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

The Messenger

President's Corner

Keith Dyson

I hope all is well with you. Well, summer is here and time to go on vacation or just enjoy the warm weather.

For our 2011 membership drive, we achieved 66.67% membership rate, which excludes the 20 vacant homes in our community. If you have not paid your dues, 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.

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.

Your support for our community is greatly appreciated!



I am glad to announce that we have started the Kings Park Estates Community Youth Program. I recently held a special meeting with the community to discuss the youth program. See more details about this program on the next page and on our "new" Youth Program Section on our website.

The KPA Board and our Citizens on Patrol (COP) members continue to serve and protect our community. 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.

Keith Dyson
President, Kings Park
Association

KINGS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAM

- Youth Program Committee (YPC) established. Additional volunteers are welcome, including 2 students (middle and high school).
- The Baltimore County Police Department completed criminal and MVA background checks for the 7 volunteers we currently have, who will be working directly with the youth. Although the MVA check was recommended by the Police Department, the volunteers will more than likely not be transporting the youth since most activities will be in the community or at the Randallstown Community Center. The parents or guardian will be expected to transport their youth.
- The initial targeted population is Kings Park Estates residents ages 12 - 18 years old.
- Initial activities this program will offer are mentoring sessions, career workshops, social and academic activities (i.e. movie/game night, visit museums).
- YPC submitted an application for the 2012 Baltimore County Police Department Youth Activity Grant to assist with funding our activities. The grant award period is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Our application has been approved.
- Baltimore County Public Schools has approved the Kings Park Association (KPA) as a site for students to gain service-learning (community service) hours. As students wish to participate in our service projects, they must obtain a signed pre-approval form from their school to ensure the service-learning coordinator and their parents/guardians are aware of the students' activities. *Several students in Kings Park have already earned hours by distributing flyers for our Community Document Shred Day.*
- KPA will be listed in a countywide resource directory that is provided to service-learning coordinators at every middle and high school. Of course, Kings Park youth will receive priority consideration for our projects.
- The following service-learning projects will be offered: 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. At a recent meeting with the community about this program, it was suggested that we consider service-learning projects to assist the senior citizens in our community such as lawn care, recycling, and cleaning up trash in their yards. YPC is open to other project suggestions.
- YPC will continue to promote our youth program to gain more interest, especially from Kings Park youth and their parents. Some suggestions from our youth and their parents include the youth passing out flyers at bus stops or sport events; announcements through schools newsletters; reach out to the schools' service-learning coordinators and counselors; table at "Back to School Night" and orientations; contact local churches, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops; develop a Facebook page; and ensure we target the following schools that most of our community youth attend: New Town High, Deer Park Middle, Western School of Technology & Environmental Science, and Carver Center for Arts and Technology.
- If any questions or suggestions, contact Kings Park Association President Keith Dyson at 410-922-0448 or send an email to information@kingspark21133.org.



Sierra Ashley Coates -
Western School of
Technology & Environmental
Science

Congratulations



**The World Is
Yours To Conquer**

Ta'kerra Hall -
Carver Center for
Arts & Technology



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, Past President

KPA General Meeting

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

<i>KPA Financial Report</i>	
The Village of Kings Park Estates Financial Report as of 06/06/2011	
Beginning Balance	\$4,601.69
Deposits	\$1,402.22
Checks Cleared	\$703.00
Statement Balance	\$5,318.91
Checkbook Balance	\$5,318.91
Outstanding Transactions.....	\$690.00
Ending Balance	\$6,008.91

Block Captains Report

Kings Park - Block Captains List 2011

	Block/Street	# Of Occupied Homes	# Paid	% Paid	Names
1	Ames Court	15	15	100.00%	Annie Butler
2	Cabot Road	19	11	57.89%	Barbara Taylor
3	Clanford	29	18	62.07%	Ray Winfrey
4	Diaz Court	6	3	50.00%	Ray Winfrey
5	9700-9713 Eustice	13	10	76.92%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
6	9714-9721 Eustice	7	2	28.57%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
7	9722-9749 Euctice	18	14	77.78%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
8	Evatt	8	2	25.00%	James Bannister, Jr.
9	Geier	9	7	77.78%	Ray Winfrey
10	Gunstock	2	2	100.00%	Clarence Wilson
11	Hobart	28	25	89.28%	Clarence Wilson
12	9900-9922 Hoyt Circle	16	12	75.00%	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	19	57.58%	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	3	20.00%	Captain Needed
23	Live Oak Road	20	15	75.00%	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	12	85.71%	Leonard Creppen
27	9624-9809 Mendoza Rd	38	29	76.32%	Thomas Ellington
28	Old Marriottsville Rd	8	2	25.00%	Dale Anderson
29	Oxyoke Court	5	1	20.00%	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	19	12	63.16%	Antoine Johnson
	Total # Of Occupied Homes	519	346	66.67%	
	Total # Of Homes	539	346	64.19%	

