

CROWN PRINTS

KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE~CELEBRATING OVER 40 YEARS!

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UPDATE!

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

UPDATE!

- **The Haunted House has been cancelled due to potential inclement weather.**
- Daisy the Clown (**3 free magic shows** @ 5:00pm, 5:45pm, and 6:30pm)
Decision on cancellation to be made by noon on Friday.
Check our Facebook page for updates. Bring a chair or blanket/towel to sit on.
- Trick-or-Treating at the Village Center Merchants is still on **RAIN or SHINE.**

KC VILLAGE CLEANS DAY **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20** **10AM-1PM** **MEET @ AMHERST HOUSE**



Help keep our village a wonderful place to live! Join other KC residents in picking up litter in the open space and along major roads in our village. Registration begins at 10AM at Amherst House. Safety vests, bags and rubber gloves will be provided. Community service certificates available. Participation for the entire 3 hours is not required.

FAMILY FUN BINGO! **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12** **7:30-9:00PM @ AMHERST HOUSE** **LIMITED SEATS: REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Family Fun BINGO is back! Register to bring your family and friends of all ages to Amherst House on Friday, November 12 from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes! Bingo cards are 6 for \$1. Masks must be worn in the building; *no food or drinks will be allowed*. For more information or to register for BINGO, email Info@VillageofKC.org

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



The Crown Prints is issued on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Look for the first issue of each month in your Columbia Flier; the second issue will still be an electronic issue only. Sign up to receive all of the issues through email by emailing: Info@VillageofKC.org.

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

November 11 & December 9



SAVE THE DATE FOR... SANTA!

That's right kids - Santa will be back via ZOOM! Our annual Santa events will be held on December 11th and December 18th. Look for registration info in the next Crown Prints.

MASTER GARDENER EVENTS



Stay busy this winter! Amherst House will be hosting three **free gardening talks** presented by the Howard County Master Gardeners. Seminars will be held in January, February, and March. Look for more details in upcoming issues of the Crown Prints.

WELCOME DEAN



We would like to welcome Dean Christmon, the newest member of the KCCA Resident Architectural Committee. Thank you for volunteering Dean; we look forward to working with you to keep Kings Contrivance beautiful!



COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Be sure to submit applications by Monday, November 1st at 10AM for the November 10th meeting. You can find the application 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

APPROVED

9647 Sea Shadow	Front steps
7528 Broadcloth Way	Siding & color change
9639 Cold Star Court	Porch, deck

TABLED

7364 Kindler Road	Patio, shed
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RAC REVIEW OCTOBER 13, 2021

APPROVED

6704 Bushranger Path	Front door
7207 Single Wheel Path	Shutters
9700 Polished Stone	Screened porch
7442 Setting Sun Way	Walkway
10084 Hatbrim Terrace	Door
6715 Bushranger Path	Fence
6707 Bushranger Path	Fence
9659 Golden Rod Path	Door
7979 Drumbeat Place	Color change
9340 Spring Water Path	Fence
6924 South Carlinda Avenue	Fence

APPROVED w/provision

8043 Andiron Lane	Shed
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TABLED

8908 Skyrock Court	Pavers, tree removal
9333 Spring Water Path	Patio
7884 Red jacket Way	Fence

DENIED

7364 Kindler Road	Patio, shed
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RAC MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be only **one RAC meeting** each month in November and December. Submit applications by November 1st at 10am for the November 10th meeting & by November 29th at 10am for the December 8th meeting.

Did you know?

Any action taken to remedy non-compliance of KCCA Covenants is inquiry-driven. Our covenant advisor does not inspect a property unless an inquiry is received at our office. If you have questions or observations about a property in the village, call Amherst House at 410-381-9600.



VILLAGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a Board meeting. Board 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.

Kings@VillageofKC.org or 410-381-9600

At the September 1st meeting, the Board:

- approved the end of year reports for FY2021
- approved the April 30, 2021 audit report.

At the October 6th meeting, the Board:

- voted to close the ARC case for 8035 Andiron Ln.
- reappointed the current members of the Resident Architectural Committee to a one-year term.
- approved the FY22 1st Quarter financial reports and budget.

