

THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2013

President's Corner (Keith Dyson)

Greetings Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying the holidays. Have a Happy New Year!

Thanks to everyone who completed our community survey. The survey results were enlightening and are shown in this newsletter. Based on these results, the Board and I have updated the community engagement action plan. In the action plan, we are planning a community barbecue for tentatively Saturday, June 28, 2014. I need help from the community to plan and assist at the barbecue. See action plan in this newsletter.



For our 2013 membership drive, we achieved a **72.62%** membership rate, which excludes the **13** vacant homes in our community. Your \$10 (per household) annual 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. In this newsletter, you will see the current budget and expenses thus far in 2013.

Thanks for your support!

The Owings Mills Boulevard South, Phase II, which connects Winands Road to Liberty Road, is now under construction and should be completed in 2015. I am sure you have seen the trees removed at this location. Liberty Road will be widened at the Live Oak intersection to accommodate the traffic from this extension. Per my discussion with Baltimore County Department of Public Works - Project Manager, the removal and rebuilding our entrance walls should occur within the next 1 - 1 ½ years. I will continue having discussions with the manager as this project moves forward. If you need to contact me, my home number is 410-922-0448.

Keith Dyson

President, Kings Park Association

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2013-2014

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**Member-At-Large 2
Pearl Kirby**

**Member-At-Large 3
Renada Hamer**

**Member-At-Large 4
Tom Ellington**

A Gift To The Community

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**KINGS PARK ESTATES
NEW RESIDENTS**

*Mr. Edwin & Mrs. Kristine Lopez
Kings Point Road
Mr. David & Mrs. Megan Cherry
Kings Point Road*

General Meeting (Valerie Richardson)

**Kings Park Association
General Meeting
September 16, 2013
7:00 PM
Hernwood Elementary School**

I. Guest Speaker

The meeting began with guest speaker Victoria Proctor, MA, BSN, RN, North and Wellness Coach, Northwest Hospital. Ms. Proctor spoke about health needs and major diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity. She explained how our lifestyle impact diseases. Also, handouts were distributed.

II. Meeting Called to Order

President Keith Dyson called the general meeting to order 8:30 PM., after Ms. Proctor, guest speaker presentation.

III. Reading of Minutes

Recording Secretary Valerie Richardson read the March 18, 2013 general meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted as read.

IV. Financial & Budget Reports

Board member Pearl Kirby read the reports. The current bank balance is \$4,281.61. The reports were accepted as read.

V. Old Business**A. 2013 Membership & Block Captains**

Vice President Annie Butler stated that we have a 70.13% membership rate. Then, she led the Block Captains Appreciation ceremony and distributed Block Captains hats.

VI. New Business**A. Community Survey Results**

President Dyson shared the results of the 19 surveys received thus far. The results will be updated with the additional surveys turned in at this meeting and shared with the community.

B. KPA Community Engagement Action Plan

President Dyson and Vice President Butler provided action plan updates and adjusted the plan per the meeting attendees' feedback.

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

C.O.P Director Clarence Wilson reported that there were several robberies of unlocked cars and locked sheds. Please remember to lock your cars. For 2013, there were 28 C.O.P. cases closed and 8 still open. The primary violations are excessive grass length; junk and debris in yards; roaming dogs; trash in bags and not in cans or cans without tight lids; and untagged or expired tags on vehicles in driveway or yard.

A resident proposed forming a new group of retired police officers and retired military members to patrol the community at night. This will be discussed at next C.O.P. meeting.

D. Financial Audit (January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013)

Board member Tom Ellington stated that the audit went very well. All records are in order.

E. Community Clean-Up Day

Board member Gladys Winfrey stated that the clean up day is Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 7:00AM - 12:00PM at Live Oak and Marriottsville Roads.

F. Combined Community Holiday Celebration (CCHC)

Board member Kirby stated the CCHC party will occur on December 7, 2013 from 7:00AM - 12 midnight at "Diamondz Events" in Kings Point Square at 9980 Liberty Road.

