

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

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

***April 2014***

## **MEETING DATES**

**General Membership Meeting: Thursday, April 10, 2014 7:30 PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Shateela Winters**  
**Financial Educator**  
**Edelman Financial Services**

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

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**Board Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2014 7:30 PM**

**Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community**

**Please join us for The Truth About Retirement Plans and IRAs seminar! Learn the best way to contribute, manage and generate income so your retirement will be everything you want it to be.**

You work hard. Is the money in your retirement plan working as hard for you? This brand new seminar, based on Ric Edelman's ground-breaking new book scheduled for release in April, will show you how to get the most from your retirement accounts and IRAs. You'll discover how easy it is to manage your retirement assets properly and the consequences if you fail to do so. You'll gain the knowledge you need that can help you enjoy your retirement in comfort.

**The Truth About Retirement Plans and IRAs- Seminar covers:**

- How to Invest the Contribution You Make with Your Current Paycheck
- How to Invest the Money That's Already in Your Account
- What To Do with Old, Dormant Retirement Accounts
- The Four Investments You Should Never Choose for Your Retirement Plan
- Deciding if a Target Date Fund is Right for You
- Should You Invest in a Deductible or Roth Account?
- Should You Convert to the Roth?
- How to Handle RMDs
- How a Systematic Withdraw Plan can Help You Generate More Income in Retirement
- How to Handle Beneficiary Designations

**When: Thursday, April 10, 2014, 7:30PM**

**Where: Trinity Moravian Church, 7011 Good Luck Road, New Carrollton, MD**

**Presenter: Shateela Winters**

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### *President's Corner*

Hopefully Winter has left us and warmer weather will soon be here. The snow and cold have kept many of our members from attending the monthly meetings. I expect to see a big increase in attendance with better weather. It is very important that the KCA be supported by the entire community.

The leadership of the KCA is trying to schedule speakers that will be of interest to the community. We welcome any and all suggestions that you have, please contact any officer or board member.

People are needed to fill the vacant positions that now exist and to volunteer to help the various activities of the KCA.

**Bill Haller**  
KCA President

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*April 1 April Fool's Day      April 13 Palm Sunday*  
*April 14 Passover begins at sundown, lasts 8 days      April 18 Good Friday*  
*April 20 Easter Sunday      April 21 Patriot's Day Third Monday      April 22 Earth Day*  
*April 23 Administrative Professionals Day formerly "Secretaries Day"*  
*April 24 Take Your Daughter to Work Day 4th Thursday*  
*April 25 Arbor Day always the last Friday in April*



#### **REMINDERS from President Haller:**

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES-- Elected official look at the number of homes belonging to the association when concerns of the community come before them.

REMEMBER---- Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or in containers marked YARD WASTE. The recycling company will not pick up yard waste that is in plastic bags.

NOTICE----The speed limit on residential streets is 25 MPH. Some MOTORISTS, and now that warmer weather is here, BIKERS, like to use our streets as speedways. In order to insure the safety of our residents this practice will not be tolerated.

KCA SPRING CLEAN UP GREEN UP---APRIL 26th (rain or shine) We hope to have dumpsters placed at points in the community.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM---Donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of this program. We must commit the amount of \$1200.00 to pay for the cost of spraying. Last year was a terrible year as you could not be outside without getting multiple bites. Given the health hazards associated with these insects our number one concern must be to rid the community of this problem.

(NOTE: Donations have started coming in. KCA hopes that you will be one of the next to also give a donation to this important and necessary program.)

### **Highlights from the General Meeting - March 13, 2014**

Special Guest, Wanda Brooks from Eric Olsen's office.

Kingswood has been pretty fortunate as far as crime is concerned. We've had only 2 incidents thus far. Theft from an auto on Nashville and a break-in in the 6700 block of Good Luck Road.

It may become law and fines may be imposed on homeowners that do not shovel snow in front of their houses 24 hours after snowfall. If you cannot shovel snow yourself, get someone to shovel for you. The last thing you will want is another fine.

