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## AMHERST HOUSE UPDATE

Amherst House is now open by appointment.



Interested in booking a social or business rental? Call today for a tour of our beautiful facility; come check out our new flooring and fresh paint. Selling your home? HOA documents are available for pick up by appointment.

For these or any other resident services, please call 410-381-9600 or email [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org)

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The next three printed issues of the Crown Prints will be distributed in the Columbia Flier on:

**October 14, November 11 & December 9**

## FREE SHREDDING IS BACK! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 10AM-1PM AMHERST HOUSE PARKING LOT



We will hold our free shredding event on October 16 from 10am-1pm for Kings Contrivance residents living on CA assessed property.

- ⇒ Personal documents only (no commercial/business materials.)
- ⇒ There is a **10-box limit** on paper to be shredded.
- ⇒ No plastic, bound books, 3-ring binders or x-rays can be shredded.
- ⇒ Paper clips, staples, hanging file folders, non-plastic binders and files are all acceptable.

**Call 410-381-9600 or email [Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org) for more info.**




**NEW VENUE**  
for  
**DAISY the CLOWN!**

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IS COMING! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 5:00-8:00PM in the Village Center by Rita's

Join us in the Village Center (near Rita's) as Daisy the Clown presents **3 free magic shows** @ 5:00pm, 5:45pm, and 6:30pm. Bring a chair or blanket/towel to sit on. Be sure to leave time to walk through the village center to Trick-or-Treat at the Village Center Merchants and to visit **The Haunted House**, sponsored by the Hammond High School Music Department.



## FREE PRESENTATION AT AMHERST HOUSE "A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE" GILCHRIST HOSPICE CARE NOVEMBER 4 from 7-8PM

 Join us in person at Amherst House for the presentation, "A Beautiful Experience," about Gilchrist Hospice Care in Howard County. The Center's clinical manager, Kerry Avant, who has been a hospice nurse for 25 years, will tell the story of hospice care and answer questions during this **free** presentation at 7pm on Tuesday, November 4. To register for this in person event, send an email to: [Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org)

## KC CARES ZOOM SEMINAR OCTOBER 7 from 7-8:30pm

You are invited to a scheduled *Zoom* meeting:  
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*Zoom* link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81799122934?pwd=UzFUNVdDQ3VKaXlWZW5MNmpzOU8zdz09>

*Zoom* dial in phone number: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 817 9912 2934 Passcode: 975562

Email: [KCVillageCares@gmail.com](mailto:KCVillageCares@gmail.com) for more info.

*No registration is required.*

## **End of the Year Report FY 2021**

This annual report highlights the activities accomplished by the Kings Contrivance Village Board and staff between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021. April marked our village's 44th year as a village of Columbia. This year presented issues like no other. We are pleased to say that we are continuing our advocacy work for our community, maintaining Covenant enforcement, offering our village events to all, as well as providing space in Amherst House and The Meeting Room neighborhood center once again, following extended periods of needing to be closed due to capacity restrictions on gathering that severely impacted our rental income for the fiscal year.

### **WHO WE ARE**

Every year, in April, all village residents are encouraged to participate in the election of Village Board members (every other year for Columbia Council Representative). In April 2020 we delayed our Village Elections until June due to COVID-19 and returned to our regular April Elections this year. Following our April 2021 elections, there were six seats on the Village Board and one Columbia Council Representative. Board members when elected serve two-year terms and elections are staggered. The following residents serve on the Village Board: Chair: Barbara Seely; 1st Vice-chair: Melissa Hogle; 2nd Vice-chair: Jeff Richmond; and members: John Woodson, Fred Niziol and Ferzana Havewala. Shari Zaret serves as our Columbia Council Representative. The Board is responsible for determining how village funds are budgeted and spent. Funding is received from two sources: a Columbia Association Annual Charge Share, and association activities/building rentals. This year our funding from Columbia Association and our own rentals was severely impacted by COVID-19.

The Board employs a village manager who oversees the day to day operation of the village and acts as advisor to the Board. The manager hires a covenant advisor who processes forms for architectural alteration and acts as a resource person to the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) and residents. The manager also hires any other necessary staff, staying within the financial parameters set by the Board. The current village staff is comprised of the following: Beverley Meyers, Village Manager; Aileen McNamara, Covenant Advisor; Luz Borrero, Events & Information Coordinator; Erika Cheney, Operations Coordinator and Bookkeeper; Patricia Hricko, Head Facility Assistant; Darshana Dave and Kelly Dutcher, Facility Assistants.

