

# ***The Kingswood Civic Association Newsletter***

Kingswood Civic Association PO Box 1313 Lanham, Maryland 20706  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/lanham/kingswood](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/lanham/kingswood)

***February 2009***

## **MEETING DATES**

**General Membership Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009 7:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker – Mr. Herman Preston, Tax Specialist from H&R Block**

Trinity Moravian Church Fellowship Hall 7011 Good Luck Road New Carrollton, MD

**All residents are encouraged to attend. Membership in the KCA is not required.**

**Residents can become dues-paying members at the door.**

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**Board Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2009 7:30 PM**

Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

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Kingswood falls within the Good Luck Estates Subdivision  
(Within boundaries of Trexler, Good Luck Road, Cathedral, and Greenbelt Park borderline)  
For a detailed map of Kingswood Civic Association Homes, please visit the KCA website.

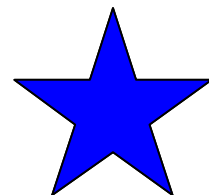
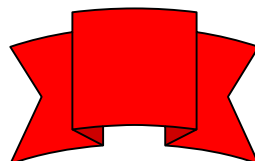
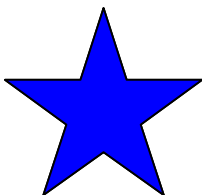
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**[Presidents' Day is February 16, 2009](#)**



***KCA  
Congratulates  
President  
BARACK OBAMA***

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### Community News and Information

--**ALERT! ALERT!** To all of our Kingswood neighbors. There has been a recent 'upsurge' in home invasions throughout our community within the last 90 days. Please secure your home and vehicle at all times.

--Last week KCA President Muhammad was invited by Delegate Eric Olson to attend a community meeting at Parkdale High School regarding gang violence and robberies in this area.

Here is an excerpt from the January 29 issue of the Gazette.net: *"Gang violence, robberies top community concerns. Residents and community leaders from central and north Prince George's County rated gang violence, robberies and break-ins as top public safety concerns during a Jan. 22 meeting with Prince George's County Acting Police Chief Roberto Hylton. Hylton met with residents during a District 3 community meeting organized by County Councilman Eric Olson (D-Dist. 3) of College Park. District 3 includes College Park, Riverdale Park, New Carrollton and other municipalities. . . . Many residents said they were concerned with burglaries and foreclosed homes turning into hotspots for crime.*

*"We're experiencing an increase of residential burglaries that's happening a lot during the daytime now," said Hakim Muhammad, president of the Kingswood Civic Association in Lanham, during the meeting. . . . Olson said he particularly wanted community leaders at the meeting so they could voice their concerns directly to Hylton. Among the 50 people in attendance were a number of civic association presidents and elected officials from various municipalities. . . ."*

--To view the entire article, please visit

[http://www.gazette.net/stories/01292009/collnew183626\\_32472.shtml](http://www.gazette.net/stories/01292009/collnew183626_32472.shtml). Copies will also be available at the next KCA meeting on February 12.

--Scholarship Award. Our Educational Scholarship Committee (Mrs. Hirrel, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Patchan, and Mrs. Shackelford) has developed the rules and regulations for the \$1,000 scholarship award. The KCA Scholarship Contest is for all eligible students in our community. See the attached application for the criteria and rules.

Again our thanks to Delegate Justin Ross for his generous contribution to this effort.

--Neighborhood Watch Walk. The next Neighborhood Walk will be held on January 31, 2009.

--Block Captain Chairman, Reggie Ellison, and our Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons, John Sloan and Alvin Hurd, have decided to increase our Neighborhood Walks from 1 a month to 2 a month. Time and date of our two (2) February Neighborhood Watch Walks are being scheduled and will be announced shortly.

--Our chairpersons want you to know that the purpose of conducting Neighborhood Watch Walks is NOT to inform the police or the county on our neighbors, but rather to meet and greet our neighbors as well as to make note of how WE can ALL work together to improve the overall quality of life in the Kingswood community.

