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# Message from Management

To all our wonderful seasonal owners, we extend our sincere wishes for a safe and joyful journey home and a beautiful summer ahead. It's remarkable how swiftly the season has passed. It has been an absolute pleasure sharing so many wonderful moments, memories, laughter, activities, and events with you over these past months. Your warmth, positivity, and sense of community have truly made this season unforgettable for all of us.

As you return to cooler weather, please know that you will be missed here. May your summer be filled with joy, adventure, and cherished time with loved ones, all the things that make home so meaningful. We will be busy planning new activities, special events, and exciting surprises in anticipation of your return.

Until then, have a wonderful summer, travel safely, and remember that we are already looking forward to welcoming you back with open arms for another memorable season together.

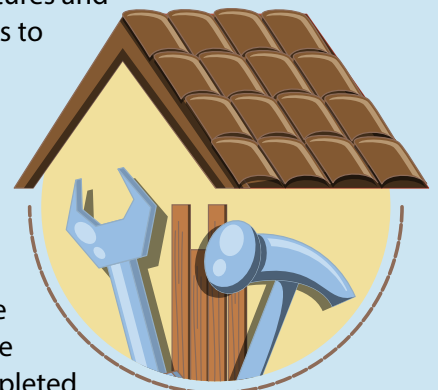
-Your Castle Management Staff



## Per Architectural Control Committee Guidelines

1.2 Necessity of Architectural Review and Approval, no improvement or structure of any kind, including, without limitation, any building, fountain, statute, fence, wall, swimming pool, tennis court, screen enclosure, exterior paint or finish, hurricane protection, pet house, swale, sewer, drain, disposal system, decorative building, landscape device, tree, landscaping, or object, recreational or other external lighting, or any other improvement of any kind shall be commenced, erected, placed or maintained upon any Lot, nor shall any addition, change or alternation therein or thereon be made, unless and until the plans, specifications and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography- and as to conformance with these Community Standards of Association.

\*Approved application must be displayed in the front window while work is being completed



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As we welcome the month of May, we also begin the transition into a quieter, more relaxed season here at the club. While the pace may slow, the beauty of the course and the camaraderie in the restaurant remain as strong as ever.

Many of our seasonal members have headed north, we want to extend our sincere thanks for another wonderful season. Your energy, participation, and friendships are what make this community so special. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the fall!

May is a fantastic time to enjoy the course, with warmer mornings and longer days providing great playing conditions. Be sure to take advantage of tee time availability and keep an eye out for upcoming summer-friendly formats and casual play opportunities.

The restaurant continues to be a gathering place for great food and even better company. As we move into the off-season, look for relaxed dining specials, themed nights, and opportunities to connect with fellow members in a more laid-back setting.

While things may be a bit quieter, we're already planning for an exciting summer and preparing for another fantastic season ahead. Stay tuned for updates, special events, and ways to stay engaged all summer long.

Thank you to all of our members and guests for your continued support. Here's to a great May filled with sunshine, good golf, and great meals!

Warm regards,  
Kings Gate Golf Club and Lion's Den Restaurant Team



# *Greetings Kings Gate Neighbors*

We're excited to make you aware of our Community Website

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**HOA information is strictly for residents  
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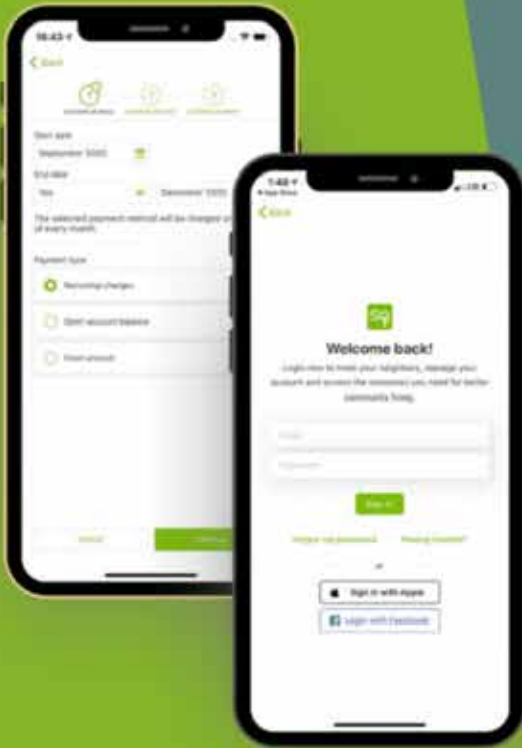
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**KINGS GATE GLOBETROTTERS TRAVEL CLUB**

