

The Messenger



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The Village of Kings Park Estates
Community Association
Randallstown MD 21133
USA



President's Corner

Keith Dyson

Greetings Neighbors,

"What an eventful year we have had!" First, we have an earthquake and then Hurricane Irene. I wish you well as we recover from these events. ***Now, let's enjoy the holidays!***

For our 2011 membership drive, we achieved 68.79% membership rate, which excludes the 20 vacant homes in our community. **For 2012, you can pay your dues starting in January 2012.** See your Block Captain or mail your dues with our membership form. This form is in the Membership Section on our website (www.kingspark21133.org) and on the last page of this newsletter. As a reminder, *the annual dues are \$10 per household.* Your dues will continue to be used for community expenses such as BGE bills for entrance wall lights; maintenance of the entrance walls; neighborhood beautification projects including flowers and mulch for the entrance wall flower beds; refreshments for our community meetings; website fees; and printing newsletters. ***I***



appreciate your support for our community!

The KPA Board and our Citizens on Patrol (COP) members work diligently to ensure our community continues to be a great place to live. **Our COP needs more volunteers.** If interested, contact COP Director Clarence Wilson at 410-655-4259.

If you need to contact me, my home number is 410-922-0448.

I wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year!!

**Keith Dyson
President, Kings Park
Association**

KINGS PARK ESTATES

Community Youth Program

December 2011 Updates

- The Youth Program Committee (YPC) held two special meetings this year with the community. We would like to see more attendance at these meetings and participation in this program from students in our community, grades 6th -12th, and their parents or guardians. Additional volunteers are welcome to join the committee, including 2 students (middle and high school).
- Kings Park Estates is approved to offer service-learning (community service) projects to Baltimore County Public Schools students, grades 6th - 12th. Several students in our and the Birchwood Community have earned service-learning hours by distributing our newsletter and event flyers. A 9th grader in our community developed a flyer to promote our service-learning program and she contacted the local schools to promote our program. The flyer was emailed to the school coordinators and other community Presidents. Also, a 12th grade student from the Birchwood Community removed leaves from the flowerbeds at our entrances. See more information about our program on our website '**Youth Program**' page.
- We continue to offer the following service-learning projects: beautification (maintaining flowerbeds, community cleanup); prepare and distribute community event flyers and newsletters; serve on KP Youth Program Committee (2 students only); tutoring; mentoring; and other community activities. YPC is open to other project suggestions.
- We received a \$1,908.00 grant through the Baltimore County Police Department Youth Activity Grant. This grant will fund most of our program activities during the grant award period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- **SOCIAL EVENT:** During the week of December 26th while schools are closed for the holidays, YPC plan to have a **FREE** bowling event at the Kings Point Bowling Alley on Liberty Rd for up to 25 students (6th -12th grade), plus President Dyson and at least one other adult volunteer. *This event is funded by our grant.* If interested in participating in this event or have any questions about our program, contact President Keith Dyson at 410-922-0448 or send an email to information@kingspark21133.org.

KPA Board January 2011 - December 2012

President	Keith Dyson
1 st Vice President	Annie Butler
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Member-At-Large	Pearl Kirby
Member-At-Large	Jackie Taliaferro
Member-At-Large	Ray Winfrey
Member-At-Large	Clarence Wilson

Financial Report

The Village of Kings Park Estates Financial Report as of 11/03/2011

Beginning Balance	\$6,014.99
Deposits	\$100.24
Checks Cleared	\$121.03
Statement Balance	\$5,994.20
Checkbook Balance	\$5,994.20
Outstanding Transactions	\$132.98
Ending Balance	\$5,861.22

KPA General Meeting

**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). 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 8th. 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 27th at the Randallstown Community Center. You must RSVP by September 26th by calling 410-655-3090.

H. Miscellaneous

Combined Community Holiday Celebration event will take place on Saturday December 3rd. 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 Recording Secretary Jacqueline L Crosby

Celebration of Life

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—
Psalm 119:105*



Eustice Rd
Richard H. Plante, Jr.
Jan 23, 1947 – Sept 20, 2011



Hobart Ct
Delores Jefferies
Sept 27, 1937 – Jul 19, 2011

**Please be mindful of your neighbors who may be sick and shut-in.
Encourage them with calls and/or visits, where appropriate.**

*KPA extends our sincere prayers and sympathies
to the families represented here.*

