

The Kingswood Civic Association Newsletter

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

November 2013

MEETING DATES

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2013 7:30 PM

Representative from the The Capital Region Health Connector

To discuss and answers questions regarding the "Patient Care and Affordable Care Act"

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: T B A (will be rescheduled due to holiday on the 28th)

Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

President's Corner

This year is passing by at a very fast rate. Here are a few things to think about as we enter a season of changes. With the time change, darkness comes much earlier and with the approaching holidays and economic conditions, crime also increases. Protect yourself from becoming a victim, always be aware of you surroundings, correct conditions around your home that might make it a target, (bushes, lighting, etc). Our community is a very low crime area. Let's keep it that way.

**Bill Haller
KCA President**



Dates of Interest

Nov. 1 All Saints Day



Nov. 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends



Nov. 11 Veterans Day



November 27 Hanukkah Begins

Happy Hanukkah



November 28 Thanksgiving Day



Highlights from the General Meeting - October 10, 2013

Special Guests included State Delegate Anne Healey and Wanda Brooks from Eric Olsen's office.

Mrs. Healey stated if there are any concerns that you may have concerning the State Government, she would be able to address them. On the Federal level you can contact Steny Hoyer and Donna Brown.

Highlights:

The Storm water tax on your property tax bill is scheduled to go up. To get it reduced, you need to do things that absorb the rain water. The idea is to keep as much water on your property so it doesn't run into the storm drains. Plant trees and shrubs, collect the water in barrel,s etc. Call 311 and ask to speak to someone about reducing your storm water tax.

Homestead Tax Credit helps to keep property taxes stable and help to keep your home affordable as long as it is your primary residence. Every 3 years your property is assessed. This is also based on income. You should apply for the credit before December 31, 2013.

*By the end of the year new smoke detectors will be coming out courtesy of the Fire Dept. The new detectors last up to 10 years. **Per Mr. Haller these detectors will be mandatory.***

If you see someone hanging around a vacant house on your street, you can call Officer Core.

Regarding the yard sales we are pricing liability insurance. We hope to have this in place by next Spring. Wanda Brooks had mentioned if you have the yard sale on streets in your neighborhood along the sidewalks you may be able to forego the insurance. This is something we will be looking into.

Deadline for the Christmas in April project is November 1, 2013. If you know someone whose income may qualify, have them call 311 for information.

*To cut down on annoying telemarketer calls apply for the **National Do Not Call List.***

*As of **January 1, 2014** you can no longer use **Plastic Bags** for leaves, twigs, and grass clippings. You must use **Paper Lawn and Leaf bags.** You can find them at Lowes and Home Depot.*

*The County is offering free Flu Shots, Contact 301-883-7879 for information.
Remember to call **311** for any concerns you have regarding your immediate surroundings in **Kingswood.***

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Ronald Jacobs

UNITY in our COMMUNITY

Come and share your news (good and bad), enjoy some delicious refreshments, welcome and meet your new neighbors and get acquainted with your KCA Officers.

A special thanks to
John Sloan
for coordinating and organizing another
successful

**Clean Up
and Green Up**

Special thanks to the following volunteers:

**Bob Brown
Lauren Gordon
Ike Humphries
Al Hurd
Earl Martin
Robert Nicholson
Sheila Reid**



NEIGHBOR helping NEIGHBOR:

Some of our neighbors have a desire to attend the KCA monthly meetings but cannot or prefer not to drive and be out alone after dark. They would greatly welcome a ride from a kind neighbor. If you are able to provide this service to a neighbor, please contact any officer, any board member, or your block captain. If you are the neighbor who requires this service, please also contact any officer, any board member, or your block captain. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Calorie Poem

**May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!
- Anonymous**

KCA needs your help. Please consider joining the Association. Dues are only \$10.00 per household per year. Bring your dues to the next meeting or mail to KCA at P.O. Box 1313, Lanham, MD 20706

KCA necesita su ayuda. Por favor, considere unirse a la Asociación. Las cuotas son sólo \$ 10.00 por familia al año. Traiga sus deudas a la próxima reunión o por correo a PO KCA Caja 1313, Lanham, MD 20706

NOVEMBER: a month to celebrate



Thanksgiving- on November 28th, sets aside a time for us to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. A uniquely American holiday, it reminds us of how our journey to freedom started.

Diwali is a special Hindu time. This "festival of Lights" starts on November 3rd which is followed by five days of celebration. These reminds its followers of the power of good over evil

Chanuklah, a "Festival of Lights", starting on November 28th, is a eight-day Jewish religious time set aside in remembrance of their struggle for religious freedom.

And - on Veteran's Day, November 11th - we honor all those who gave time in the service of their county. And of course: Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3rd. This is important! We catch an extra hour of sleep!

