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Board of Directors for Homes



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Steve Sloan

NOTE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT, CHERYL O'DONNELL

Welcome back to our northern residents. We are looking forward to pleasant weather, fun events and a great season. At a special meeting of the board on October 17 th, Steve Sloan was appointed to fill an empty seat on the board. His term will expire in January 2027. Welcome, Steve.

The HOA Board passed the 2025 Budget on October 10th. It is posted on Townsquare for your review. We approved and installed two new pool heaters in October. In November, three new air conditioners will be installed for the main clubhouse.

We are currently in the process of interviewing for the position of Lifestyle Director. Our Kings Gate Manager, Naoma and her staff are coordinating the vendors for events with the assistance of the Social Team.

All tickets are being sold through the office by Chevy and Alicia. The Social Squad is planning, decorating and managing the actual events. The Halloween Dance was a complete success. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Social Squad please give your information to the office.

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Villas Board of Directors



Pam Clement



Marge Elwein



Dawn Kenney

Villa Board Message, Pamela Clement

Dear Villa Neighbors,



Welcome to all the "Snowbirds" and "New owners!" Our community is certainly buzzing with excitement. It is that time of year when the mornings and evenings are cool and crisp for your morning or evening walks.

Speaking of walks, stop and say hello to your neighbors and tell them how wonderful our community is and how lucky they are to be a part of Kings Gate.

If you did not make it to the Halloween Party, you really missed a fun time. It was so nice to see everyone in positive spirits and especially exciting to see all the unique and fun costumes. We have a lot of creative people here in the community, for sure. The DJ played so many fun songs that you could not help yourself by getting up there on the dance floor and dancing the night away. The Witches of Nottingham performed their Witches Dance and that was something to see. It was obvious everyone had a wonderful time; I know I did.

Now on the business side of things, I wanted to remind every owner that the Villas will be holding an election on December 5 to vote to move to a five (5) member board and to correct the proxy issue that really complicated our Candidate Election earlier this year. PLEASE vote, as we really need all of you to participate and help us correct this issue. Please contact any of your board members if you have any questions regarding the vote and we will be happy to explain it to you.

Another friendly reminder is to please fill out the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) paperwork to replace carriage lights, install curbing, install yard ornaments, planters, lighting, trees, bushes and just about anything you place in your yard. These require prior approval.

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Dear Residents of Kings Gate,

As the holiday season approaches, we want to take a moment to celebrate the warmth and togetherness of your wonderful community. Kings Gate is truly a special place, and it's because of each one of you that it feels like home.

May this season be filled with joy, peace and meaningful moments with family and friends. Whether you're staying here in Kings Gate or traveling, we hope your days are merry and bright. Let's carry the spirit of kindness and generosity through the holidays and into the new year!



*Your Castle Group Team
Naoma, Alicia, Chevy, Ashley,
Danielle and Juston*



Come Check Out The Newly Renovated Lion's Den.



Lion's Den Staff



Lea Warner, General Manager

lwerner@hampton.golf

941-625-2680 Ext. 852

NOTE: It is best to double-check dates of events as the calendar may not show updates if changes occurred after the publication date.



Patrick Becker, Executive Chef

pbecker@hampton.golf



Nick Argentiero, Food and Beverage Manager



Financials

Message from the KGHOA Treasurer



This article on our finances may be helpful to Kings Gate residents.

The subject this month is the Income Statement.

The Kings Gate community receives monthly financial statements from Castle Accounting. The Balance Sheet was discussed last month. The second and perhaps the most important report is the Income Statement.

The Income Statement is a record of all income and expenses for the month reported. Secondly, it shows how that income and expense compares to the amount budgeted for the month. Year to date totals and budgets are also provided.

The income, or Revenues on the statement, are primarily the receipt of monthly assessments. Also included are smaller sources such as the storage lot and ballroom rental. Actual amounts are shown for the report month and for the year to date. And each amount is compared to the corresponding budget period. Variances indicate that amount below or above budget for that line.

Similarly, expenses are detailed and reported with their budget variances. Expenses include everything from the monthly Benderson fee, to cable, electric bills, repairs, insurance and the contribution to Reserves.

Reviewing the Income Statement helps to identify trends, unusual expenses and possible errors or omissions. Just being below budget is not always good. For example, a budgeted expense line such as Benderson fees or insurance may be low only because we have not yet made the payment.

The role of the treasurer and resident advisors is to review this statement in detail a few days after the month closes. Every line is reviewed and then investigated in more detail as warranted. The goal is to verify that what is recorded is what you expected to see.

Resolution of questions sometimes means obtaining additional information from Castle. But almost always, the answers are in the detailed ledger reports that are also received each month.

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The Balance Sheet discussed last month is used closely with the Income Statement. For example, the Balance Sheet may indicate that "we have plenty of cash on hand." That surplus could just be the result of some expenses that were not recorded in the month.

