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KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE ~ CELEBRATING 45 YEARS in 2022!

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VILLAGE ELECTION DAYS



FRIDAY, APRIL 22

5-7PM



SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9AM-1PM

Come to Amherst House and cast your vote in the Kings Contrivance Village Election.

- ◇ There are two residents running for two Kings Contrivance board seats: **Jeff Richmond and Melissa Hogle.**
- ◇ We must have a quorum of **114 votes** to validate the election.



Be the 114th quorum voter and receive a free Kings Contrivance Polo Shirt!

Absentee Ballots must be cast by 5PM TODAY, April 21, at Amherst House.

Questions? Please call 410-381-9600

ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9AM-NOON

FLEA MARKET



After you vote, come shop for treasures at our popular Flea Market! Beginning at 9am, The Kings Contrivance **Spring Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House. Come see what bargains you can find! The rain date is Saturday, April 30.

VEHICLE ID ETCHING



Help prevent auto theft! When you stop by Amherst House to VOTE, be sure to check out the **FREE** Howard County Police Dept.'s Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching Program.

Sponsored by MD Anti-Car Theft Committee.

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER FUN IN THE VILLAGE



BIRTHDAY FUN



KINGS CONTRIVANCE IS 45!

Help us celebrate our 45th year on June 18. Enjoy music, giveaways, birthday cake & more!



SPLISH SPLASH



KC Annual Pool Party

August 4 from 6-9pm

@ DICKINSON POOL

Details for both events coming soon!



COLUMBIA CLEANS DAY & SHREDDING DAY SUCCESS!

- We were pleased to see 123 residents take advantage of our free shredding event. Over **5500 pounds** of paper were shredded! Look for our next shredding event this fall.
- Thirty-two residents came out to help clean up our village. **Thank you** to our fantastic volunteers who collected *42 bags of trash* along with multiple large items including a shopping cart and tires!

DID YOU KNOW?

Howard County offers FREE CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP!

Schedule a pickup by calling **410-313-6444**

- ⇒ Max of 4 bulk items per pickup
- ⇒ Items must be placed at the curb
- ⇒ Items must be able to be lifted by two workers
- ⇒ Check for a list of acceptable items and to see if any of your items can be donated or recycled

THANK YOU!

Twenty-six residents enjoyed a fun evening of games, wine and cheese at our annual Ladies' Night Bingo. Many thanks to

- ◇ **Kings Contrivance Jewelers** for their generous donation of three pairs of silver earrings.
- ◇ Our fabulous BINGO caller - Kings Contrivance Village Board Member **Fred Nizio!**



Your continued support helps to make our community events successful!

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Be a Good Host! (To our Butterflies)



Do you wish you and your children saw more butterflies in the summer? Do you wonder why there are so few butterflies? Ask yourself if you are being a good host: does your yard offer anything they can eat? Most butterflies are only able to eat specific plants when they are young – these are called “host plants”. Adult butterflies lay their eggs on these host plants, and when young caterpillars emerge, they eat only these specific plants until they become butterflies themselves. You may already know that monarch butterflies need milkweed for their young. Did you know that fritillary butterflies need violets? Black swallowtails need Golden Alexanders (shown) or other plants in the carrot family. Spicebush swallowtails need spicebush or sassafras. Zebra swallowtails (shown) need pawpaw trees. It's easy to attract butterflies. Feed their young with native plants, and enjoy the butterfly show the rest of the summer!



⇒ To learn more about which plants host which butterflies, visit:

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/york/native-plants/fact-sheets/butterfly-larval-host-plant-list>

CA POOLS: SUMMER 2022

**NOW
HIRING**

- Pool managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim lesson instructors

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APPLY HERE: <https://bit.ly/3y30uuP>

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

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

EXPLORE COLUMBIA



Now that spring is finally here it's time to enjoy the outdoors! Learn to navigate CA's 94 miles of pathways, as well as their facilities, lakes, and village centers. Come in to Amherst House to purchase a Columbia pathway or street map for just \$1.25 each.

YARD WASTE RECYCLING

Curbside yard waste collection has resumed. Remember that all residents have **plastic bag free** collection. Yard trim materials must be bundled or put in paper bags or reusable containers.



For more info, please visit:
howardcountymd.gov/recycling



Need help with yard work? At Amherst House we maintain a **list of people who do yardwork and odd jobs**. Stop in or call for a copy today! Would you like to be added to our Odd Jobs or Babysitters list? Call Amherst House @ 410-381-9600 or email Info@VillageofKC.org

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

Warmer weather brings an increase in door-to-door sales. Many residents don't like to be solicited at home and 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 & services, take orders for the future delivery of goods & 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.

- ♦ To report an unregistered sales person, or get more information on shopping for home improvements or other goods or services, contact OCP at 410-313-6420 or email: consumer@howardcountymd.gov

Questions? Visit Howardcountymd.gov/consumer

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



Visit ColumbiaConversation.org to share ideas & thoughts about what Columbia means to you, and what CA can be doing to build the best future together. CA welcomes all partners and participants and invites all input, comments and opinions. Questions? Please call 410-715-3000.



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 May 11, 2022. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, May 2, 2022 at 10AM. You can drop your completed Exterior Alteration application at Amherst House, in the secure mailbox hanging on the front of Amherst House, or email it to:

Covenants@VillageofKC.org

RAC REVIEW MARCH 23, 2022

APPROVED

9488 Vollmerhausen Drive	Deck
8926 Skyrock Court	Solar collectors
7323 Narrow Wind Way	Lighting
7509 Water Lily Way	Deck, door, patio
7876 Savage Guilford Road	Roof
10095 Hatbrim Terrace	Porch, deck
9719 Polished Stone	Siding

APPROVED w/PROVISION

9997 Herding Row	Fence
6928 S. Carlinda Avenue	Fence

Guideline Reminder



Please remember Kings Contrivance Covenant Section 6.01 states that "each owner shall keep all lots owned by him in good order and repair." This includes keeping grass cut, painting & repairing house trim and keeping siding clean.



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 March 16, 2022 Board Meeting, the Board:

- heard an update from Lakey Boyd, CA President.
- had a discussion with Jennifer Biddle, Chief of Howard County Traffic Engineering and several residents about traffic issues in the village.
- approved the FY2023 Draft Budget.
- approved the capital purchase of a copy machine.

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** website to stay informed of opportunities for input throughout our planning process.



Questions? Please contact:

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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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are many volunteer opportunities available.
Call **443-573-0925** or email **Volunteer@mowcm.org**

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