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## TOMORROW NIGHT! 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, please email [Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org) or call **410-381-9600**

### 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 will be available. Participation for the entire three hours is not required.

### ZOOM WITH SANTA!

Our annual Santa event is back via ZOOM! We are offering four Zoom sessions; each session is limited in size so be sure to register soon.



#### Saturday December 11th

Zoom with Santa 1: 11:00am-noon

Zoom with Santa 2: 12:30pm-1:30pm



#### Saturday December 18th

Zoom with Santa 3: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom with Santa 4: 3:30pm-4:30pm

*This is a free event; spaces are limited.*

To register and to receive the link, email your **choice of Zoom session** to:

[Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org)

**Registration deadline: November 30th**



*Each registered child will receive a personalized letter from Santa.*


### AMHERST HOUSE UPDATE

Amherst House is now open by appointment.

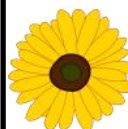


Interested in booking a social or business rental? Call today for a tour of our beautiful facility; come check out our new flooring and fresh paint. Selling your home? HOA documents are available for pick up by appt.

For these or any other resident services, please call 410-381-9600 or email [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto: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. Email [Info@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Info@VillageofKC.org) to sign up to receive all of the issues by email.

### MASTER GARDENER EVENTS



Stay busy this winter! Amherst House will be hosting three **free gardening talks via ZOOM**. The Howard County Master Gardeners will present these seminars in January, February, and March. Look for presentation dates and content in upcoming issues of the Crown Prints.



At Amherst House we have lists of people available for different jobs including: **odd jobs, leaf rakers & snow shovelers, babysitters, and "resident recommended" contractors**. We are always looking to add to our lists. If you would like to be added to one of our lists, or would like a copy of one of our lists, please call 410-381-9600 or email [Info@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Info@VillageofKC.org).

## A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

### Choosing Better Berries for Birds


As winter approaches, berries become prominent in our gardens. One common shrub often bursting with berries is nandina (*Nandina domestica*), sometimes called heavenly bamboo. Nandina is an invasive species introduced from east Asia. While its evergreen foliage and bright red berries have unfortunately led to widespread use in landscapes, nandina has escaped cultivation. The berries also contain hydrogen cyanide—highly poisonous to birds, children, and pets.




Instead of nandina, plant native shrubs with berries. Berries provide bright winter color and feed birds and other native wildlife. Possibilities include winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*—see photo), inkberry (*Ilex glabra*), and arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*). Small trees like our native dogwoods (*Cornus florida*) and blackhaw viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*) offer multiple seasons of interest as well, with beautiful spring blooms that lead to colorful autumn foliage and berries.

Learn more from the Audubon Society: <https://ar.audubon.org/news/nandina-berries-kill-birds> or contact us at [kcvillegecares@gmail.com](mailto:kcvillegecares@gmail.com).


## QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19? Contact the Howard County Health Department Hotline 410-313-6284

 Still need to get vaccinated? Ready for your booster shot? Howard County Health Department has **FREE** vaccine clinics for ages 12 and up! Appointments are available on first-come, first-serve basis. For more info, or to register for an appointment, please call the Covid Hotline at 410-313-6284 or visit:

[www.howardcountymd.gov/health](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/health)

 The Health Department also offers **FREE Covid testing**. Please visit the link above or call the hotline for more information.

## CABLE BOX REPAIR

 Outdoor cable boxes in your neighborhood in need of repair? Please report them to the HoCo Cable Administrator: **410-313-3318**

## AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and will remain closed until Monday, November 29.

## HOLIDAY SLIDE SCHEDULE



Thanksgiving week is on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled on or after Thanksgiving will "slide" and be made one day later that week. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

## POLICE PROVIDE "TRANSACTION SAFE PLACE"



With online sale sites becoming more and more popular, the Howard County Police Department is offering community members places to facilitate exchanges as safely as possible. Designated parking spaces, marked with yellow signs, are available for this purpose at:

- ⇒ Northern District Station  
(3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City)
- ⇒ Southern District Station  
(11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel)
- ⇒ Community Outreach  
(10471 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia)

The lobbies of the police stations are also available for use as meetup spots.