EVELYN RUFF AT eviesgems@gmail.com  
 KIM BROCK AT kimbrock21423@gmail.com  
 KATHY MOLTER AT kmolter1@hotmail.com

May 7 Lunch at Riveria Bar & Grill - Call Kim

Oct 5-10, 2026 Nashville 5 nights/6 days with Diamond Tours - \$975 dbl occ/ \$1204 single  
 \$134 deposit due to hold your spot- check payable to: Diamond Tours - Call Evelyn Ruff

Aug 17-20 Key West with All Around Charters 4 days/3 nights -Doubletree Resort by Hilton From \$851 includes 3 Breakfasts & 1 dinner - Call All Around Charters 941 488-9393

Oct 14 Peace River wildlife and lunch - \$5 donation - Call Kim

Nov 5 Mote Sea Aquarium/Trader Joe's/ Detweiler's Farm Market - bus - approx. \$85 - Call Kathy

Dec 2-3 Bus overnight trip to Mt Dora - /Lakeridge winery - cost approx. \$400 Staying overnight at Lakeside Inn - Call Evelyn

Everyone is welcome to join the travel club. You only need to submit your email address & phone # to Evelyn.

There are no dues. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Palace Theater. The meeting takes about 1 hour.



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**Globe Trotter  
 Travel Club**



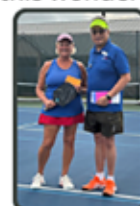
On March 12, we hosted a charity round-robin scramble pickleball tournament among our Kings Gate neighbors. We raised \$330 for Charlotte Gears Center, a homelessness 501(c)(3) organization also known as St Vincent de Paul Cares. I am grateful for all the help that our neighbors provided in organizing, providing materials, brainstorming, and finally making the event possible. Special mention goes to the leaders in our pickleball community: Lin Coe, Patricia Davis, Dennis Gershkoff, and Linda Dotolo.

The round robin scramble format is tricky; there is no permanent partner. More often, players must win as a team rather than on personal effort. All of the player registration proceeds, plus non-player donations, went directly to CCC. Donna Saliter, the Fundraising and Donor Relations Manager, wrote me a letter expressing gratitude for our KG community's effort.

Congratulations to the winners: Roxy Kerkenbush placed 3rd, Patrick Davis placed 2nd, and Caroline Cormier placed 1st. Everyone got a Wrigley's store gift certificate.

Joan and I have been holding these charity tournaments annually since 2023, still benefiting a homelessness community service nonprofit organization in DuPage County, Illinois. I am grateful we were able to duplicate this, in a small way, in our winter community. Much help is still needed at CCC as the snowbird volunteers head north this spring. I will encourage the year-rounders to reach out to Patricia Davis if anyone is considering volunteering with this wonderful non-profit.

With gratitude.  
 Bobby and Joan Taruc



# Activities/Clubs at Kings Gate

**Bid Euchre** Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Card Room. Classes available to learn. Contact Cheryl Drake 734-558-3735

**Billiards** Mondays and Fridays at 11:30 AM. Contact Dan Strange 812-455-4226

**Bingo** First and third Mondays of each month. 6 PM Ballroom. Contact Barbara McClure 716-465-4692 – Please don't be late!

**Bocce League** Scheduled play returns in September. Contact Cheryl Drake 734-558-3735

**Book Club** Third Monday at 1 PM Palace Theater. Contact Gail Mears 603-481-0877 gailmears1@gmail.com

**Bridge** Tuesdays at 1 PM in the Card Room. Contact Phyllis Dahn 302-270-8004

**Corn Hole** Wednesdays at 12-1:30 PM in Palace Theater. Contact Patty Lafferty 708-625-5196

**Crafted in the Kingdom** First Thursday of the month. October-April, 1 PM, Palace Theater-\$10.00/session-sign up in the HOA by the 15th of the month before class you plan to attend, all materials supplied.