Castle provides extensive monthly reports. The treasurer, the finance advisors, and often the HOA President meet each month to review and verify the reports. And annually Cole Accounting audits the finances of KGHOA.

So how are we doing this year?

Through fiscal September:

YTD Revenues are \$3,123,154 That is \$28,603 over budget.

YTD Expenses are \$3,163,017 That is \$68,466 over budget.

Remember in our recent budget meetings that actual Insurance and Property Taxes far exceeded the 2024 budget. And these YTD numbers are not yet verified. The actual expenses reported are temporarily low due to an open issue with the Property Tax charges.

The Income Statements are available on Townsq under Tools/Documents/Financials

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, 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.

As of January 1, 2025

Kings Gate dues are \$416 monthly

Villas: \$357.52 monthly + \$573.66 quarterly

(Late fees range from \$55 to \$85)

(Villa... From page 3)

We have community standards, and I have noticed owners have placed items in their yards or replaced lighting and did not receive permission. I am certain that many do not even realize the need to obtain a permit. It is never too late, so please abide by our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. If you have any of the items I mentioned and you did not fill out the application, please fill one out now and give it to the friendly Castle office staff. The ACC meets every other Tuesday at 9:00 am. This committee is very fair and hardworking and will collaborate with you to make certain we all live in a harmonious community.

Thank you, as always, for all your support! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Just remember: Good food + better company = the perfect recipe for a day of thanks.

Kind regards

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Upcoming Elections

Hello, Kings Gate Residents,

We invite you to participate in the upcoming election for the Kings Gate Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a position on the board, please submit your information sheet and completed nomination form to the HOA office by December 18. (Nomination forms will be sent to you by mail or you can pick one up in the HOA office.)

Your involvement is crucial in helping shape the future of this community. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Naoma Bush, Property Manager

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

(O'Donnell... From page 3)

Juston, our maintenance man, is working on getting estimates to repair the Westgate Road. The road committee will be assisting in this process. Steve Sloan, our newest board member, will be leading the investigation to clean up our preserves. At our November 21st board meeting the road repair and preserves will be addressed.

As we enter the Holiday Season, we wish each of you Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year.

Cheryl O'Donnell
HOA President



Clubs and Activities

Texas Hold'em – Roxanne Pino

Come and join us for a fun filled evening playing Texas Hold'em. If you have never played before, we welcome new players and would love to show you the game; please feel free to come and watch. It's also a chance to meet new people or meet up with friends you may already know.



Texas Hold'em is played on **Thursdays evenings** at 6:30 in the Residents' room.

If you have any questions, contact **Roxanne Pino** at 609 685-6426. Look forward to seeing some new faces.

Schedule for Horseshoes

Bob Spindler

November 9-December 28: Practice & Sign-up

January 4th League Starts

February 8th Begin year

tournament

March 15th End of league play

March 22nd End of year tournament

March 29th Awards Luncheon –
Residents' Room



Contact Information from Presenters

For those residents asking for contact information of the three presenters that **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** scheduled in, they are as follows:

SWFL Insurance Representatives

3718 N. Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Karen Ballina, Health Benefits Agent

941-624-3444

Luis Tirado - Property and Casualty Agent

941-883-2349
737 S. Indiana Ave. Ste a
Englewood, FL 34223



Trivia—It's anybody's Game

(By Doug Reed)

Doug and Rowena have

been in Kings Gate for five years. Trivia was a well established event long before we came. When we arrived, it was still being sponsored by the Lions Den with most of the prizes and advertising provided by the Den. It also included dinner and full bar.

At some point, the hosting was transferred to the HOA. Since that transfer, sponsor support for prizes and advertising has waned. It remains a very popular event, but has recently received little advertising in the newsletter. Never-the-less it is well attended with a loyal following. Even during the summer with only fulltime residents here and little advertising, we've had at least five tables--typically, at least 10 per table. During the "season," we typically have about 130+ participants--we just let everyone know when it's going to be held, and it will be well attended. Currently it continues to be scheduled for the second Monday of each month.

Topics include a variety of subject areas: Current events, history, geography, sports, entertainment, music, famous people, and other venues are likely to pop up.

Trivia will be held on 2nd Monday (Dec. 9th) in the ball room.

Cost: \$10/per person.

Bring your own snacks and non alcoholic beverages.

Tickets should be purchased in advance and will be available in the office.

This team event has a maximum of 12 people per table. Prizes are awarded to the team with the most correct answers in each of the three rounds of questions. (There's always a tie-breaker question). But, it's really about the bragging rights.

For info, contact Rowena Reed (team lead) 262-902-5889.

Clubs and Activities

Bocce



This version is played on a sand court approximately 60 feet long and 12 feet wide, with wood sides. We have two here at Kings Gate. They are located between the pool and Tennis/Pickelball Courts. One end has a scoreboard for each court. There is both league and individual play available at the courts. It is a first come, first serve availability, but, league play takes priority. Balls are available in the bocce locker on the side of the main building and a building key will unlock it.

