

The Kingswood Civic Association Newsletter

Kingswood Civic Association PO Box 1313 Lanham, Maryland 20706
www.neighborhoodlink.com/lanham/kingswood

December 2009

No General Membership Meeting this month.

Please come and enjoy food, fun, music and fellowship at the
Kingswood Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 10, 2009

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

We will honor Evan Reynolds with a Community Service Award
and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Bob Rowe.

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

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Board Meeting: DATE TBA 7:30 PM

December 12—Hanukkah December 18—Islamic New Year December 21—Winter Begin
December 25—Christmas December 26—Kwanzaa Begins



Season's Greetings!



IN MEMORIUM

It is with much sadness that we honor the memory of

Mr. Robert Rowe

We are sad to inform the Kingswood family of the passing of our beloved brother, neighbor, and friend Mr. Bob Rowe. Mr. Rowe passed away in his home on Wednesday, November 25th. Bob was well known and liked by many in the Kingswood community. Many of us were unaware of his outstanding caring and generosity to friends and neighbors, both financially and by giving of his time to service others. Yes, Bob had a "rough" side, but his heart was always kind and sincere, and we sincerely admire him for that.

Bob was a proud member of the KCA and helped it strive "to promote the prosperity, welfare and civic advancement of the community. He was very hardworking and dedicated to KCA, serving as the Senior Community Liaison, until his health incapacitated him from being active.

SYMPATHY, PEACE, AND BLESSINGS are extended to Bob's family.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Bob Rowe will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009. Wake: 10:00 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Shiloh Baptist Church located at 8801 Ardwick Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland (301-772-7333).

TRIBUTE TO BOB ROWE

Mr. Rowe received more awards in the history of the Kingswood Civic Association for Outstanding Community Service than any other resident.

The Gazette newspaper did a full-page feature story on him on October 11, 2007 entitled. ‘Lanham Resident Can’t Stop Helping Others: In this article the following quotes and story was told: Mr. Rowe “ I try to do everything I can to help my neighbors out, “ Rowe said. “ If there’s a problem, I get it solved”.

Mr. Rowe retired as a train operator for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in 1996. Up until 1986, he lived with his mother in a three-story row home on Bryant Street in the District. When his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, the doctor recommended that he move to a one-story home, so he decided to come to Lanham. Mr. Rowe said that it was because of the kindness that many residents showed him and his mother before she passed away that has led to his outpouring of support for his neighbors.

Mr. Rowe grew weary of contractors taking advantage of our Kingswood senior citizens by overcharging, so he began to help seniors by doing the work himself or using and/or recommending contractors he knew that were fair and honest. Ms. Audrey Burke once said “I’m a widow and a lot of times I needed advice on referrals for work done and Mr. Rowe helped me out a lot. He’s a very, very nice gentleman. He is a tremendous asset to our neighborhood.

Some of Mr. Rowe’s deeds:

- 1. He assisted Jim Kehoe with the care of his wife, Liz, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s.**
- 2. He performed home repair on several widowed seniors’ homes free of charge.**
- 3. He would pickup groceries and medication for many residents suffering from illnesses.**
- 4. He used to shovel snow in front of homes of residents who were disabled.**
- 5. He received an official citation for Outstanding Citizenship from our Councilman Eric Olson (he was the 1st person in Kingswood to receive such an award.)**
- 6. He served as our Property Maintenance Manager for several years.**
- 7. He served faithfully as a member of the Executive Board in Kingswood representing our seniors.**
- 8. For several years he presented games and toys to our children at our annual picnic.**
- 9. He was a member of our Neighborhood Watch Committee.**

He was a shining example of that loyal, firm, loving, and reliable uncle, father, brother, grandfather, and neighbor we all once knew. He loved Kingswood and devoted his life to making sure that Kingswood continued to maintain its beautiful and peaceful quality of life for all residents. He was and will continue to be the spirit and legacy of Kingswood.



KCA represents a diverse population, with differing backgrounds and viewpoints. And proudly, civic association members share a common goal—to improve the quality of life in Kingswood.

Community News and Information

LEAF COLLECTION REMINDER: There will no longer be a leaf collection by the County due to budgetary constraints. You now have to bag your leaves and place them out for pickup on Wednesdays (yard waste day). **DO NOT BLOW YOUR LEAVES IN THE STREET!** Residents are reminded that raking or blowing leaves into the gutter or street is unsafe and can cause fires and endanger children who might try to play in the leaves. Leaves can also clog drains and potentially damage the eco-system of the Chesapeake Bay.