Block Captains Report

Kings Park - Block Captains List , December 2011

Block/Street	# Of Occupied Homes	# Paid	% Paid	Names
1 Ames Court	15	15	100.00%	Annie Butler
2 Cabot Road	18	11	61.11%	Barbara Taylor
3 Clanford	29	19	65.52%	Ray Winfrey
4 Diaz Court	6	3	50.00%	Ray Winfrey
5 9700-9713 Eustice	14	11	78.57%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
6 9714-9721 Eustice	7	2	28.57%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
7 9722-9749 Euctice	19	15	78.95%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
8 Evatt	7	2	28.57%	James Bannister, Jr.
9 Geier	9	7	77.78%	Ray Winfrey
10 Gunstock	2	2	100.00%	Pearl Kirby
11 Hobart	28	25	89.28%	Clarence Wilson
12 9900-9922 Hoyt Circle	17	13	76.47%	C. Wilson/Need Captain
13 9923-9947 Hoyt Circle	18	12	66.67%	C. Wilson/Need Captain
14 9700 Kerrigan	14	5	35.71%	Rodney Brown
15 9800- Kerrigan	14	3	21.43%	Harry White
16 3500-3537 Kings Point Rd	33	21	63.64%	Keith Dyson
18 3600 Kings Point Rd	17	16	94.12%	Pearl Kirby
19 3700 Kings Point Rd	4	1	25.00%	Jackie Taliaferro
20 Kiska Court	12	10	83.33%	Judson Woods
21 Kitridge Court	14	14	100.00%	Ted Murray
22 Laguna Court	15	5	33.33%	Captain Needed
23 Live Oak Road	19	15	78.95%	Stella Adams
24 9600 & 9700 Mariottsville Rd	10	6	60.00%	James Bannister, Jr.
25 9800 Marriottsville Rd	24	21	87.50%	Delores Ford
26 9900 Marriottsville Rd	14	13	92.86%	Leonard Creppen
27 9624-9809 Mendoza Rd	38	29	76.32%	Thomas Ellington
28 Old Marriottsville Rd	7	2	28.57%	Dale Anderson
29 Oxyoke Court	5	2	40.00%	Yvette Carter Brown
30 Paxton Rd	18	8	44.44%	Al Barnes
31 9700 & 9800 Plowline Rd	32	21	65.63%	Valerie Richardson
33 3500 Templar Road	8	8	100.00%	Madolin Vassar
34 3600-3613 Templar Road	12	7	58.33%	Marilyn Williams
35 3614-3633 Templar Road	20	13	65.00%	Antoine Johnson
Total # Of Occupied Homes	519	357	68.79%	
Total # Of Homes	539	357	66.23%	

Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)

Our C.O.P. currently has 23 volunteer members. However, we need more members to patrol our community (539 homes). If you are interested, please contact C.O.P. Director Clarence Wilson at 410-655-4259 or email him at clarence.wilson@kingspark21133.org. A two-hour training class at the Baltimore County Police Department is required.

C.O.P. members (we) patrol the community day and night looking for criminal activity, unsafe conditions, and Baltimore County Code violations. We can not enforce the law, but report incidents to the proper authority. Also, we handle complaints from the community. However, we do try to resolve Baltimore County Code violations with the residents before contacting the appropriate authority. A letter from the Kings Park Association is sent to the resident notifying them of the violation, giving them sufficient time to correct the violation, and provide a contact number if they have questions or need an extension to correct the violation. If there is no response from the resident and the violation still exists after the due date in the letter, then we have no choice but to report the violation to the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Office. Usually, the latter only occurs for about 5% of the C.O.P. cases.

For 2011, we have had 36 code violation cases and 32 have been closed. We hope to close the remaining cases soon. The following are the types of violations cited this year.

- 6 – untagged vehicles in driveway or yard
- 12 – excessive grass length
- 3 – tree limbs and debris blocking sidewalk and in yard
- 2 -- commercial vehicle in residential area
- 5 – trash and deteriorated items on property
- 2 – exterior house repairs
- 3 - pets running loose
- 2 - tall shrubs
- 3 - no lids on trash cans

What can you do, as a Kings Park Estates resident, to make our community the ideal place to live?

- Keep your house and yard properly maintained
- Donate your old unused vehicles to charity
- Put your trash in rodent proof containers with tight fitting lids
- Support your C.O.P. 100%

Kings Park Crime Report

This is too many incidents for a two-month period. However, it is good to see more traffic patrol. I have asked the C.O.P. to increase their patrols. **Also, we need more C.O.P. members!** If interested, please contact C.O.P. Director Clarence Wilson at 410-655-4259. **Stay safe and alert!**

Keith Dyson, KPA President

“911” Reported Incidents in Kings Park Estates

October 1, 2011 – November 28, 2011

Animal Complaint

- 9700 block Kerrigan Ct – vicious pit bull prevented resident from getting out of vehicle
- Kiska Ct – dog barking excessively

Assault

- 9700 block Eustice Rd – resident’s 18 year-old brother was assaulted by young male

Burglary

- 9600 block Mendoza Rd – no details

- 3600 block Marriottsville Rd – tried to break into vehicle

Destruction of Property

- Hernwood Elementary School – spray painted a private body part on rear door
- 9700 block Eustice Rd – hit and run vehicle accident
- Hernwood Elementary School – spray painted graffiti on dumpster
- Kiska Ct – resident’s neighbor hit vehicle twice out of jealousy
- 9900 block Hoyt Circle – resident’s neighbor hit vehicle
- 9600 block Mendoza Rd – 2 vehicle tires slashed

Noise Complaint

- 10000 block Paxton Rd – youth playing basketball and very loud in neighbor’s backyard, but neighbor is not home

Found Property

- Plowline & Cabot Rds - .22 handgun found in street

Suspicious Condition

- 9800 block Marriottsville Rd – resident came home and garage door open, no other details