We ask those who use the courts to use the special brooms hanging on the side next to the pool after you finish playing. We suggest you brush the courts before you start: the ball rolls more true. NO LIFTING THE BALL INTO THE AIR!!!

League play requires two teams of preferably four players, two players/team on each end of the court. The idea is the team that gets their ball closest to the pallino (small white ball) and gets a point for each ball that is closer to the pallino than a ball of the other team. The first team to get ten points win. A copy of the rules are available upon request.

League play takes place three times per year; Fall League starts at the end of September. Winter league starts the first of January and the Spring league starts the first of April. (The Fall league ended September 21. The Winter league with a January start date is available for sign up now.)

If you want to play and do not know how, reach out to the contact person and we will gladly set up lessons. We do this for fun and social interaction. The contact person for Bocce is **Cheryl Drake** at 734-558-9971 or Cherylm5@gmail.com.

Kings Gate Globe Trotters Upcoming

Travel Trips



Members Save the Dates

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 18Broadway Palm Theatre– Buddy Holly Story
Sat Jan 25Charlotte Chorale: Yesterday: The Beatles Tribute Show
Tues Jan 28-31....Miami, Key West bus trip-Diamond Tours
Thurs Mar 6Strawberry Festival Bus trip – Plant City

Your Globe Trotters Travel Club meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Palace Theatre at 1 p.m. There are no fees to join. When you are a member you are among the first to know of upcoming trips. Some events fill up early so it is best to make a decision right away if you are interested in an event. We coordinate activities 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.



Happy Holidays



Clubs and Activities (continued)

Halloween was a BASH

Not only were there ghosts, goblins, kings and queens and even Elvis in the ballroom for the Halloween Dance they were in the generous spirit of helping. There was even a witches dance! With over 200 people in attendance, the dance was so successful that \$270 was collected through the 50/50 and donated to St Vincent de Paul food bank. Here's a huge thank you to all who contributed to making it a success.



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 Theatre. Anyone is welcome to attend.

If you plan on joining in December please contact Gail Mears (contact info is below). December's meeting is a Holiday Luncheon in the Lion's Den and starts at 12:30. For questions or if you would like more information contact **Gail Mears**: (603) 481-0877, gailmears1@gmail.com

December book: **Anxious People** by Fredrick Backman.
Our January book: **The Chocolate Maker's Wife** by Karen Brooks.



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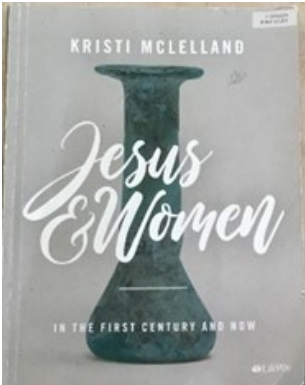


Easily book an appointment by calling
(941) 444-0011 or by visiting
onspotdermatology.com/Kingsgate

We welcome your news articles. Here are a few guidelines that will be helpful if you care to submit articles.

1. The deadline for submission is the 10th of the month for the following month's publication - for example for a December publication we need any articles in by November 10.
2. Articles need to be submitted in a Microsoft Word doc which usually has an extension of .doc or .docx.
3. Articles may be edited to make space limitations.
4. Photos are welcome in a JPEG or PNG format—no scanned photos of images.
5. Depending on your topic and who you're working with, you may submit articles to different people who will ultimately forward them on for layout.

Clubs and Activities (continued)



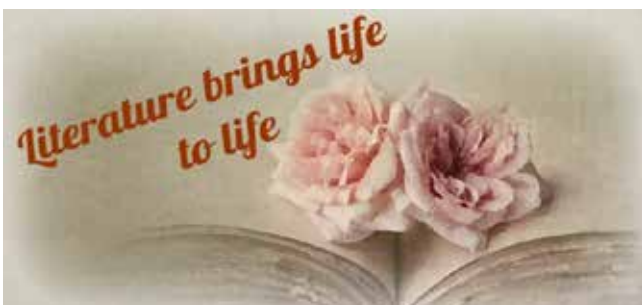
Looking for something in the new year to enrich your faith and understanding of women as they relate to the Bible? Meet new friends and find a special connection with new faces and with those you may already know. Join **Hilda**

Martens for this seven-week course on “**Jesus and Women.**” The video by Kristi McClelland, M.A. in Christian Education who is a college professor, narrates the video with a lively group discussion following the viewing. The author will take you back to Jesus’ first century world, explaining the historical and cultural climate of the day to help better know Him.

The course will explore topics such as 1) How Jesus generously restored dignity and honor to women 2) Learn how to study the bible through a Middle Eastern lens and 3) Gain a deeper insight into the biblical world.

Those who have heard Kristi will say she has a gift for teaching with her one hour video lessons which seem like 20 minutes. The student book is available through Amazon or LifeWay.

