

Kings Park Association

General Meeting

March 21, 2011

7:00 PM

Hernwood Elementary School

The meeting began with two guest speakers. A **BGE representative** shared energy conservation tips to reduce your monthly bill. She gave out prizes to those who correctly answered questions about energy conservation. Also, **Duane "Tony" Baysmore** Special Assistant, Baltimore County Executive Office discussed Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz's vision for the County and restructuring. Among some of his highlights is the elimination of 140 vacant positions resulting in savings to taxpayers. He also discussed the "Police i-Watch" initiative. Residents interested in learning more about the activities of the Baltimore County Police Department can now sign up for i-Watch services that will allow them to receive information about the agency through e-mail subscriptions. Through the use of their computers and handheld electronic devices residents will be able to provide police with crime tips and make non-emergency complaints via the Internet on all types of crimes including possible terrorist activity. They will also be able to file complaints electronically on simple every day issues involving animals, neighbors, juveniles, noise, and abandoned autos. For more information, go to the Baltimore County Government website (www.baltimorecountymd.gov).

I. Meeting Called to Order

President Keith Dyson called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

II. Reading of Minutes

Recording Secretary Jacqueline L Crosby read the Kings Park Association (KPA) September 20, 2010 general meeting minutes and accepted as read.

III. Financial Report

Treasurer Delores Ford read the financial report and the KPA balance is \$4,899.44 as of March 17, 2011. The report was accepted as read.

IV. Old Business

A. Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)

C.O.P. Director Clarence Wilson provided updates. There are 3 cases pending and two which are involving neighbors property including broken fences and mailboxes. Recent break-ins have occurred on Templar and Mendoza Roads, both during the daytime hours between 11:00am – 4:00pm. Also, sheds have been broken into. The passenger side of parked vehicles must be against the curb. The police will begin giving tickets which are approximately \$47.00. The police had previously given warnings. There are currently 23 members on C.O.P. and Keith is asking for

additional volunteers and for those who are already volunteering to attend monthly meetings. If interested in participating in C.O.P., see Clarence.

V. New Business

A. Financial Audit

2nd Vice President Madison “Tony” Crosby, Board member Albert Barnes, and resident Jeanette Johnson conducted an audit of the KPA financial records for the period July 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010. The records were in excellent order and no discrepancies.

B. 2011 Membership Drive

1st Vice President Annie Butler held a block captains meeting on March 17, 2011 and out of 34 streets, 17 were represented. Membership cards were passed out and duties were reviewed. Delores introduced a letter for the block captains to leave for residents with their information on it, when the resident is not home. Paxton and Cabot Roads are still in need of a block captain. Barbara Taylor volunteered to do Cabot Road. The annual membership drive is April 1, 2011 to May 31, 2011. The duties of the block captains are: (1) door to door collections of dues; (2) distribute KPA newsletter; (3) welcome and identify new neighbors and report any births, new neighbors or deaths to the hospitality committee; and (4) attend block captains meetings as scheduled. The block captain information is posted on the KPA website (www.kingspark21133.org).

C. Kings Park Youth Program

Board member Latoya Edwards distributed and read the Kings Park Estates Community Youth Program Development Plan, which is posted on the KPA website. This program will initially be for youth ages 12-18, who are residents of Kings Park Estates. The program will include mentoring, after school tutoring, social and academic events. Also, Baltimore County Public Schools has approved the Kings Park Association as a site for students to gain service –learning (community service) hours. Keith stressed the fact that we must invest in the youth and asked for volunteers for this program.

D. Community Document Shred Day

The Community Document Shred Day will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00am -12:00pm at Marriottsville and Live Oak Roads.

E. Community Clean Up Day

The Community Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 7:00am – 12:00pm at Marriottsville and Live Oak Roads.

F. Community Yard Sale

Board member Renada Hamer is soliciting interest in a community yard sale. The yard sale would occur on each interested resident’s yard. The tentative dates are June 4th or 11th, based on the responses she receives. The hours will be from 8am-12:00pm. This event is for Kings Park Estates Community residents only.

G. KPA Website

Please visit our KPA website (www.kingspark21133.org). The website is updated frequently and contains valuable information.

H. Questions and Concerns

1. A resident said that their neighbor's porch fell in. Keith will send Clarence to look at it to determine if a code violation letter should be issued.
2. Kids are playing in the street and are blocking traffic. This is an issue for the police, but first try to discuss with the kids' parents.
3. The Williams Gas Pipeline Company's easement needs the grass cut. Keith will look at it and contact the company.
4. What's the height restriction for a privacy fence? Keith explained we are a community association and not a homeowner association. We can not set specific property guidelines. The resident should contact Baltimore County Code Enforcement at 410-887-3351 for the County Code guidelines for fences.
5. If trees are growing into power lines, contact BGE at 410-685-0123.

Meeting adjourned by President Dyson at 9:15PM

Minutes submitted by: Recording Secretary Jacqueline L Crosby