### **THE VILLAGE BOARD**

The Village Board acts as an advocate for residents. During the past year, the board dealt with a number of issues. The board: elected Board and Architectural Committee (AC) officers; appointed the Election Committee and RAC members; approved capital and operating budgets; issued 15-day violation notices for covenant violations; reviewed and approved quarterly financial reports; funded and supported the Environmental Committee to include a Fall Clean Up; offered cul-de-sac beautification and block party grants; donated funds to Grassroots Intervention Center; wrote letters to the CA Board regarding support for CA's position on Symphony Lights and their budget proposals for the village regarding the annual charge share as well as pools and camps; wrote letter supporting funding in the County budget for the 50+ Senior Center and a grant for the Inner Arbor Trust for Symphony Woods; attended county meetings for development at Lakeview Retail, 9861 Broken Land Parkway; met with the Columbia Housing Center's new manager and CA's Aquatics department to discuss bathroom expansion and Splashpad designs for Macgill's Common pool improvements.

### **COMMITTEES**

The Village Board appoints residents to committees. Ad hoc committees are appointed from time to time as warranted. The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) is the only standing committee and the most active committee. This team of dedicated volunteer residents currently includes Jason Protheroe, Chair; Nick Fessenden Vice-Chair; Bruce Altschuler, Joe Haugh, Michele Mercer, Scott Llewellyn and Dean Christmon. The RAC meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday, to review architectural alteration requests. 122 letters of compliance/non-compliance were issued in FY21. 43 inquiries were logged in and dealt with by the covenant advisor, 25 were successfully resolved in FY21. 7 were found not to be village covenant violations. 11 complaints remained unresolved at the end of the fiscal year. 221 applications for 326 alterations were processed. 145 applications were approved after review by the RAC, 7 were approved with provisions, 0 approved as an exception, 0 were withdrawn, 1 was tabled, and 3 were denied. Of the 221 applications, 65 were able to be approved through the *Speedy Process*. 0 applications were approved following Appeal. These numbers illustrate the extent to which the committee members spent time and energy working with residents to reach optimum results. The most popular alteration approval request was for color change (95 applications), Shed (26 applications), Fence (25 applications), and Deck (24 applications).

## End of the Year Report: FY 2021 continued

### PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

This year we were unable to hold many of our in-person events due to gathering limitations from COVID-19, but with our creative minds at the ready we were able to adjust several of them to service the community. The events sponsored by the Village Board over the past year included: Block Party and Cul-De-Sac Grants, Columbia Clean Up day, Document Shredding as well as virtual events including three gardening seminars, a pumpkin decorating contest, Halloween Happenings with Daisy the Clown and two Santa events with our faithful Santa who was happy to send individualized letters to the children who participated.

### CLASSES

Sadly, we were unable to offer any classes this year due to COVID-19 but we're hoping for a return of Pilates this Fall. We are always looking for new ideas. If you would like to see a particular class offered or are able to teach a course, please call Amherst House. All teachers must secure liability insurance.

### AMHERST HOUSE

We also rent Amherst House and our Neighborhood Center, The Meeting Room, for functions. The Meeting Room is currently occupied by B.S. Photography. If you are interested in hosting a wedding, party or business meeting, please call for our very reasonable rates. We are open to CA residents and non-residents for rentals. Come see our building after our renovation at Amherst House. We have new flooring throughout and the building has a new sprinkler system and a fresh coat of paint! Our back patio has been especially sought out by many who have held their special events with us this past year. We have also improved our ventilation system and adhere to all the latest guidance on COVID-19 safety precautions.

### THE VILLAGE OFFICE

The village office is located at Amherst House in the village center. The village newsletter, *The Crown Prints*, is distributed to residents on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Beginning September 2021, we will return to our printed version of the newsletter as an insert in the Columbia Flier for the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of each month and an electronic only version for the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the month. Since April 2020 we had moved to e-issues only for budgetary reasons. Electronic issues are available for every issue and are available on our website and social media too. Send us your email and we will send the newsletter to you directly.

Please call us anytime you need information or visit our web page at [www.villageofkc.org](http://www.villageofkc.org) or Facebook at Kings Contrivance Village or Twitter @Village of KC.

