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Your Elected City Officials		Kingsley Calendar	
Mayor:	Rebecca Beld502-452-6478	All City Council & Tree Board meetings are held via Zoom meetings until further notice. The website will have the details.	
Commissioners:		December 3	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00 pm
Aliki Royalty (Trash pick up, other Special Events)	.502-445-4900	January 7	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00 pm
Lesa Ferguson (Picnic, sidewalks)	502-681-5570	February 4	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00pm
George Burns (Streets, street signs)	206-225-1532	March 4	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00pm
Stephanie Rosenik (Public Info, Landscaping):	502-753-9476	April 1	City meeting 7:00pm (No fooling!) Tree Board 6:00pm
When calling be sure to unblock your caller ID.			
Other Contacts			
City Clerk:	Marilyn Whisler502-262-2760		
Treasurer:	Tom Schlindwein502-548-1834		
Tree Board:	Phyl Breuer502-452-2515		
	Susan Melcher.....502-459-0802		
Police:	Emergency.....911		
	Non-Emergency 574-2111 option 5		
	SVPD.....432-8900		



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Meet Your New Website

In most newsletters, we have a section on Meet Your Commissioners so residents can put a face with a name, and get to know the folks meeting on behalf of Kingsley residents. But this month, we’d like to introduce you to the new Kingsley website! Our previous website held vital information and pictures of past events, but was created years ago and just screamed 1997! It was time to update the look and functionality. As of early November, we have launched the updated website, and have been checking for errors and learning how to update it. The address stays the same:

www.cityofkingsley.org

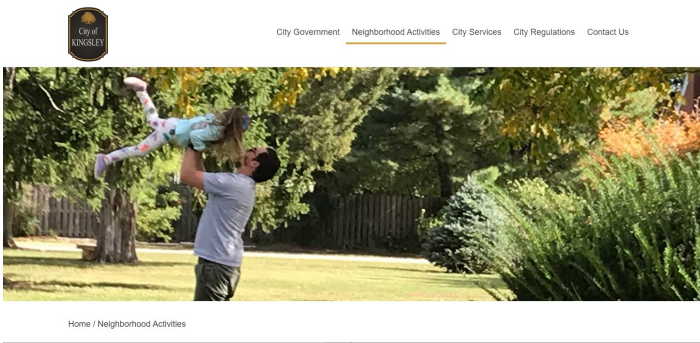
The content has been reorganized, pared down and made mobile friendly. The tabs are now:

- City Government
- Neighborhood Activities
- City Services
- City Regulations
- Contact Us

We will update photos from time to time. If any Kingsley resident has a photo of old time Kingsley, we’d love to see it and possibly include it.

Information about our monthly Kingsley commissioners meeting is also on the website. You’ll see a banner across the top of the home page showing the Zoom info.

Also, many thanks to Holly Ridge’s family for posing for our Neighborhood Activities header photo!



Winter Tip 1

Whether the upcoming average winter temperature Will be higher than normal or lower than normal, we can usually expect at least a few days of temperatures well below freezing. Before we get that cold snap, you might want to doublecheck the main water shut off valve in your home. We all know to turn on a faucet to drip during a cold night, but if one of the water lines in your house does burst, it’s good to know where your shut off valve is, and to know that it works! Louisville Water Co has a YouTube video you can watch at their website:

www.louisvillewater.com/watershutoffvalve

Take the time to identify where your shut off valve is, label it with a water resistant tag, and confirm it works. A few minutes now can give you some peace of mind this winter.

Winter Tip 2

Don’t forget if there is snow or ice predicted, park your car in the driveway or garage so our snow removal crews can plow the roads. Then they don’t risk blocking your car in.

October Fun

Halloween Decorating

Residents of Kingsley and Strathmoor Village had a great time at Food Truck Friday on October 23rd..... from about 6PM to 7PM when it started raining buckets. So the evening was cut short, but for those there early, the grilled cheese, hotdogs and neighborly visits were fun. And the run home to miss the rain was a good cardio workout. Thank you to John Barrow in Strathmoor Village for arranging the evening.

