

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

Kingswood Civic Association PO Box 1313 Lanham, Maryland 20706  
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***May 2010***

## **MEETING DATES**

**General Membership Meeting:**      **Thursday, May 13, 2010**      **7:30 PM**  
**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.)

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Darcy McGraw**  
**Chief Inspector, Revenue Authority of Prince George's County**

**Invited guest: Ms. Karla Scherger**  
**from the Department of Public Works and Transportation**

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**Board Meeting:**      **Thursday, May 27, 2010**      **7:30 PM**  
Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

**May 5 – Cinco de Mayo**      **May 9 -- Mother's Day**      **May 15 -- Armed Forces Day**  
**May 25 -- Memorial Day observed**      **May 31 -- Memorial Day**



## **Community News and Information**

**Kingswood Election Results:** The results of the election of our 'new' leadership for the next two years are as follows:

<b>President</b>	<b>Hakim Muhammad</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Lauren Gordon</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Sheila Reid</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Creavery Lloyd</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Ronald Jacobs</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Evelyn Hirrel</b>

***CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LEADERSHIP***

**Community Cleanup Day:** We had a super turnout on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Cleanup Day. It was a very successful event. Thanks to a grand total of 20 ‘dedicated’ and ‘hardworking’ Kingswood residents, we were able to clean most of the debris, paper, and trash off of the streets of our community. You may have recognized our volunteers dressed in bright yellow vests with gloves, pick up sticks and bags (provided by the County). We would like to especially thank John Sloan, Alvin Hurd, Sheila Jenkins, and Robert Nicholson for helping to coordinate this event.

One of our neighbors, Mr. Keene commented: “It was a beautiful warm day. Walking and working with Mr. Sloan and Vickie made it all worthwhile. Mr. Sloan was on top of things and was very knowledgeable.”

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR YARD CLEAN AND CUT. LETS KEEP KINGSWOOD BEAUTIFUL!**

**CRIME WATCH ALERT:** A neighbor on Dover Lane was the victim of a ‘car jacking’ during the week of April 26th. The suspect held the resident at gunpoint while demanding the keys to his vehicle. This incident took place at 10pm right in front of his home. PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND MINDFUL of Suspicious people in your neighborhood.

**STRAY ANIMAL ALERT:** A pit bull was cited running in the vicinity of Longridge Drive. This has been reported to our local police and our Community Police Officer Michael Bassaro. Also be aware and report any stray cats/dogs in Kingswood to Animal Control.

The Prince George's County Health Department is encouraging all residents to make sure their dog, cat, and ferret rabies immunization is up-to-date, by reviewing their pet's vaccination records.

On May 8th, 15th, and 22nd the Health Department will hold low-cost (\$5.00) rabies vaccination clinics. Please call 301-583-3782 for information or visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/Health/index.asp> for information about the clinics.

#### **KCA YOUTH:**



**Boys & Girls Ages 8-17**  
WIZARDSBASKETBALLCAMPS.COM



**CAMP 1: JULY 6 - 9**  
Archbishop Spalding  
in Severn, MD

**CAMP 2: JULY 12 - 16**  
Hoop Magic in  
Chantilly, VA

**CAMP 3: JULY 19 - 23**  
Capital Sports Complex  
in District Heights, MD

**CAMP 4: JULY 26 - 30**  
Verizon Center in  
Washington, D.C.

**CAMP 5: AUGUST 2 - 6**  
Hoop Magic in  
Chantilly, VA

#### **LEARN FROM THE WIZARDS AND LOCAL COACHES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

Wizards Basketball Camps provide boys and girls ages 8-17 with a professional basketball learning experience. Our goal is to instill the importance of hard work, character and commitment--skills that will take you far both on and off the court. Be prepared to train with the pros in basketball fundamentals, strategies, and drills that create a great player. Campers of all skill levels are encouraged to enroll and take advantage of the opportunity to attend the only authentic NBA youth basketball camps in the D.C. Metro area.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Council Member Eric Olson, District 3, held a very important and critical Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Parkdale High school. Several KCA Board Members and residents were in attendance.