*Meeting adjourned by President Dyson at 9:12pm
Minutes submitted by Valerie Richardson, Recording Secretary*



CONGRATS! On your retirement - Raymond J. Butler

Please join us in congratulating Raymond (Ray) Butler on his recent retirement from another successful career. On December 1, 2013, Ray retired from the Maryland State Lottery Agency. Ray was a Regional Manager for 20 years. Previously, Ray retired in 1984 from the Baltimore City Police Department. During his 25 years with the police department, Ray was a Patrol Officer in the Northwest District. Also, he was a Police Agent and Instructor in the Education and Training Division. In 1978, Ray earned a Bachelor Degree from the University of Baltimore. Also, he was a Sergeant in the United Marine Corp. from 1955 – 1959.

Ray is very active in the community. Ray is currently the Sergeant-at-Arms on the Kings Park Association (KPA) Board and has served on the Board for many years. You have seen him at the entrance of our community meetings. With all Ray's prior enforcement experience, President Dyson humorously

calls Ray his "secret service" agent. Ray was the prior Citizens on Patrol Director. Also, Ray eagerly and consistently helps at our Community Clean Up Days, "National Night Out", and other community events. Our community is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and kind resident.

Also, Ray is active in his church. As a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, he serves on the Parish Council. Also, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a past Grand Knight.

Besides his successful careers and community and church activities, Ray is extremely successful and blessed in his 54-year marriage to KPA Board Vice President Annie Butler. Annie has been on the Board for many years and is the Chairman of the Block Captains. This wonderful couple is the proud parents of 4 children and 13 grandchildren. Way to go Ray and Annie!!

Kings Park Association Board

Celebration of Life

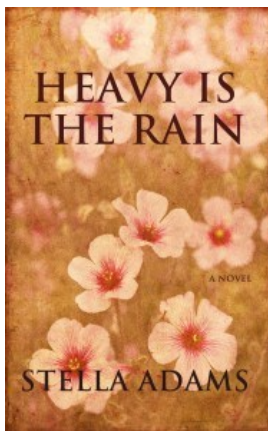
In loving memory . . .



Marriottsville Road
Roberta Ella Churchill Crosby
 November 20, 1926 - November 13, 2013

KPA Advertisement – Heavy is the Rain

On August 16th, Plenary Publishing LLC of Newark Delaware released KPA resident Stella Adams' debut novel, *Heavy is the Rain*, a haunting, coming-of-age novel that deals with the lives of two children and their struggle to overcome abuse and the uncertainties of life as they grow, mature, and discover the power of love and forgiveness.



Stella's novel begins in the 1940's with a seven-year-old Billie Cunningham's move from rural South Carolina to Baltimore with her mother, Lilly Ann, in search of a better life. Their new life has been secured through Lilly Ann's marriage to Herbert Brown, a man twelve years her senior, but mother and daughter quickly discover that their fresh start has come with a heavy price. For Lilly Ann, it means turning a blind eye to her husband's hedonism and passion for forbidden fruit, and, for Billie, it means harboring a dark and shameful secret. Despite her secret, Billie grows and matures in her new world, and she develops a close bond with Thomas McNeal, Jr., a neighborhood boy struggling to fight his own demons.

Set in Baltimore, *Heavy is the Rain* spans two decades as Billie and Tom's friendship develops into a love that is constantly threatened by their individual pain and the realities of life. They come to realize that they must first discover themselves, and reconcile their pasts in order to heal and truly have a future – together or apart.

Read more about *Heavy is the Rain* at www.stellaadams.net. The novel is available in softback or e-book format at Amazon.com, bn.com, or by contacting Stella at 443.794.1865.

Block Captain's Report (Annie Butler/Delores Ford)

