



THE DRUM

A PUBLICATION OF THE GREATER KINGSVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As stated in our Constitution, the purpose of the Greater Kingsville Civic Association (GKCA) is to unite and utilize the combined efforts, talents, resources, and influence of the members for community civic improvement, protection, and other community related purposes. As an Association, we have been dedicated to this purpose and to serving the greater Kingsville community for 33 years. Two years ago I was honored to be elected as president of GKCA. In accord with our constitution and by-laws, my term as president is drawing to an end and a new president of this long standing organization will be elected at our September meeting. I

want to thank and acknowledge those individuals who have served on the board during my tenure as president. Their knowledge, advice, guidance and hard work were very much appreciated. I also want to thank those residents who supported the Association through their membership and donations to the Rural Protection Fund. I particularly wish to acknowledge those of you who became GKCA members for the first time. With your support the Association has continued to work on many issues that affect the rural character of our treasured community. I encourage you to attend the Association's monthly meetings, to make your views known, and to get

involved. Together, I am confident we will work to insure that Kingsville remains a special place to live.

—*Michael A. Trush*

SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday,

September 19, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for our Fall General Membership meeting, held at the Kingsville Elementary School. Guest speaker Richard D. Klein from Community & Environmental Defense Services is to speak about RC zones and impervious surface limits and will answer questions concerning the CZMP.

CURRENT MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS

1. *Panzer property*—5 new lots off Mohr Road—one with a sand mound septic system
2. *Developments impacting Chapman Road area*: Fischer Property, 15 lots located off Bluestone Road with a bridge proposed in the wetlands; Fox Creek Farm, 8 new lots located off Redstone Road; Clarke Property, 16 lots located off Chapman Road—two with sand mound septic systems; Garrett Property, 15 new lots off Chapman Road—two with sand mound septic systems and approximately 50% of the lots will

require pumping septic uphill.

All of these pending projects are allowed by the current County zoning regulations, but GKCA has pointed out that, taken as a whole, they add 54 more houses, which will dramatically increase traffic on Chapman, Jerusalem, and Bradshaw Roads. Community members have expressed concerns about the cumulative impact on well and septic and the extreme volume of stormwater run-off. Responding to these concerns, Leigh Keller, our 1st Vice President, conducted extensive research and field-

work, and produced a video showing degradation of private properties and our local waterways, impacting the entire watershed.

Equally important are the recent proliferation of sand mounds proposed in Kingsville and the difficulties of defining the development criteria in the County. In summary, a more comprehensive study of all four developments within a relatively small part of Kingsville should be considered; presently, the County typically reviews each development as an isolated case.

LANGENFELDER/LONGFIELD ESTATES UPDATE

For those who have been following the long saga of this treasured landmark, currently there are two different courses of action being pursued:

1. After almost a year of hearings before the Board of Appeals, the Board decided to send the case back to the Planning Board for its review (even though the Planning Board already reviewed this issue and gave their important determination in 1990). People's Counsel and the attorney representing GKCA asked the Board of Appeals for a reconsideration of their decision, but the majority denied it (one of the three Board members had a dissenting opinion). We are still awaiting the written decision to determine our next action.

2. Meanwhile, Baltimore County and the proposed developer, with our letter of support, are in the process of trying to obtain grant money for permanent scenic conservation easements that could be placed on the remaining 13(+/-) acres that surround the Langenfelder mansion. The easements could resolve this longstanding issue.

We extend our warm welcome to the new owners of the Langenfelder home who have recently purchased it in the midst of these ongoing processes.

TEAMING UP WITH OTHER GROUPS

Over the past year, GKCA has been working with other organizations to achieve common goals:

- We joined efforts with Perry Hall Improvement Association (PHIA) to

oppose the bus depot.

- We supported the initiative of North East Area Advisory Council and PHIA on their 3-point plan:

(1) Reduce the acreage requirement for land for a new high school;

(2) By defining overcapacity as 105% instead of the current 115%, the County can minimize the impact of growth while the school system finalizes construction of a new high school, and;

(3) Require the homebuilders industry, via an impact fee for new construction, to be a partner in the building of new schools.

- Another community group that GKCA has been working with is North County Preservation (NCP). At our March General Meeting, Irving Spitzberg of NCP made a presentation outlining the goals and methods of his group. Currently, NCP is in the process of creating a database to help community associations effectively work within the Baltimore County system to preserve open space and the unique character of our communities. He advised us that the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) is approaching and that all communities need to learn the County system and judiciously request rezoning of properties based upon factual analysis of the topography, water table, forestation, etc. To assist community groups, the NCP is assembling a group of experts to create a database and plan so that we can make better decisions and act in a strategic fashion.

WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

As you may recall, in February the GKCA alerted the community about the possibility of a bus depot on Raphael Road. In *The Drum*, we urged community members to take action. We made a difference! At our March meeting, we had the pleasure of announcing the defeat of this proposal.

Within the last year, GKCA, in response to community concerns, opposed a new liquor store that was to be located in Kingsville Plaza. GKCA presented the position that there was no need for a third liquor outlet in our small locale of Kingsville. The application for the store was withdrawn.

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP PROCESS (CZMP)

This complex process begins with requests submitted to or initiated by the County, which are reviewed by the Planning Office. The next phase is the Planning Board review and then the County Council ultimately decides each issue. We will be discussing this at our next meeting.

KINGSVILLE TRIANGLE INTERSECTION

We have been hearing concerns about the State Highway Administration (SHA) changes to the intersection of Route 1, Jerusalem Road, Bradshaw Road and Sunshine Avenue. Please come out for our September meeting to obtain more information or voice your concerns/suggestions so we can pass that information to the SHA.

