



# THE DRUM

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Much of society has experienced dramatic shifts during the past several years. Depending on where you stand at the moment, these changes could result in limitless possibilities for potential growth and prosperity or in feeling overwhelmed and hopeless. I find everywhere I go people are either thriving or really struggling emotionally and/or physically with the changes they face. The economy has forced many transformations in the way business has been handled, and we as local citizens can either use these times to our advantage in really taking a hard look at what is important, or we can succumb to fear, doubt and anxiety. It really is a choice...a choice to let the old way of doing things die gracefully, or to go kicking and screaming, resisting the adjustments that have to be made.

I have learned that through the most difficult and trying times, growth and prosperity can flourish if given the proper attention, and truly positive adaptations can occur if we are mindful and thankful for every day we face. I also embrace the mindset that we as citizens have much more in common than not, and the perception of disparity is an attitude that can change if sincerely given the proper attention.

By embracing the connection rather than the division, I have found that people are capable of the seemingly impossible. When it comes to the community of Kingsville in which I choose to live, I feel the same philosophy applies. We are all connected by a common ground as individuals and citizens who aspire to thrive by protecting those things we love and cherish.

Protecting the rural character of Kingsville has been my passion for over 18 years. The amount of time and effort that goes into serving the community and protecting our natural resources through volunteerism is a sacrifice. If that service is truly going to be effective, we as a community must have more individuals invested in maintaining our community rather than a small number of the same persons. We need new faces, and new volunteers who share enthusiasm for preserving Kingsville for what I've heard many times as "A special place to live." We should not be passive because issues on the table "are not in my backyard," and turn away from the greater needs of the community. Far too many times people only show up only when an issue is literally in their backyard, but we are only as strong as our weakest link. Why do you choose

to live in Kingsville, and what are you willing to do to ensure that our rural character is maintained for you and your family?

I want to thank everyone for his or her support the past two years that I've served as President of The Greater Kingsville Civic Association. To those of you who have never attended our monthly board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except August and December) at 7:30 p.m., please stop by and let your voice be heard. Join us, attend our meetings, and take part in volunteering the needed time to sustain our neighborhoods.

—Leigh Keller

### SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wed., September 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Kingsville Elementary School**

Agenda includes:

- State senator and delegates discussing legislative issues
- State Highway Administration updates on proposed roundabout at Harford and Mt. Vista and Gunpowder bridge construction
- Local development updates
- Recent community concerns

Please join us!

## 2009 KINGSVILLE PARADE

This year's parade was considered by many people we've spoken with as the best ever. There were seven bands—a far cry from the three or so we had not so many years ago. Enthusiasm for the parade remains strong, and the attendance was terrific this year. Advertisers in the parade booklet provide most of the financial support for the event, and increased revenue has enabled the Parade committee to pay for more bands. So we sincerely thank you who advertise in the booklet, who purchase patron ads, who volunteer in any capacity... but particularly to those who participate...you make it happen. And once again we have a committee which has shown consistent dedication to the parade, but no one associated with the parade is unaware of the Herculean effort given (year after year!) by Linda Alexander, the Parade Chairman. Linda, your unselfish dedication is inspiring to all who know you. Thank you once again from the bottom of our hearts!

Kingsville's 4th of July Parade is sponsored by The Greater Kingsville Civic Association, Inc., The Kingsville Community Alliance, Inc., and the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company.

### WINNERS

#### **Category #1—Marching Units**

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

#### **Category #2—Antique Vehicles**

1st—Scott J. Sykes – 1929 Model A Roadster P.U.  
2nd—Roland Jewett – 1923 Model T. Fruit Truck

3rd—Allen Rawl Historic Maritime Re-Creations 1931 Model A Ford Pickup

#### **Category #3—Equestrian, Individual**

1st—Lexie Palmer – Little Miss 4th of July on Starlit  
2nd—Leiren Kline – Horse decorated as an elephant

#### **Category #4—Equestrian, Group**

1st—Lucille and Walt Rice – Shining Eye Percherons  
2nd—Tom, Kate and Jake Fair  
3rd—Terri's Friends

#### **Category #5—Family, Group or Individual Entry**

1st—Linda Huber - St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School  
2nd—Passion 4 Pavement, Car, Truck & Bike Club  
3rd—Mountain Riders from Mountain Christian Church