Kings Park - Block Captains List 2013					
	Block/Street	# Of Occupied Homes	# Paid	% Paid	Names
1	Ames Court	14	14	100.00%	Annie Butler
2	Cabot Road	19	17	89.47%	Barbara Taylor
3	Clanford	32	20	62.50%	Ray Winfrey
4	Diaz Court	6	5	83.33%	Ray Winfrey
5	9700-9713 Eustice	14	10	71.43%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
6	9714-9721 Eustice	8	4	50.00%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
7	9722-9749 Eustice	21	12	57.14%	Ike Frost/Wanda Thomas
8	Evatt	8	2	25.00%	James Bannister, Jr.
9	Geier	9	6	66.67%	Ray Winfrey
10	Gunstock	2	1	50.00%	Pearl Kirby
11	Hobart	27	24	88.89%	Clarence Wilson
12	9900-9922 Hoyt Circle	17	15	88.24%	C. Wilson/Need Captain
13	9923-9947 Hoyt Circle	19	15	78.95%	C. Wilson/Need Captain
14	9700 Kerrigan	14	6	42.86%	Rodney Brown
15	9800- Kerrigan	14	1	7.14%	Harry White
16	3500-3537 Kings Point Rd	34	23	67.65%	Keith Dyson
18	3600 Kings Point Rd	14	13	92.86%	Pearl Kirby
19	3700 Kings Point Rd	4	2	50.00%	Jackie Taliaferro
20	Kiska Court	12	10	83.33%	Judson Woods
21	Kitridge Court	14	14	100.00%	Ted Murray
22	Laguna Court	15	6	40.00%	Renee Lezcano
23	Live Oak Road	19	17	89.47%	Stella Adams
24	9600 & 9700 Marriottsville Rd	10	8	80.00%	James Bannister, Jr.
25	9800 Marriottsville Rd	24	18	75.00%	Delores Ford
26	9900 Marriottsville Rd	14	13	92.86%	Leonard Crippen
27	9624-9809 Mendoza Rd	38	28	73.68%	Thomas Ellington
28	Old Marriottsville Rd	8	4	50.00%	Dale Anderson
29	Oxyoke Court	5	5	100.00%	Sandra Thorington
30	Paxton Rd	18	11	61.11%	Renada Hamer
31	9700 & 9800 Plowline Rd	33	28	84.85%	Valerie Richardson
33	3500 Templar Road	8	8	100.00%	Madolin Vassar
34	3600-3613 Templar Road	12	10	83.33%	Antoine Johnson
35	3614-3633 Templar Road	20	12	60.00%	Antoine Johnson
Total # Of Occupied Homes		526	382	72.62%	
Total # Of Homes		539	382	70.87%	

Block Captains Recognition

Kings Park General Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2013

At the September 16th community meeting, the Block Captains were introduced to all KPA members present. On behalf of President Dyson, Vice President Annie Butler personally acknowledged and thanked our **Block Captains for the excellent and diligent work that they are doing!**

Also, Block Captains' caps were distributed at the meeting. Some Block Captains achieved 100 % recognition for dues collected. Congratulations Ted Murray, Sandy Thorington, Madolin Vassar, and Annie Butler.

Thanks to the following Block Captains present at this event: Leonard Crippen, Pearl Kirby, Thomas Ellington, Valerie Richardson, Antoine Johnson, Stella Adams, Ted Murray, Jackie Taliaferro, Ike Frost, Ray Winfrey, Keith Dyson, Annie Butler, and Clarence Wilson.

Block Captains, We, the Kings Park Community, again thank all of you, and know that you are appreciated.

Enjoy the photos!

Annie Butler, Vice President
and Chairman of Block Captains

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Kings Park Estates Community Association Survey - Results

**** 36 surveys completed ****

1. Have you read the Kings Park bi-annual newsletter ("The Messenger")?

Yes (33) No (3)

2. Have you visited the Kings Park website @ www.kingspark21133.org?

Yes (22) No (14) If yes, how often do you visit the website?

once a week (4) once a month (5) every 3 months (6) or 6 months (6) never (11)

3. How would you prefer to receive information of concern to Kings Park residents? Please indicate your preference by number order (1 thru 4).

Newsletter ____ E-Mail ____ KPA-Website ____ RoboCalls ____ Other ____

Preference Order	Newsletter	E-Mail	KPA Web-site	RoboCalls	Other
1 st	14	13	0	3	1 (in person)
2 nd	2	11	6	3	0
3 rd	2	2	4	3	0
4 th	3	1	2	4	0

4. Would you be willing to share your email address to receive information from the KPA Board of concern to Kings Park residents? If yes, please provide your email address.

Yes (23) No (10)

5. Are you interested in receiving information by email concerning surrounding communities in Baltimore County - Owings Mills, Woodlawn and Catonsville? Yes No

Yes (26) No (10)

6. Would you be willing to serve as a block captain or serve on the COP (Citizens on Patrol) for Kings Park? Yes No If you answered yes, please provide your name and contact information.

