

# ***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)

***March 2009***

## **MEETING DATES**

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

**Guest Speaker – ROBERTO L. HYLTON, Chief of Police, PG County, MD**

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.**

\* \* \* \* \*

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

Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

\* \* \* \* \*

Kingswood is in 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.

\* \* \* \* \*

**Daylight Savings Time Begins – Sunday, March 8, 2009**

**First Day of Spring – Friday, March 20, 2009**

\* \* \* \* \*

## **Community News and Information**

### **Pending Property Tax Increase**

**Please OPPOSE HB 979**-- a bill that would alter the homestead property tax credit to raise property taxes on Prince George's County working families by \$53 million in the middle of a recession.

In response to an email from KCA resident Jeff Thornton, Justin Ross, State Delegate, District 22 replied: *'Thank you for your email. As Chairman of the County Affairs Committee I will be presiding over discussion of PG 414 / HB 979 – Homestead Tax Credit Percentage. I am strongly opposed to this bill and I am working to ensure its demise. Again, thank you for sharing your concerns. Sincerely, Justin Ross.'*

### **HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS: Foreclosure Prevention/Assistance Program**

If you or someone you know is worried about losing their home to foreclosure or fraud, call the Maryland HOPE Hotline at 1-877-462-7555 or go to [www.mdhope.org](http://www.mdhope.org) for information on loan programs, counseling services and fraud intervention. Maryland HOPE (Home Owners Preserving Equity) is a Foreclosure Prevention/Assistance Program.

**DON'T WAIT. CALL NOW.**

**PRESS RELEASE from the Prince George's County Police Department:**

The Prince George's County Police Department is urging women to take precautions after a female, 21, from College Park was sexually assaulted in the early morning of February 21, 2009, near Kenilworth Avenue.

Police are reminding everyone to never accept a ride from or get into a vehicle with someone that is a complete stranger. When traveling late at night or during the early morning hours, always travel in pairs or with someone you know.

The entire Press Release is posted on the KCA website under Police and Safety.

**Information for our Kingswood Youth:**

College bound students – FYI



The Village Connection (TVC) and Cyberworld Educational Foundation (CWEF) is presenting the 16th year of College Tours to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Traditional Universities. Tours are open to 8th grade middle school students, and high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

For more information visit: <http://www.theconnectedvillage.org/> or call 1-877-205-1833.



KCA is very passionate about getting our youth involved in community service and activities and is tentatively planning a "Pizza Party for the Kingswood Youth" to introduce them to a highly respected organization that we are sure they will find interesting, worthwhile, and a lot of fun—namely the Park Police Volunteer Association (PPVA). Meetings are held conveniently at the PPVA building on Riverdale Road.

PPVA works to foster a better understanding of the functions of the Park Police and to enhance the cooperative effort with the community. Many of the PPVA Volunteers have won the "President's Volunteer Service Award" from the US President and the "USA Freedom Corp" for outstanding service to the community.

DATE TBA for the upcoming Pizza Party. Also more meeting parties will be forthcoming in the near future.

The KCA Youth Coordinator is Kellee Humphries. She can be reached at 301-552-1241 if you have suggestions or comments for other youth activities.

**Upcoming Meetings – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Block Captains and Coordinators Meetings:**

Saturdays at 10:00 AM:

March 7      May 16      July 11      September 19      November 7

Block Captain Chairman--Reggie Ellison, 301-552-4745

**Neighborhood Watch Walks:**

During our Neighborhood Watch Walk last Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, John Sloan suggested that we do a 'weekday' walk instead of a 2nd Saturday walk. Therefore our Neighborhood Watch Walks will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm and of course we will continue to do our monthly Saturday Walk (the last Saturday of the month) at 10:00am. Both walks will begin at the corner of Trexler & Nashville Roads.

See schedule below:

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM and Saturdays at 10:00 AM:

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	August 12 <sup>th</sup>	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	October 31 <sup>st</sup>		
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 28 <sup>th</sup>	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 19 <sup>th</sup>		

Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons--John Sloan, 301-552-8448 and Alvin Hurd, 301-552-3570  
Walks will begin at the corner of Trexler and Nashville Roads.

### **Upcoming KCA Events:**

**Men's Day Health Forum** Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Women's Day Health Forum** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Both Forums will be held at Trinity Moravian Church

### **KCA Annual Yard Sale**

Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

April 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>			

Held in the front parking lot of Lamont Elementary School (7101 Good Luck Road).

Table fee: \$15.00\* Please contact Sheila Reid at 301-552-5383.

**NOTE:** Committee Members are needed for this activity.

(\*a reduction from last year, as KCA is keenly aware of the financial hardships many of us may be experiencing).

**KCA Annual Picnic** Saturday, August 22 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Good Luck Community Center

Rain Date—TBA

\* \* \* \* \*

**Our Welcoming/Hospitality Committees** have put together two (2) KCA Block Parties in conjunction with a new "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" Program. Hopefully, these two parties will introduce people to their immediate neighbors, and develop some feeling of being part of the larger Kingswood Community -- and serve as a model for future block parties elsewhere within Kingswood.

These first two parties are scheduled for:

1) **NASHVILLE ROAD and vicinity** on Sunday, April 19, 2009

Coordinator: Lauren Gordon

2) **KEPNER COURT**

Coordinator: Julie McCullough

President Hakim Muhammad, KCA Board Members, Block Captains, Eric Olson, and Justin Ross will be invited to stop by both parties.

The Committee members are: Lauren Gordon, Sheila Jenkins, and Julie McCullough. If you wish to join this Committee, please contact Ms. McCullough at 301-552-1427.



**GET WELL** wishes are extended to all of Kingswood's Sick and Shut In and to Mrs. Helen Keppler, Mr. Clayton Powell, and Mr. Robert "Bob" Rowe. Please wish them all a speedy recovery.



**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.

\* \* \* \* \*

**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.

**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.

\* \* \* \* \*

**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>	<i>301-552-4745</i>
<b>Program Planning Chair:</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	
<b>Hospitality Chair:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon/Julie McCullough</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, 301-552-8448 and Alvin Hurd, 301-552-3570</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 McCullough</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*

**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	_____ Program Planning
_____ Hospitality	_____ Property Maintenance
_____ Membership	_____ Recreation
_____ Neighborhood Watch	_____ Welcoming

**Kingswood Civic Association Committee Responsibilities**

1. **Block Captain Committee:** Be the link to and from you street to the Association. Sign up new members. Distribute flyers.
2. **Hospitality Committee:** Greet residents at membership meetings and provide refreshments at the monthly General Meetings.
3. **Membership Committee:** Conduct membership drive with assistance of the Block Captains. Maintain membership records.
4. **Neighborhood Watch Committee:** Address issues of personal safety, neighborhood safety, home security, and protection of personal property.
5. **Program Planning Committee:** Identify speakers for bi-monthly meetings, extend invitations, host speakers, and send letters of appreciation.
6. **Property Maintenance Committee:** Ensure compliance with County property maintenance standards
7. **Recreation Committee:** Plan and organize annual community picnic, Christmas holiday decoration competition, etc.
8. **Welcoming Committee:** Welcome new residents to our community and provide them with essential information regarding the community, County, and State.