**Crafty Ladies** Mondays in the Residents' Room, 10 AM Contact Linda Ashley 508-287-0289 (October – April)

**Dance Lessons and Coaching** October through May - Wednesday's 6-8 PM in the Ballroom, \$10.00 - Contact Jim and Andrea Carroll 941-276-7412

**Dominoes/Mexican Train** Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Card Room, 12:50 PM. Contact Judy Przybysz at 443-350-5321 or judy.prybysz@gmail.com

**Euchre** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Card Room. Contact Mary & Karl Ebert 585-298-1012

**Food Truck Mondays** Food Truck in Parking Lot every Monday 4-6:30 PM (ends May 18)

**Greeting Card Making** Wednesdays at 9-11 AM, Residents' Room. \$5.00 for 4 cards. Contact Leslie Wright 913-207-7746 or Cindy Strohl 217-972-3414 (October – April)

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

**Hand & Foot** Mondays & Fridays at 1 PM in the Card Room, arrive 10 minutes early at 12:50 PM. Contact Judy Przybysz 443-350-5321

**Honor Flight** Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the Imperial. Contact Charlie McClure 716-465-4472

**Horseshoe League** Saturdays, 9 AM January-March. Contact Bob Spindler: Text 781-483-8633 or email captbob19@gmail.com

**Kingo** Second and Fourth Sunday at 6 PM in the Residents' Room. Contact Paul Brock 239-994-9038

**Kings Gate Cruisers** Second Monday of the month, 2:30 PM in the Palace Theater, Contact Mike Bierman 941-286-8767

**Lawn Bowling** Tuesdays and Thursday, 10 AM, Show up by 9:45 AM. League goes December-March. Must sign up. Contact Merv Ott 905-327-4152 or mervandCheryl@aol.com

**Left, Right, Center** (Dice Game) 4th Monday of each month at 6 PM in the Ballroom. Contact Denice Aguste 908-601-9462

**Line Dancing** Mondays at 10 AM in the Ballroom. \$5.00 per person (pay at each class).

**LiteBeat Cardio** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 AM in the Palace Theater. Classes Begin May 19. Contact Rose Horvath 508-816-7239

**Mahjong** Tuesdays 6:30 PM & Thursdays 1 PM 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. Saturdays at 9 AM. Contact Bob Spindler 617-957-7385 or captainbob19@gmail.com

**Pickleball Club** Pickleball club members meet at the Kings Gate Pickleball courts on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, & Saturdays 8 AM-12 PM Thursdays 6:30 –8:30 PM Contact Dennis Gershkoff 401-219-4100

**Ping Pong** Mondays, 3 PM in the Billiards Room.

**Poker** Fridays from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Residents' Room. (nickel & dime) "Kings Gate Residents Only". Contact Pauline or Cliff 941-456-7915 (October – May)

**Poker** Wednesdays from 1-4 PM & 7-10 PM in the Residents' Room. Contact Ray Arcovio 941-626-6193

**Potluck** First Sunday of the month, 4:30-6:30 PM Residents' Room. Contact Debbi Iannace 845-826-0625

**Sevens From Hell Cards** Tuesdays and Thursdays, arrive by 12:45 PM, play at 1 PM Residents' Room. Contact Irene Adam 941-380-4955

**Shuffleboard** Mondays at 2 PM. Contact Margie Robertson 269-719-5838

## Activities/Clubs at Kings Gate

**Singles Club** If you're single and would like to meet new friends, join us every second Monday of each month at 6 PM in the Residents' Room. (October-May only) Contact Eileen Bott 201-602-4285 or Carol Rogers 941-626-4075.