Celebration of Life

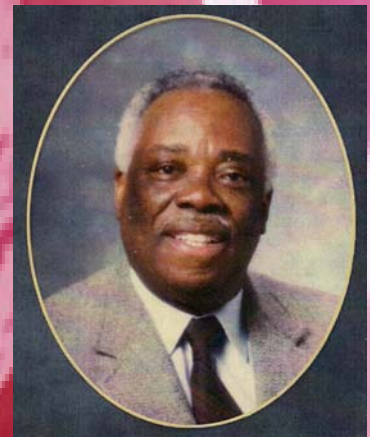
Gunstock Rd.
Maurice Boone, Sr.
Jun 24, 1939 –
Dec 9, 2010



Templar Rd
Maria Erlinda Almogela, MD
Apr 2, 1931 – Dec 30, 2010



Kings Point Rd
Paul Nevell Taliaferro
Mar 28, 1927 – Jan 7, 2011



Marriottsville Rd
Fannie Elizabeth Wiley
Oct 30, 1932 – Jun 5, 2011

Clanford Rd.
Harold Taliaferro
Jan 31, 2011

Hobart Ct.
Donna Michele Wilson Johnson
Sep 13, 1955 – Mar 7, 2011



Sick and Shut-Ins
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 all of the families represented here.

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. ***Let's work together to keep our community well maintained and safe!*** 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. Thus far in 2011, we have had **21** code violations and **6** have been resolved. We hope to resolve the remaining ones soon. The following are the types of violations cited this year.

- **6** – untagged vehicles in driveway or yard
- **6** – excessive grass length
- **3** – fallen tree branches on sidewalk and in yard
- **4** – trash and debris on property
- **2** – neglected maintenance on exterior of house

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**

Crimes in Kings Park

**“911” Reported Incidents
January 2011 – May 2011**

Animal Complaint

- 9800 block Marriottsville Rd – dog running loose and banging on door
- Eustice & Mendoza Rds – dog running loose and aggressive

Burglary

- 3600 block Templar Rd – broke into house and stole several items
- 3600 block Kings Point Rd – broke into shed and stole motorcycle
- 3600 block Laguna Ct – attempted break into house

Disturbance

- Gunstock Rd & Hoyt Circle – male heard female yelling for help; then saw a male running down Gunstock Rd

Hunting

- 9700 block Plowline Rd – 3 trucks parked in area and men walked into woods with bows and arrows

Noise Complaint

- 10000 block Paxton Rd – 3 teenagers in middle of street and very noisy
- 10000 block Paxton Rd – basketball court in back yard with bright lights and very noisy

Suspicious Subject

- Kings Point Rd & Kerrigan Ct – unknown person walking around the outside of neighbor's house with flashlight
- Hernwood Elementary School – 5 persons with flashlights on baseball field
- Hernwood Elementary School – several persons behind school and using foul language

Suspicious Vehicle

- 3600 block Kings Point Rd – no additional information
- 9600 block Mendoza Rd – teenagers sitting in vehicle at same location and time for 3 consecutive days
- 9600 block Mendoza Rd – truck parked in block
- 9700 block Plowline Rd – truck in middle of street

Theft

- 9700 block Eustice Rd – stole jewelry and other items
- 9900 block Marriottsville Rd – various items stolen from car

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

State Dept of Assessment - Ground Leases

The information below is from a Kings Park resident. Also, as this resident requested, he will share this information during our next general meeting in September.

Mr. Dyson,

I hope this email finds you doing well. I wanted to pass along this important information, and will leave it to you to decide how to get it out to the community.

I am a 21 year resident of Kings Park. When I purchased my home I was made aware that the property was subject to a ground lease, and I paid the ground rent with regularity. Through the years my wife and I considered redeeming the ground rent, but there were always other "financial" priorities. I was informed a few months ago that the State passed legislation in 2007 that required holders of any ground leases to register them with the State Department of Assessment (SDAT) by September 30, 2010. If the ground leases were not registered by that time the homeowner could request through SDAT that the lease be extinguished. It sounds too good to be true, right? I checked on the SDAT Real Property web page and found that the holder of my lease did not register the lease in time. I wrote the letter to SDAT requesting a Certificate of Extinguishment and received it shortly in the mail. As required, I recorded the Certificate in the Baltimore County Land Records, and the fee simple title of my property in now vested to me without any rights or interest of the original ground lease holder. The entire process took approximately 3 weeks and cost \$40 to record the Certificate.