The board meeting scheduled for September 15th was cancelled in observance of Yom Kippur.

REMINDER: The week of Veterans Day is NOT a *Slide Week* for trash and recycle. Please place your containers out on your usual day for pick-up.

SUNKEN PUMPKIN?



From Tuesday, November 2nd through Saturday, November 7th, residents can drop their pumpkins off at Clark's Elioak Farm, 10500 Clarksville Pike in Ellicott City, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. In addition, pumpkins (and other food scraps) are always accepted at the Alpha Ridge Landfill's Residents' Convenience Center, open Monday through Saturday, 8:00am to 4:00pm — look for the Hungry Green Hippo food scrap drop-off container. Households with curbside food scrap collection can place their pumpkins in their green bin.

NEED A FLU SHOT? FREE RIDES FOR SENIORS

Neighbor Ride will provide free rides to Howard County seniors (60+) who would like to receive their flu vaccination at a local physicians office, pharmacy or community event. It's important that all our residents are healthy and thriving, especially our high-risk populations. To schedule a ride, please call **410-884-7433** or visit www.neighborride.org/freeride

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please considering volunteering for Neighbor Ride. Call or email: Volunteer@NeighborRide.com

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DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING TIPS FROM HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Many residents don't like to be solicited at home regardless of whether it's by phone, email or someone knocking on the door. Privacy concerns and the rise in scams make residents even more resentful of solicitors. Still, many businesses find this a profitable way to conduct business.

ASK TO SEE AN I.D. CARD!

Did you know? Anyone who goes door-to-door in Howard County to offer or sell goods and services, take orders for the future delivery of goods and services, sell subscriptions to newspapers, magazines or other publications or request donations on behalf of charities or non-profit organizations is **required to register** with Howard County Office of Consumer Protection.

- ♦ If you would like to report an unregistered sales person, or get more information on shopping for home improvements or other goods or services, contact OCP by phone at 410-313-6420 or by emailing: consumer@howardcountymd.gov

"NO SOLICITING" SIGNS

The simplest way to avoid door-to-door sellers is to simply not open your door. "No soliciting" signs can be helpful in deterring solicitors from knocking or ringing your door bell. Ignoring a "no soliciting sign" however, is not a criminal offense that is enforced by the police or other government agency.

- ♦ If for any reason you feel threatened or are not able to get the salesperson to leave, call 911 for police assistance.

Questions? Visit howardcountymd.gov/consumer

LOCAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Find hand-crafted gifts for your family and friends at two Village craft fairs being held in November.

- ♦ **Town Center's Annual Holiday Craft Fair:** November 13 and 14 from 10AM-3PM @ Historic Oakland Manor. Take a stroll around this juried Holiday Craft Fair (both inside and outside.) Register for this FREE event at EventBrite.com.
- ♦ **Holiday Craft Shop in Hickory Ridge:** Sunday, November 21 from 2PM-5PM @ The Hawthorn Center in Hickory Ridge. Shop and discover unique, handcrafted items from local artisans. Questions? Call 410-730-7327.

HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER? TELL US ABOUT IT!



We would love to expand our list of "resident recommended" service providers and contractors. Love your plumber or electrician? Found a wonderful contractor or handyman? Please call us or send an email to Info@VillageofKC.org with their contact information and a short description of what makes the company terrific. Thank you!

You can also request a copy of the list anytime.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION JOB FAIR



Join Columbia Association's hiring team at Howard Community College from 10am to 2pm on Wednesday, November 10 for a job fair. CA has all sorts of opportunities and loves hiring local talent. Visit ColumbiaAssociation.org/jobs for a full listing of positions.