**Sips and Suggestions w/ Management** First Friday of each month 10 AM Residents' Room

**Strength Training with Joyce** Mondays (bands & free weights), Wednesdays (strength training & free weights), Fridays (circuit training) 8:30-9:15 AM Ballroom Contact Joyce Mignosa 941-979-9412

**Sunday Scramblers** 11 AM Residents' Room

**Tennis Club** Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays from 8 AM -12 PM Meet at the Kings Gate Tennis Courts

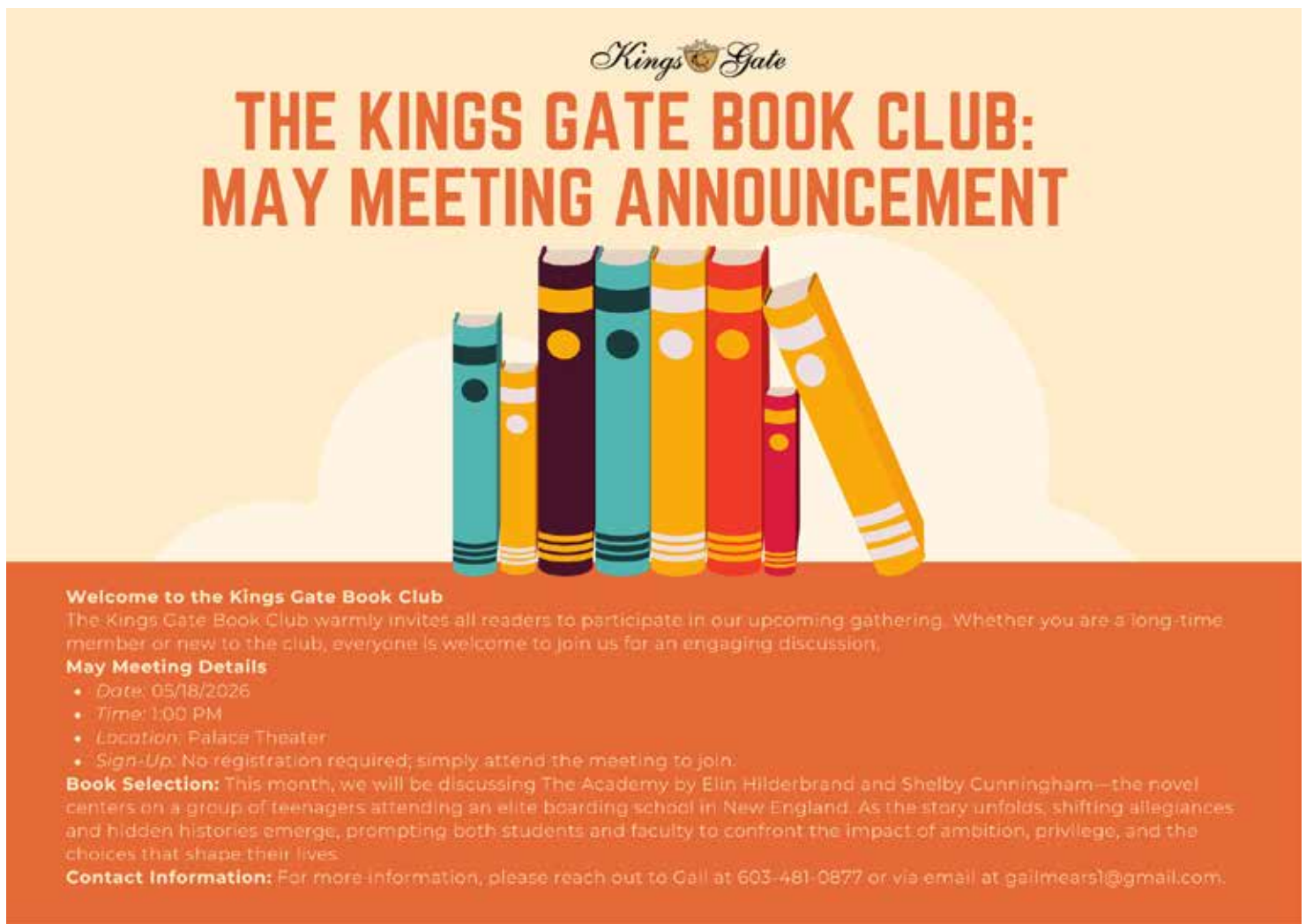
**Texas Hold' em** Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Residents' Room & Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays at 1 PM in the Residents' Room. Contact Roxanne Pino 609-685-6426

**Travel Club: Kings Gate Globe Trotters Travel Club** Fourth Tuesday of each month, Palace Theater 1 PM Contact Evelyn Ruff 941-276-5146 or Kim Brock 513-377-3669