When buying, selling and meeting people whom you do not know. HoCo Police offer these tips:

- ⇒ Don't agree to meet anyone who refuses to do so at a police station or other public location.
- ⇒ NEVER use your home as a meeting location.
- ⇒ Arrange sales during daylight hours only and don't go to the meeting location alone.
- ⇒ Do not accept personal checks.

## BEWARE OF SCAMS

Holiday shopping online? While online shopping is often a safe choice, there are ways to ensure you are protected when shopping online. Make sure to only use websites starting with **https**; look for sites where the contact information of the business is easy to find; check the business' return policies prior to buying; only buy from reputable sites; and beware of companies with addresses outside the USA. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, please contact the Office of Consumer Protection at **410-313-6420**. Visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/scam-alerts> for information on many common scams.

**RECEIVE THE CROWN PRINTS BY EMAIL! To have your newsletter delivered to your inbox, send a request with your name and email address to: [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. 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

## NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Starting November 1 uninsured Marylanders will be able to access much more affordable coverage through Maryland Health Connection for 2022 health plans. With newly available financial assistance under the American Rescue Plan, some private plans may even be free. Plus, thanks to a new state-funded subsidies pilot program, uninsured Marylanders between the ages of 18-34 will be able to get even more financial help.

⇒ Open enrollment begins November 1 for coverage that starts January 1. If you experience certain life events before then (for example, losing coverage or getting married), or if your income is below a certain level, then you may be able to enroll before November 1. Call **855-642-8572** or visit: [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov)



## COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. You can find the application on our website: [VillageofKC.org](http://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](mailto:Covenants@VillageofKC.org)

## RAC MEETING SCHEDULE



There will be only **one RAC meeting** each month in December. Submit applications by November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am for the **December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting**.

### RAC REVIEW OCTOBER 27, 2021

#### APPROVED

9333 Spring Water Path	Patio
8025 Red Jacket Way	Fence
9417 Clocktower Lane	Deck, porch
10025 Cape Ann Drive	Fence
9500 Nightsong Lane	Propane tank

#### TABLED

7311 Bobolink Court	Landscaping
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#### WITHDRAWN

8908 Skyrock Court	Pavers, tree removal
7884 Red Jacket Way	Fence

## KEEP YOUR HOME IN COMPLIANCE



Holiday shopping? Remember to submit an **Exterior Alteration Application** for items such as Basketball Poles and Backboards, Trampolines and Play Equipment, Bird Baths, Ponds and Hot Tubs. You can find the application on our website under Covenants: [VILLAGEOFKC.ORG](http://VILLAGEOFKC.ORG)

*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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Beverley Meyers, Village Manager  
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⇒ **by appointment only**

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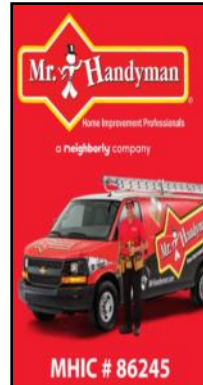
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## STREET LIGHTS OUT?

- ⇒ BGE has a website through which anyone can report street lights that are out, on all day, damaged, etc. If possible, provide the light pole number: [BGE.CustHelp.com/app/ODL-LightingOutage](http://BGE.CustHelp.com/app/ODL-LightingOutage) You can also report street light issues @ **1-800-685-0123**
- ⇒ Report lights out & other issues on state roads (numbered routes) at: **1-800-635-5119**

## CA OPEN SPACE

If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, contact Columbia Association Open Space directly by calling **410-312-6330** or by emailing:

**Open.Space@Columbia Association.org**

You can report issues such as trees across a CA pathway or tot lot problems.