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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR KC RESIDENTS!



MASTER GARDENER EVENTS ARE BACK VIA ZOOM!

Join us online for three **FREE gardening talks** this winter via *Zoom*. These informative presentations will be given by members of the Howard County Master Gardeners.

January 25 from 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.

February 22 from 7-8pm
Creating Outdoor Garden Rooms



Extend your living space to the great outdoors by creating individual rooms for relaxing, entertaining, dining & many other uses. Plants, structures, paths & focal points can be used to define separate areas within your yard that flow from one space to the next.

March 22 from 7-8pm
Container Gardening

Basket Full of Spring & Summer Blooms



When properly planted in fall and spring, a pot of blooming flowers can brighten your outdoor environment throughout the growing season. Learn about the variety of containers, types of soil and nutrients, suitable plants, and colorful uses for container gardens.

Please email Events@VillageofKC.org to register for these FREE programs.

AMHERST HOUSE UPDATE

Amherst House is open by appointment only.



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.

AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will be closed on Monday, January 17th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th.

Trash and recycling pick-up will be on a regular schedule the week of January 17th.

YARD TRIM COLLECTION

This is the final week for curbside Yard Trim collection. Pick up will resume on March 28. Homes in *Feed the Green Bin* areas receive yard trim pickup all year. For more trash and recycling information, call 410-313-6444 or visit:

HowardCountyRecycles.org

CA BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE



The final draft of the FY23 budget will be published online on January 21.



Online feedback is welcome January 22-26. Get involved in the process and let the CA Board know your priorities for CA.



Listen in at the next CA Board Meeting on January 27 @ 7pm.

Questions? Call 410-715-3000 or visit

ColumbiaAssociation.org/budget



SAVE THE DATE Spring Village Events

March 11: **Beer Tasting** @Amherst House

March 25: **DATE CHANGE**
Ladies Night Bingo
@ Amherst House

March 26: **Columbia Cleans Day**
Shredding
@ Amherst House

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Let's Be Salt Smart!



We need to keep our walks and driveways free from ice, but salt washes into waterways and soil, harming plants and aquatic life and polluting our drinking water. Here are some tips to protect our streams and drinking water:

- * Shovel or sweep snow before it becomes ice.
- * Scatter salt or deicer sparsely. Use a 12-ounce cup of salt to treat a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.
- * When the ice is gone, sweep up excess salt or deicer for future use.
- * Salt or deicer won't work when the temperature falls below the product's melting point. Use sand or a deicer with a lower melting point.
- * Choose environmentally friendly products. Visit: <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products#type=Deicers§or=Home>

To report salt heaps along the road or uncovered salt piles in parking lots contact the HoCo Bureau of Environmental Services by:

- * Email: calden@howardcountymd.gov
 - * Tell HoCo: www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco
- Contact KCVillageCares@gmail.com to join the KC Village environmental group.

FREE PRESENTATION via ZOOM WINTER REMOVAL OF INVASIVE VINES & ADOPT-A-SPOT TONIGHT!! 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.

There will also be an 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.

CHILD CARE INFO FAIR JANUARY 22, 11AM-2PM NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road



The 2022 Howard County Child Care Information Fair will provide parents and guardians with "one stop shopping" for information on child care, pre-school, school-aged and summer programs. Admission is free; however, attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or unopened diapers to donate to the Howard County Food Bank. For info, contact HoCo Office of Children at 410-313-1940 or email:

Children@HowardCountyMD.gov.

SNOW CLEAN-UP

Don't forget to clear your sidewalk after a snowstorm—it's the law.



"It is the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right of way to remove snow from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow has fallen."

Howard County code, Section 18.402(h).

Do not park on streets, especially on or around cul-de-sacs.

Make snow removal easy for highway crews: park your vehicles in driveways. This also allows police and firefighters to respond quickly to public safety tasks.

Where to go for more snow information:

- ◆ Bureau of Highways: 410-313-7450
- ◆ Bureau of Utilities: 410-313-4900
- ◆ County: HowardCountyMD.gov
- ◆ State: Chart.Maryland.gov
- ◆ County Snow Tracker:



HoCoSnowPlowTracker.org

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN!

Avoid having animals tear open trash bags and scatter garbage. Please use solid trash cans with lids or wait until the morning of pick-up to put out securely tied trash bags. Remember to bring your cans back in the same day after trash and recycle are picked up. Cans should be stored in your garage or behind your house. If they must be stored on the side of your house, please use screening.



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



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 26, 2022. Please be sure to submit applications by Tuesday, January 18, 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**

THINKING AHEAD TO SPRING?



As you think about spring projects, don't forget to apply before making any changes or improvements to the outside of your home. Find our **Exterior Alteration Application** on our website under "Covenants."

VillageofKC.org

CA POOLS: SUMMER 2022

NOW HIRING

- Pool managers
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Or CALL CA AQUATICS: **410-312-6332**

All CA Team Members receive a FREE Fit & Play membership!

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



Village elections are approaching and we need volunteers to serve on the Election Committee. Committee members oversee the voting process to include issuing, receiving and counting the ballots cast on election days. This year's elections will be held on Friday, April 22nd from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, April 23rd from 9am to 1pm. Are you interested in serving on the committee? Contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.

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@ColumbiaAssociation.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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Aileen McNamara, Covenant Advisor
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Please call to make an appointment for tours or HOA Docs.

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LOST VACCINE CARD?

Misplaced your vaccination card? You can easily request your vaccination records at the Maryland Health Department's website:

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