Yes (15) No (20)

7. Have you attended a community association meeting in the past 12 months? Yes No

If you answered no, please state why. (Optional)

Yes (26) No (10)

Reasons for not attending: health issues, business travel, schedule conflicts, out of town, meeting ends after dark

8. If you are a senior citizen, which of the following activities would you be interested in participating in our community?

a. computer classes b. team walking c. aerobics d. bingo e. day trips

Computer Classes	Team Walking	Aerobics	Bingo	Day Trips
16	13	8	9	17

Kings Park Association Community Engagement Action Plan (12/01/13)

Objectives	Action Items	Responsible Persons	Due Date	Status/Comments
Need more involvement from the community, especially more families involved	1. get more block captains involved	Annie Butler	3/28/13	At March's Block Captains meeting, Annie discussed action items for Block Captains and received a commitment from them. CLOSED
	2. more interaction between block captains and residents in their block	Annie Butler	9/16/13	Block Captains will ensure each resident know who they are by introducing themselves. Also, they will send/distribute letters to residents, as needed. Block Captains requested hats similar to C.O.P. hats. KPA Board approved and purchased them. The hats were given to the Block Captains at the Sept. 16th community meeting. CLOSED
	3. reach out to other community associations for initiatives to increase community involvement	Pearl Kirby, Keith Dyson	11/9/13	Pearl and Keith attended an event for the Mardella Run Estates Community. We shared activities happening in our community. Keith attended Woodbridge Valley Community Association meeting to obtain ideas for our community. Per the latter meeting, Pearl contacted a Board member about their "one call now" robo call program and contacted company for estimates. We have not received a final quote yet. Per our community survey results, there is very low interest in robocalls. Therefore, we are no longer pursuing robocalls. CLOSED
	4. do a community survey	Renada Hamer	6/15/13	Completed. Renada developed survey, which was put in our July 2013 newsletter. CLOSED

Kings Park Association Community Engagement Action Plan (continued)				
Objectives	Action Items	Responsible Persons	Due Date	Status/Comments
Have social activities such as a block party or community barbecue	1. have a block party or community barbecue	Ray Butler, Tom Ellington, Renada Hamer, Tyrone Haden		Have block party in the 9900 block of Marriottsville Rd; Saturday - 3 hours (2pm-5pm). Due to extensive planning required, the event has been postponed to next Spring/ Summer 2014; projected date June 28, 2014.
Have activities for senior citizens in the community	1. computer classes	Keith Dyson, Gladys Winfrey, Delores Ford		These 5 activities were included in our survey and placed in our July 2013 newsletter to determine interest. Per survey results, this has high interest.
	2. team walking	Pearl Kirby, Tom Ellington, Ray Butler, Delores Ford		Per survey results, this has high interest.
	3. aerobics	N/A	N/A	Per survey results, the interest is low and will not do this activity.
	4. bingo	N/A	N/A	Per survey results, the interest is low and will not do this activity.
	5. day trips	Gladys Winfrey, Valerie Richardson		Per survey results, this has high interest.
Provide more details about how the membership dues are used by providing a breakdown by categories in our newsletter; <u>do not</u> include in newsletter version posted on website	1. put in newsletter	Keith Dyson, Gladys Winfrey, Delores Ford	7/19/13	The details were included in the December 2012 and July 2013 newsletters. It will be in future newsletters. CLOSED
Increase the patrols by our Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) and do not lower the standards for residents to maintain their property	1. increase C.O.P. patrols	Clarence Wilson	Ongoing	Clarence continues to recruit for more C.O.P. members. A recruitment question was in our survey. Per survey results, 2 residents were interested, but only 1 attended C.O.P. training so far.

Citizen's On Patrol (C.O.P.) (Clarence Wilson)

C.O.P. (we) are still on our post watching out and caring for the welfare of our community. We have two **new members**, **Leonidas Hyman and Malik Freeman**. We can **always** use more members. If you are interested, call C.O.P. Director Clarence Wilson at 410-655-4259 for more details.