**Trivia** Second Monday of each month at 6 PM Ballroom. \$10 per person, pre-registration required. Purchase tickets in the HOA office. (Bar available October-April)

**Water Aerobics Year-Round** - Monday- Friday at 9 AM at the pool, contact Jean Sutton 864-420-3146. Seasonal (*no 10 AM June, July & August*) - Monday-Friday at 10 AM at the pool, contact Ann Allen 941-286-2633

**Water Volleyball** Thursdays at 1:30 PM Gentle & 3 PM Advanced, Sundays at 1:30 PM Regular. All water volleyball takes place in the Kings Gate Pool.



The graphic features the Kings Gate logo at the top center, with a crown icon. Below it, the text "THE KINGS GATE BOOK CLUB: MAY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath the text is an illustration of a row of colorful books (teal, yellow, purple, teal, yellow, red, pink) standing upright, with one yellow book leaning against the others. The background is a light orange gradient with a white sun-like shape behind the books.

**Welcome to the Kings Gate Book Club**  
The Kings Gate Book Club warmly invites all readers to participate in our upcoming gathering. Whether you are a long-time member or new to the club, everyone is welcome to join us for an engaging discussion.

**May Meeting Details**

- *Date:* 05/18/2026
- *Time:* 1:00 PM
- *Location:* Palace Theater
- *Sign-Up:* No registration required; simply attend the meeting to join.

**Book Selection:** This month, we will be discussing *The Academy* by Elin Hilderbrand and Shelby Cunningham—the novel centers on a group of teenagers attending an elite boarding school in New England. As the story unfolds, shifting allegiances and hidden histories emerge, prompting both students and faculty to confront the impact of ambition, privilege, and the choices that shape their lives.

**Contact Information:** For more information, please reach out to Gail at 603-481-0877 or via email at [gailmears1@gmail.com](mailto:gailmears1@gmail.com).



### **Jackie Gillespie: A Life of Adventure, Resilience, and Remarkable Talents**

**Jackie Gillespie is truly a woman of many interests, with a life story rich in adventure, accomplishment, and resilience.**

**Originally from South Carolina, Jackie began her journey as a young bride when she moved to Germany with her first husband, who served in the military. During those early years, she had the opportunity to travel extensively, an experience that helped shape her lifelong curiosity and love of learning.**

**The family was transferred from Germany to Washington, D.C., where Jackie began her career in the insurance industry. Starting as a clerk, her determination and work ethic propelled her through the ranks, attaining the position of Assistant Vice President—a remarkable achievement.**

**Tragedy struck when her first husband passed away due to a brain injury he had sustained in a fall while serving in the military in Germany. Jackie faced this difficult chapter with strength, becoming a single mother for several years while raising her family of two young sons. Life brought love again when she met her second husband, who worked at the same insurance company, and together they moved to Chicago. There, Jackie continued her career in insurance. However, the company was soon purchased by General Electric, and Jackie began a new career in direct marketing and sales, where she worked for 21 years before eventually settling in Battle Creek, Michigan.**

**In 1986, Jackie added “pilot” to her list of accomplishments by earning her pilot’s license and instrument rating. Her journey into aviation began when she purchased flying lessons as a birthday gift for her husband—but quickly realized that if she was going to fly with him, she needed to know how to safely operate and land the plane herself. The couple purchased their first plane in 1985, and during one planned trip to New Orleans, lost power on take-off and crashed into a soybean field. Although the airplane was totaled, Jackie was the only passenger injured, sustaining three fractured vertebrae requiring two surgeries and six months in a body cast—yet another example of her resilience in the face of adversity.**

**Flying was just one of many passions. Jackie has been an accomplished roller skater who even danced on skates, a trick water skier, and a scuba diver. Her creative side shines through her work as an artist; although she has not painted seriously in recent years, her body of work reflects impressive talent and dedication.**

**Jackie also has a deep desire for learning and is actively involved in several organizations. She is a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with lineage tracing back to the Revolutionary War. Jackie is also a member of two other national societies, the Daughters of the War of 1812 and the Eastern Star, and she participates in both astronomical and genealogical societies.**

