

The Kingswood Civic Association Newsletter

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

February 2014

MEETING DATES

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2014 7:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

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Board Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2014 7:30 PM

Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

President's Corner

The Kingswood Civic Association supports the Kingswood community and strives to foster communication and community spirit while supporting the interests of our neighbors. We are proud of our legacy of service to the community and ask that you consider membership and attendance at our meetings and sponsored events.

Through dues and contributions, the KCA supports many civic activities. Understandably, at this time, membership dues collection is behind due to the very cold weather of late. But just remember, your dues can always be mailed to the KCA PO Box.

**Bill Haller
KCA President**

HIGHLIGHTS from the KCA General Meeting on January 9, 2014:

Special Guest: Dannielle Glaros--running for PG County Council

Dannielle Glaros is so far unopposed in running for County Council. She moved to Prince George's County 10 years ago and lives in an older home in Riverdale Park with her husband and two daughters. She stated that when she moved here she wanted to live near public transportation because they were at one time a one car family. She studied at the University of Maryland with an undergraduate degree in Economics.

The Maryland Department of Housing is moving to New Carrollton MD and the FBI is considering moving to PG County also. Fairfax County VA is wooing the FBI also. Mrs. Glaros said that the County Council is working very hard to get the FBI here in PG. The County Council is also working on getting Pre K' classes county-wide. So far only 8 schools in PG County offer Pre K.

Mrs. Glaros will be doing her Kick Off Event in early February. You can check her website: glarosforcouncil.com for more information.

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Tentative Plans for Future Neighborhood Gatherings

KCA would like to hear from you. Do you have any suggestions how Kingswood can become a closer-knit community? Please let us know.

--KCA is still seeking suggestions for speakers for our Monthly Meetings. Please contact any Board Member with your suggestions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Mosquito Control Program

Last year (2013) KCA didn't participate in the program because the anticipated expense was deemed to be too large for our budget....but the mosquitoes were too much for us. Recently, KCA President Bill Haller asked me to be certain that we receive an application for the 2014 Mosquito Control Program. It is the KCA intent to participate in the program for 2014. KCA folks who have any comments regarding the program should contact Bill Haller.

Sincerely,
John Cece
KCA Mosquito Control Coordinator

NOTE: The cost of the spraying will vary based on the number of times the County deems the area needs to be sprayed. The County no longer subsidizes the spraying, so the KCA cost has almost doubled. In addition, the total cost for spraying is unknown until the following year, but KCA is asked to reserve \$1000.00 until the actual invoice is received. This 2011 spraying cost was \$470.35. Thus, based on the above statements, and so as not to completely deplete KCA funds, it is clear that KCA can use donations to help fund this project.

2014 Prince George's County Centenarian Celebration

Do you know any Prince George's County residents who are 90 years old or better?

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation is collecting information about county residents who are ages 90 & older. Special recognition will be given to centenarians - residents who are 100 years old & older - at a spring event. We need your help identifying Prince George's County residents ages 90 & above. If you know someone who resides in the county and will be 90 years old or better as of January 1, 2014, please share the information with us. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please forward the information below to us no later than **February 28, 2014** by: (a) calling staff at 301-446-3400 (TTY 301-446-3402); (b) sending an email to public.affairs@pgparks.com (subject: Residents 90 & better); or (c) completing the on-line form.

<http://www.pgparks.com/Assets/2014+Centenarian+Form.pdf>

Bereavement/Sick and Shut In:



The KCA extends profound sympathy to our neighbor, Mr. Alvin Hurd, for the passing of his father, Mr. Tumie C. Hurd, Sr. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Alvin Hurd is one of KCA's long-standing and stalwart supporters. He served as a Block Captain and co-chair of the KCA Neighborhood Watch Program. Some respectfully refer to Alvin as the "walking man", as he usually takes a daily walk around the community.



Sick and Shut-in: Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy and healthy recovery are extended to all Kingwood residents who may be experiencing an illness or ailment.

Please keep all Kingswood families and friends in your prayers.

Remember--family and friends can play a huge role in helping a patient deal with a chronic illness. When a person is suffering from a chronic illness, it's important that they feel truly cared about.

What matters most is how people interact with the sick person--helping with daily errands and chores, giving emotional support, or just lending a shoulder to cry on.

