 or 866-406-7722. They are **\$25.00** each. The Fundraising activity for the **North Port Chorale** with tickets available now is a raffle for **only \$10** for a chance to win \$1,000, or if preferred, the donor can choose 100/\$10 scratch off tickets for the possibility of winning even more. The drawing will be Dec. 15th. The **North Port Chorale** performances are:

***Home for the Holidays: The Sounds of the Season:***

*Dec. 14, 2024*

***A Musical Revue: Broadway:***

*is April 5, 2025.*

***All concert times are 7 p.m.***



The second group is the **Charlotte Chorale** under the direction of **Dr. William Dederer**. His resume includes a 50+ year career in music. He served as a Professor of Music for 13 years at the State University of New York in Fredonia before becoming Dean, and later Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Boston Conservatory for 16 years, followed by serving as the Dean of the Conservatory of Music at Capital University in Columbus, OH.

There are nearly 70 singers on the roster, four of whom live in Kings Gate. **Jean Sutton**, membership chair and talented sectional accompanist, **Bobbi Ansloan**, **Lynn Blakeman** and **Bob Williams**, all share their passion for music. They welcome new singers who have a love for music. Practice is on Mondays at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Olean Blvd at 7:00 p.m. The chorale offers three concerts plus one fundraising concert each year.

Order tickets by calling 941-204-0033

**\$25 Adults/\$10 Students**

\$65.00 Season Tickets (does not include "Yesterday-Beatles Tribute" Fundraiser Concert

**"Sing We Now of Christmas"**

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Punta Gorda

Fundraiser: **Yesterday The Beatles Tribute Show**

Saturday, January 25, 2025

**Tickets are \$30, \$12 for students**

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Punta Gorda

**"Do you Remember"**

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Punta Gorda

**"Around the World in 80 Minutes"**

Saturday April 12, 2025

Peace River Baptist Church, Punta Gorda

***All concert times are 4 p.m.***

## Welcome New Neighbors



Meet **Dwayne & Teri Leininger** who reside on Knights Bridge since May 2024. They have been in Florida for about 20 years, and are full time residents. Their reasons for moving to Kings Gate are for downsizing, making new friends and seeing lots of community spirit. They have

two children and three grandchildren. Dwayne likes to fish and they both enjoy helping others.

Dwayne spends summers in Panama expanding their Christian faith with the help of their new website (<https://emanuellutheransora.org>). He spent a year searching for data and pictures and someone in Panama who could correctly translate the English into Panamanian Spanish. The website is bilingual.

In Florida, Dwayne keeps active helping others with small handyman projects, usually for widows. He never charges for his labor but does for materials. What a good way to help others! Teri is still getting her house settled and looks forward to getting involved in Kings Gate activities.

### New Food Truck Coming...

#### Have that Appetite Ready

Big GeRoys BBQ Food Truck will be serving Kings Gate Community on several of our upcoming Mondays. They



will be serving the following: Sliced pork, sliced beef and pulled pork sandwiches. Dinner plates are available and include two sides - bbq beans, potato salad or cole-

slaw. Also have chicken quarters and ribs. They are also adding some new items to their menu.

*Life is good at Kings Gate:*

*Live, Love, Laugh!*



Meet **Patricia & Ed Grace** from New Jersey, Pa, Calif and Fl., who are full time Florida residents. They moved from the Riverwood Community in Port Charlotte. They joined our "kingdom" because of its great location, the availability of nearby places and the community. Their location is on Nottingham Trail. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Patricia likes to read and do crafts, while Ed enjoys fishing. They both love eating out and both are looking forward to getting involved with various fund raising activities in the community like the Honor Flight and the Animal Welfare League (AWL) animal shelter. They also like to travel so will be getting involved with the Globe Trotters Travel Club. WELCOME!

Welcome **Deborah Vandenberg** who moved to Kings Gate on Buckingham Way in June from Estero Fl. She and her late husband lived in Florida off and on for about 20 years, while also living for a short time in California. They spent most of their working life in Michigan. She has three children and eight grandchildren who live in Texas and California.

