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## VILLAGE ELECTIONS

**APRIL 23: 5PM-7PM**  
**APRIL 24: 9AM-1PM**



**WHY:** This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill your civic responsibility. We must have a quorum of **88 votes** to validate the elections.

**HOW:** Residents are encouraged to vote by **absentee ballot**; please return them by April 22 @ 9pm.

### Absentee ballots can be found:

- in this issue of the Crown Prints.
- at Amherst House by appointment
- call or email us and we will provide you with a ballot.

### Return your absentee ballot:

- to Amherst House; there is a secure mailbox attached to the left of the main entrance.
- by mail to:  
Kings Contrivance Community Association  
7251 Eden Brook Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046

**There will be in-person voting at Amherst House on April 23 from 5-7pm and April 24 from 9am-1pm.**

**WHAT:** Kings Contrivance Village Board (4 seats—2 year terms)

Columbia Council Representative (1 seat – 2 year term)

**WHEN:** Friday, April 23, 5-7PM  
Saturday, April 24, 9AM-1PM

**WHERE:** Amherst House

**WHO:** **Fred Niziol, John Woodson, Dean Christmon, Barbara Seely and Ferzana Havewala** are seeking election/re-election to the Village Board.

**Shari Zaret and Broderick Young** are seeking election/re-election to the Columbia Council.

**All KC residents 18 years or older are encouraged to vote.**

Questions? Please call 410-381-9600

**The following residents are seeking election to a two-year term as the Columbia Council Representative for Kings Contrivance. *One seat is available.***



### **Shari Zaret**

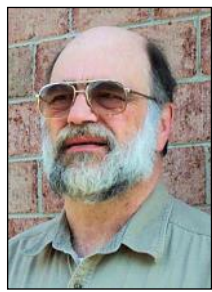
Our Columbia Association facilities, like so many local businesses, have been affected by COVID restrictions and closings. A new online registration system is being put in place this summer, and fifteen neighborhood pools will be open every day. As your Village Representative, and resident of KC for over twenty-five years, I am committed to our shared community values of stewardship and fellowship. I strongly support a Leadership Academy outreach effort by CA, with clear annual goals and objectives. The challenges we face Post-COVID are to preserve and protect our green spaces and pathways, re-energize our village businesses and gathering places, and revisit our financial models and memberships. My experience and knowledge in working with budgets, evaluating facilities and services, working cooperatively with CA Staff, and monitoring the safety of our neighborhoods, will help support our village efforts to achieve a financially and environmentally sustainable future. I would appreciate your vote.



### **Broderick Young**

My family chose Columbia in part for the inclusivity, environmental beauty, strong sense of community and amenities that we cherish. More so, we were drawn here and have stayed because of Columbia's foundational commitment to being a community where all are represented, respected, and given equal opportunity to thrive. It is with these principles in mind that I am running to represent the Village of Kings Contrivance on the Columbia Council. I am committed to applying these values to every decision, to listening and engaging with my neighbors so your voices are heard and to innovating so Columbia is a place where future generations will be just as eager as we are to call this place home. Whether creative use of our open spaces, making sure outdoor pools are open for all or creating a more financially resilient CA, I would be honored to serve this great community.

**The following *five* residents are seeking election to a two-year term on the Kings Contrivance Village Board. *Four seats are available.***



**Fred Niziol**

Hello, my name is Fred Niziol. I'm a retired Federal employee. I moved to KC in January 1983, and as owner and resident in Kings Contrivance I've served many terms on my own Homeowners Association Board and as a member of the KC Village Board. What I have learned and practiced

is that KC's success is all about participation in Village life by the residents. My ongoing goal as a board member is to encourage residents participation in the Village. I'd appreciate your vote so I can continue my service to our residents. Please think about attending a Board or Resident Architectural Committee meeting virtually via Zoom (meetings are normally short and interesting), and signing up for our newsletter, "The Crown Prints", (at <http://villageofkc.org/living-in-kc/crown-prints>), it's the best way to know what's happening in the Village. Thank you.



**Barbara Seely**

Having lived in Kings Contrivance for the past 37 years, I have seen many changes in Kings Contrivance and Columbia. This year has been the most challenging for CA and the villages. Due to Covid we had to shut our doors and with little income have tried to provide

services to our community the best we were able. We are all looking forward to better times ahead when we can start to resume classes and rentals and feel more like normal. Throughout this pandemic our staff has been amazing! Kings Contrivance is still the best village in Columbia, and if re-elected I will continue to work to maintain quality programs, a beautiful facility, environmental sustainability and to serve our village with integrity. It has been a pleasure to serve, and I am asking for your vote on Election Day. Thank You.



**John Woodson**

As a member of the Kings Contrivance Community for the last 27 years, My wife and I have raised three children, who played on KC playgrounds, wandered through the paths of KC, played on Savage and AYRA teams, attended KC schools, went to Hammond High and swam for the

KC Waves. I feel it is my responsibility to ensure that future KC families continue to have the numerous advantages of our neighborhoods and if possible even better facilities and choices.



**Ferzana Havewala**

My family and I chose Kings Contrivance to be our home because we were attracted to this vibrant community that holds so much promise for the future. In my professional life, as an Assistant Professor at the University of Baltimore, I study policy issues that impact urban life and ways in

which to level inequality to enable vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods. I ask for your vote so that I can harness my professional and personal skills at the most basic grassroots level to make a difference in my home community. This past year has especially taught us all the value of living in a well-endowed and safe community. I would like to serve on the Kings Contrivance Village Board to continue to cultivate a thriving and vibrant community where every resident can experience and revel in the promise of Columbia.



**Dean Christmon**

I am running to be a good steward of our village resources, be of service to the public, and continue making our village a great place for families (which includes establishing and broadening the great paths that connect our communities)! Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



**VILLAGE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2022**

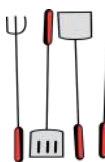
The village's fiscal year 2022 runs from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

The proposed budget is now available at:

**[VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda/](http://VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda/)**

The Board welcomes your input on the budget. The Board will approve the budget on April 21.

**BLOCK PARTY GRANTS**



KCCA is offering grants for Block Parties! If you would like to hold a block party, call 410-381-9600 to sign up. After the party, turn in receipts for food, paper goods, etc. and you will be reimbursed up to \$50.

*Mission statement: The association represents the community of Kings Contrivance by advocating for residents, enforcing covenants, and building a sense of community.*



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King's Contrivance Exxon ..	410-381-5577
King's Contrivance .....	
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Kings Contrivance .....	
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Subway .....	410-290-7730
Sushi Nari .....	410-381-6888
The UPS Store .....	410-290-6900
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**Columbia Council Representative**

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**PHONE: 410-381-9600 FAX: 410-381-9628**  
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**ELECTIONS 2021 - ABSENTEE BALLOT**

*I certify that I will not cast a ballot at a polling place on April 23 or 24, 2021. In the absence of a quorum, I vote to adjourn this meeting until a quorum has attended.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR COLUMBIA COUNCIL REP:**  
 Placing an X in the appropriate box, choose no more than 1 (one).

Shari Zarat [ ]  
 Broderick Young [ ]

**FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**  
 Placing an X in the appropriate box, choose no more than 4 (four).

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