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 know at (301-552-1219) or at cylloyd40@juno.com, so that their names can be included in the Newsletter and an appropriate greeting card can be sent. Thank you.



Sending a little sunshine your way to help you feel better and fill you with inner peace.



Youth Corner

KCA is seeking a dedicated volunteer to serve as Youth Coordinator; one who can provide important information to, and implement programs for, Kingswood youth.

KCA is also seeking dedicated Student Board Members.

Please contact President Bill Haller if you have an interest in volunteering for one of the above-noted vacancies.

Links to Scholarship Information

<http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialaid/descriptions.asp>

<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/financialaid/state.html>

<https://www.collegeoptions.org/MD/0/Maryland/search-results-scholarship-search-by-location.aspx>

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/maryland-scholarships/>



February is HEART HEALTHY MONTH



Heart disease is the #1 killer of women in the US claiming more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

February 7, 2014 is NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY. Show your support. Wear red on Friday, 2/7, to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women.

Visit the American Heart Association website <http://www.heart.org/> for valuable information and suggestions to help develop a heart healthy regime.

KCA wishes to see all Kingswood residents live a long and healthy life.

Moving On - with Mail

Shannon told me her mother is working on the project of closing post offices.

Shannon is my granddaughter and her mother is a lawyer, so the news isn't official – but it's true. All over the US, post offices are being closed.

Numbers range from 3000 to 3700, according to the web and the Washington Post. Wow! Closing and no Saturday deliveries! Cost of stamps is going up, of course, so there's three more cents for every letter we send to family, friends and people who want our money.

How can I get my catalogues? Will I still get valentines in the mail? Maryland is on the list of states affected, as Delaware is the only state making a profit in its postal system. It seems, from the pile of "junk" mail we got over the holidays, that the delivery business would be booming. But –what do we know? We can only wait and see, and work on our email.

Technology has made so many changes in our lives but it doesn't seem right to put another burden on those who don't have access to newest developments. Let's be happy our KCA Newsletter isn't mailed, but delivered by loyal neighbors who leave it at our door. Thanks – our appreciation is yours.

Evelyn Hirrel
KCA Corresponding Secretary

DUES! DUES! DUES!

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

In addition to paying dues for 2014, please consider "catching up" and pay your 2013 membership dues (\$10.00 for each year). These dues will help KCA continue its work for the Kingswood community. Donations are also welcome and needed.

To verify your payments, feel free to contact Treasurer, Creavery Lloyd.

The KCA Membership Drive began in January. The KCA would like to have at least 350 Kingswood homes (out of around 700-occupied homes), registered by the end of March 2014. If you wish to help with the KCA Membership Drive, please contact your Block Captain or President, Bill Haller, at 301-552-2185.

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.

Remember, 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 below on the membership form.



KCA dues are used to/for:

Rental of the Trinity Moravian Fellowship Hall for KCA meetings
Provide refreshments at General Meetings
Fund Hospitality Purchases (flowers, cards, etc.)
Fund KCA PO Box Rental Fee
Fund the Annual Neighborhood Holiday Party
Help fund the Neighborhood Annual National Night Out
Fund transportation to the Annual MLK, Jr. Annapolis Reception
Fund the Annual Mosquito Control Spraying
Present awards for neighborhood service
Purchase office supplies
KCA Wall Repair
Occasional Grass Cutting - of abandoned/empty homes (to keep the neighborhood presentable and safe)

Due to lack of funds, the following items have been suspended:

Offer a scholarship to a worthy student
Present awards for neighborhood contests (Block Captain, Holiday Decorating, etc.)
Rental of the Community Center for various gatherings
Occasional donations to help KCA residents in need
Pennysaver Ads for KCA Yard Sales

KCA Yard Sales have also been temporarily suspended. Discussions are currently ongoing to reinstate this activity--Liability Insurance must be obtained. Insurance carrier quotes are being solicited.

For the last few years, KCA has been/is extremely fortunate to have the printing of the KCA Newsletter provided by our friend and neighbor Birikty Hagos (free of charge). (Previously this was an expense paid from KCA dues).

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>VACANT</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 Coordinators:	<i>Alan James and Ike Humphries</i>	
Membership Chair	<i>VACANT</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>
Youth Coordinator:	<i>VACANT</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

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MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER FORM

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

Membership Year - January-December 2014

**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 _____

Membership Year 2013 _____ Membership Year 2014 _____

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, 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.