Deborah moved to Kings Gate since her sister lives here. She is still in the process of getting her home decorated and settled – we're sure with the help of her sister.

Deborah likes finance and gardening. She will be looking over the many varied Kings Gate activities to find things she would enjoy. We wish her much joy and happiness here in our community.

Meet **Michael & Rita Shaffer** from McKinney, Tx., who are now full time residents. Their newly purchased home is on Buckingham Way. They have lived in 14 states but spent the last 11 years in Texas before moving to Florida. They have two children.

Mike was an IT consultant for 50+ years who traveled extensively in multiple countries. He is also an air force veteran with 4 yrs. active and 6 yrs. inactive service during the Vietnam era. Rita has taught water aerobics in the past.

Kings Gate was attractive to them because they wanted a 55+ gated community and their daughter lives close by. They look forward to getting involved with bingo, cards, euchre, and bridge. One of their favorite past times is going out and enjoying a good meal. We would like to extend them a warm welcome to Kings Gate.



# Activities around the 'Hood

## **Bible Study**

A book review of the bible! Remember to bring a bible, notebook, and pencil. Tuesday evenings from 6:30p.m.-8p.m. in the Residents' Room. Contact Art Licursi at 941-627-6703

## **Bid Euchre**

Mondays at 6:30p.m. in the card room. Classes available to learn. Contact Cheryl Drake at 734-558-3735

**Bocce League** Contact Cheryl Drake 734-558-3735

**Book Club** Third Mondays at 1 p.m. Palace Theater. Gail Mears (603) 481-0877, [gailmears1@gmail.com](mailto:gailmears1@gmail.com)

**Bingo** First and third Monday of each month. 6 p.m.. Ballroom

## **Bridge**

Tuesdays at 1p.m. in the card room. Contact Phyllis Dahn at 302-270-8004

**Coffee Talk** First Monday of each month 9 a.m. Imperial side of Ball room

**Corn Hole** Wednesdays at 1p.m. in PT.

**Crafty Ladies** First and third Mondays in the Residents' Room 10:00 a.m.

## **Euchre**

Wednesdays at 6:30p.m. in the card room. Contact Mary & Karl Ebert at 585-298-1012

**Globe Trotters Travel Club.** Meets the fourth Tuesdays of the month, Palace Theatre. Contact Mary Williams 941-376-0563, Evelyn Ruff 941-276-5146 or Kim Brock 513-377-3669

## **Grief Support Group**

Meets every two to four weeks. Location varies each time. To attend, please contact Carol Butera 941-391-5883

**Greeting Card Making** Wednesdays at 9 a.m.—11:a.m. Residents' Room Beth Fuller 218-590-2253

## **Hand & Foot**

Mondays & Fridays at 1p.m. in the card room, arrive 10 minutes early at 12:50p.m.. Contact Judy Przybysz at 443-350-5321

## **Hand, Knee, & Foot**

Thursdays at 1p.m. in the Residents' Room. Contact Nan Cole at 941-786-8848

## **Hand, Knee, Foot, Toe**

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## **Honor Flight**

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7p.m. in the Palace Theatre. Contact Charlie McClure 716-465-4472

**Kingo** Second and Fourth Sundays at 6 p.m. in the Residents' Room

## **Lawn Bowling**

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am. Show up by 9:45am so teams can be made. League goes December-March, must sign up; Contact Merv Ott at 905-327-4152 or [mervandcheryl@aol.com](mailto:mervandcheryl@aol.com)

## **Line Dancing**

Every Monday at 10am in the Ballroom. Suggested donation of at least \$3.00

## **Mah Jongg**

Tuesdays 6:45p.m. & Thursday 1p.m. in the card room. Contact Pat Phillips 856-285-6238

## **Men's Horseshoe League**

Practice is from Nov-Dec; League play is from Jan-Apr. Contact Robert Spindler at 617-957-7385 or [captainbob19@gmail.com](mailto:captainbob19@gmail.com)

