

The Kingswood Civic Association Newsletter

Kingswood Civic Association PO Box 1313 Lanham, Maryland 20706
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"UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY"

November 2011

MEETING DATES

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:30 PM

The November General Membership Meeting will be a time for discussing upcoming KCA Officers elections. Our next general elections will be held in March 2012, as per the KCA By-laws. Important considerations for this election are:

- >>> A slate of candidates must be presented in the February newsletter*
- >>> Candidates can be either self-nominated or recruited. Recruited candidates must give consent for their name to be placed on the ballot.*
- >>> Offices to be filled: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, and Treasurer.*
- >>> A Search Committee is needed to find candidates to fill positions.*

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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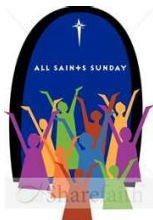
Board Meeting: Thursday, November 24, 2011 7:30 PM

Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

Dates of Interest:

November 1--All Saints Day
November 25--Thanksgiving Day

November 11--Veterans Day
November 27--Advent begins



REMINDER TO ALL BLOCK CAPTAINS: PLEASE return the kraft BC envelopes to your Coordinator or bring to the November meeting (so they can re-used for the December deliver). THANK YOU.

Community News and Information

Highlights from our October 10 General Meeting were: Guest Speakers Luis Rodriguez, Exec.Dir. of HNLEA, The Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association and Officer Michael Elser.

HNLEA are a group of officers who work closely with the minority/Hispanic community. They are encouraging more Hispanics and minorities to join the force. PG County police is the most diverse of all the counties. Prostitution and bootlegging are some of the issues affecting the community.

Our community police Officer Elser has been on the force for 6 years and worked over a year in community policing. His work cell# is 240-695-7491. He also polices four other communities, so if you can't reach him right away just leave him a message.

>>Mr. Sloan presented an award to Mr. Robert Nicholson for his extensive volunteer work and help with the KCA yard sales.

>>Sharon Rosemond, a Registered Nurse and Kingswood resident, is a Box Top Coordinator at Lamont Elementary School. She is collecting box tops from General Mills, Betty Crocker, and other products.

Their goal is to raise \$10,000.00. The way it works--they get 10 cents for every box top. If you have questions and would like to donate box tops, Ms. Rosemond can be reached at 301-351-8727.



>>Our grateful thanks to Andrea Defarrette for taking on the task of keeping various homes in Kingswood presentable by cutting the grass of homes that have been vacated.

The following two excerpts were taken from Senator Paul Pinsky's Newsletter:

Redistricting: No, It's Not Pretty

But it's done. For Prince George's County, there are few changes. Actually, the area in Chillum and part of the Port Towns, formerly represented by Chris Van Hollen, will now be represented by Donna Edwards. The 22nd district remains as it was: Cong. Hoyer representing about 2/3s and Cong. Edwards representing the other 1/3 (Hyattsville, etc). The new redistricting increases the possibility of picking up an additional Democratic seat in western Maryland, now joined with western Montgomery County; and the current two seats held by African-Americans are secured.

Our Board of Education boundaries will remain almost exclusively as they were redrawn two years ago. This affords some degree of continuity.

The maps for the state legislature will be redrawn when we return to the regular legislative session beginning in early January.

Stop Bullying Now!

Bullying is never acceptable. We all need to be aware that bullying exists, speak up if we witness bullying, and support any victims of bullying. Stop Bullying Now!--a website maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is designed to educate kids, parents, teachers, and other adults about bullying and how to handle it.



The final 2011 KCA YARD SALE was held on Saturday, October 8. These events have been extremely successful and has enabled the KCA to offer two \$500.00 scholarships to deserving Kingswood students. For additional information regarding

scholarships--see Youth Corner below.

The KCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2012 membership drive will run through December 2011. However, dues can be paid later if more convenient. Bill Haller will need Block Captains and other volunteers to assist him with this drive. If you wish to help canvas your block, call Bill at 301-552-2185. **HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE:** If you have not yet paid your dues for 2011, please do so now. Thank you.

Kingswood has nearly 700 occupied homes. Our goal is to have at least 350 members on the books by January 2012. Remember membership dues are used to cover KCA activities and expenses: i.e., rental of Fellowship Hall, Annual Picnic, Scholarship, PO Box rental fee, etc.



YOUTH CORNER

KCA Scholarship Information:

LOOK for THIS!!

Our Newsletter will soon be printing an important application, one that can mean a lot to students and families in our community.

The Civic Association will be giving a scholarship to a student from Kingswood. The KCA had done this in the past, and it has been wonderful to help a young person who is going on to higher education.

We have included both graduating seniors and students already in college who would welcome help paying their tuition. So please look for this application. We'll be looking out for you.

KCA has received one request for a scholarship. Hopefully more students will feel compelled to also apply.

Our Scholarship Committee, Anne Wiseman, Dorothy Shakelford, John Sloan, and Evelyn Hirrel will be reviewing all applications

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

Residents continued support of the Yard Sales and their donations to the KCA will enable us to provide scholarships to more of our students in the future.

Chairman: Anne Wiseman, 240-328-8893

► **LEAF COLLECTION:** **Don't forget**--the LEAF Collection Program was DISCONTIUED a couple of years ago. The County is now picking up leaves in securely tied paper or plastic bags **ONLY** on the regular trash collection days of Monday and Thursday. Please be sure to remove leaves from the curb gutters also.