Congratulations to the Burkets on Lowell Ave in Strathmoor Village for winning the Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Pictures of the house don’t do it justice—they had special flood lights, caskets, skeletons and a life size gargoyle in their front yard. The Burkets really got into the scary theme of the season!

December Fun

He’s checking his list!

One of Santa’s helpers thought it might be nice and helpful for Santa if we put a mailbox in Kingsley Green for little ones to write to him with their Christmas wishes. (Thank you to Keith Melcher and Jessica Singleton for making this happen.) The mailbox is on the Sydney side of the park, by the Little Library and will be checked daily. We are sharing this activity with Strathmoor Village, so we’re asking you to put the city you’re in, just to make sorting easier. If your Kingsley child does not receive a response before the holiday, contact Alik Royalty on 445-4900.

The child can use the template below, or write his own letter to Santa. Just make sure the name, age and address are included in any letter written. And of course the wish list!



Dear Santa,

My name is _____. I am _____ years old and
I live at _____ in _____.

I've been very good to my friends and my family this year. Some goods things I've done are:

I really hope I'm on your nice list! My Christmas wishes for this year are:

I'm really excited for you to visit. I promise to leave out _____ for you
and the reindeer to snack on. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello from me.

Love,

January Fun

Flag contest

Since we’ve been sprucing up the entrance to Kingsley, and moving things around some, we thought it might be nice to fly a City of Kingsley flag in Kingsley Green....except we don’t have a Kingsley flag. To remedy that, we will be accepting design proposals created by children 15 and younger throughout January. This might be a nice way to pass a cold winter afternoon, too! If you want inspiration colors, consider those on the Little Library....bright and fun. Drawings can be dropped off to Alik Royalty at 2405 Tyler Lane with the name, age and address of the creator. There will be a first, second and third prize. So get your children’s creative juices flowing!

Around Kingsley.....

The year of construction

As we mentioned in the summer newsletter, we did a lot of work on sidewalk maintenance in the past few months. We cut off edges between sidewalk squares to reduce trip hazards, poured new squares to replace badly broken ones, and added connectors to make crossing the streets and access to the park easier. And maybe you noticed.....we built a traffic island in the five way intersection of Gladstone, Montrose, and Kings Hwy! That involved closing off some streets for awhile during both construction and landscaping. The island is now completed with a new flagpole, lighting and low growing perennials that will bloom again next spring through fall. We’re excited to see how it will look in a couple years when all the perennials are fully settled in.

We also modified the Kingsley Green Park boundaries slightly to make crossing from a sidewalk to the park easier, with less time for a pedestrian to be in the road. The walkway in the park also allows everyone, regardless of physical abilities, access to the park. We’ll add benches to the park next summer.

Approaching the island, all motorists should stop at the STOP sign, then turn to the right, in a counter-clockwise direction. Just as you would in any intersection, if another motorist is driving around the island, wait until he or she turns onto a street before pulling out. If you are riding a bicycle, remember to follow the traffic pattern!



None of us miss the days of construction.....



It's kind of hard to see the plantings right now, but wait until next spring and we'll see Coreopsis, Hibiscus, Allium—lots of color!

Financial Statement Report

This is the story on the insert

Our fiscal years have always gone from 7/1 to 6/30. So we are currently in the 7/1/20-6/30/21 fiscal year. On every odd year, we get audited within a few months of the end of the fiscal year for the previous two years. That’s been the case for years and years.

In even years, we do a Financial Statement Report for the previous year only and send it to the Dept for Local Government in Frankfort. This has also been the case for years and years. This report is required in order to qualify for funds from Frankfort for roads and police. It reflects revenue received, expenses incurred and investment levels during the previous fiscal year.

What is different now is in 2018, Frankfort passed a law requiring cities to publish to the residents this Financial Statement Report. The insert to this newsletter is a summary of the report, and validation by our treasurer that the info is correct to the best of his knowledge. If you have any questions, you can contact the treasurer or any commissioner directly, or through the website. Notice their names are on the front of this newsletter.

PS...One Last Comment....

Yup, the pandemic still sucks. Cross your fingers we’ll be able to have the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 3rd 2021, but as of right now, we can’t say for sure if it will happen. We’re so over it.....