#### **Category #6—Young Set**

1st—Lisa Eisemann - Kingsville Elementary School  
2nd—Cub Scout Pack 779 of Fork-Vanessa Howell

#### **Category #7—Commercial Entries**

1st—Ann's JES Grooming – Ann Schultz  
2nd—CTB Logistics-Trucks Tequila Sunrise; Bad Attitude and Work In Progress  
3rd – Déjà Vu Salon & Spa – Wendy Kyger

#### **Category #8—Floats**

1st—Friends of Jerusalem Mill – Joan Scovill  
2nd – Open Bible Christian Ministries – Janelle Canfield

#### **Category #9—Fire Apparatus**

*Melvin C. Neuman Award for Best Company in Parade* – White Marsh VFC  
*Best Appearing Engine* – White Marsh VFC  
*2nd Best Appearing Engine* – Whiteford VFC

*Best Appearing Truck Company* – Susquehanna Hose Company  
*Best Appearing Ambulance* – Bel Air VFC

#### **Category #10—Recreational Vehicles**

1st – Matt Moran  
2nd – Wirtz Family

#### **Judges Awards for Best Interpretation of Theme—“In God We Trust,**

**In Freedom We Live:**

1st Place \$150 – Linda Huber – St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School  
2nd Place \$100 – Cub Scout Pack 779 – Vanessa Howell  
3rd Place \$50 – Little Falls II Tavern – Milton Borowy

#### **8th Annual Mary Frances Sheppard Award - \$150 for Best Entry in Parade**

Shining Eye Percherons, Lucille and Walt Rice from Pennsylvania

*Judges:* Mary Jo Button, Richard Eyre, George Majchrzak, Nancy Moran and Michael Trush

*Grand Marshal:* Ralph Quinn

*Theme Winner:* Whitney Groves

Opening Ceremonies honored by a “Fly By” from the Maryland Air National Guard, with Lt Col. Steve M. Herpel (Ret) and Mrs. Herpel in attendance at Judges Stand

National Anthem and Pledge to the Flag performed by Lt. Col. Steve M. Herpel (Ret)

*Parade Sponsors and Service Providers:*

Kingsville Market  
PNC Bank  
Nottingham WAL-MART Store #2045  
Corbin Fuel Company  
Carroll Independent Fuel Co.  
Sunshine Grille, LLC  
Kingsville Plaza by Goettner Const. Co., Inc.

John and Kathy Brooks  
 CRS Flooring America By Bill  
 Mackley  
 Kingsville Auto Repair  
 Fork Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Kevin  
 Doherty  
 Paul E. Feild, Jr. D.D.S.  
 G&M Automotive Sales & Service  
 J.S.I. Automotive  
 Valley Wine Shop  
 Thrivent Financial  
 Dave's Tag and Title Service  
 Salvo Auto Parts  
 Pete's Pickins  
 Budget Truck Rental  
 Fallston Burger King  
 Maryland Portable Restrooms  
 Bobby's Portable Restrooms  
 Metro Talk

**NEW LEGISLATION FOR  
 WINDMILLS**

Since we last wrote about the possibility of windmills being allowed in the county, the Office of Planning has prepared a Staff Report on small Wind Turbines for residential use which includes proposed legislation. "Small" is defined as a system gener-

ating less than 100 kW, even though it states that 10 kW is "generally the largest that would be used to support a residence".

Although the draft proposes a minimum of 1 acre and a maximum height of 150 feet for a wind turbine, the setback requirements proposed would result in a minimum lot size of about 1.5 acres for a 100 ft tall system and 3.5 acres for 150 feet.

The report indicates that there are, in fact, very few places in the county where there is enough sustained wind to make a wind turbine economically sensible. The draft, which is available on the web site of the Office of Planning, has been passed to the Planning Board, which will undoubtedly hold public hearings.

**PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

Several recent actions have taken place regarding the process for approval of PUDs. Prompted by the denial of two PUDs in Bowleys Quarters and Millers Island, legislation has been introduced to modify the requirements and the Planning Board

is drafting rules of procedure for hearings, in order to allow opponents of a project to have a fair chance to rebut a developers claims.