Suspicious Subject

- Kerrigan and Laguna Cts - black male, but no other details
- 9800 block Kerrigan Ct – unknown male sitting on curb

Help Resources

In an emergency
Dial 911

Non-Emergency Complaints
410-887-2222

Terrorism Hotline
1-800-492-TIPS

Metro Crime Stoppers
1-866-7-LOCKUP

Gang Hotline
410-823-0785

Crime Information Hotline
410-583-2216

Gun Hotline
410-887-GUNS

“911” Reported Incidents in Kings Park Estates

October 1, 2011 – November 28, 2011

continued

- 9600 block Mendoza Rd – 2 unknown black males walking up street towards Eustice Rd knocking on doors

Suspicious Vehicle

- 3500 block Kings Point Rd – unknown vehicle at end of resident’s driveway for 20 minutes with flashers on

Traffic Stop/Complaint

- Marriottsville & Granite Rds – intoxicated driver weaving on and off road along Marriottsville Rd
- Kings Point & Mendoza Rds – traffic violation, but no other details
- Kings Point Rd & Kerrigan Ct - traffic violation, but no other details
- Kings Point & Gunstock Rds – traffic violation, but no other details
- 10000 block Paxton Rd – unknown vehicle blocking resident’s driveway
- 3600 block Kings Point Rd – intoxicated white male driver hit curb, nearly hit mailbox, and fell down twice after exiting vehicle
- Kings Point & Gunstock Rds – traffic violation, but no other details

Trespassing

- 9600 block Mendoza Rd – 3 gun shots heard coming from the woods, possible hunters
- 9700 block Eustice Rd – several youth loitering in front of house

Please visit our website at www.kingspark21133.org for a list of crime prevention tips and contact numbers. Also checkout the Sex Offender's List for Randallstown and surrounding areas at www.socem.info

Owings Mills It's Happening!

From: BaltimoreCounty | Nov 10, 2011 | Towson, Md. (November 10, 2011) - General Growth Properties (NYSE: GGP) and Kimco Realty (NYSE: KIM) today announced a joint venture partnership to redevelop the 25-year old, one million square foot Owings Mills Mall. Construction began in July 2011 for the Metro Center at Owings Mills, the \$30 million centerpiece of a mixed use transit oriented development at the Metro subway station. The 120,000 square foot, six story building will be home to the largest branch of the Baltimore County Public Library and a center for the Community College of Baltimore County.

Free Holiday Parking

From: BaltimoreCounty | Nov 18, 2011

FREE HOLIDAY PARKING ALL BALTIMORE COUNTY METERS

**2-hours free parking every day
November 25-27
December 18-24**

UPDATE: State Dept of Assessment - Ground Leases

At our September 19, 2011 general community meeting, we had representatives from Office of Assessment for Baltimore County to explain the property tax assessments. Also, we had a Kings Park Estates resident explain the process for applying for the residential ground rent extinguishment. One of the residents who applied and received a Certificate of Extinguishment contacted me, because he received a letter concerning the information below. The letter informed him that he must resume paying ground rent and become current on any prior payments not made. Also, if you recorded the Certificate of Extinguishment in Land Records, you probably paid a fee to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the right to record a document in Land Records. At this time, there is no statutory authority providing for a refund of that fee. If you have any questions, see contact information below.

Keith Dyson

Residential Ground Rent Extinguishment

The Maryland Court of Appeals has ruled that the extinguishment of ground rents for failure to register them with the State is unconstitutional. All ground rents that would have been extinguished for failure to register them are as valid as they were before the registration deadline. Any Certificate of Extinguishment issued by this Department is void and has no effect.

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/extinguishgroundrent.html>

Filed: October 25, 2011, MD Court of Appeals;
<http://mdcourts.gov/opinions/coa/2011/140a10.pdf>
<<http://mdcourts.gov/opinions/coa/2011/140a10.pdf>>
If you have questions about Residential Ground Rents send your inquiries to groundrent@dat.state.md.us or telephone 410-767-4880.

Make a Difference -

to our Youngest Learners
Baltimore County Elementary Schools have openings for the 2011-2012 school year within the Kindergarten Volunteer Program. Experience not required; opportunities available in elementary schools throughout the County; no minimum requirement for hours of service; flexible opportunity; training by Baltimore County Public Schools. Qualified volunteers will support teachers in assisting students. Contact the Baltimore County Volunteers at 410-887-2715 for more information.

AAI Is Hiring!

From: [BaltimoreCounty](#) | Oct 7, 2011
Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz met with senior managers of this global aerospace and defense technology contractor headquartered in Hunt Valley . AAI's products and services include unmanned aircraft and ground control technologies; high-fidelity training and simulation services; automated aerospace test and maintenance equipment; armament systems; and logistical, engineering, supply chain and operational support services.
AAI has 1,650 employees in Hunt Valley and the company is currently hiring. Job openings include Information Assurance Engineers, Software and Test Engineers, Contracts Manager, Financial Analyst, and senior training publications specialists.



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Concerns _____

Interest _____

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