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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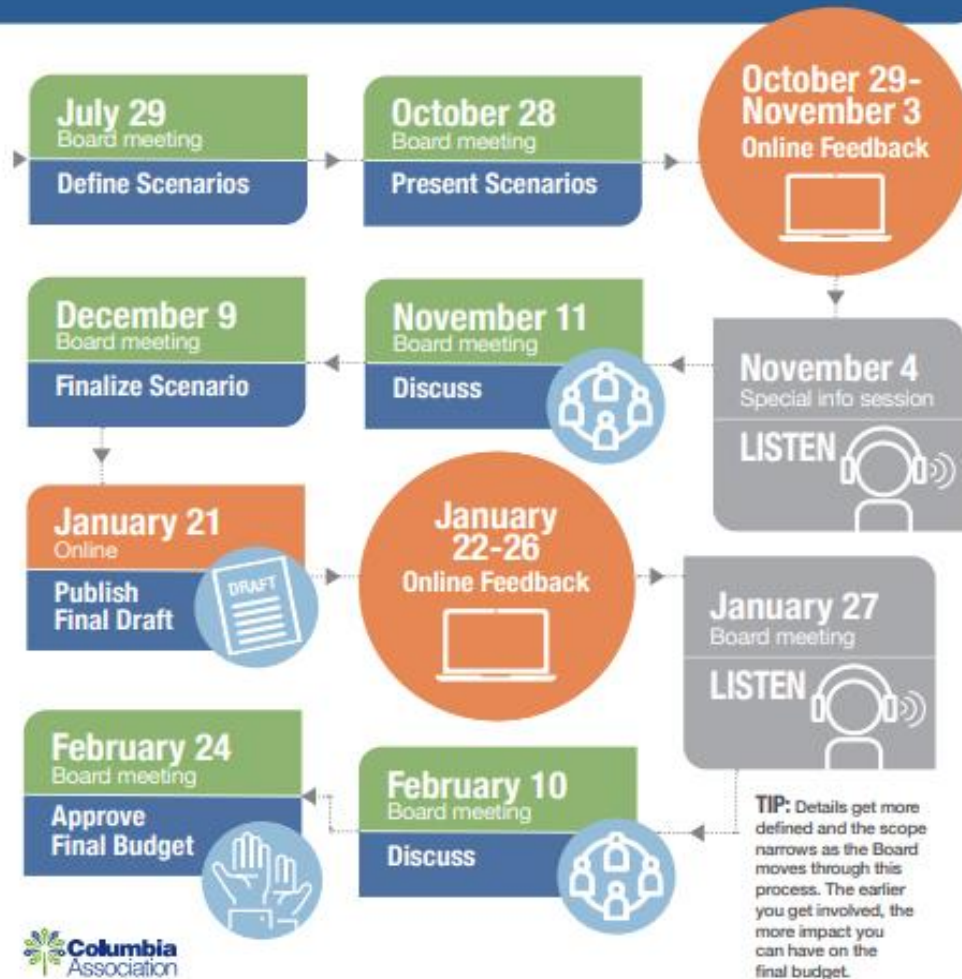
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CA FY2023 Budget Process

In an effort to be more transparent about this important budget process, we want to make sure everyone understands the opportunities to engage with CA's Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for reviewing, refining and ultimately approving the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

You're welcome to participate at any point throughout this process, including the Board meetings mentioned below. There are also new ways to get involved on a deeper level that are highlighted in this timeline. All of the meetings will be hosted virtually and recorded for easy access.



Welcome to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget process! Approving the annual budget plan is one of the key tasks CA's Board of Directors undertakes every year, and it's a responsibility everyone takes seriously. While every organization is different, CA's FY2023 begins May 1, 2022 and ends April 30, 2023. This process started over the summer when the Board asked CA staff to **define** scenarios for the upcoming fiscal year. These will allow the Board to better determine the trade offs of budget priorities. CA staff will **present** those scenarios to the Board during its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28. Anyone is welcome to [watch that meeting live on our YouTube page](#).

Next comes a chance for CA and the Board to **listen** to your questions and comments about those scenarios. With the FY2023 budget, In addition to Board meetings, you will also have a chance to offer your input online from October 29-November 3.

On November 4 @ 7PM there will be a virtual information session. This is an opportunity to learn about some of the changes taking place this year, including the three budget scenarios. The goal of these scenarios is to help determine the trade offs of budget priorities that will both maintain CA's fiscal responsibility and best serve the community. There will also be a chance for you to ask CA staff your questions about the process during this event. Click [here to register](#) or visit CA's events page.

Anyone looking to affect change in the budget should get involved in the early part of the process and let the Board know what your priorities are for CA.

Questions? Call 410-715-3000 or visit ColumbiaAssociation.org