Block Captains and Coordinators Meetings:

GOOD NEWS!!! John Sloan had agreed to take the helm of the most important position of Block Captain Chairman. Information regarding future block captain meetings will be forthcoming. Please be sure to thank Mr. Sloan in person when you seen him.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Neighborhood Watch Walks: are held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. The next walk will be held on **Saturday, November 26** (weather permitting). Walks will begin at the corner of Trexler and Nashville Roads.

Please arrive early enough so that the walk can begin promptly at 10:00 AM.

Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons:

John Sloan, 301-552-8448 and Alvin Hurd, 301-552-3570



We live in a different world today. Many people are walking through the neighborhood that we don't know. They may sneak into the house and steal your valuables before you realize it, and they are gone with your possessions and money.

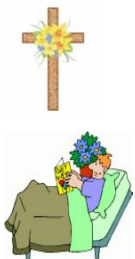
► Be aware of your surroundings. ► Keep your doors locked if you are outside doing yard work. ► Especially true if a stranger comes up and engages you in a conversation. His/her accomplice is just waiting for the opportunity to enter the house and rob you.



We're planning a Holiday Party so please say you'll be here Let us celebrate the Christmas Season with good friends and good cheer!

The KCA Holiday Party is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 8 (our regularly scheduled meeting date). There will be raffles (\$25, \$50, and \$100, gift cards, good food and lively music. Hope to see you there!

Bereavement/Sick and Shut In:



Sick and Shut-in: Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy and healthy recovery are extended to President Hakim Muhammad (surgery, 10/28), Ron Jacobs (KCA Recording Secy), Evelyn Hirrel (KCA Corresponding Secy), Barbara Pratt (Nashville RD), Wanda Brooks (E.Olsen's Asst), and to all Kingwood residents who may be experiencing an illness or ailment.

Please keep all Kingswood families and friends in your prayers.

So that we can continue to offer thoughts and prayers to our residents, if you hear of someone who is ill or has lost a loved one, please let Creavery Lloyd (301-552-1219) know so that their names can be included in the Newsletter and an appropriate greeting card can be sent. Thank you.



50/50 Raffle. Congratulations to our October winner--Mrs. Margo Anderson. Don't forget to purchase tickets at the next meeting. \$1.00 per ticket, \$2.00 for 3 tickets, or \$5.00 for 8 tickets.



Some Interesting History About the Kingswood Area

The Willow-Oak Trees

Kingswood was new back in 1965. Good Luck Road was still narrow and Lamont was the only elementary school around. Nashville Road didn't have any speed bumps; it didn't need them.

There was plenty of room in Kingswood, though, for a pick-up truck to come by on sunny afternoons and load up with youngsters who were hauled to tobacco farms to pick tobacco in the fields. The lively young people liked this work – it was a paying job and not too hard. And everyone smoked tobacco.

I was sitting in my kitchen on a nice afternoon and happened to look out of the window. Someone leaned out of a truck passing by and stuck a twig in the space between the sidewalk and the street. The truck went on, putting these fragile-looking limbs in front of every house. They were planting our willow-oak trees.

The trees are huge now; looking as if they've been there for centuries. PEPCO has trimmed them into fanciful shapes so our electric wires can survive. But when I see them, as I drive down Nashville Road. I am reminded of the many years Kingswood has provided a good place for people to live. And I am thankful for all the good people who live here, and take care of our neighborhood.

Evelyn Hirrel

A longtime resident of Kingswood and the KCA Corresponding Secretary



Have a Happy Thanksgiving Day

Important Prince George's County Contact Telephone Numbers:

- Prince George's County Police Department Public Safety Non-Emergency: 301-352-1200
- District 1 Community Response Team: 301-699-2601
 - Anonymous reports, call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-8477
- Property Standards/Zoning & Maintenance Code Enforcement Office: 301-883-6039
- Bulky Trash Collection: 301-952-7600 BulkyTrash@co.pg.md.us

Kingswood Civic Association Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs:

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

Board Member: *Robert (Bob) Brown*
Board Member: *Isaac Humphries*
Board Member: *Kellee Humphries*
Student Board Member: *Evan Reynolds*

Email Coordinator: *Lauren Gordon*
Hospitality Chair: *Angelia Fulwood/Lauren Gordon*
Membership Chairs: *William (Bill) Haller* 301-552-2185 *and Sheila Reid*
Neighborhood Watch Chairs: *Alvin Hurd* 301-552-3570 *and John Sloan* 301-552-8448
Newsletter Editor (Acting): *Creavery Lloyd* 301-552-1219
Newsletter Helpers: *Brenda Bolden & Earlene Smith*
Program Planning Chair: VACANT
Property Maintenance Chair: *Donald Cooke* 301-552-9591
Recreation Committee Chair: *Bob Bowman* 301-552-3405
Youth Coordinator: *Anne Wiseman* 301-328-8893
Assistant Youth Coordinator: VACANT
Webmaster: *Jeff Thornton*
Welcoming Committee Chair: *Lauren Gordon*

Block Captain Contacts:

Chairman: *John Sloan* 301-552-8448
Area 1 Coordinator: *Andrea DeJarnette* 301-552-4475
Area 2 Coordinator: *Sharon/Jonathan Jackson* 301-552-2806
Area 3 Coordinator: *Sheila Reid* 301-552-5383



MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER FORM

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

Membership Year - January-December

**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 _____

Membership Year 2011 _____ Membership Year 2012 _____

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.**

***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***