**Despite experiencing significant loss, including the passing of both husbands and her oldest son, Jackie’s life remains a testament to strength, perseverance, and a spirit for living fully.**

**Since moving to Kings Gate in 2023, Jackie has embraced the community with enthusiasm. She is an avid card player, enjoys line dancing and ballroom dancing, and is a member of both the Elks and the Eagles. Jackie Gillespie’s story is one of courage, curiosity, and connection—a life well-lived and an inspiration to all who know her. She has been blessed with two sons, two husbands, two grandchildren, and a fulfilled life!**



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**We welcome you to join our family!**

# MAY 2026

All events are subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sigs & Suggestions 10 AM (RR) Kentucky Derby Dance 6-9 PM (BR) - HH 5:30 PM	2
3 Pot Luck 4:30-6:30 PM (RR)	4 Bingo 6 PM (RR)	5	6 Activity Mng 2 PM (BR)	7	8	9
10 Kingo 6 PM (RR)	11 Gold & Silver Roadshow 9 AM-3:30 PM (PT) Singles Club 6 PM (RR) Trivida 6 PM (RR)	12 ACC 9 AM (RR) Kings Gate Cruisers 2:30 PM (PT)	13	14 New Res Meet & Greet 6 PM (R)	15	16
17	18 Book Club 1 PM (PT) Bingo 6 PM (RR)	19	20	21 Legacy Writing 1:30 PM (PT) BOD Mng 2 PM (BR)	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY Pool Party 1-4 PM LRC 6 PM (RR)	26 ACC 9 AM (R) Globe Trotters Travel Club 1 PM (PT)	27 Honor Flight 7 PM (RR)	28	29	30
31 Kingo 6 PM (RR)						

### Rooms Codes

- BR - Ballroom
- BC - Bocce Court
- BDR - Billiard Room
- BO - Board Room
- CR - Card Room
- HP - Horseshoe Pits
- IR - Imperial Room
- LB - Lawn Bowling
- PL - Parking Lot
- PO - Pool
- PT - Palace Theater
- RR - Residents Room
- TR - Tennis/Pickleball

*Kings Gate*



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 AM - 12 PM Pickleball Club (TP) 11:00 AM Sunday Scramblers (RR) 1:30 PM Water Volleyball (PO)	8 AM - 12 PM Pickleball Club (TP) 8:30 AM Strength Training (BR) 9:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM Line Dancing (BR) 11:30 AM Billiards (BDR) 12:50 PM Hand & Foot (CR) 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em (RR) 2:00 PM Shuffleboard (SB) 3:00 PM Ping Pong (BDR) 4:00 - 6:30 PM Food Truck (PL) 6:30 PM Bid Euchre (CR)	8 AM - 12 PM Tennis (TP) 9:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM LiteBeat Cardio (PT) Begins 5/19 12:45 PM 7's From Hell (RR) 1:00 PM Bridge (CR) 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em (RR) 6:30 PM MahJong (CR)	8 AM - 12 PM Pickleball Club (TP) 8:30 AM Strength Training (BR) 9:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 9:00 AM Greeting Card Class (RR) (ends May 6) 10:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 12:50 PM Mexican Train (CR) 1:00 PM Poker (RR) 12:00 PM Corn Hole (PT) 6:00 PM Dance Lessons (BR) 6:30 PM Euchre (CR) 7:00 PM Poker (RR)	8 AM - 12 PM Tennis (TP) 9:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM LiteBeat Cardio (PT) Begins 5/19 1:00 PM MahJong (CR) 12:45 PM 7's From Hell (RR) 1:30 PM Gentle Water Volleyball (PO) 3:00 PM Advanced Water Volleyball (PO) 6:30 PM Texas Hold'em (RR) 6:30-8:30 PM Pickleball (TP)	8 AM - 12 PM Tennis (TP) 8:30 AM Circuit Training (BR) 9:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 10:00 AM Water Aerobics (PO) 11:30 AM Billiards (BDR) 12:50 PM Hand & Foot (CR) 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em (RR) 6:30 PM Poker - Seasonal (RR)	8 AM - 12 PM Pickleball Club (TP) 12:50 PM Mexican Train (CR) 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em (RR)



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  - RR - Residents Room
  - TP - Tennis/Pickleball
  - SB - Shuffle Board Court

ALL EVENTS & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Dan joined the U.S. Marines in 1969 during the height of the Vietnam Conflict. As a patriotic young man of nineteen living in Tennessee, he lamented the death of his brother-in-law, Doug, who was KIA on September 24, 1967.