If you are new to Kings Gate or just want to meet new friends, join the group each Thursday, starting **January 9** and running through February 20 in the Palace Theatre from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Registration can be done by texting Hilda at 586-549-6042.**



YOGA –GLORIA RANCOURT

Tues. 9:00. Palace theatre. Yoga class
Thurs 9:00 Palace theatre. Yoga class with video
Tues. 10:00 Palace theatre. Aerobic class
Thurs 10:00 Palace theatre. Aerobic class with stretch bands
Easy yoga class to benefit all ages. We do slow calming stretches that increase blood flow and flexibility. Everyone works at a level that is comfortable for them.

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5. lowers LDL (bad cholesterol), improves cardiovascular health
6. increases spinal bone & mineral density
7. increase better mood & confidence

Join us, work at your own pace. See the difference it makes.

Exercise does a body good!

Water aerobics, yoga, walking, line dancing, strength training... they all matter.

Of course there are a multitude of games to play that will burn calories and help get you in better health.

According to Mayo Clinic, getting some exercise each day is one way to stay in shape. Of course an added benefit of exercise especially when working out or just walking with others is the



social benefit of having friendships. Living in a community such as ours makes it much easier to find friends to pair up with and enjoy time together. Go at your own pace.



YES!!! Exercise does a body good.

Clubs and Activities (continued)

News from Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors serves as a resource and informational channel for education, information, coordinating a speaker's bureau and where possible, offering assistance for our neighbors. We are a team of five members and to date have organized and sponsored programs such as information on health and home insurance and CPR.



Twenty to 30 folks are usually in attendance for the presentations. Our most recent well attended program was an educational workshop for using AED, CPR and general first aid. This life-saving information is something everyone should know and will be repeated February 4. **Kate Taylor**, a new resident, did an excellent job. Certification is available for the classes.

As we have more volunteers step up, we will be able to respond to more specific issues but in the meantime, we continue as a resource and present an avenue in which to ask for help on behalf of our neighbors who need assistance.

All are welcome to attend the meetings and find out more. Meetings are held the fourth Fridays at 11 a.m. in the Card Room. Contact **Cheryl Drake** at 734-558-3735 for more information.



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.



Upcoming Activities/Events

Winter Wonderland Dance: December 7

CREATE YOUR OWN CENTERPIECE



This year, we're inviting everyone to craft a beautiful holiday centerpiece to be (silent) auctioned. All proceeds from the auction will go directly to Toys for Tots, helping spread holiday cheer to children in need. Think of this as a fun, creative project where your imagination can shine while supporting a great cause! If you do not wish to participate, that is OK, and

we will ask that you let us know in the office so we can ensure your table is still decorated to theme. Cost is \$15 p.p. Tickets are on sale in the office. Hot cocoa bar (serve yourself); bring your own snacks for your table. Entertainment by *American Made*.

Important info on Dances

*All dances will now include "bring your own **SNACKS**" for your table. Note the emphasis is in on "snacks."*



There are many ways to find out what's happening in the community. Of course, TownsSq is one, as is Kings Gate Korner, Friends in the Kingdom, Port Charlotte Happenings, Charlotte County Eats, and other sites provide information on current events.



Support your local events and take advantage of enjoying these incredibly talented individuals who work hard at their creative craft for your listening enjoyment.

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

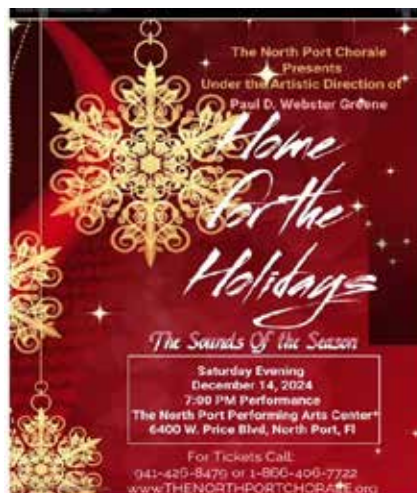
Saturday, December 14, 2024: 7 p.m.

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



Enjoy the Holiday Season (And Beyond) at Kings Gate



During the Holiday Season this year, we are having two different decorating contests. The first one allows you to decorate your home/property with any holiday lights and decorations. Violations will not be issued due to the Holiday Season. If you want to register your house as a contestant, you will need to sign up at the front office to have your house judged. Judging will take place on **Wednesday, December 18th** beginning at 6:00 PM. Please be sure to have your lights turned on for the judges and everyone to enjoy.

The second contest is for golf cart decorating, so get creative! This will take place in the Clubhouse parking lot on **Thursday, December 19th**. Golf carts will line up and be assigned a contestant number at 5:15 PM. All carts will then parade around in front of the Clubhouse front entrance at 5:30 PM for judging. All residents that attend this event, will be eligible to judge the carts. There will be treats and beverages for everyone to enjoy as we keep in the Holiday Spirit!