WINNERS IN ANOTHER GREAT INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE!

This year's parade was a tremendous success thanks to longtime Chair Linda Alexander and all the other volunteers that assisted. It appeared to be the largest attendance ever. We can never thank Linda enough for the incredible amount of time and effort she contributes to organize the parade, making it such an impressive event!

Category # 1 Marching Units

1st—Company A 37th Regiment North Carolina Vol. Troops—John C. Houck

Category # 2—Antique Vehicles

1st—Don Appel—1955 Thunderbird
2nd—James A. Frank, Sr.—1929 Ford Coupe—All Original
3rd—Lou Taylor—1961 Corvette

Category #3—Equestrian—Individual

1st—Ashton Rudell—Little Miss 4th of July
2nd—Jerome Rudell—Wild, Wild West
3rd—Fowler's Miniatures

Category #4—Equestrian Group

1st—Lucille Rice—Shining Eye Percherons

Category #5—Family, Group or Individual Entry

1st—Girls Scout Troop 1667—Donna Gawryck
2nd—Fork Christian Church
3rd—Salem Methodist Church

Category #6—Young Set

1st—Cub Scout Pack 936 of Abingdon—Allison Hall
2nd—Cub Scout Pack 779 of Fork—Bernadette Fowler

Category # 7—Commercial Entries

1st—Doris Stroh—DJ's Dance Studio
2nd—Madison Square Federal Savings Bank—Les Horn
3rd—Corbin Fuel Truck

Category # 8—Non-Commercial Floats

1st—St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
2nd—Kingsville Elementary School—Lisa Eisemann
3rd—Friends of Jerusalem Mills—Harry Sanders

Category # 9—Fire Apparatus

Melvin C. Newman Award for Best Appearing Company in Parade:
Joppa Magnolia Vol. Fire Company
Best Appearing Engine:
Rosedale Fire Company
Best Rescue Unit:
Bowley's Quarters Vol. Fire Co
Best Appearing Truck Company:
Fallston Vol. Fire and Ambulance Company
Best Appearing Ambulance:
Whiteford Vol. Fire Company

Category # 10—Recreational Vehicles

1st—Harley Davidson Motorcycle—Pete Raab Jr. and Lisa

Judges Award for Best Interpretation of the Theme—"13 Stripes: How We Started":

1st Place (\$150.00)—Girl Scout Troop 1667—Donna Gawryck
2nd Place (\$100.00)—St. Paul's Lutheran Church School—Linda Huber
3rd Place (\$50.00)—Kingsville Elementary School PTA—Lisa Eisemann

6th Annual Mary Frances Shepherd Award for Best Entry in Parade—

(\$150.00):

Shining Percherons—Lucille Rice

Grand Marshal: Chris Scovill, a long time resident of Kingsville and invaluable volunteer at the Jerusalem Mills State Park

Theme Winner: "Thirteen Stripes—How We Started"—
Cole Alban, a 5th grade student at St. Paul's Lutheran School

Judges: Mary Jo Button, Rosemary Chapman, George Majchrzak, Nancy Moran, and Michael Trush

THANK YOU TO HUBER'S

We want to give a special thank you to Huber's at the corner of Belair and Mt. Vista Roads for all their work and wonderful restoration of the buildings. They truly enhance the rural flavor at our south "entrance" to Kingsville. We appreciate their business taking the extra care and special efforts to blend in with the community's country setting.

2007 NOMINATIONS FOR GKCA BOARD

President—Leigh Keller
1st Vice President—Charlotte Pine
2nd Vice President—Diane Neas
Treasurer—Tom Kneeshaw
Recording Secretary—Carole Maier
Corresponding Secretary—Joy Keller
Past President—Michael A. Trush
Board Members—Robin Beers, Ila Christenbury, Pat Garner, Sally Wagner
Board Members serving out second year—
Doug Behr, Tony Lascola, Laverne Laubach, Kyrle Preis

**PROCEDURES FOR THE
NOMINATION AND ELECTION
OF OFFICERS**

The election of GKCA officers and board members will occur at the September general meeting. Our constitution and by-laws specify a mechanism for both the nomination and election of officers. According to Article V, Nominations and Elections, the immediate past president chairs a nominating committee to fill nominations for officer and board positions. These nominations are then published and distributed to the membership. Additional nominations can be submitted by any five (5) members of the

Association. The nominees and the nominating members must have been voting (dues paying) members in good standing for the immediate preceding membership year and have attended at least four GKCA meetings in this time frame. Such nominations must be in writing and received by the Recording Secretary of the Association (PO Box 221 Kingsville, MD 21087), at least ten (10) days prior to the September meeting. The written consent of any such nominee must accompany the nominations. At the meeting, only members are eligible to vote—one vote per household. Voting will be done by a voting card given out upon entering the meeting. Please come early.

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

We wish to thank all of our members for your generous support both through membership and our Rural Protection Fund. In one of our last mailers, we asked “What does twenty dollars get you?” and as always we try to give our best efforts. We are pleased that 2006-07 membership totals over 400 households. However, it is that time again for renewing membership and we encourage each member to chat with neighbors (especially new ones) about the greater accomplishments that we may achieve with an increase both in membership and in numbers of volunteers. Thank you again!

2007–2008 MEMBERSHIP—\$20 PER HOUSEHOLD

Help us preserve our community and make it even better.

Of course we are grateful for additional contributions, as well!

Name: _____

Address: _____

We would appreciate additional contributions to the Rural Protection

Fund \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 *Other* _____

Please return this with your donation. Make checks payable to GKCA

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Membership

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