We need volunteers to monitor streets after the snow stops to report back to Bill Haller whether the snow plows have been on your street and the conditions on your road after they have plowed. Snow Information Hot Line number is 301-358-0500.

It has come to President Haller's attention that if you go out and start your car on those cold mornings and leave your car unattended, you may be running the risk of getting a \$75.00 fine.

Call Parking Enforcement (311) if you see any cars parked on the wrong side of the street, facing the wrong way possibly with expired tags.

Officer Core is still our Neighborhood Police Officer and he has been a deterrent against crime becoming a major event in Kingswood.

Trash and litter is invading Kingswood. Signs being tacked up on poles makes our neighborhood look undesirable. For illegal signs you can take them down yourself. However for the ones that are out of reach, you can call (311). They will handle it on their end.

We will be planning a Neighborhood Clean Up Day once the weather warms up in the Spring.

Remember our elected officials. We have maintained close relations with. They have been there for us.

The Association still has some vacancies, and we are short two (2) Block Captains--one for Trexler Road and one for Nashville Road. Please consider volunteering for the good of the neighborhood.

Call Bulky Trash to pick up car tires and household items that you have set out in front of your home. REMEMER, bulky trash items should not be placed outside until the day before or the day of.

If you know of any vacant homes, you can call (311) to report them. The County is keeping a list of them. If you see lights out on your street, contact Pepco. If Pepco does not respond within 15 days, you can contact Wanda Brooks in Councilman Olsen's office.

Submitted by KCA Recording Secretary Ronald Jacobs



### **Community News and Information**

**Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards To Host 2014 Senior Citizen Resource And Information Fair.** The Fair will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, 2014** from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hillcrest Heights Community Center, located at 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Temple Hills, MD.



Panelists and exhibitors will share information and resources on: Consumer Protection, Health, Financial Planning and Retirement, Personal Affairs, Housing, and Veteran Benefits.

For more information, please contact Selena Mendy Singleton at 301-516-7601 or via email at [selena.singleton@mail.house.gov](mailto:selena.singleton@mail.house.gov).

The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Commission has a new customer service link. It allows a resident to request service at any time of the day or night regarding state route issues/problems. Once you enter the information, the system gives you a number for the problem you are reporting. You will also receive an email confirming your request.

[http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request\\_for\\_service](http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request_for_service)

**Free Tax Service.** Free tax preparation services to individuals with no more than \$35,000 in income and families with no more than \$51,000 in income. The service is provided by trained volunteers. Our volunteers are students, accountants, lawyers, administrators, community volunteers and interpreters, who dedicate countless hours to our programs.

Site: New Carrollton Municipal Building 301-459-6100

6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 2078

Site Open : March and April Monday and Thursday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Walk\_in ONLY

Language(S): English

Services provided by Community Tax Aid-218 D Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

Phone 202 547-7773

The information is provided by City of New Carrollton

**English Classes for Spanish Speaking Residents.** Trinity Moravian Church is offering these classes for students ranging in age from about 25 to 65. The church is within walking distance of the Kingswood community--7011 Good Luck Road. The classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30am. For more information, contact Trinity Moravian at 301-441-1814.

Clases de inglés para españoles residentes que hablan. Iglesia de la Trinidad de Moravia ofrece clases para estudiantes de edades comprendidas entre 25 y 65 años. La iglesia está a poca distancia de la comunidad Kingswood - 7011 Good Luck carretera. Las clases se impartirán los lunes y miércoles a las 10:30 am. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con la Trinidad Iglesia Morava en 301-441-1814.



#### **REMINDERS:**

--**Christmas In April** will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2014**. If you know any Kingswood resident who might qualify (there are income restrictions), let any Board Member know.



"Shoot the Breeze"

"Shoot the Breeze" means: chatter aimlessly; or- talk about an important matter; or- if you're a cowboy, aim your gun at nothing.

They're all definitions of this funny phrase. Talking with your neighbor is good, just shooting the breeze on a lovely spring day. April is a good time to do this. Blue skies, soft air, yellow daffodils and lavender crepe myrtle help us move on from a gray winter.