To be considered a contestant for these two events, you must register for each contest separately. The deadline is **Friday, December the 13th by 3:30 PM** in the front office. There are 3 different categories for both contests which will be judged on the following: 1) Best Theme 2) Most Original and 3) Most Lights. We encourage all residents to drive around the community to view the beautiful house displays and to come view all of the pretty golf cart creativity and lights. Winners will be announced through our various communication methods and at the December 28th End Of Year Dance. Happy Holidays Everyone!

Enjoy the Holiday Season (And Beyond) at Kings Gate



Personal holiday recipes from our friends and neighbors

Fruitcake (Submitted by Sherry Peterson)

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- *2 cups mixed fruits
- 1 jar Nonesuch mincemeat
- 300 ml condensed milk
- Nuts (optional)



Divide into two loaf pans. Cook 1 hr 25 min at 300°F

*Fruitcake is only as good as your fruits, I recommend:

Mariani brand dried wild blueberries (available Winn Dixie):

Simply Fruit brand organic dried apricots (Big Lots):

Cranberries (Ocean Spray)

Maraschino cherries (Publix brand in glass jar) cut in half

1/4 cup each = 2 cups

From Sherry Peterson, 1713 Palace Ct.

speterson9@gmail.com

Holiday Relish (Submitted by Marci Hughes)

Cranberry Sauce with Orange Liqueur

An upscale alternative to canned, homemade Cranberry Sauce has less sugar and a hint of citrus. With or without liqueur.

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
5 mins	20 mins	25 mins



★★★★★
5 from 1 vote

Course: miscellaneous, Pickle, Side Dish

Cuisine: American, Canadian

Keyword: brandied cranberries, cranberries for turkey, cranberry sauce, cranberry sauce with orange, cranberry sauce with orange liqueur, homemade cranberry sauce, how to make cranberry sauce, orange cranberry sauce

Servings: 12 | Calories: 41kcal

Ingredients

- 340 g package fresh or frozen cranberries 12 oz or about 3 1/2 cups
- 1/2 cup orange juice freshly squeezed if possible
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 Tbsp orange liqueur such as Cointreau or Grand Marnier optional

Instructions

1. Add cranberries and orange juice to a pot on the stovetop. Cover and bring to a very low simmer for about 10 minutes until cranberries start softening.
2. Add sugar and continue to cook over very low heat. Remove lid when sauce starts to thicken and stir frequently to prevent boiling over. When cranberries have mostly all popped and sauce is very thick, about 10 minutes, remove from heat.
3. Stir in liqueur.
4. Cranberry Sauce will keep in refrigerator for 3-4 days and freezes well.

Nutrition

Serving: 2tablespoons | Calories: 41kcal | Carbohydrates: 8.9g | Protein: 0.1g | Fat: 0.1g | Sodium: 1mg | Potassium: 28.1mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 7.2g

Marci has been a frequent contributor of recipes for our newsletters. Thank you Marci.

Great for a holiday Brunch for lots of people (Submitted by Evelyn Ruff)

Evelyn Ruff



**BASIL, SWISS AND SPINACH QUICHE -
MAKES 2 PIES**

- 1/4 C Butter
- 1 Onion, chopped
- 1/2 Green pepper, seeded and
- 2 Cloved garlic, minced
- 1 (10 OZ) Package frozen spinach thawed and well drained
- 6 Large eggs
- 1 (12 OZ) Can evaporated milk
- 1 C Milk
- 2 Tsp Crushed dried basil
- 1 Tsp Salt
- 1/2 Tsp Ground black pepper
- 2 C Shredded Swiss cheese

1/4 C Pine nuts

I added some cooked bacon, about 5-6 slices crumbled

2 (9") Unbaked Pie Shells

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. When foam subsides, sauté onion, green pepper and garlic until tender

Stir in the well drained spinach and sauté two more minutes.

Set aside

Put crumbled bacon in bottom of pie shells

In a large bowl beat eggs, evaporated milk, milk, basil, salt and pepper until well combined

Stir in spinach mixture, Swiss cheese, 1/2 Cup of parmesan cheese and pine nuts.

Divide evenly in between the two pie crusts. Sprinkle top with remaining parmesan cheese

Bake 40-45 minutes or until centers are just set.

From Evelyn Ruff,
eviesgems@gmail.com

Personal holiday recipes from our friends and neighbors

Cranberry Relish (Submitted by Leslie Wright):

This cranberry salad is a fabulous blend of fresh cranberries, walnuts, orange, crushed pineapple, and gelatin.



2 cups cranberries
1 large orange, cut into small pieces
1 cup white sugar
1 cup chopped celery

1 cup finely chopped walnuts
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1 (3 ounce) package cranberry (or raspberry) flavored
Jell-O mix
2 cups hot water

Directions

1. Place cranberries, orange (including rind), and sugar in a food processor. Process together until the cranberries and orange are roughly ground and well combined with sugar. Transfer to a bowl. Stir in celery, walnuts, and pineapple until thoroughly mixed.
2. Place gelatin in a bowl and pour hot water over top (don't let stand). Whisk together to dissolve. Pour gelatin over the cranberry mixture. Stir to combine.
3. Pour into the mold of your choice and chill until you are ready to serve. <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/13466/>

Sweet Potato Souffle (submitted by Kim Brock)

This is a family favorite and everyone is sure to enjoy!