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**KCA Annual Yard Sale:** President Muhammad would like to thank all who participated in a very successful Yard Sale on April 17th at Lamont Elementary. We raised \$235.00 thanks to the efforts and hard work of the following Kingswood family members: Donald Cooke, Robert Nicholson, Jeff Thornton, Ike Humphries, Sheila Reid, Lauren Gordon, Paul Moore, Charles Lester, and Creavery Lloyd.

Our next Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, which will prove to be even “bigger and better”. Please call SHEILA REID **NOW** to RESERVE YOUR SPACE TO VEND—301-552-5383.

**We encourage the ENTIRE KINGSWOOD COMMUNITY to come out and SUPPORT these events.** Future Yard Sale Date: Saturday, **June 19**, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Block-By-Block Meetings with Community Police Officer:** We had a very successful Block-by-Block Neighborhood Watch Meeting with Officer Stephen Vitko on Nashville Road on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

A BLOCK-BY-BLOCK Neighborhood Watch Meeting was also held on Wednesday, May 5 on Wilhelm Drive and Thursday, May 6 on Newburg Drive.

Remember there is a President's Award for the greatest number of residents to come out on YOUR block to these meetings. Meetings will be announced on your Block by distribution of flyers by your Block Captains the week of the meeting. All Block-By-Block meetings will take place outside, in front of a designated Block Captain's home (location will be announced by flyers distributed on the Block the week of the meeting).

### **Block Captains and Coordinators Meetings:**

Block Captain Chairman--Reggie Ellison, 301-552-4745. Meetings will be resumed shortly.

### **Neighborhood Watch Walks:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00.

Several Kingswood residents came out on Saturday, April 24, for the Neighborhood Watch Walk. The next walk will be held on **Saturday, May 22**. Please arrive early enough for the walking to begin promptly at 10:00am.

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.

**Please remember to SECURE YOUR HOME and BE the ‘eyes and ears’ of your Neighborhood.**

### **SOUP AND BIBLE STUDY:**

**Thursdays from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM** at the Trinity Moravian Church. Reverend Dawn Volpe, Pastor of Trinity Moravian Church, will be resuming the Bible Study hour once again each Thursday beginning **May 13** and ending on June 24th. Lunch will be served and the topic of discussion will be *'DEALING WITH CHANGES IN OUR LIVES'*. Please contact Reverend Dawn Volpe at 301-474-8493 or [dawnsplace@verizon.net](mailto:dawnsplace@verizon.net) if you wish to attend.

This is a great opportunity for our KCA Family to come together for fun and insight.

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### **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences were extended to Mr. Fred Shepard of Heidelberg Road, who lost his father on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. A plant was sent to Mr. Shepard in honor of his father.



### **SICK and SHUT-IN**



Well wishes are extended to the following people on their health and recovery:

--Mrs. Martha Ann Powell of Lamont Drive underwent thyroid surgery on April 21st at Doctors Community Hospital. She made a 'miraculous' recovery after a very delicate surgical procedure. The Powell family would like to express a heartfelt "thank you" to the entire Kingswood Family for the beautiful flower arrangement that was personally delivered to her bedside by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lauren Gordon.

--Ms. Queenie Boyd of Nashville Court was recently hospitalized at Doctor Community Hospital with pneumonia. We have learned that she has been diagnosed with lung and pancreatic cancer and she will begin chemotherapy sometime next week.

--Mr. White, resident on Newberry Lane, is recovering quite well at home after being rushed to Holy Cross Hospital.

--Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Paul of Trexler Road had to admit their young son into Children National Medical Center (DC) due to a ruptured appendix.