Dan completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. Those finishing basic training at this location were dubbed "Hollywood Marines." Shortly after basic training, the Marines assigned Dan to Company L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in Vietnam. Dan immediately saw combat in the jungles of Vietnam against a fierce opponent steeped in guerrilla tactics.

Dan and his friend Ed "Eddie" Sylvester, part of a close-knit group, normally worked "the point." Ed was the point man, followed closely by Dan. Ed and Dan were adept at sensing trouble, noticing things out of place, and detecting the "punji pits" and "trip wires" set by their enemy as they moved through dense foliage.

Unfortunately, Ed missed a trip wire. An explosion rocked the jungle, and Ed's legs were blown off. With no time to hesitate, Dan immediately called for medevac support for his friend. When the chopper arrived, Ed asked Dan if he would please retrieve his boots. Dan, injured by shrapnel, retrieved them—with Ed's legs still inside.

Not realizing his own side had been ripped open and that he had been bleeding heavily, Dan urged the corpsman and pilot to rush his friend to safety. Rifleman Hemphill had been running on adrenaline, unaware of his own peril and severe wounds. The corpsman pointed to Dan's side, and only then did Dan realize he, too, needed evacuation, leaving his brothers-in-arms behind.

Thankfully, both Eddie and Dan survived. The chopper took them to medical support in Da Nang. After a thorough evaluation, doctors sent Dan to Okinawa, where surgery repaired his extensive shrapnel injuries. Dan finished his tour in Okinawa and was released from service in December 1970.

Upon returning to the U.S., many citizens treated him with disrespect for serving. Courageous men like Dan, from all branches of service, deserved a better homecoming. Not bitter but proud of his sacrifice for freedom, Dan noted that American attitudes began to change in the 1980s. Once again, men of honor and valor received the thanks of a grateful nation.

Dan Hemphill, an American hero, does not like to speak of his experience. He did not volunteer to be interviewed and remained humble throughout the conversation. Lieutenant General William K. Jones, U.S. Marine Corps, aptly summarized Dan's bravery and sacrifice. He stated on Dan's citation for the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V": "For heroic achievement while serving as a Rifleman with Company L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in combat operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam."

Dan continued to serve his community and nation as a police officer—first in Shelbyville, TN, for six years, and then, after relocating to Florida, as a Deputy Sheriff in Lee County for 22 years.

Dan Hemphill, a Marine and law enforcement professional, deserves everything he has earned in retirement. He deserves the thanks of a grateful community. May God continue to richly bless Dan, his wife Jeri, and their family.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Chapman  
Veterans Reporter



# 2026 Horseshoe Placements

League Winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Split between Rick Plummer & Chuck Felder  
3<sup>rd</sup> goes to Bob Spindler

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### RESALE HOMES IN KINGS GATE

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Q1	15	10	19	17	18
Q2	11	14	13	9	
Q3	11	8	12	11	
Q4	7	9	8	8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	44	41	52	45	18

ALL DATA PER STELLAR MLS

Overall Q1 home sales are quite similar to the previous couple of years - though much better than 2022/2023. The momentum is much stronger than those numbers appear. In 2025 there were a total of 9 Kings Gate resale homes sold in the second quarter - as of April 2nd - there are already 15 homes pending and scheduled to close in the second quarter.

In addition, inventory of Kings Gate resale homes peaked at nearly 40 units around the end of 2025 and as of April 2 is now down to 24 units. So general trend for Kings Gate for first quarter of 2026 is as follows:

#### **Sales Up and Inventory Down!**

Leverage has been on the side of the buyers for quite some time in Kings Gate - if the current trends continue, that will start to become more balanced. Thinking of buying or selling in Kings Gate? Reach out to the number 1 team in Kings Gate - we're here to help!

  
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