Home, shed, and vehicle burglaries are on the rise in Baltimore County and other areas in Maryland. If you see anything that looks suspicious, call **911 immediately!**

When it comes to maintaining a high standard for our community, we (residents) can be our own worst enemy. As of December 2013, we have had **42** code violation cases and **37** of them are closed. Eighteen (**18**) cases required intervention by Baltimore County Code Enforcement Division. **See below on how you can help reduce these violation numbers.**

- Keep your grass and shrubs cut
- Keep property free of trash and debris
- Use rodent proof trash cans with tight fitting lids
- Do not store vehicles with expired or no tags on your property
- Do not allow your pets to run free; keep them on a leash when walking them; and clean up behind them
- Above all, attend our community meetings

Parking Reminder: The passenger side of the vehicle **must** be next to curb, per the motor vehicle law. Baltimore County Police continue to issue parking tickets in our community to ensure compliance and safety.

Signs/Balloons: Please **do not** post signs inside our entrance walls flowerbeds. Also, **do not** post signs or hang balloons on our entrance walls, especially on the light fixtures.

Crime Alert

The Pikesville Precinct has experienced two theft of vehicles on Queens Lace St. in the Oaks at Old Court Community since 11/11/13. Both of these vehicles were left running in the morning with the keys in the ignition and the doors unlocked. The vehicles were parked in front of the victim's houses. Please do not leave your vehicle running and unattended as it is against the law (Traffic Article 21-1101a - A person may not leave an unattended vehicle without stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and setting the brake. The fine is \$70 and a 1 point violation).

Please be vigilant of suspicious subjects or vehicles roaming and traveling through your neighborhoods. If you notice suspicious activity, safely get a good description of the subjects and contact 911. We do offer Free Home Security Surveys. If you have any questions or would like to have a Security Survey, please contact the Pikesville Community Outreach Team for assistance at 410-887-6775.

Pikesville Precinct #4
215 Milford Mill Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21208

Holiday Safety

This is to inform you that we have noticed an increase in street robberies. The robberies are taking place shortly after the victim has ridden on MTA buses. The robberies have happened in various locations throughout Woodlawn. Please remember to use good common sense when using public transportation. Please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- *Do not wear flashy, expensive jewelry
- *Cell phones and Ipods need to be kept out of sight
- *Purses and wallets should be held tight against your body
- *Use the "buddy system"

If you see something suspicious please call "911" immediately. As always, we rely on you to be our eyes and ears!

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Pfc. Sholter #4255
Domestic Violence Coordinator/PC02
Baltimore County Police Department
410-887-4714