SPEED CAMERAS: Be advised that there are now SPEED CAMERAS on Good Luck Road that are placed all along Good Luck Road from Hanover Parkway to Kenilworth Avenue, specifically when entering school zones. Signs are posted. If you are traveling over the posted speed limit **YOU WILL BE FINED!** For more detailed information, read the following article:

http://www.gazette.net/stories/08272009/landnew183958_32522.shtml

or visit the City of New Carrollton website: <http://new-carrollton.md.us>

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DUES! DUES! DUES!

**A Friendly Reminder: PLEASE REMEMBER to PAY YOUR DUES.
Support Your KCA Today!**

Upcoming Meetings – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Block Captains and Coordinators Meetings:

Saturdays at 10:00 AM Block Captain Chairman--Reggie Ellison, 301-552-4745

Next Meeting: TBA

Neighborhood Watch Walks:

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

December 9 December 19

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.

SOUP AND BIBLE STUDY:

Thursdays from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the Trinity Moravian Church. Please contact Reverend Dawn Volpe at 301-474-8493 or dawnsplace@verizon.net if you wish to attend.

SAFE HAVEN Homeless Program:

Trinity Moravian has also been chosen as a site for “Safe Haven” which houses 15 homeless men during the winter months. Pastor Dawn Volpe is in need of volunteers to spend one night during the week of

12/27-1/3/2010. They also need sheets, blankets, food gifts, toiletries, transportation to shower facilities,



tokens, and more. If you are interested in helping in this effort, Pastor Volpe can be reached at 301-474-8493 or at dawnsplace@verizon.net.

KCA Annual Holiday Party is scheduled to take place on **December 10**. If you would like to volunteer, donate a food item, or help in some other way, please call Hakim on 301-345-1788.

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Prayers, Good Wishes, and Bereavement are extended to ALL of our families in the Kingswood Community.

**Please especially continue to hold in your thoughts and prayers:
the family of Mrs. Pollard, the mother of Sheila Reid and Mrs. Oliver Clark, and
the family of Mr. Bob Rowe.**

Sending a little sunshine your way to help you feel better.



CLASSIFIEDS:

If you wish to have your business featured in the KCA newsletter, please contact VP Hank Shackelford at 301-345-3578 or Creavery Lloyd at 301-552-1219. A nominal fee may be charged.

**May the blessings of the season light up your life
with joy, prosperity and good tidings.**

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



Your help is needed!

If you have a desire to see the Association continue to grow and become a strong viable entity in this community, please consider joining one of the committees listed on the next page.

Block Captain Contacts:

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

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Important Prince George's 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
- (Those wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-8477)
- Property Standards/Zoning & Maintenance Code Enforcement Office: 301-883-6039
- Office of Community Relations: 301-952-4729
- Department of Family Services: 301-265-8401
- Bulky Trash Collection: 301-952-7600 BulkyTrash@co.pg.md.us

Kingswood Civic Association Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs:

President:	<i>Hakim Muhammad</i>	<i>301-345-1788</i>
Vice President:	<i>Hank Shackelford</i>	<i>301-345-3578</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>
Recording Secretary:	<i>Ronald Jacobs</i>	
Corresponding Secretary:	<i>Evelyn Hirrel</i>	
Senior Community Liaison:	<i>Bob Rowe</i>	
Board Member:	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	
Board Member:	<i>Isaac Humphries</i>	
Board Member:	<i>Kellee Humphries</i>	
Student Board Member:	<i>Evan Reynolds</i>	
Block Captain Chair:	<i>Reggie Ellison</i>	<i>301-552-4745</i>
Email Coordinator:	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	
Hospitality Chairs:	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	
	<i>Julie McCullough</i>	
Membership Chairs:	<i>Sheila Reid</i>	
	<i>Reggie Ellison</i>	
Neighborhood Watch Chairs:	<i>Alvin Hurd</i>	<i>301-552-3570</i>
	<i>John Sloan</i>	<i>301-552-8448</i>
Newsletter Editor (Acting):	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>
Program Planning Chair:	<i>VACANT</i>	
Property Maintenance Chair:	<i>Isaac Humphries</i>	<i>301-552-1241</i>
Recreation Committee Chair:	<i>Bob Bowman</i>	<i>240-582-6062</i>
Youth Coordinator:	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>	

Assistant Youth Coordinator: **VACANT**
Webmaster: **Jeff Thornton**
Welcoming Committee Chairs: **Lauren Gordon**
Julie McCullough



MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER FORM

Our success depends totally on the involvement of the citizens of KCA.

--Please support your KCA Today--

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

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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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 your 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.

