

2005 Homeowners Dues and One-Time Capital Improvement Assessment Unanimously Passed at January 25 Meeting

All 34 homeowners in attendance at the meeting, along with 147 homeowners who voted by proxy, passed motions for a \$325 annual homeowners dues for 2005 and for a one-time capital improvement assessment of \$200 payable by August 31, 2005. As discussed in recent newsletters and in two letters to all homeowners, the concrete deck of the swimming pool needs to be completely replaced. We believe that we can get one more summer's use of the pool deck with some minor repairs to make it safe and enjoyable. Replacement will take place late in 2005 (after the pool closes for the season) or early in 2006. This would allow the \$200 one-time assessment to be paid off over the first eight months of 2005, rather than all at once in January. An additional advantage is the Association would not have to take out a commercial loan that would cost us \$9,000 – \$11,000 in interest

In looking at alternatives to this pool work over the last few months, the interest of most homeowners in maintaining the pool as a true asset for our community was strong. Loosing it could change the character of this neighborhood rather quickly as we are one of the few areas that have a pool and park of the quality of High Woodlands. These facilities have been very attractive to home buyers in recent years and play a significant role in defining our community. The support was across the board – from families with young kids to families with no children to families whose kids grew up here and are now returning with their grandchildren..

You will receive your initial bill in February. It will explain the options available to you. We appreciate those who have already sent in both the annual dues and the capital assessment.

Plans for a Kingsgate Casino Continue to Build

The Sno-King Hockey Association is proceeding with its plans to establish a casino in the Bingo Hall adjacent to Safeway, despite strong neighborhood opposition. Casino Caribbean, who will operate the casino continues to renovate the facility and to ignore the interests of this community. In addition, they officially applied for a liquor license on January 5.

Brad Roetcisoender of the Kingsgate 5 Homeowners' Association spoke at our recent meeting on:

What can you do!!!

1. Request a denial of the liquor license application at the bingo site

This is probably the most immediate thing that could be done. A casino without a liquor license is unlikely to succeed. Other strategies are more long-term and could come too late. You need to write a letter to the liquor control board immediately. A sample is attached.

The license number is 087393. Contact the Washington State Liquor control board and request that they deny a liquor license at the following Bingo Hall address: 12526 NE 144th Kirkland, Washington 98034.

Please make your own personal remarks. Kathy Lambert's example can be seen at http://www.metrokc.gov/MKCC/Members/d3/Ltr_WSLCB.htm

Send your letter to:

[Merritt D. Long, Board Chairman](#)

Washington State Liquor Control Board

PO Box 43075

3000 Pacific Ave SE

Olympia, WA 98504-3075

Phone: (360) 664-1711

Fax: (360)753-2710

E-mail: customerservice@liq.wa.gov

Also, sign and/or collect more petition signatures. Templates are available at

<http://www.stopneighborhoodcasinos.com/downloads.htm>

2. Lobby for a ban on card rooms in unincorporated King County

Contact the following people by phone, letter, or e-mail and tell them that you want King County to put a ban on card rooms in unincorporated areas like Kingsgate.

[Ron Sims, King County Executive, \[exec.sims@metrokc.gov\]\(mailto:exec.sims@metrokc.gov\)](#)

King County Courthouse

516 3rd Ave, Suite 400

Seattle, WA 98104-2312

Phone: (206) 296-4040

[Carolyn Edmunds, Councilmember District 1, \[Carolyn.Edmunds@metrokc.gov\]\(mailto:Carolyn.Edmunds@metrokc.gov\)](#)

King County Courthouse

516 3rd Ave, Room 1200

Seattle, WA 98104-2317

Phone: (206) 296-1003

3. Push for accelerated annexation into the City of Kirkland

Contact the Kirkland City Council and also King County Council and request that the annexation of Kingsgate into Kirkland happens as quickly as possible.

Email: citycouncil@ci.kirkland.wa.us

4. Ask the state government for legislative relief

Current state law only allows cities and counties to either ban card rooms outright in all areas or allow them in all areas. Contact our state representatives, make them aware of the casino problem in Kingsgate, and ask for some other legislative tool to help remedy the situation.

Bill Finkbeiner, State Senate, 45th Legislative District

314 Legislative Building

PO Box 40445

Olympia, WA 98504-0445

Phone: (360) 786-7672

E-mail: finkbeiner.bill@leg.wa.gov

[Toby Nixon](#), House of Representatives [45th Legislative District](#)
PO Box 40600
437 John L O'Brien Bldg
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
Phone: (360) 786-7878
Phone: (425) 823-9779
E-mail: toby@tobynixon.com

[Larry Springer](#) House of Representatives, [45th Legislative District](#)
325 John L. O'Brien Building
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Olympia, WA 98504-0600
Phone: (360) 786-7822

5. Tell all your friends in the area and get them involved

The web site www.stopneighborhoodcasinos.com is a point for collecting and distributing information about our efforts. The News and Events tabs have updates on recent events and upcoming meetings.

Crime Watch

There has been a rash of car prowls, stolen mail, and gasoline cyphoned from parked cars along NE 145th Street. The woods just to the North of this street has also seen evidence of illegal activity, and perhaps someone living in the ravine. First and foremost, you need to call the police immediately if you see something suspicious. Nothing will happen unless a call is made. If you are uncomfortable with calling 911, the non-emergency number is (206) (206) 296-3311.

Volunteers

It's not too early to step forward. The [Easter Egg hunt](#) is at the end of March and [the dumpsters](#) will be here in May. Please contact a board member. These are easy ways to contribute to the community and earn your \$25 rebate for helping out.

Sample Letter to Washington State Liquor Control Board

Merritt Long, Chairman
Vera Ing
Roger Hoen

Washington State Liquor Control Board
3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Post Office Box 43098
Olympia, Washington 98504-3098,
Fax: (360)753-2710, **e-mail:** customerservice@liq.wa.gov

Members of the liquor control board,

I am writing to you today requesting that you deny the request for a liquor license made at 12526 NE 144TH ST KIRKLAND, WA by Casino Caribbean (license number 087393).

[State where you live in proximity to the proposed liquor board site and how that would personally affect you and/or your family. If you are in a homeowners association and/or on its board that could be included.]

[List your top concerns regarding a new 11,000 square foot facility serving alcohol. Focus on alcohol related issues since this is to the liquor control board and not the gambling commission.]

Some possibilities, increased traffic, drunk drivers in residential neighborhoods,
Close proximity to schools,

John Muir Elementary (.5 miles) ,

Robert Frost Elementary (.5 mile)

Kamiakin Jr. High. (.25 miles) ,

King County library (.25 miles)

Lil People's World daycare (less than 500 feet),

Kingsgate 5 park and pool (700 feet).

Business would be open 20 hours a day every day.

Kids walking to/from school and/or swim practice nearby.

Two condo associations are directly to the North and East.

Loss of community feel.

Already have enough/too much alcohol for the area.

[Include a personal remark about your top concern]

Thank you for considering my request.

[Your name]

[Your address]