### 2020 Calendar of Events

#### BOARD MEETINGS: start at 7:00 PM - KDCA homeowners are welcome to attend

#### ANNUAL MEETING:

November 11, 2020 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Georgetown Public Library

SPRING GARAGE SALE: May 7, 8 & 9, 2020 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

### 2020 KDCA Board of Directors

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District 3 Representative	7901 Welshire Blvd.	
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Jennifer Cardone		cardonej81@gmail.com
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(term expires 2020)		(260) 249-8741
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District 1 Representative (term expires 2022)	7423 Bent Willow Drive	(260) 438-9648
Larry Porter		lj00porter@frontier.com
District 2 Representative (term expires 2020)	7417 Derby Lane	(260) 749-7907
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District 6 Representative	7516 Scarlet Court	
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Carl Wheeler		whee_c@earthlink.net
District 3 Representative	8022 Weeping Willow Ct.	
(term expires 2022)		(260) 749-1009

# **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

Erin & Kelly Johnson	7527 Scarlet Court
Barbara Martin	7621 Preakness Cove
Nathaniel & Heather Northington	7409 Oxford Court
Joyce A. Smith	7410 Derby Lane
Brad Michael Wyss	. 7524 Greymoor Drive
Hunter David Zimmerman	. 2109 Kerrigan's Way

# Kensington Downs Villaminiums - Board of Directors for 2020

Larry Porter	President  KDCA Board Liaison  Sprinkler System	7417 Derby Lane (260) 749-7907
Jean Scherer	Vice President  Architectural Review	7406 Derby Lane (260 ) 348-1221
Anne Ott	Secretary	7418 Derby Lane
Pat Plazek	Treasurer  Lawn Maintenance Siding Damage Painting	7711 Preakness Cove (260) 748-4031
Dick Dirrim	Director Snow Removal Architectural Review	7607 Preakness Cove (260) 493-5700
Jan Porter	Director  Architectural Review  Shrub Pruning	7417 Derby Lane (260) 414-0027
Margery Timbrook	Director  Architectural Review	7411 Derby Lane (260) 493-0063

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

All Kensington Downs community members are asked to help during snow storms -

- When snowfall is predicted, be proactive! Please move your vehicle(s)
  off the street so the snowplow can clear all snow from the roadways.
  Even one or two cars left on the street creates a potential hazard for
  the snowplow driver, and when our snowplow vendor has to come back
  repeatedly in order to clear our streets, it adds more costs to all of us.
- <u>Homeowners living on a cul-de-sac</u>: Parking your vehicle(s) in your garage or on your driveway is especially important for you. It is more difficult to clear the snow from cul-de-sacs, and cars parked on this part of the street often block an area that could be used to store (pile) the plowed snow.
- KD residents should <u>call The City at 3-1-1 to request the salting of any slick/slippery intersections</u> and to report any potholes that need filling.
- Is there a sidewalk adjacent to your property (in front and/or on the side)?
   It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the public sidewalk clear of all snow at all times. This is a City ordinance and a fine can be imposed.
- When shoveling or 'blowing' the snow from your driveway, please do not pile it in the street. Help keep the storm drains free of snow, leaves and other debris.
- The Fort Wayne Fire Department needs your help to keep the fire hydrants visible and accessible, and free of snow piles.
- Please shovel the snow from mailbox pads, so the U.S. Postal Service personnel can deliver the mail to our residents.

Kensington Downs is part of the City of Fort Wayne, so the City has the primary responsibility for plowing our streets. Since the City clears the residential roads last, our Association hires a private contractor each winter. The KDCA Board has authorized our vendor, Hoosier Land Care (HLC), to begin plowing the community roads when snowfall reaches 3.0 to 3.5 inches. The start time for plowing will depend on a number of factors, including when the snowfall begins and how long it is expected to last.

Our vendor's goal is to ensure that all Kensington Downs streets are "passable" for people going to work in the morning. HLC will begin by making a double-pass on all of our streets to clear a path wide enough for two (2) cars to pass in all areas where cars are not parked on the street. HLC will make additional visits to Kensington Downs during the length of the snowstorm. Typically, HLC will do a final cleanup and inspection once the snowstorm has ended. Please be patient and remember that, in addition to those of us living here in Kensington Downs, HLC has other customers who also need snow removal services.

## The Kensington Downs Entrance Beautification Project

In early September 2019, members of the KDCA Board of Directors met with the City of Fort Wayne Arborist (Derek Veit) to discuss the health of the various trees that are within Kensington Downs (KD). Derek noted that the four (4) Colorado Spruce trees located behind the brick walls at the KD entrance [two (2) on the north side and two (2) on the south side] were dead and should be removed. To avoid the possibility that these trees may fall, a decision was made to have the four (4) Colorado Spruce trees removed. Members of the KDCA Board of Directors collected bid quotes for the removal of these trees. On October 21, 2019, the KDCA Board of Directors made a decision to hire Monster Tree Service. Monster Tree Service is fully licensed and insured (a current Certificate of Liability Insurance was provided). The following work was completed by Monster Tree Service at the KD entrance on December 13, 2019:

- The four (4) large, Colorado Spruce trees were cut down and hauled away.
- Grinding of the four (4) stumps cited above and one (1) additional stump located behind the south wall. Stumps were ground down as "deep and wide" as possible to allow for future planting(s). Holes were backfilled with grindings and the remaining soil/debris was piled over the hole.
- Branches were pruned from the two (2) Bradford Pear trees located in the center island at the KD entrance, producing canopy elevation to eight (8) feet over the landscape footprint and fourteen (14) feet over the asphalt.
- All of the branches, wood and debris resulting from this work were removed from the Association's property.

The KD entrance beautification project is an on-going process. During the early summer months of 2019, the KDCA Board established a committee to assess the KD entrance landscaping in the center island and both the north and south flower beds. Committee members noted that several plants had died and many of the plants were overgrown. A decision was made, by the KDCA Board of Directors, to empower the Committee to contact local professional landscapers and obtain planting assessments with estimates. The goal is to assure that any proposed enhancements are (1) "weather appropriate", (2) disease resistant, and (3) able to provide "color" throughout all seasons. Several issues are being reviewed, with further discussions planned for upcoming KDCA Board meetings. Although the professional landscaping plans are still under review, the KDCA Board of Directors has approved "clean-up" of all three (3) KD entrance planting areas. The beds were weeded, mulch was added, plants were pruned and dead plantings were removed. Plant "crowding" in the north and south flower beds was eliminated. The KD Entrance Committee will continue working on this renewal project throughout 2020.