4 cups mashed sweet potatoes
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp salt
1/3 stick butter or margarine (melted)
1 tsp vanilla
Mix Well. Pour into buttered casserole dish/pan

TOPPING

1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/3 cup butter or margarine (melted)
1 cup pecans

Crumble topping evenly over potato mixture.
Bake at 350 for 35 - 45 minutes uncovered. Enjoy!

Cold Chilled Avocado Soup

(Submitted by Mary Williams)

For an unusual treat for holiday guests, this chilled soup will hit the spot even in Florida winter.



Ingredients

1/2 seedless cucumber, chopped
1 medium avocado, peeled and pitted
1 shallot, chopped
2 Tbsp. plain yogurt
2 Tbsp. fresh mint, plus one sprig
4 tsp. fresh lime juice
1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1/4 tsp. ground cumin
1 radish, chopped

(Continued next column)

Directions

Step 1. Place the cucumber, avocado, shallot, yogurt, 2 tablespoons mint, lime juice, salt, pepper, cumin, and 1 cup cold water in a blender, and process until smooth.

Step 2. Chill for at least 1 hour. Serve garnished with the radish and remaining mint leaves.



Welcome New Neighbors

Meet **Charles** and **Ann Phillips** who recently moved to 1808 Birmingham Blvd in Feb 2024. They moved here from Home Glen, IL. They are the proud parents of 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Pickelball, cards and dominoes are some of their favorite hobbies. They are part-time residents. Their selection of Kings Gate was because they felt they received good value for their money. By now, we are sure they have settled into our friendly community. Here's sharing a belated welcome!



Meet **Susan** and **Lloyd Hangus** who moved into Kings Gate on Feb 16, 2024. Hopefully by now they are enjoying all the amenities of Kings Gate. Their address is 24404 Manchester Trail. They are not new to Florida, since they moved from Estero. Lloyd is 15 years retired from the Kellogg Company where he worked as a pilot. They selected Kings Gate to be closer to friends. Their family in Texas and Michigan enjoy visiting them in Florida. We hope they are well settled into the community by now. Belated welcome!



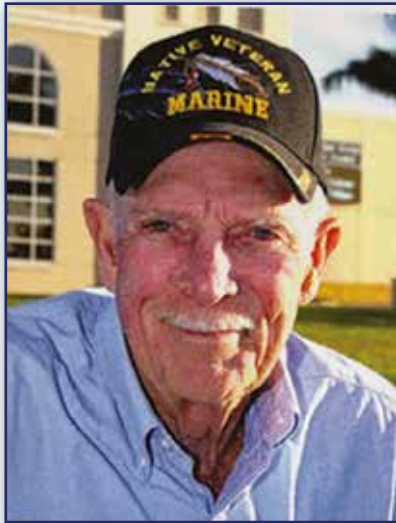
Introducing **Roberto** and **Joan Taruc** who moved to Kings Gate at the end of March 2024. Their new purchased home is on Palace Court. They previously resided in Warrenville, IL. Joan is a retired job coach and realtor and Bobby worked as an IT consultant in addition to being a realtor. Roberto moved to the US in 1990 from the Philippines. We are sure by now they have settled into the community and are enjoying the many activities Kings Gate has to offer. BELATED WELCOME!!



Meet **Gail** and **Floyd Phillips** from Kennebunkport, Me who moved to Kings Gate in March of 2024. Their newly purchased house is located at 24473 Buckingham Way. They have two daughters and two grandsons. They moved to Kings Gate because they have friends in the community. Gail likes to garden and knit. They also intend on getting involved in golfing. Here's to a belated, but no less sincere, welcome to our community!



Let's introduce **Stevan** and **Susan Tharp** who moved to Kings Gate in March 2024 from Indiana. Their new villa is located on Knights Bridge. Steven had a career as a physician and Susan was an educator. They selected Kings Gate because they like to be active and want to join in the many activities offered by the community. Mahjongg and water aerobics are a favorite for Susan along with them both enjoying the Lions Den. They are blessed with three children and nine grandchildren. A belated welcome to you both!



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DECEMBER

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REMOVABLE CALENDAR

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			LBF - Lawn Bowling Field

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Welcome New Neighbors (Continued)



We would like to introduce **Lauren & Pete Lehn** who moved to Kings Gate in September, 2024 from Ft. Myers. They reside on Palace Court. Before purchasing their home in Kings Gate, they spent a lot of time researching and took about a year looking around before they decided on our community. Part of the reason they selected here was because of higher elevation since they were flooded during Ian.

Both Lauren & Pete grew up as “army brats” and Pete was in the military and served in Vietnam. In addition he was a tax auditor while Lauren has a degree in mental health counseling.

Lauren likes growing things and is interested in joining the book club and participating in water aerobics. Welcome!



