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ZOOM WITH SANTA!

Our annual Santa event is back via ZOOM! There is still time to sign up for our December 18th sessions! Each session is limited in size so be sure to register soon.



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

Registration deadline: DECEMBER 13TH



Each registered child will receive a personalized letter from Santa.

MASTER GARDENER EVENTS ARE BACK VIA ZOOM!

Join us online for a **FREE gardening talk** on January 25 via Zoom. This informative presentation will be given by a member of the Howard County Master Gardeners.

January 25 @ 7-8pm
Edible Landscaping



Learn how to turn your landscape plan into one that incorporates food for your table. Add ornamental quality to your landscape while providing nutritious, great tasting fare.

Pre-registration is required by January 24. Please email **Events@VillageofKC.org** to receive the Zoom link.

Save the date for the next two talks:

February 22 @ 7pm

Creating Outdoor Garden Rooms

March 22 @ 7pm

Container Gardening

AMHERST HOUSE UPDATE

Amherst House is now open Monday-Friday.



Interested in booking a social or business rental? Looking for space to teach a class? Call or email to schedule an appointment for a tour or to purchase HOA Docs.

410-381-9600 or 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** to sign up to receive all issues of the Crown Prints via email.

TOT LOT RENOVATION

The renovation of Tot Lot KC-15 near New Grace Mews began on Monday Nov. 29th. This project is expected to be complete within four weeks, weather permitting. This project will consist of the replacement of the wood swing frames which are currently out of service. The new swing frames will remain in the same location with a slightly different footprint. A cosmic warp climbing unit will also be added in place of the spring pad.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULES AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will be closed for the holidays. The offices will be closed from December 24-January 2. We will reopen on January 3, 2022.

SLIDE SCHEDULE: TRASH & RECYCLING

Both Christmas and New Year's weeks are on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled those weeks will "slide" and be made one day later that week. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.



SAVE THE DATE!
LADIES' NIGHT BINGO
FEBRUARY 18 @ 7:30PM

COVID-19 VACCINE CARDS

Misplaced your vaccination card? You can easily request your vaccination records at the Maryland Health Dept's website: **[Maryland MyIR](https://www.maryland.gov/MyIR)**

**A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES
KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
Groundcovers That Do Good**

Many of us here in Columbia have yards with decades-old patches of invasive groundcovers like English Ivy, periwinkle, Japanese pachysandra. We all love evergreen groundcovers that add winter interest and require little maintenance, but these invasive plants spread into our Open Spaces, smothering native wildflowers like Virginia bluebells and spring beauties, and even trees, while offering little value to birds, bees, and butterflies.



To transition your yard into helpful habitat for native wildlife and pollinators, you can swap out invasive groundcovers for beautiful, evergreen native groundcovers like golden ragwort (*Packera aurea*), foam flower (*Tiarella cordifolia*), lyreleaf sage (*Salvia lyrata*), seersucker sedge (*Carex plantaginea*), & green-and-gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*). Learn more now from the University of Maryland Extension or from kcvillecare@gmail.com.

**FREE PRESENTATION via ZOOM
WINTER REMOVAL OF INVASIVE VINES
& ADOPT-A-SPOT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13
7-8:30PM**

Enjoy a *free* virtual presentation on eliminating invasive evergreens and vines. We have all seen trees in our neighborhoods that are smothered in English ivy and barely clinging to life. Winter is the easiest time to remove invasive ivy and other vines because most of the surrounding foliage has died back, leaving these vines exposed. Learn to identify and remove common invasive plants and vines.

In addition, there will be a short introduction to Columbia Association's recent Adopt-a-Spot program, which empowers CA residents to care for small areas of Open Space that are meaningful to them.

Email KCVillageCares@gmail.com to register for this free virtual event.

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

**Howard
County Food
Bank Is Here
to Help!**

Shop for the Foods YOU want at the Howard County Food Bank. All shopping trips are family-choice. Fresh items such as milk, eggs, hygiene products, meats, produce are all on hand each time. Families who may qualify should visit www.CAC-HC.org or call **410-313-6440** for more details.



**Head Start
and
Pre-K
Opportunities**

Community Action Council (CAC) offers FREE Head Start and Pre-K programming to eligible 3 to 5 year old children. Programs provide family engagement services, speech & language therapy, mental health consulting, hearing & vision screening, and nutritional counseling. CAC operates four sites across Howard County. Learn more at www.CAC-HC.org or call 410-313-6440.

Visit www.CAC-HC.org or call **410-313-6440** for info on the many ways to get involved this holiday season through their guide to giving.

HoCo BY DESIGN

Stay involved! Howard County will be extending the public engagement portion of the HoCo by Design General Plan process into 2022. If you haven't already, be sure to register with the [HoCo By Design](http://www.HoCoByDesign.org) website to stay informed of opportunities for input throughout our planning process.

Questions? Please contact:

Kate Bolinger @
KBolinger@HowardCountyMD.gov
or
Sarah Latimer @
SLatimer@HowardCountyMD.gov



If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, please contact **Columbia Association Open Space** directly. You can report issues in Open Space such as trees across a CA pathway or tot lot problems. Call **410-312-6330** or email: Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.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

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED



Throughout the winter months, residents are often looking for people willing to do snow shoveling. We keep a list of local snow shovelers that we pass along to our residents.

Are you interested in being put on the list that we give out to residents?

If so, please call **410-381-9600** or email **Info@VillageofKC.org** for details.

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** under the Covenants tab.

The next meeting will be January 12, 2022. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10AM. 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**

2021 VIRTUAL 50+ EXPO Beacon50Expo.com

HoCo's Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) Office on Aging and Independence (OAI) is a proud sponsor of the Beacon Virtual 50+EXPO, an online event which features an interactive website with information and resources geared to older adults. Now through January 31st, visitors can access content on demand 24 hours a day.



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New Hope Lutheran Church



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Join us during Advent: Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Advent Meditation Services will be available to view beginning Monday, November 29 and continuing weekly throughout Advent. Access the services on our YouTube channel or via our website,

newhopelutheran.org.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Friday, December 24 @ 3:30 PM (family focused) and 7 PM (traditional)
(nursery available at both services)

Our Christmas Eve service will also be available on our YouTube channel or via our website, **newhopelutheran.org**.

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