--Block Captains/Coordinators. An ALL-HANDS Block Captains and Coordinators meeting was held on Saturday January 24th from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

--Beginning in March of this year there will be an All Block Captains and Coordinators meeting every other month on the following dates: March 21, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th, and November 21st. These meetings are for Block Captains and Coordinators ONLY. Meeting time will be 10:00am on Saturday morning the location will be announced. **Please mark your calendar.**

--Sandy Schlemmer has graciously agreed to be responsible for stuffing the block captain envelopes for distribution to the Block Captains.

--KCA Membership Drive. We are in the midst of our Membership Drive. Our goal is to have at least 400 members by May. Membership dues are used to cover KCA activities and expenses: i.e., rental of Fellowship Hall, Annual Picnic, Scholarship, PO Box rental fee, etc.

--We welcome our 'new' committee and volunteer members Sheila Jenkins (Block Captain) and Julie McCollough (Welcoming & Hospitality).

--Upcoming Seminars and events:

--The KCA Board agreed to have a Men's Health Day Meeting to discuss male health issues specific to males (prostate cancer, diabetes, heart issues, etc.). It was also agreed to have a Women's Health Day. Dates and locations will be announced in the near future.

--KCA Community Yard Sale – to be held in April – date TBA. Table fee: \$20.00.

--Youth Activities. Plans are being developed to encourage and include all Kingswood youth in KCA activities. The KCA Youth Coordinator is Kellee Humphries. She can be reached at 301-552-1241. Please contact her if you have suggestions or comments.

--Kingswood Express. Don't forget, if you need a ride to the KCA monthly meetings or wish to become a driver for the Express, please contact VP Hank Shakelford at 301-345-3578.

--Update of the family on Newberry Lane. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped to assist the Hernandez family.

The good news of the KCA reaching out to this family even reached the notice of Maryland State officials, including Senator Paul Pinsky. Here is an excerpt from Senator Pinsky's "Annapolis Advocate" Newsletter: *"Dear Neighbor: Facing the Rocky Times Ahead. The new year has brought us another "good news, bad news" situation. . . . Yes we badly need a bold stimulus package from the federal government. We also need community help – from each other. Last month, I saw members of the Kingswood Civic Association come together to help one of their neighbors facing difficult times. That's the type of community spirit that makes me really proud of our district. . . ."*

To view the entire article from his Winter 2009 newsletter, please visit his website at: [www.senatorpinsky.org](http://www.senatorpinsky.org). He may also be reached via email at [Paul.Pinsky@senate.state.md.us](mailto:Paul.Pinsky@senate.state.md.us) or by phone at 301-858-3155. Copies will also be available at the next KCA meeting on February 12.

--VP Hank Shackelford is developing a KCA Calendar of Events. If you wish to suggest a particular guest speaker or subject for a future meeting, please contact Mr. Shackelford at 301-345-3578

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#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we extend condolences to the family and friends of  
**Mrs. ESTELLE STEPTOE**  
Who resided on Vanessa Court and who served as a Block Captain at one time.

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--GetGET WELL wishes are extended to all of Kingswood's Sick and Shut In.



50/50 Raffle. The KCA Executive Board has chosen to re-institute the 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds will be used to fund KCA projects and events.

--Our ex-President George Saunders has left the Kingswood community. We all wish him well and thank him for his dedicated service to the KCA.

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Block Captain Contacts:

Chairman:	Reggie Ellison	301-552-4745	pastorronneal@hotmail.com
Area 1 Coordinator:	Andre Defarrette	301-552-4475	
Area 2 Coordinator	Jonathan Jackson	301-552-2806	
Area 3 Coordinator	Sheila Reed	301-552-5383	

KCA Website: [www.neighborhoodlink.com/lanham/kingswood](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/lanham/kingswood)

Jeff Thornton, our Webmaster, continues to encourage all residents to visit the website often. It holds a wealth of current information about programs, events, and notices helpful to all KCA residents

KCA Email List: If you wish to be added to our Email List, to receive last minute notices, etc., please send an email to John Cece at [menehune1@juno.com](mailto:menehune1@juno.com), so indicating.