A hearty welcome to **Louise Dinino** who moved to Kings Gate at the end of March, 2024. Here's a belated welcome to you. Her

home is located on Nottingham Trail. She moved here most recently from Punta Gorda and is formerly from Connecticut.

Her home in Punta Gorda was flooded due to Hurricane Ian two years ago. She is interested in joining the Book club and the Bible Study. Louise is a part-time resident.

Life is good at Kings Gate:

Looking for Writers/Information Gatherers



Do you have a yearning to meet people and learn about our 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.

The Welcome Team





Welcomes you to the Kingdom! Our group of eager 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. No more hurricanes please!

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 welcome to kingsgate@gmail.com, or **Sharon Oliver** at 843-209-3717 (texts happily accepted). See you out there!

Wednesday
November 13th
1:00 PM
Palace Theatre



Estate Planning Basics (Wills, Advanced Directives, Revocable Trusts, Probate Avoidance, Asset Protection, Medicaid Planning, and 5 most common scams for Seniors)

Jessica K. Close, P.A. - Elder Law

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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 (Winter League starts in January). Contact Cheryl Drake 734-558-3735

Book Club Third Mondays at 1 p.m. Palace Theatre. Gail Mears (603) 481-0877, 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 Ballroom

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 6:30 p.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, 1 p.m. 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 1 p.m. in the card room, arrive 10 minutes early at 12:50 p.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

It's a fun, fast, & friendly game. All are welcome, beginners & experienced. Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Residents' Room. Contact Nan Cole at 941-786-8848

Honor Flight

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.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 9:45 a.m. so teams can be created. League goes December-March, must sign up; Contact Merv Ott at 905-327-4152 or mervandcheryl@aol.com

Line Dancing

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

Mah Jong

Tuesdays 6:45 p.m. & Thursday 1 p.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

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

Activities... (Continued)

Pickleball Club

Pickleball club members meet at the Kings Gate Pickleball courts on Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday 8am-12p.m.. Contact Dennis 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

Strength Training Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. Palace Theatre

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 Mary Williams (bnmwms1@gmail.com)

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

Recent Events: Veterans Brunch

A few photos of the Veterans Brunch held November 11, 2024.



Save the date: Mark your calendars for upcoming events

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

Dec 2 Coffee time 9 a.m. (first Monday)

Dec 5 On Spot Dermatology 8 a.m.

Dec 7 Christmas Party & Dance with American Made & Centerpiece Silent Auction” Proceeds to Toys for Tots (See flyer)

Dec 7 *Corn Hole

Dec 7 Christmas Party & Dance with American Made

Dec 9 Trivia, 5:30 p.m. Ballroom; purchase tickets in advance

Dec 13 Last day to register for House and Golf Cart Decorating contests in the front office

Dec 14 *Pro Shop Holiday Tournament

Dec 17 Last day to register at the office to have Caroling at your house

Dec 18 House Decorating Judging: 6 p.m.

Dec 18 Golf Cart Decorating Contest: 5:15 p.m.

Dec 20 Cart Caroling Palace Theatre, depart for Caroling at 5:15 p.m.

Dec 20 Cart Caroling Chili Dinner/Dance w DJ Vic: Announce House/cart decorating winners

Dec. 21 *Nine and Dine

Dec 24 *Golf & Social Members only Egg Nog Party

Dec. 27 On spot Dermatology Thursday, 7:30—3:30

Dec 28 End of Year Dance with Tropical Avenue

Jan 16 Concert Series - “Yacht Rock”

Jan 18 *Nine and Dine

Jan 21 On Spot Dermatology

Jan 24 Dance w/(our own) Take Three, \$10

Jan 25 *Happy Hour Putting

Jan 27 HOA Elections

Jan 30 Murder Mystery, Thursday, 6 pm

Feb 4 CPR training, at 1 pm

Feb 9 *Super Bowl Party

Feb 10 Walkathon -meet at clubhouse

Feb 14 Valentine Dance

Feb. 19 Concert Series : “Sounds of Soul” CHNGE THE DATE: Please correct the date on your ticket

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

April 5 *Nine and Dine

Apr 7 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 Monday of each month

Kingo (2nd and 4th Sundays, Residents’ Room)

Coffee Time 1st Mon of each month

Book Club (3rd Monday of each month)

Kings Gate Resident Volunteer Spotlight



This month's volunteer spotlight is on **Peggy and Mike Ludgate** who have been residents in Kings Gate for the past 2 ½ years after moving from North Port. Peggy and Mike volunteer at Meals on Wheels in Charlotte County every Thursday and also fill in as needed. They have been doing this for many years, first in North Port and now in Charlotte County. Peggy drives along with her dog "Tiny" while Mike delivers the meals.

Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County is a nonprofit organization which has been serving Charlotte County since 1969. Their main office, kitchen and thrift store, which raises revenue in support of funding meals, are all located at 3082 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. They serve approximately 150 meals Monday through Friday that are cooked, packaged and delivered to seniors in the county.