With warm regards,

Beverley Meyers  
Village Manager  
September 1, 2021

## FY21 End of Year Financial Report

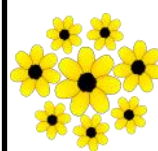
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Columbia Association Annual Charge Share	\$315,322	Staff Salaries & Benefits - 7 employees	\$250,371
Facility Leases & Rentals	\$16,865	Janitorial Expenses	\$4,511
Classes	(\$136)	Instructors' Fees	\$0
Special Events	\$0	Fees/Mileage/ Food	\$8,130
Interest	\$798	Operating Supplies & Products, Postage & Printing	\$10,065
Fees	\$15	Utilities	\$8,934
Sales/Other	\$3,869	Insurance & Taxes	\$6,200
Newsletter Ads	\$5,165	Special Events	\$2,937
Gain on disposal of assets	\$0	Donations	\$150
Misc. Other (grants)	\$20,000	Building & Equipment Maint. & Improvements	\$4,631
		Newsletter	\$5,102
		Furniture & Fixtures	\$1,461
		Advertising	\$400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$361,898</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$302,892</b>
Depreciation: \$4,345			

## BLOCK PARTY GRANTS

Get to know your neighbors—host a block party this fall! KCCA is again offering \$50 grants for village Block Parties. If you would like to hold a block party for your street, call 410-381-9600 or email [Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org) to sign up. Invite all of your neighbors and have a blast! After the party, turn in receipts for food, paper goods, etc. and you will be reimbursed up to \$50.



## CUL-DE-SAC GRANTS



Does your cul-de-sac need sprucing up? We are offering one more \$200 grant to be used to beautify a village cul-de-sac. To qualify, you must live on Columbia assessed property in Kings Contrivance. For more information, call 410-381-9600 or email: [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org).



## VILLAGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a Board meeting. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. At this time meetings are held via Zoom. Contact us for an invitation or to receive the agenda by email.

At the August 4, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board:

- appointed Dean Christmon to the Residential Architectural Committee.

The board meeting scheduled for August 18th was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

## HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Celebrate Hammond High School's Homecoming!



**8:00-10:00AM:** Start with a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Hammond High's Cafeteria. Adults: \$8.00 Kids aged 7-12: \$4.00 Kids 6 & under: free.



**10:00AM:** Homecoming Parade kicks off from Amherst House in the Village Center. **Community groups** are welcome to march too! (Safeties, Scouts, Future Golden Bears, etc.) Please sign up in advance.



**NOON:** Homecoming Football Game starts in the HHS Stadium. First 100 spectators receive a FREE gift from HHS Boosters!

Bring your parents, kids, friends and neighbors and join us for this autumn tradition! GO BEARS!

Questions? Volunteers? Sign up to participate?  
Contact Marijke McMillan:  
Marijke.McMillan@gmail.com



## COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, October 4th at 10AM for the October 13th meeting. The application is on our website: **VillageofKC.org** under the Covenants tab. You can drop your completed Exterior Alteration application in the secure mailbox hanging on the front of Amherst House or email it to: **Covenants@VillageofKC.org**

### RAC REVIEW AUGUST 25, 2021

#### APPROVED

9434 Sunfall Court	Fence
9589 Clocktower Lane	Color change—deck
7509 Indian Pipe Court	Gazebo, tiles
9570 Many Mile Mews	Tree removal, landscaping
7459 Setting Sun Way	Deck, shed relocation
8038 Andiron Lane	Shed, propane tank

#### WITHDRAWN

10050 Quantrell Row Shed

#### TABLED

7406 Weather Worn Way Shed

### RAC REVIEW SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

#### APPROVED

8021 Cipher Row	Roof
7608 Murray Hill Road	Chicken keeping renewal
9710 Deep Smoke	Siding
6704 Bushranger Path	Door
9649 Sea Shadow	Landscaping
10050 Quantrell Row	Shed
10099 Cape Ann Drive	Patio, walkway, landscaping
7888 Red Jacket Way	Fence
8933 Skyrock Court	Fence

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

#### Staff/Village Office

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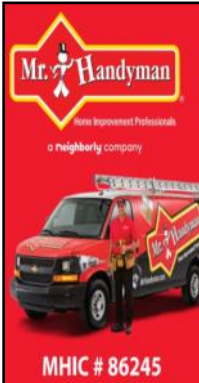
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**FESTIVE FALL FUN!**



Many residents came out to Amherst House on September 18 to shop for bargains at our Fall Flea Market. Families also enjoyed getting ready for fall by making scarecrows and painting pumpkins! If you missed it this fall, look for our spring Flea Market event to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, Village Election Day!