I shared this information with my next door neighbor, and he too was successful in extinguishing his ground lease. If any questions about the process go to http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/ground_rent.html. For questions about the process, call 410-767-4805.

Thanks very much for your volunteer service.



KPA Resident to Appear in HBO Movie

Perhaps "appear" is too strong a word, but Live Oak Block Captain, Stella Adams, has a role (albeit small) in the upcoming HBO movie "Game Change." The movie, based on the best-selling account of the 2008 presidential race, focuses on the GOP campaign of Senate John McCain. HBO started filming in Baltimore in early May and sent out a call for look-alikes for Anderson Cooper, Katie Couric, Charlie Rose, Joe Biden, and Gwen Ifill.

Gwen Ifill, moderator for Washington Week (PBS), also moderated the 2008 Vice Presidential debates between then Senator Biden and Governor Sarah Palin. After reading a Baltimore Sun article on HBO's call for extras and photo doubles, on whim, Stella responded to the request for a Gwen Ifill photo double. (There is reasonable resemblance). Subsequently, she was called, scheduled for a "Go-See," and later chosen for the part.

Filming for the Ifill role took place on May 31st in a vacant warehouse in Columbia, Maryland. Basically, appearance by the real Gwen Ifill will be archived file footage, but when only Ms. Ifill's back is shown, that will be Stella. Stella spent nine hours on location with most of that time spent sitting at a desk while Sarah Palin (the actresses, Julianne Moore) rehearsed and re-rehearsed her lines.

Currently, there is no firm air date, "Game Change," but Stella was told February or May 2011. Look for her *back* in a turquoise jacket. She said it was a fun experience, but not her big break into TV or movies!

Beautiful Lawn

Kudos!! to Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Booth on Kiska Court. Mr. Booth sets the bar high for beautification of front lawns in our community. Thanks to Judson Wood, Block Captain in acknowledging a job well done.



Farewell to Joan Boone (Gunstock Road) who will be moving out of state to be closer to her family. Kings Park Estates Community wishes her well!

Internship Opportunity

Promote RECYCLING as a PAID INTERN with Baltimore County's Bureau of Solid Waste Management, Recycling Division!

The Bureau accepts resumes (on an ongoing basis) from motivated, talented individuals with an interest in promoting recycling and waste prevention. As a paid (\$8/hour to start) Baltimore County employee, our interns:

- * Gain purposeful work experience in an office environment;
- * Apply and develop skills in public relations, marketing, research, writing, video production, and/or other areas;
- * Provide input and receive feedback as part of a team promoting recycling, waste prevention, and best solid waste management practices;
- * Learn more about how local government works; and
- * Work flexible schedules customized to academic, job, and other commitments!

If this internship program seems like a good fit for you, why "waste" any more time? Become part of a proud tradition (more than 80 interns since 1991)!

Submit a resume and cover letter to Clyde Trombetti, Public Information Specialist, via e-mail (ctrombetti@baltimorecountymd.gov <<mailto:tdunn@baltimorecountymd.gov>>). For more information, call 410-887-2791.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities for Retired and Seniors age 55 and older

Baltimore County Department of Aging would like you to become a part of an amazing national volunteer program, which serves local communities and demonstrates how seniors are a part of the solution to today's challenges as a RSVP Volunteer. Take that extra step today and call Eddrena Miller, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator, at 410-887-3101 for additional information and to explore volunteer opportunities. For more information go to <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/volunteer/rsvp.html>

New County Parking Regulation

A bill was passed, regarding Obstruction of Streets and Alleys. The change in the law:

"If a vehicle is parked, stopped, or left unattended in a manner that prevents or impedes the free passage of ANY OTHER VEHICLE, the Chief of Police may tow the vehicle after making a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or, if the owner is known, the owner refuses to remove the vehicle."

An emergency vehicle and sanitation vehicle were omitted. This bill was passed on June 6th and will take effect on July 21, 2011 (45 days after enactment).

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Building a Community, one neighborhood at a time. . .

Kings Park Estates will join the celebration to demonstrate our support for the fight against crime.

Join Us . . .

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Time: 7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. (We ask that all residents leave their outside lights on between 8:00p.m. - 11:00p.m.)

Place: At the corner of Marriottsville and Live Oak Roads

Plans for our Event: Light refreshments, Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) recruitment, and a neighborhood drive through by Baltimore County Police for C.O.P. awareness



Only \$10 a year. Complete this form to renew or join today and help make a difference in Kings Park. Enclose your payment payable to Kings Park Association.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Concerns _____

Interest _____

Send payments to:
Delores Ford, Treasurer
c/o Kings Park Community Association
P.O. Box 1835
Owings Mills MD 21117

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