Important County Contact Telephone Numbers:

- Prince George's County Police Department Public Safety Non-Emergency: 301-333-4000
- Councilman Eric Olson's Office: 301-952-3060
- District 1 Community Response Team: 301-699-2601
- Property Standards/Zoning & Maintenance Code Enforcement Office: 301-883-6039

Kingswood Civic Association Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs:

<b>President:</b>	<i>Hakim Muhammad</i>	<i>301-345-1788</i>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<i>Hank Shackelford</i>	<i>301-345-3578</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>
<b>Property Maintenance Chair:</b>	<i>Isaac Humphries</i>	<i>301-552-1241</i>
<b>Senior Community Liaison:</b>	<i>Bob Rowe</i>	<i>301-552-4662</i>

<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	<i>Ronald Jacobs</i>	<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	<i>Evelyn Hirrel</i>
<b>Board Member:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>		
<b>Board Member:</b>	<i>Isaac Humphries</i>		
<b>Board Member:</b>	<i>Kellee Humphries</i>		

<b>Block Captain Chair:</b>	<i>Reggie Ellison</i>	<b>Program Planning Chair:</b>	<i>VACANT</i>
<b>Hospitality Chair:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon/Julie McCollough</i>	<b>Recreation Committee Chair:</b>	<i>Bob Bowman</i>
<b>Membership Chair:</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	<b>Student Board Member:</b>	<i>Evan Reynolds</i>
<b>Neighborhood Watch Chairs:</b>	<i>John Sloan/Alvin Hurd</i>		
<b>Newsletter Editor (Acting):</b>	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>		
<b>Youth Coordinator:</b>	<i>Kellee Humphries</i>		
<b>Assistant Youth Coordinator:</b>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>		
<b>Webmaster:</b>	<i>Jeff Thornton</i>		
<b>Welcoming Committee Chair:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon/Julie McCollough</i>		
<b>Email Coordinator:</b>	<i>John Cece</i>		

---Please support your KCA Today---

*In addition to your annual \$10.00 per household dues, please consider making a donation.*

*(see membership form)*

*If you wish to verify your payment of dues, please contact:*

*Creavery Lloyd, KCA Treasurer*

*at 301-552-1219 or via email at cylloyd40@juno.com*

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**MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER FORM**

**Kingswood Civic Association   P.O. Box 1313   Lanham, MD 20706**

**Please make check payable to the Kingswood Civic Association.**

**Mail to the above address or deliver to your Block Captain.**

**PLEASE PRINT:**

**First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Civic Association Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ or Civic Association New  
Membership \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dues per Household/per year: \$10.00      Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_**

**Donation to the Kingswood Civic Association:      Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please volunteer for one or more of the following Committees. Please check your  
preference(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Block Captain**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Neighborhood Watch**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Program Planning**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Property Maintenance**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recreation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Welcoming**

## KINGSWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Kingswood and entering a post-high school institution of learning. Applicant must be available to meet with the selection committee if requested to do so.

**Deadline:** Application must be received by April 30, 2009 and sent to:  
Kingswood Civic Association, P. O. Box 1313, Lanham, MD 20706

**Requirements:** Attach to this application form: (1) an official copy of the applicant's academic transcript; (2) a letter of recommendation from a personal reference; (3) a letter of recommendation from a school counselor; and (4) an essay of about 300 words addressing how and why a civic association is important to the quality of life of a community, and in what ways our young people can help to foster this quality of life.

### PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

#### 1. Personal Information

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Telephone Number	Email Address	Social Security Number (optional)
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Names and addresses of Father, Mother, or Guardians:

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Names of Brothers and Sisters:	Ages	School Attending
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## 2. Educational Background

School Name

Location

Dates Attended

Elementary School(s)

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Middle School(s)

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High School(s)

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Name of College, University, or institution you plan to attend:

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## 3. Please describe your community service in Kingswood and elsewhere.

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## 4. List any extracurricular activities that you participate in at school.

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## 5. Briefly describe any outstanding academic achievements.

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I attest that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date