## **Mexican Train & Dominos**

Wednesdays & Saturdays at 1p.m. in the card room. Arrive 10 minutes early. Contact Judy Przybysz at 443-350-5321 or [judy.przybysz@comcast.net](mailto:judy.przybysz@comcast.net)

## Activities... (Continued)

### Pickleball Club

Pickleball club members meet at the Kings Gate Pickleball courts on Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday 8am-12p.m.. Contact Denis Gershoff at 401-219-4100

### Poker

October through April - Fridays from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Residents Room. (nickel & dime).  
Contact Pauline or Cliff at 941-456-7915

### Poker

Wednesdays from 1p.m.-4p.m. & 7p.m.-10p.m. in the Residents' Room. Contact Ray Arcovio at 941-626-6193

**Social Dancing for Couples** Wednesdays 6-8 Ballroom \$10 fee

### Sevens From Hell card game

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Residents' Room. Contact Irene Adam (941) 380-4955

**Singles Club** An activity driven club. If you're single and would like to meet new friends, join us every second Monday of each month at 7p.m. in the Residents' Room. (October-May only) Contact Eileen Bott at 201-602-4285

### Tennis Club

Tennis Club members meet at the Kings Gate Tennis Courts on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 8am-12p.m..

### Texas Hold' em

Thursdays at 6:30p.m. in the Residents Room. Contact Roxanne Pino at 609-685-6426

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday at 1p.m. in the Residents' Room. Contact Everett Wilson at 941-625-0504

**Trivia** Meets second Monday 6 p.m. Ballroom Contact Rowena Reed 262-902-5889

### Water Aerobics

Every Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. year around in the pool.

**Water Volleyball** Thursdays at 2 p.m. pool

(Note: If a group to which you belong is missing from this list please contact Shannon Enoch, Lifestyle Director at 941-764-1282)

For additional information or to see updated events be sure and check our Town Square for up to date news.

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## Recent Events

### Gilded Grape Adventure

The Globe Trotters Travel Club did not travel far for this excursion. Coordinated by **Kim Brock**, they hosted a wine tasting event at the Gilded Grape Winery. Paul, the owner, was very detailed and answered all of our questions. Everyone sampled six different wines and one liqueur. They had red, white, and fruit wines of various flavors.



We were provided a Gilded Grape Winery wine glass as a souvenir. Several of the attendees are making their own wine, which will be ready in approximately four weeks. The staff at Gilded Grape Winery provided us with instructions on how to do this. We poured in the yeast, stirred carefully and sealed the lid so the fermenting process would begin. One batch of one flavor will make 30 bottles of wine. We are all anxious for our wine bottles to arrive. In the meantime, we are searching for 30 wine bottles that can be repurposed. If you have any spare bottles, please contact **Mary Williams** or **Kim Brock** and we will take them off of your hands. Afterwards, we all went to Wally's BBQ for a delicious lunch.

# Save the date: Mark your calendars for upcoming events

*(Starred events (\*) are through the **Lions Den restaurant**)*

Nov 2 Craft Show 8 a.m.—2 p.m. Ballroom  
Nov 5 Farmer's market 8 am -1 pm  
Nov 6 CPR community training, 1 pm  
Nov 7 R C Smith Comedian  
Nov 11 Veterans Brunch Event  
Nov 14 Fall Dance  
Nov 23 \*Nine & Dine  
Nov 28 \*Thanksgiving Feast Open to All  
Dec 2 Coffee time 9 a.m. (first Monday)  
Dec 5 On Spot Dermatology 8 a.m.  
Dec 9-13 Ginger Bread House Decorating Contest (call for details)  
Dec 7 Christmas Party & Dance with American Made  
Dec 7 \*Corn Hole  
Dec 14 \*Nine and Dine  
Dec 18 House Decorating Judging  
Dec 18 Golf Cart Decorating Contest  
Dec 20 Cart Caroling  
Dec 20 Cart Caroling Chili Dinner/Dance w DJ Vic:  
Announce House/cart decorating winners  
Dec 24 \*Golf & Social Members only Egg Nogg Party  
Dec 28 End of Year Dance with Tropical Avenue  
Jan 16 Concert Series - "Yacht Rock"  
Jan 18 \*Nine and Dine  
Jan 25 \*Happy Hour Putting  
Jan 25 On spot Dermatology Saturday, 8 am  
Jan 30 Murder Mystery, Thursday, 6 pm