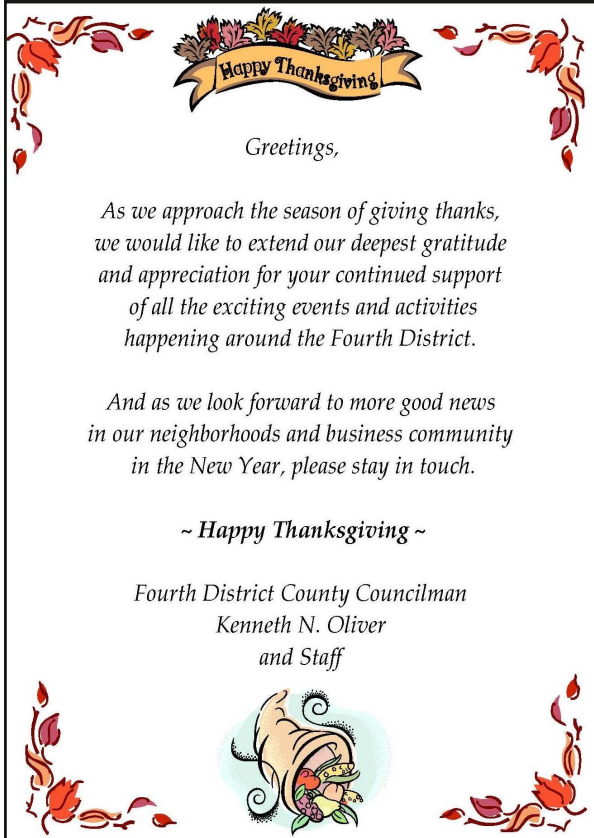
Helpful Numbers in Baltimore County

Abandoned vehicles on the street	410-887-5200	Narcotics complaints	410-887-1870
Abandoned vehicles on property	410-887-3351	Noise, domestic	410-887-0872
Apartment inspections	410-887-7136	Police, non-emergency	410-887-2222/2214
Apartment violations	410-887-3351	Police, Randallstown Substation – Lt. Rob McCullough	410-887-4714
Animal licenses	410-887-3630	Pot holes	410-887-3560
Barking dogs/control	410-887-5961	Plumbing Permits	410-887-3614
Building permits: General Information	410-887-3900	Public Works	410-87-3300
Building permits: Violations	410-887-3953	Recycling paint, motor oil, anti-freeze, gasoline	410-887-3745
Boarding houses/Rooming houses	410-887-3351	Recycling Program	410-887-4370
Car repairs on property	410-887-3351	Recycling, residential	410-887-4370
Christmas tree collection	410-887-3560	Roads: Holes/Salting	410-887-3560
Commercial vehicles on property	410-887-3351	Rodents	410-887-7136
Commercial vehicles on street	410-887-1344	Rental property, residential	410-887-4032
Day care, child: Information	410-887-3035	Renter/Landlord problems	410-887-4000
Day care, child: License application	410-321-2219	Safety inspection, residential	410-887-4885
Development	410-887-3335	Senior Information & Assistance	410-887-2594
Dumping chemicals/petroleum products	410-887-3980	Sheds, construction	410-887-3900
Education	410-887-5555	Snow emergency	410-887-5996
Education Transportation	410-887-4321	Snow removal	410-887-3560
Employment & Training	410-887-2008	Social Services (Childcare, Family Assist, Adult Services)	410-887-3000
Fire, non-emergency	410-887-4500	Special Permits & Licenses	410-887-3616
Flooding	410-887-5996	Stream pollution	410-887-3980
Gang Activity	410-823-0785	Tax Assessments	410-512-4905
Garbage collection: Information/Complaints	410-887-2000	Taxpayer's Services	410-887-2403
Garbage collection: Disposal complaints	410-887-7136	Traffic engineering/lights and signs	410-887-3554
General Information: Baltimore County	410-887-0000	Trash and debris, residential complaints	410-887-3351
Grass, bushes, cuttings: Near road	410-887-3560	Zoning information/enforcement	410-887-3391
Grass, bushes, cuttings obstructing view at intersections	410-887-3554	Zoning complaints	410-887-3351

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - 800-492-TIPS (8477)

Community News (Gladys Winfrey)

Season of Giving Thanks County Council District 4



Ruby Tuesday groundbreaking **Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013** **Brenbrook Plaza Shopping Center**

On Thursday, Nov. 21, Councilman Oliver joined county and state officials and residents to celebrate the groundbreaking of a Randallstown location for national restaurant chain Ruby Tuesday.

The new 175 seat, 5,000-square-foot restaurant at Brenbrook Plaza shopping center, Brenbrook Drive and Liberty Road, and is expected to offer up to 80 jobs.

"This is a community that needs and deserves the kinds of amenities that many other communities have," Councilman Oliver said in a statement. "We are beginning to build up a core of economic energy here that will not only keep Liberty Road corridor residents dining and shopping in their own neighborhood – but also attract folks from other communities to come sample what we have to offer here."

"Randallstown has everything Ruby Tuesday needs to be successful: strong neighborhoods, nearby shopping, community centers and institutions, and a community that is looking for a fresh, casual restaurant to enjoy with family and friends," said Rob Prunty, Ruby Tuesday senior regional partner.

The restaurant is expected to open in spring of 2014.

Community Assistance Network, located at the Liberty Resource Center, 3525 Resource Drive in Randallstown, offers a **Food Pantry** and other assistance for those eligible. The Food Pantry is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., or at other times by appointment. For more information on Community Assistance Network programs and eligibility requirements, call 410-285-4674, ext. 308, or go to www.canconnects.org

The Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball, Inc. Comes to Owings Mills Library

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced the permanent residence of The Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball, Inc. in the Owings Mills branch of the Baltimore County Public Library.

The Museum, previously operating under the name Negro Leagues Baseball Museum of Maryland, Inc., had been housed in various temporary locations since 1996 until the County offered to give it a permanent home in the new library.

Kamenetz made the official announcement at a ceremony and honored the late "Bert" Simmons, who played for the legendary Baltimore Elite Giants in the 1950s.

Ray Banks, a life-long friend of Simmons and curator is gratified to have the new site for the approximately 1,000 artifacts presently in the Museum. Audrey Simmons, Bert's widow, will be in attendance at the ceremony.