How wonderful is the presence of diversity in our won small community. People from all over the world live here. We can be thankful of the unique opportunity to know them and for our leaders who give of the time and talents to help us live well together.

Evelyn Hirrel
KCA Corresponding Secretary



Sick and Shut-In Prayers



KCA would like for concerned neighbors to report names for our sick and shut-in prayer list. We are sure that residents would be appreciative of being listed (names only).



Sick & Recovering Kingswood Family:
Ms. Brenda Bolden and Mr. Oliver Clark.

Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy and healthy recovery are extended to these and all other Kingwood residents who may be experiencing an illness or ailment or bereavement.



CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD:



For assistance with any crime issues or concerns, please contact COPs Officer Core at 240-695-7489 (c), or the District 1 Station at 301-699-2630 (w), or the Police Non-Emergency number at 301-352-1200.

Kingswood COPs Officer:
POFC. M.Core #3354
Prince George's County Police Department
5000 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville MD 20781
Micore@ co.pg.md.us

Excerpt from the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive

Public Meetings

As the 2014 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly approaches, County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III is holding public meetings that will provide residents with an opportunity to share their ideas on issues that impact their lives and our communities. Members from the County's House and Senate delegations, the Prince George's County Council, school board representatives and other community leaders will also be present to hear the issues that residents are concerned about.

The information gathered during these sessions will be used to develop the County's legislative priorities for the 434th session of the Maryland General Assembly, which starts in January 2014. Citizen feedback can play a critical role in shaping how Prince George's County approaches the budget and policy issues that are sure to arise this year. These sessions will include brief opening remarks by the County Executive, but the primary focus will be to listen to you.

Please click on the link here to visit the County's website and learn more about the listening sessions. Citizens can pre-register by completing the Registration Form or by calling 301-952-4131. There will be limited opportunities to sign-up to testify, so pre-registration is encouraged. Comments will be timed and limited to three (3) minutes per person.

If you wish to submit testimony but cannot attend in person, please email your attached comments to CommunityFeedback@co.pg.md.us. Below are the locations and times of the County-wide sessions. Attached is a flyer you can share with your friends and relatives. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday November 6, 2013, Eleanor Roosevelt High School
7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt, MD 20770 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday November 13, 2013, Potomac High School
5211 Boydell Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 7-9 p.m.

Office of the County Executive

Prince George's County, Maryland

Save this Date

for the

Kingswood Holiday Gathering

December 12th

7:00 PM

Drill Sergeant

A drill sergeant had just chewed out one of his cadets, and as he was walking away, he turned to the cadet and said, "I guess when I die you'll come and dance on my grave."

The cadet replied, "Not me, Sarge...no sir! I promised myself that when I got out of the Army I'd never stand in another line!"



**We Support The Men & Women
Risking All To Defend Our Freedom
God Bless You!**



**THE KCA NEEDS YOU! MEMBERSHIP DUES ONLY \$10.00
PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR**

Please Join

(Use the application form at the end of this Newsletter)

Membership Year - January-December 2013

Please make check payable to the Kingswood Civic Association.

Mail to the above address, or deliver to your Block Captain, or bring to next General Meeting.

Please consider taking one of the vacant volunteer positions listed below.

Kingswood Civic Association Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs:

President:	<i>William "Bill" Haller</i>	<i>301-552-2185</i>	
Vice President:	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	<i>301-552-4365</i>	
Treasurer:	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>	
Recording Secretary:	<i>Ronald Jacobs</i>		
Corresponding Secretary:	<i>Evelyn Hirrel</i>		
Board Member:	<i>Robert (Bob) Brown</i>	<i>301-552-2118</i>	
Board Member:	<i>Alan James</i>	Board Member:	<i>James Kehoe</i>
Board Member:	<i>Ike Humphries</i>	Board Member:	<i>John Sloan</i>
Student Board Member:	<i>Abisade Adepoju</i>		
Communications Chair:	<i>India Kendall</i>		
Email Coordinator:	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>		
Hospitality Chairs:	<i>Dorothy Clark and Angelia Fulwood</i>		
Meeting Room Set-Up Coordinator:	<i>Alan James and Ike Humphries</i>		
Neighborhood Watch Chairs:	<i>John Sloan</i>	<i>301-552-8448</i>	
Newsletter Editor (Acting):	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>	
Newsletter Helpers:	<i>Brenda Bolden and Earlene Smith</i>		
Newsletter Production:	<i>Birikty Hagos</i>		
Recreation Committee Chair:	<i>Bob Bowman</i>	<i>301-552-3405</i>	
Webmaster:	<i>Jeff Thornton</i>		
Welcoming Committee Chair:	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>		



Block Captain Contacts:

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



MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER FORM
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PLEASE PRINT:

First Name(s) _____ **Last Name** _____

Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Please check appropriate block:

☐ **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