Feb 4 CPR training, at 1 pm  
Feb 8 Concert Series - "Sounds of Soul"  
Feb 9 \*Super Bowl Party  
Feb 10 Walkathon -meet at clubhouse  
Feb 14 Valentines Dinner Dance  
Feb 20 Frankie Valley (Jersey Boy Show)  
Feb 22 \*Nine and Dine  
Feb 26 Flamingo Races  
Mar 7 Concert Series "7 Bridges"  
Mar 8 \*CanAm Golf  
Mar 17 St Patrick's Day Dance  
Mar 23 \*Happy Hour Putting  
Apr 6 End of Season party with "American Made"  
May 3 \*Nine and Dine/Kentucky Derby

## Ongoing activities

\*\* Tuesdays Karaoke at Lions Den  
\*\* NFL every Sunday during NFL season  
Lions Den  
\*\* Bargo and Show Me The Money, alternate dates.  
Trivia 2nd Thursday of each month  
Kingo (second and fourth Sundays, Residents' Room)  
Coffee Time first Mon of each month  
Movie night last Mon of each month  
Book Club (third Monday of each month)



(All dates and events are correct as of this writing but are subject to change)



## Kings Gate Resident Volunteer

### Spotlight



This month's spotlight is on **Don Schall** who has been a resident in Kings Gate since 2004. Don has been volunteering at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda for approximately 18 years. In the beginning the museum was a storefront at Fisherman's Village and Don moved with them to their new location 5 ½ yrs ago on West Marion Avenue. He claims he is, "the oldest living artifact" in the museum.

Don volunteers every Tuesday on the first floor where all the museum's galleries are located by providing artifact/general information and helping people find their way around the museum. On Saturdays, you will find him running some of the flight simulators on the second floor leading museum patrons through the experience of flight.

The museum is fast becoming a destination place for people outside the area to visit. There is currently a boat in St. Petersburg that brings people to visit the museum.

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The **Mission** of the Military Heritage Museum is "To promote an understanding and respect for the rich military heritage of the United States and the sacrifices made by all who serve, living and deceased, emphasizing that freedom isn't free." The **Vision** statement: "Southwest Florida's most treasured museum, whereby all who come to discover and connect, leave inspired to remember and honor those who serve."

The museum is always looking for volunteers to do what Don does, work in the ship's store, or help in the theater and other visual areas. There is also a wonderful auditorium where they host a variety of entertainment often featuring first rate acts. If you are interested in volunteering, call the museum at 941 575-9002 or go online to fill out a volunteer application - they can always use more help. Hats off to Don for being a volunteer all these years. Also Don, thank you for your service!

We have many wonderful folks in our community who give freely of their time both within Kings Gate and who participate freely outside the confines of our "kingdom" in the community. We plan to highlight our neighbors who participate in unique ways to make life better for us all.

## VOLUNTEER



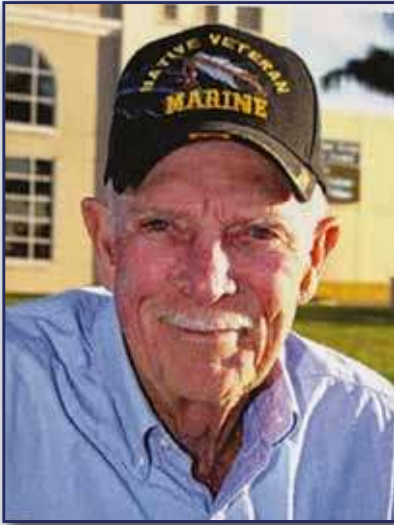
Most of the events, clubs and programs available to us are run or coordinated in part by our generous volunteers. Working closely with the Lifestyle Director, volunteers lend support to be able to share in the joy of giving of themselves and to have a sense of belongingness. Your board of directors, team coordinators and the many "worker bees" make our community what it is. Without their enthusiasm and energy, we would not be able to offer the many activities we do. Some of the volunteers both now, and in the past, have served many years in different capacities. While it is not feasible to list all volunteers who donate time within our community, know you are appreciated!

