

The Kingswood Civic Association Newsletter

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

March 2015

MEETING DATES

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2015 7:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rep. Alonzo Washington

Maryland State Delegate
District 22

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

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Board Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2015 7:30 PM

Board Meetings are open to all residents of the Kingswood Community

President's Corner

I bring you greetings from deep in the cold , frozen community of Kingswood. I am tired of all of this cold, changing temperatures, and shoveling snow. I think that maybe next February I will organize a groundhog hunting trip to PA. I hope that this newsletter finds you well, warm and safe.

We had a very good turnout at our February meeting despite the cold weather. Our speaker left us with a lot of useful information. I urge you to attend the monthly meetings, join the association and PAY YOUR DUES.

I was encouraged by some inquiries into the vacant positions in our association, maybe people are going to step up, get involved and help us out.

I don't know of any happenings in the community, if anyone has anything to report please let me know.

Remember, Daylight Savings Time starts on March 8th, set your clocks ahead 1 hr..

The 1st day of Spring is March 20th.

Bill Haller
KCA President

Community News and Information

Kingswood Civic Association General Meeting Notes from 2/12/15

Special Guest Speaker was Special Assistant Daursey McGraw of The Revenue Authority of Prince George's County

Most parking complaints you have can be referred to The County Click number 311. If it is taking more than a month for someone to contact you on your issue, you can contact Mr. McGraw by phone or email him.

If you live in MD you must have 2 tags on your motor vehicle--one for the front and back. If you recently moved here, you have up to 60 days to change them. You can dial 443-572-8247 to report out of state tags of your neighbors if it has been at least 60 days that you know them living there.

If your property is more than 1 acre you can park on your grass. Commercial vehicles not over 10 thousand pounds can park on the street. No-one is supposed to park within 3 feet of your driveway, however you can. When making a complaint, do not give the operator your name even if they insist. You need to remain anonymous for obvious reasons. You must have a license and or permit to operate a business anywhere on your property--inside and out.

If you see any of the Revenue Authority Special Officers behaving inappropriately call Mr. McGraw.

Beware of loose dogs. If you see any please call 311.

You now have up to 48 hours to clean up any snow or ice on your sidewalk, you can or will be fined if the special officers come around and check.

Remember you can't contain the quality of your neighborhood if you allow all kinds of things to happen to bring it down. No one will want to live here and could possibly bring down home values.

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Ronald Jacobs



MANY THANKS

We heartily thank all of our neighbors and friends who have offered to help and/or come forward to help. You have spared many backs during all of these snow days this winter.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE REFERRAL LIST

KCA is still hoping to put together a list of honest and reliable service providers for our residents.

If you can recommend any service providers (home improvement, legal, or otherwise), please contact KCA President Bill Haller at 301-552-2185.

"Lucid Moment

No one believes seniors. . . everyone thinks they are senile.

They were celebrating their 60th anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired.

Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up, but not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money--and it's 50,000 dollars.

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two FBI men were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knock on the door. "Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turn to Andy and began to question him. One says: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday. . . "

The first FBI guy turns to his partner and says, "We're outta here."



Daylight Saving Time Begins History

Daylight Savings time was begun in an effort to help save energy and provide workers with more hours of serviceable daylight during the long summer days. Daylight Savings Time was first introduced in the U.S. in 1918. However, it was not until 1966, when the Uniform Act was passed, that all states had to either observe DST or pass a state law to abstain.

Facts about Daylight Saving Time Begins

In 2015 Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 8, 2015 at 2:00 a.m. local time. Clocks will shift forward 1 hour, making the local time 3:00 a.m.

When Daylight Savings Time (DST) begins in the Northern Hemisphere, it is ending in the Southern Hemisphere.

Benjamin Franklin first proposed the idea of DST in 1784. He wrote An Economical Project for the Journal of Paris, wherein he discussed the cost of oil for lamps as well as working while it was dark, and sleeping while it was day.