*Merciful God, we remember before you all who are sick this day. Give them courage to live with their disease. Help them to face and overcome their fears. Be with them when they are alone. Comfort them when they are discouraged. And touch them with your healing Spirit that they may find and possess eternal life, now and forever. Amen.*



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**HAPPY MOTHER's DAY to all our Kingswood Moms!**



**50/50 Raffle.** Proceeds will be used to fund KCA projects and events.

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

Jeff Thornton, our Webmaster, continues to encourage all residents to browse our website, learn more about us, and hopefully you will be inspired to get involved.

**KCA Email List:** If you wish to be added to our Email List, to receive last minute notices, changes, hot topics, etc., please send an email to Lauren Gordon at [lvnliphe@aol.com](mailto:lvnliphe@aol.com).

**Kingswood Express:** If you are willing to help your neighbors, please consider becoming a driver for the Express--to transport some of our residents to the KCA monthly meetings.

Contact 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Sheila Reid (301-552-5383) who will coordinate transportation.

**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](mailto:BulkyTrash@co.pg.md.us)

**Maryland General Assembly District 22 Members:**

Sen. Paul G. Pinsky      410-841-3155, 301-858-3155      e-mail: paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us  
Del. Tawanna P. Gaines      410-841-3058, 301-858-3058  
e-mail: tawanna.gaines@house.state.md.us  
Del. Anne Healey      410-841-3961, 301-858-3961      e-mail: anne.healey@house.state.md.us  
Del. Justin D. Ross      410-841-3652, 301-858-3652      e-mail: justin.ross@house.state.md.us

**Block Captain Contacts:**

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

**Kingswood Civic Association Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs:**

**President:**      *Hakim Muhammad*      301-345-1788  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**      *Lauren Gordon*      301-552-4365  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**      *Sheila Reid*      301-552-5383  
**Treasurer:**      *Creavery Lloyd*      301-552-1219  
**Recording Secretary:**      *Ronald Jacobs*  
**Corresponding Secretary:**      *Evelyn Hirrel*

**Board Member:**      *Isaac Humphries*  
**Board Member:**      *Kellee Humphries*  
**Student Board Member:**      *Evan Reynolds*  
**Block Captain Chair:**      *Reggie Ellison*      301-552-4745  
**Email Coordinator:**      *Lauren Gordon*  
**Hospitality Chairs:**      *Lauren Gordon*  
   *Julie McCullough*  
**Membership Chairs:**      *Sheila Reid*  
   *Reggie Ellison*  
**Neighborhood Watch Chairs:** *Alvin Hurd*      301-552-3570  
   *John Sloan*      301-552-8448  
**Newsletter Editor (Acting):**      *Creavery Lloyd*      301-552-1219  
**Program Planning Chair:**      *VACANT*  
**Property Maintenance Chair:** *Isaac Humphries*      301-552-1241  
**Recreation Committee Chair:** *Bob Bowman*      240-582-6062  
**Youth Coordinator:**      *Ann Wiseman*  
**Assistant Youth Coordinator:** *VACANT*  
**Webmaster:**      *Jeff Thornton*  
**Welcoming Committee Chairs:**      *Lauren Gordon*  
   *Julie McCullough*

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**DUES! DUES! DUES!**

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

**Resident support of the Association is vital to the protection of the collective interests of the neighborhood and the maintenance of individual property values.**

**MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER FORM**  
**Kingswood Civic Association P.O. Box 1313 Lanham, MD 20706**

**Membership Term: January – December 2010**

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(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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 consider volunteering for one or more of the following Committees and check your preference(s):

_____ Block Captain	_____ Program Planning
_____ Hospitality	_____ Property Maintenance
_____ Membership	_____ Recreation
_____ Neighborhood Watch	_____ Welcoming

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(cut on dotted line and return above portion with payment)

*--Please support your KCA Today--*

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

**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.

*If you wish to verify your payment of dues or donation, please contact:  
Creavery Lloyd, KCA Treasurer at 301-552-1219 or via email at [cylloyd40@juno.com](mailto:cylloyd40@juno.com)*