As we enter the holiday season starting with Thanksgiving, this is a good time to pause and say thank you to those who make living here a better place. So let's tip our hat, or glass or just a raise of hands to say "Thank You for all you do!"



### Looking for Writers/Information Gatherers

Do you have a yearning to meet people and learn about your neighbors? We are looking for people who might be interested in writing or gathering information about new residents moving into our community, people who are deserving in the spotlight serving others out in the community, or who can share more information about clubs or activities to which they belong or even have a story of their own to share. Contact: Evelyn Ruff (eviesgems@gmail.com) or Mary Williams (bnmwms1@gmail.com) if you can help.



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# Honoring Our Vets

*Being that November is a month to honor our service heroes who so bravely served our country, we wanted to highlight a few people who came forward to share their experiences in the line of duty.*

## **Chuck Paulen shared a few of his Marine experiences.**

Scenario # 1. I joined the Marine Corp in '74. On the day I was to leave for boot camp I was driven to downtown Detroit and hooked up with several other new recruits. Being young we did what most young men at that age do and went to a bar – then another, and almost missed the bus to the airport - and the plane due to more bar time.

Landing in San Diego we were greeted with a welcome. Who knew eight people would fit across seats in a school bus! At the base we step off the bus into massive yellow footprints for the first venue, a Marine haircut. We were told if you had any bumps, etc. on your head to put your finger on them so the barbers would cut around them. Now... if you believe that, I have a bridge... Nope, the barber just lifts the finger and cuts everything and puts your finger back.

Scenario # 2. Upon my return from a float from Korea, I was told to report to my CO (Commanding Officer). My CO was a Lt. Col who had worked his way up through the ranks. He was built like and resembled a bulldog (Chesty, the bull dog in case you may not know the Marine mascot). When I reported I needed a haircut and a shave, that was overlooked. Not only was I late for rotation but on my feet were bright blue tennis shoes. My boots had been stolen aboard ship. You can guess the rest of the story...

Scenario #3. I was attending dog school and told to report to the CO for instruction. The CO tells me I get liberty and pack my trash and be ready for pickup in an hour. Do you know how long it takes a military transport to get from Texas to Thailand? It was my whole enlistment. While in Thailand I became part of a multi task force to use dogs for recovery work in Laos and Cambodia. We were out in the bush and the lieutenant got us lost - again. It must be GPS systems were invented strictly for officers because of their brilliant map reading skills.

After feeding, brushing, combing, getting fresh water and taking my dog for a walk, I was able to eat my C-Rats. Getting to my imitation chocolate crunch bar put a big smile on my face but not for long. My dog put his head in my crouch and gave me *that* sad look. So I talk to my dog like a human and realize that my treat is not for me but he wants me to give it to, what I believe, was a Hmong child.

*(Continued next column)*

I toss my chocolate to the kid who then disappears into thin air. Closing comments... no cigarettes in the C-Rats because they were bad for us, but what about bullets?

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## **Wes Roberts, Navy Veteran**



**Wes Roberts** joined the Navy in December, 1948. After basic training, he served aboard the cruiser, USS Columbus with the job of damage control.

In 1949, he went into the Naval Reserves and in July 1952, he was called up for active duty to serve aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain stationed in Norfolk, Va. In January, 1953, he was deployed off Korea during the Korean War for eight months.

Upon return to the states in August, he was stationed in Mayport, Fl. near Jacksonville Beach. He later returned to Norfolk, Va. where he remained until his discharge in 1954.

Wes and his wife, Marilyn, decided to move to Florida in 1989. After much searching, they settled on a house on Birmingham Blvd in Kings Gate. A mobile home park called Victoria Estates surrounded the clubhouse and they all shared the community amenities.

