

**Kings Park Association**  
**General Meeting**  
September 19, 2011  
7:00 PM  
Hernwood Elementary School

The meeting began with three guest speakers. J. Roger Lee (Supervisor from the Department of Assessments and Taxation) spoke about the property tax assessments on homes in Baltimore County. Homes are assessed every three years and are graded from the highest (grade 9) to the lowest (Grade 1). He also distributed a Residential Worksheet for reassessment so we could see the calculation that is utilized to determine the assessment. The second speaker was Barbara Jean Dickens (Assistant Supervisor from the Department of Assessments and Taxation). She explained the appeals process and informed us of the three levels of appeals as well as what is needed to appeal an assessment. The third speaker was a resident of Kings Park Estates, James Mathias. He discussed ground rent and the process to obtain the ground rent extinguishment.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

President Keith Dyson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**II. Reading of Minutes**

Recording Secretary Jacqueline L. Crosby read the Kings Park Association (KPA) March 21, 2011 general meeting minutes and the minutes were accepted as read.

**III. Financial Report**

Treasurer Delores Ford read the financial report and the KPA balance is \$6,221.17 as of September 19, 2011. This balance includes grants funds. The report was accepted as read.

**IV. Old Business**

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

C.O.P. Director Clarence Wilson provided updates. We had a good turnout for the "National Night Out Against Crime". For 2011, there are 31 cases. Twenty eight of these cases are closed and three outstanding. There is a concern that the 23 vacant homes will cause the property value in Kings Park to go down. These homes need to be monitored to ensure the property is maintained and report any trespassing. Per a recent "911" Incidents Report from the Baltimore County Police Department, there were 25 incidents in Kings Park and they are posted on our website ([www.kingspark21133.org](http://www.kingspark21133.org)). If interested in joining C.O.P., please see Clarence Wilson.

**V. New Business**

A. Financial Audit

2nd Vice President Madison "Tony" Crosby, President Dyson, and Kings Park resident Jeanette Johnson conducted an audit of the KPA financial records for the period January 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011. The records were in excellent order. No discrepancies were found.

B. 2011 Membership Drive

1st Vice President Annie Butler thanked the block captains and residents alike for their participation. A total of \$ 710.00 was collected. There are 539 homes in Kings Park and 350 paid their dues. Block captains are still needed for Hoyt Circle, Laguna Court, and Paxton Roads.

### C. Kings Park Youth Program

Pearl Kirby (Youth Program Committee member) explained our service-learning (community service) program flyer. Kings Park is approved to offer service-learning projects to Baltimore County Public Schools students, grades 6th - 12th. Several students in our community have earned service-learning hours by distributing our newsletter and the "Document Shred Day" event flyer. Also, a 9th grader in our community developed the flyer to promote our service-learning program. The flyer was emailed to the schools coordinators. Some of the service-learning projects are beautification of Kings Park, and preparing and delivering flyers. We are looking for two youth to serve on our youth program committee. Our youth program is an opportunity to get the youth active and productive in the community, but we also need to get the parents engaged. President Dyson secured a Baltimore County Police Department Youth Activity Grant for our program, in the amount of \$1,908. The grant will be used for additional criminal background checks for adult volunteers working directly with the youth, administrative costs, meeting refreshments, and social events.

### D. Community Clean Up Day

The Community Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The time will be from 7:00am -12:00pm at Marriottsville and Live Oak Roads.

### E. Community Yard Sale

Due to low interest in the yard sale, we will consider this event for next Spring.

### F. Animal Control Issues

There is an increase in animal control issues in our community, especially for excessive dog barking, walking dogs without a leash, and not cleaning up dog and cat feces. President Dyson will hold a special meeting with the community and invite a representative from Baltimore County Animal Control Division. In the interim, if you have a pet issue and know the pet's owner and address, contact President Dyson at 410-922-0448. He will send a letter to the owner requesting them to correct the problem, before any referral to Animal Control. If you do not know the pet's owner and address, call Animal Control at 410-887-5961, Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. If an issue occurs outside of these hours and related to a vicious or roaming pet, call "911".

### G. Community Emergency Recovery Forum

A flyer was distributed for this event. The event will be Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Randallstown Community Center. You must RSVP by September 26<sup>th</sup> by calling 410-655-3090.

### H. Miscellaneous

Combined Community Holiday Celebration event will take place on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of this event is community dance and fellowship with your neighbors. At least six different communities will gather to have a good time. Tickets will be available soon.

### I. Questions and Answers

Which community does the 3800 block of Marriottsville Road (off Liberty Road) belong to, Hernwood? President Dyson will check.

Meeting adjourned by President Dyson at 8:27pm.

Minutes submitted by Jacqueline Crosby.