There are many volunteer jobs available: drivers, kitchen help, thrift shop or helping with special events. Peggy says, "Many people say they are bored; look around, there are lots of volunteer opportunities in the county."

Peggy volunteers as an advocate in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities and also does presentations as a community educator with the Alzheimers Association. If you remember, she recently did a presentation in Kings Gate. Thank you Peggy & Mike for your contribution to our Port Charlotte community.

Volunteers love wildlife and nature

Imagine arriving to volunteer at a place nestled in the mangroves, where every morning you become transported by a symphony: barred owls hooting, bald eagles screeching, a sandhill crane trumpeting, screech owls trilling, and a pileated woodpecker drilling like an over-caffeinated carpenter. These are just some of the morning greeters at the center!

Now imagine working amongst these wonderful birds, tortoises, small mammals, and raptors, each with a distinct personality, much like our own pets at home. Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC) is only seven miles away from us and is a unique place for those of you who love nature.

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My name is **Holly Dodds** and I moved from St. Louis, Missouri, in August of 2021. I discovered Ponce de Leon Park/PRWC via **Bill Johnston**, one of our Kings Gate residents, in 2022. I applied to volunteer at this animal rehab center the next day. For the past two+ years, I am rejuvenated and energized each week as I spend time volunteering at the center.

What do we do at PRWC? The wildlife center in the park provides care for rescued animals that can no longer be released into the wild. Our residents often become ambassadors to the public, used for teaching and to help raise funds to support their care. Fortunately, most of our rescues recover at our affiliate hospital and get released back into the wild.

In 2022, I began as a weekend cleaner. When I retired in March, I added an additional morning each week to prepare the residents' food, then feed my feathered friends. (If any of you have corn hole skills, tossing fish head-first to pelicans is a good fit for you!) I have helped at Sunset Happy hours, picked up donations from local stores, as well as numerous other activities with other volunteers.

PRWC has many needs for volunteers including: working the gift shop, answering phones, feeding wildlife babies that are too small for the hospital, cleaning, food preparation and feeding (mornings or afternoons), and/or training to handle the various animal ambassadors to help educate the public. If any of you have a love for nature, I encourage you to seek out this lovely effort to help our Florida wildlife.



Contact Tammy Gerringer—
Tammy@prwildlife.org for more information on volunteering. For more information on PRWC: <https://prwildlife.org>



WORD SEARCH

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(Solution on page 31)

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

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WINTER WONDERLAND

Dance

DECEMBER 7

Bring the Magic Home:
Create your own Winter Wonderland Centerpiece!
Center pieces will be auctioned off for charity if interested.

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

HOUSE JUDGING - 12/18
GOLF CART JUDGING 12/19

Sign up in the office

(Illustration of Santa Claus in a sleigh surrounded by Christmas trees and decorations)

Monday

KINGS FEAST

(Illustration of a chef in a food truck)

December's Food Truck Schedule

Front Parking Lot 4 - 6:30 PM

December 2nd.	Outside the Lunchbox
December 9th.	Big GoRays BBQ
December 16th.	Grovesqueeze
December 23rd.	Nickel City Red Hots
December 30th.	No Truck

Farmers MARKET

Every Tuesday
8 AM - 1 PM

Along with
EL JOE BEAN COFFEE Truck

(Illustration of a fruit stand and a coffee truck logo)

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

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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


\$80 per ticket for all 3 events

\$33 per ticket for individual



March 7th, 2025

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

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Dance Lessons & Coaching

Wednesday's at Kings Gate

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Basic to Intermediate

Wednesday's from 6pm-8pm

No lessons will be held June through September



Dance Fundamentals (frame & steps)
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HELLO KINGS GATE

We thought you might like to see some of the data for Kings Gate sales so far (*resales from January 2024 through October 2024*) –

Number of homes sold	45
Percent of homes bought all cash	65%
Average days on market before contract	108 days
Percent of homes sold listed by Team Batliner above \$345,000	77%
Percent of homes sold listed by Team Batliner above \$400,000	100%

A few years ago homes were staying on market for a matter of days. Those times have changed and with more inventory on the market – it is taking longer for homes to find a buyer. Pricing is about 10% to 15% off peak pricing – but it seems to be holding stable now. Also, several homes that were financed were short term or bridge loans where people were going to pay off their loan as soon as they sold their other house.

In our marketing/advertising searching for Kings Gate buyers, we have shifted emphasis a bit due to the recent storms. Where we used to lead with all the activities available in Kings Gate, we now lead with these facts: Kings Gate is more than 20 feet above sea level, has never experienced a storm surge, is not in a flood zone and is in evacuation zone D (which has never been under evacuation order). Those facts are equally important to buyers up North considering a Florida home and to local Florida buyers looking to move away from a canal, evacuation zone A, or a manufactured home community. We have had several local Florida buyers seeking higher/ safer ground – and Kings Gate is well positioned to capture those buyers.

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