Daylight Savings Time changes at 2:00 a.m. This time is selected in an effort to provide the least amount of inconvenience to businesses and citizens.

DST always begins on the second Sunday in March, and ends on the first Sunday in November. Hawaii and Arizona do not use DST. Up until 2006, Indiana only used DST in part of the state.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Top Events and Things to Do

Move your clocks forward 1 hour before bed on Saturday night.

Go to bed an hour earlier Saturday night.

Get outside and enjoy the extra hour of daylight.

Replace the batteries in the smoke alarm and carbon dioxide monitors.

Clean out the medicine cabinet. Dispose of all medicines properly.

Taken from: <http://www.wincalendar.com/Daylight-Saving-Time-Begins>

Youth Corner

A message from Dannielle Glaros,



Friends,

As we look forward into the summer and spring there are many opportunities for our youth. This includes scholarships, jobs, summer camps and more. I put together this newsletter to keep you informed of these upcoming items. If we missed an item, let me know and I will share it in the next issue.

As always, feel free to reach out to me and our District 3 team if we can help you in any way.
Together Strengthening Our Community,

Want Scholarships?

First Generation College Bound (FGCB) is a nonprofit organization purposed to help youth realize the dream of a College degree. FGCB has been in operation for more than 24 years and has helped over 500 young people in our area. For more information follow this link.

Your Maryland Senators and Delegates have Scholarship funds available to individuals bound for and currently attending a college or university. Deadlines run through spring but differ per office. See below for a list of representatives and office links.

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

For more information regarding scholarships, visit <http://fgcb.org/> or contact Mrs. Glaros at 301-952-3060 or email at dmglaros@co.pg.md.us, if you need assistance or cannot find the information or resources you need.



Some Foods for St. Patrick's Day:

- Corned Beef Hash
- Green Beer/Green Cocktails
- Irish Stew
- Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes
- Irish Soda Bread
- Shamrock-shaped Green Velvet cupcakes

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day is always celebrated on March 17 no matter what day of the week it falls on. The day is celebrated nationwide and observed by millions. In fact, a person does not have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Bereavement/Sick and Shut In:



KCA offers sincere prayers and sympathy to the family of:

JOYCE ANN THOMAS

Mrs. Thomas is the mother of KCA resident Mr. Joe Thomas.

The funeral will be held on February 26, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Pope Funeral Home.



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.



Neighborhood Quote:
We live in a world that has
narrowed into a neighborhood
before it has broadened into a
brotherhood.

Lyndon B. Johnson

<http://www.brainyquote.com/>



March 20th



DUES! DUES! DUES!

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

In addition to paying dues for 2015, you may also wish to "catch up" and pay your 2014 membership dues (\$10.00 for each year). Please consider doing so, so that KCA can continue its work for the community.

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.



Kingswood Civic Association Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs:

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| 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 Members: | <i>Robert (Bob) Brown, Alan James, James Kehoe, Ike Humphries, 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>Arlene Reese and Theresa Bryant</i> | |
| Newsletter Production: | <i>Birikty Hagos</i> | |
| Recreation Committee Chair: | <i>VACANT</i> | |
| Youth Coordinator: | <i>VACANT</i> | |
| Webmaster: | <i>Jeff Thornton</i> | |
| Welcoming Committee Chair: | <i>Lauren Gordon</i> | |

Block Captain Contacts:

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| Chairman: | <i>John Sloan</i> | <i>301-552-8448</i> |
| Area 1 Coordinator: | <i>Andrea DeJarnette</i> | <i>301-552-4475</i> |
| Area 2 Coordinator: | <i>Charles Lester</i> | <i>301-552-2777</i> |
| Area 3 Coordinator | <i>Alan James</i> | <i>301-552-1806</i> |



March 29th

The Kingswood Civic Association needs your help!
Please join.

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

Membership Year - January-December 2015

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 2014 _____ Membership Year 2015 _____

Please volunteer for one or more of the following Committees. Please check your preference(s):

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| _____ 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*