When a new building phase opened up in Kings Gate, they decided to relocate on Buckingham Way. They had just moved into their new house when Hurricane Charley hit in August, 2004. They have enjoyed their time in Kings Gate, but are slowing down a bit .....both are in their 90's now. While they are not as active as they once were, they still love it here!



**A Veteran-whether active duty, retired, served one hitch, or reservist is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The Government of the United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including their life." That is honor...**

**Author unknown.**



# Honoring Our Vets (Continued)

## World War II Veteran Crawford Shearer

A well known member of our community who was with us last year for the Veterans Program but sadly is missing this year, is **Crawford Shearer**. Crawford passed away this past May at 101 years-of-age. This article is to honor Crawford posthumously.

Crawford Shearer was one of the last World War II veterans in our community. He enlisted in the early part of 1942 and was in the U.S. Army from 1942 - 1945. He was a radio operator and had duties in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He was involved with battles at Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and in the Battle of the Bulge and was with General Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division. A story written about him by William McMurray shares the following: He was present for the famed "Battle of the Bulge." "We fought all day and after it got dark and we couldn't see to load, the battle stopped. We fell asleep wherever we could leaning against something. The next morning when first light came up we finally realized we had lost half of our equipment and half of our men too."

McMurray went on to say, "Crawford endured frigid, arctic cold, hunger, battle shock and being cold and tired. This survival is testimony to his will and endurance."

Crawford's awards included American Theater Ribbon, European Theater with three Bronze Stars, the French Legion Medal the American Victory Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. He mentioned the townspeople of Belgium giving the soldiers hugs because, "... they knew they had delivered them from Hitler's grasp."

Upon returning to the states after the war, Crawford ended up co-owning a family bakery in River Rough. He moved to Florida in 2002.

*(Continued next column...see Crawford)*

*(Crawford... from previous column)*



*Crawford Shearer*

Crawford had four children. Two sons, Greg and Bruce live in Michigan. Gladys Chiarelli and sister Judy Smith, an accomplished vocalist, who owns and operates **Shearer Attitude** are Kings Gate residents. Judy performs for dances, various venues, hosts karaoke for private parties and businesses and entertains for other events. This year, Judy honors her Dad and all veterans at our **Veterans Brunch on November 11** by singing our National Anthem and leading us in Lee Greenwood's, "I'm Proud to be an American," at the end of the program.

Rest in peace, soldier. Job well done  
**Crawford Shearer 12-21-22 to 5-02-24**

## Who Knew....



Throughout World War II, women were encouraged to maintain a "polished" appearance. That included wearing bright red lipstick which became a powerful symbol of patriotism. Slogans such as "keep your beauty on duty" reminded women their appearance could boost morale at home and abroad. The U.S. Army commissioned its own shade, "Victory Red," for women in uniform and in 1942 cosmetic powerhouse Elizabeth Arden's "Montezuma Red" became standard issue for service women.

## Agent Orange

Many unseen issues plague servicemen and women from the Vietnam War originating back in the 60's. Of the fourteen diseases currently recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs as being linked to Agent Orange exposure, several demonstrate that the disease manifested within a year of their service in Vietnam. From 1961 to 1971, approximately 19,000,000 gallons of 15 different herbicides were sprayed over the southern region of Vietnam. The agents included 13,000,000 gallons of Agent Orange. Many of those 15 herbicides, including the contaminant dioxin, are usually collectively referred to as Agent Orange. Unfortunately, several of Kings Gate's vets have residual effects from Agent Orange. While it may be something we do not think of as a result of our veterans fighting for our freedom, this is but one example of long reaching effects of our service men and women who gave of their time and energy.