The Museum should open in the spring of 2014 - just in time for "opening day."

The announcement event was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 and opened to the public.

See the links for event videos at The Hubert V. Simmons Negro Leagues Baseball Museum of Maryland at <http://youtu.be/uxqDAfxtptY> and Colin's Seafood and Grill at http://youtu.be/jzYzptM_hno.

Community News (Gladys Winfrey)

Maryland Officials you need to know:

State of Maryland

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410-974-3901 or 1-800-811-8336

www.governor.maryland.gov

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www.governor.maryland.gov/ltgovernor

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Community News (Gladys Winfrey)

New Trash and Recycling Collection Schedules and Guides

Schedules to Be Mailed to Residents in Early December

Towson, Maryland (December 3, 2013) – Approximately 237,500 single-family households in Baltimore County that currently have trash and recycling collection will receive new four-year trash and recycling collection schedules and program guides by the second or third week in December. Residents in households that do not receive their schedule by December 20, 2013 can call the Bureau of Solid Waste Management at 410-887-2000 to obtain a new schedule. Residents may also wait until January 1, at which time new schedules will be available for download at the [Solid Waste Management website](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/SolidWasteManagement).

Though the County's current trash and recycling schedules include January 2014 collection information, residents should reference only their new 2014 to 2017 schedules starting January 1. Residents are also urged to check their schedules carefully for collection pattern changes – some collection patterns will be different starting January 1.

New collection schedules will include the County's trash and recycling program guide, which contains detailed information on accepted materials for recycling, collection and container regulations, drop-off center locations and more.

Residents are urged to read, retain, and post their new collection schedules and guides.

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/releases/1115trashcollection.html>

Separate Yard Waste Collection to Halt for the Winter Season

Collection Ends in December; will Resume April 2014

Towson, Maryland (November 29, 2013) – The separate collection of yard materials for Baltimore County residents with "Y" days on their collection schedules will halt in December, and will resume in April 2014.

The date of the last 2013 "Y" day varies among County collection schedules. Residents must refer to their particular schedule for details; the final "Y" day will occur within the first two weeks of December.

Please note that after the last "Y" day occurs on a particular schedule, yard materials can be placed out with trash on a scheduled trash collection day.

Residents can visit BCrecycles to view, save, and/or print their trash and recycling collection schedule and program guide. Collection schedules and program guides can also be obtained by calling the Bureau of Solid Waste Management at 410-887-2000.

Residents of single-family homes receiving County collection service will also be receiving new 2014-2017 schedules in the mail starting in early December.

Baltimore County residents are reminded that raking or blowing leaves into the gutter or street is illegal.

Baltimore County Vacant Foreclosed Houses Return to Affordable Homes

\$2.7 Million State Grant to Help Stabilize Neighborhoods

Towson, Maryland (November 19, 2013) – Baltimore County has been awarded \$2.75 million from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to help stabilize neighborhoods and return vacant, foreclosed houses into affordable homes.

Funding is from the National Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement.

Benefits to Homebuyers and Veterans

"Neighborhoods across the County are still recovering from the housing crisis caused by the great recession. With these funds, foreclosed houses will once again become homes, returning veterans will have additional affordable housing choices, and homeless men will find a supportive residence where they can start to pull their lives together," said Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz.

"This funding will truly make a difference in neighborhoods that have seen high foreclosure rates," said County Council chairman Tom Quirk.

\$20,000 Down Payment or Closing Costs

The settlement funds will allow Baltimore County to offer 65 homebuyers a \$20,000 loan toward down payment or closing costs when purchasing a home in ZIP codes where there are high foreclosure rates. The program will be administered by four non-profit housing counseling groups selected through a formal proposal process: Harbel, Southeast Community Development Corporation, Diversified Housing and Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore.

Veterans: Affordable Rental Units, Onsite Training

Returning veterans and their families also will benefit from the settlement funds. Monroe Homes Inc. (MHI), a development corporation with expertise in assisting veterans, will purchase foreclosed properties and rehabilitate them to create affordable rental units for veterans.

Episcopal Housing Corporation, a community housing development organization, will convert Nehemiah House in Rosedale into 12 efficiency units for homeless men. Nehemiah House also will offer a range of supportive services including onsite job training.

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