A general development PUD is only allowed inside the URDL, thus not in the Kingsville area. However, the code does allow a "Bed and Breakfast PUD" (which is up to 20 rooms) in RC zoning outside the URDL.

**LANGENFELDER/LONGFIELD  
 ESTATES UPDATE—  
 MORE GOOD NEWS!**

After much time, dedication, and effort by many people in the GKCA and our community, there is more good news! On July 1, 2009 the County Board of Appeals (CBA) issued their written decision denying the developer's request for a development plan amendment which would have allowed more houses to be built on the Langenfelder property. This issue was referred back to the CBA after the 2008 Baltimore County Planning Board vote supporting their 1991 decision and concluding that

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**PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

2009-10 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 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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## LONGFIELDS/LANGENFELDER

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any future or further development of Lot 42 and/or Parcel A of the Langenfelder property would be considered a Master Plan conflict.

As you may recall, in 2005, Baltimore County denied the developer's proposal for more lots to be built on what was left of the Langenfelder property, which was approximately 13 acres (Lot 42 and Parcel A). After much work in 1991, these 13 acres had been sectioned out of the 1991 development plan to help preserve the scenic view of the Langenfelder mansion. After the County denied the current developer's 2005 proposal, he appealed the case to the CBA and they ordered it back to the Planning Board to decide whether it was still considered a Master Plan conflict.

The two recent favorable decisions are extremely important in supporting the preservation of this property as the case proceeds upward to the Circuit Court, due to the developer's appeal of the CBA's most recent decision. Thank you to all those in our community who have cared so much to be involved in the years of efforts to preserve the scenic view of this Kingsville landmark!

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR 2009-10:

*From the GKCA Bylaws & Constitution Article V, Section 4:* Additional nominations can be submitted by any five (5) members of the Association. The nominees and the nominated members must have been voting members in good standing for the immediate preceding membership year and have attended at least four meetings in this time frame. Such nominations must be in writing and received by the Recording Secretary of the Association at

## EFFORTS TO REOPEN GUNPOWDER FALLS GOLF COURSE CONTINUE

**G**unpowder Falls Golf Course on Raphael Road was the ideal land use for its location in rural Kingsville serving the local community and surrounding areas. It was enjoyed by youth groups, school programs, senior leagues and golfers of all ages. At the beginning of 2009, the Baltimore County Revenue Authority, a quasi-governmental agency who owned the Course, transferred the property to the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. The County Executive's office expressed the County's desire for the site to become a large regional park, even though there are no funds currently available. The Course officially closed in January 2009!

Unfortunately, the affected neighbors' and community's opinions were not sought until after these decisions were made. This led to a very well attended and heated community meeting held by Rec. & Parks in March 2009. Many of the attendees were objecting to the golf course closure. Neighbors and community members voiced concerns about the County's plan for a large regional facility. Among the most

significant concerns are: (1) the property has extremely limited septic capability, (2) water is limited by private well supply, (3) our narrow rural roads and quiet residential neighborhoods are not designed to accommodate large traffic volume, and (4) excessive lighting is inappropriate for our area and could negatively impact surrounding neighbors.

Other people at the meeting voiced the desire for the Kingsville Recreation Council to have a facility for our local children's activities. Most of the attendees seem to agree that since the County has acquired the adjacent Schmidt property (by I-95) it seems quite feasible to accommodate both the golf course and also a small recreation facility to meet the needs of our local Kingsville Rec. Council.

A new group called the Gunpowder Golf Preservation Society (GGPS), consisting of golfers and Kingsville residents is working to reopen the Gunpowder Falls Golf Course. For questions, information or to join the GGPS, please contact Hugh McKenna at (410) 529-0414 or [hfm.con@comcast.net](mailto:hfm.con@comcast.net).

least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The written consent of any such nominee must accompany the nominations.

*GKCA Board nominations:*

Robin Beers

Doug Behr, *1st Vice President*

Ila Christenbury, *President*

Dottie Foos, *Past President*

Pat Garner, *Treasurer*

Joy Keller, *2nd Vice President*

Leigh Keller, *Recording Secretary*

Donna Kuhn

Tom Kneeshaw

Laverne Laubach

Charlotte Pine

Pat Schmidt

Mike Pierce, *Corresponding Secretary*

Sally Wagner

Charlie Wolpoff

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