We don't know them  
all but we owe them  
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# WORD SEARCH

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Puzzle from <https://www.printable-puzzles.com/>

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# CRAFT FAIR

Saturday November 2nd  
**10 AM - 2PM**  
**In the Ballroom**



**Booth Rental Fees**  
 Residents : \$10.00  
 Non-Residents : \$25.00  
**Register in the HOA Office**

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# VETERANS DAY BRUNCH

Veterans Brunch is donated by Benderson Development

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Monday November 11th, 2024  
 Kings Gate Ballroom  
 10:30 AM

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## Neighbors helping Neighbors




1st Monday of the month at 9:00 am  
 In the Imperial Room. Bring your favorite coffee mug and any sweet treat you'd like to share. Guest speaker: SWFL Insurance - Medicare changes, cars and homeowner coverage.

### November 4th



# Kingo

A Kings Gate twist to BINGO



Every 2nd and 4th Sunday  
In the Residents Room

**\$1.00 per card / per game**

- Open to all BYOB and Snacks
- Bring your friends and neighbors  
Bring single dollars if possible
- The larger the crowd  
the larger payouts each game

**Must be 18 and over to play**

# Kings Gate CONCERT SERIES



January 16th, 2025



February 19th, 2025



March 7th, 2025

**\$80 per ticket for all 3 events**

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**TIME: 6-9 PM**  
**WHERE: KINGS GATE BALLROOM**

**\$15 per ticket**




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Don't miss out on the funniest night of the year! Grab your tickets now and bring your friends for a side-splitting evening of laughter! Get ready to laugh until your cheeks hurt!

**ENTRY TICKET \$10**

**RC Smith**  
Thursday, November 7th at 6 PM  
in the ballroom



# COMEDY NIGHT

Known as one of the best "TV warm-up guys" in the business for almost 20 years!

\*No outside alcoholic beverages permitted\*

IN OUR COMMUNITY



*Monday*



**November's Food Truck Schedule**

**Front Parking Lot 4 - 6:30 PM**

- November 4th. Outside the Lunchbox
- November 11th. J & K Food Truck
- November 18th. Outside the Lunchbox
- November 25th. Big GeRoys BBQ



*Every Tuesday*  
**8 AM - 1 PM**

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**Kings Gate will have its own Farmers Market held right in the front parking lot**

MISSING SOMETHING...

**LOST & FOUND**

CHECK WITH THE  
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M-F 9 AM- 4 PM

There is also a community lost and found by the ice machine near the Pool.

Call 941-625-8245 or email  
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**Join AAASWFL for a Free Exercise Program**



Open to Residents of Kings Gate  
Instructor: John Scarpelli

**Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program**

October 21 - December 9, 2024 | Mondays  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Kings Gate (The Palace Theatre)  
24000 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

**For People Living with Arthritis Stiffness and Pain**  
AFEP classes are designed for adults age 60 and over to reduce arthritis pain and stiffness, build muscle around your joints, increase your energy, and prevent other health problems. These gentle exercises can be done either sitting or standing.

For questions call Lois Kohler at 239-460-0964

**Register at the Palace Theatre on first date of class, October 21.**







# NEWSLETTER TUBE

**Newsletter Home Delivery**

**\$5**

If interested in having the monthly newsletter delivered to your home, bring \$5 cash to the office, along with your name & address.

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## THE WELCOME TEAM....

Welcomes you to the Kingdom! Our group of terrific volunteers are ready to welcome you to our community with a welcome bag and let you know where to turn to find fun and answers. As many homeowners return to the kingdom, we welcome all back and hope you had an enjoyable summer.

Should you have any questions about the ACC requirements, warranties, or even what's going on in the Kingdom, just ask us!

If you'd like to join our team, free feel to reach out to [welcometokingsgate@gmail.com](mailto:welcometokingsgate@gmail.com). See you out there!

*Reminder:*

**Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 A.M.** On Saturday night, clocks are set back 1 hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to "fall back." Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on November 3, 2024, than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

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## Dance Lessons & Coaching

### Wednesday's at Kings Gate

24000 Rampart Blvd  
Enter from Rampart. Use the gate on the right.

Basic to Intermediate

## Wednesday's from 6pm-8pm

No lessons will be held June through September



**Dance Fundamentals (frame & steps)**  
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