My new neighbor, Corey Jacks, is a nice young man who is glad to be in his new home. Talking, he told me he is a business man working with Solar City, installing solar panels in local homes. A good way to catch the sunshine and bring it into the house where its warmth is a welcome change from cold winds.

So- shoot the breeze with your neighbor. A nice time to smile.

Evelyn Hirrel

KCA Corresponding Secretary

### Bereavement/Sick and Shut In:



The KCA extends profound sympathy to and resident who has experienced the recent loss of a loved one.



Our thoughts and prayers are also extended for a speedy and healthy recovery to all Kingwood residents who may be experiencing an illness or ailment, and to the men, women, and their families serving in our Military, and especially to **Brenda Bolden, Robert Bowman and Victor Pecku.**

KCA wishes to continue to offer thoughts and prayers to our residents. If you hear of someone who is ill or has lost a loved one, please contact a Board Member or your Block Captain, so that, with permission, their name(s) 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

# FBI FUTURE AGENT IN TRAINING

The FBI's Washington Field Office is hosting a Future Agents in Training (FAIT) program this summer for students ages 16 to 18 years old. Students will receive hands on training with the FBI's different divisions. Applications are **due by May 30th**. The program starts August 4th and runs to the 8th. For more information, go to: <http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/news-and-outreach/outreach/fait>

Information listed above was re-printed from Councilman Eric Olsen's email message and/or website:  
eolson@co.pg.md.us



**--- Don't Forget ---**



## Maryland Elections for Statewide offices and Congress

**Early Voting**  
**June 12, 2014 - June 19, 2014**  
**from 10am to 8pm**

## Primary Election : Tuesday 24 June 2014

**General Election: Tuesday 4 November 2014**  
**2014 Primary Election**  
**June 24, 2014**



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

**KCA again wishes to thank those of our residents who have made donations  
 along with their annual dues. You Are The GREATEST!**

Thank  
You

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

<b>President:</b>	<i>William "Bill" Haller</i>	<i>301-552-2185</i>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	<i>301-552-4365</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	<i>Ronald Jacobs</i>	
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	<i>Evelyn Hirrel</i>	
<b>Board Members:</b>	<i>Robert (Bob) Brown, Alan James, James Kehoe, Ike Humphries, John Sloan</i>	
<b>Student Board Member:</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	



<b>Communications Chair:</b>	<i>India Kendall</i>	
<b>Email Coordinator:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	
<b>Hospitality Chairs:</b>	<i>Dorothy Clark and Angelia Fulwood</i>	
<b>Meeting Room Set-Up Coordinators:</b>	<i>Alan James and Ike Humphries</i>	
<b>Membership Chair:</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	
<b>Neighborhood Watch Chairs:</b>	<i>John Sloan</i>	<i>301-552-8448</i>
<b>Newsletter Editor (Acting):</b>	<i>Creavery Lloyd</i>	<i>301-552-1219</i>
<b>Newsletter Helpers:</b>	<i>Brenda Bolden and Earlene Smith</i>	
<b>Newsletter Production:</b>	<i>Birikty Hagos</i>	
<b>Recreation Committee Chair:</b>	<i>Bob Bowman</i>	<i>301-552-3405</i>
<b>Youth Coordinator:</b>	<i>VACANT</i>	
<b>Webmaster:</b>	<i>Jeff Thornton</i>	
<b>Welcoming Committee Chair:</b>	<i>Lauren Gordon</i>	

**Block Captain Contacts:**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<i>John Sloan</i>	<i>301-552-8448</i>
<b>Area 1 Coordinator:</b>	<i>Andrea DeJarnette</i>	<i>301-552-4475</i>
<b>Area 2 Coordinator:</b>	<i>Sharon Jackson</i>	<i>301-552-2806</i>
<b>Area 3 Coordinator:</b>	<i>Sheila Reid</i>	<i>301-552-5383</i>

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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.