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Welcome to the Crown Prints!

The *Crown Prints*, the newsletter for KC Village, is issued twice per month. The first issue of each month will be direct mail like this one and the second issue will only be available by email. All issues are posted on our website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Never miss an issue! Sign up to receive the electronic version of all issues of the *Crown Prints* by visiting **VillageofKC.org** and scrolling to the bottom of the home page.

FALL FLEA MARKET VIN ETCHING SCARECROW MAKING PUMPKIN DECORATING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 9AM-NOON



Searching for treasures? Beginning at 9am on September 17, the Kings Contrivance **Fall Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House. Come see what bargains you can find!

⇒ Rain date: Saturday, September 24.



Bring the whole family and welcome fall!

Make a Scarecrow

(free hay - bring old clothes)

Decorate Pumpkins

(\$2 each, supplies provided).



The HoCo Police Department will be in front of Amherst House offering free **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching**. This program is highly effective at preventing auto theft.

MORE FALL EVENTS @ AMHERST HOUSE

October 28 from 5-7pm

Halloween Happenings

See a free show by Daisy the Clown!
Trick-or-Treat @ the Village Center

November 4 from 7:30-9pm

Family Fun BINGO!

November 12 from 10am-1pm

Free Shredding

(Amherst House parking lot; KC residents only)

Community Clean Up

(Meet in Amherst House; volunteer certificates available)



KEEP YOUR HOME IN COMPLIANCE

- Keep the exterior of your home and your property maintained.
- Perform seasonal yard maintenance
- Apply for changes to the exterior of your property. Find the guidelines and the Exterior Alteration Application on our website: **VillageofKC.org/covenants**
- When selling your house, keep in mind that a Letter of Compliance may take several weeks depending on unforeseen architectural issues.

Questions? Email Covenants@VillageofKC.org



Any action taken to remedy non-compliance of KCCA Guidelines 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, please call 410-381-9600.



CA's Lakefront Live has free entertainment at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront through October 6.

Visit **LakefrontLive.org** for a full schedule.

Sponsored by Columbia Association

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Here's your chance to nominate someone who has done an outstanding job improving life in the KC community! The recipient will be invited to the Volunteer Dinner on October 2. Find the nomination form at: **VillageofKC.org**; click *Living in KC*, then *Village News*. Email completed forms to **Kings@VillageofKC.org** or drop them off at Amherst House.



SAVE THE DATE... SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE

Lunch with Santa December 10 @ 11:30am
Cookies with Santa December 17 @ 2:00pm

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE



School is back in session. Please drive carefully & obey all traffic laws. Thank you for doing your part to keep our young residents safe!

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP SUPPORT MIGRATING MONARCHS



This summer, the monarch butterfly was declared endangered, as populations have plummeted due to habitat loss and climate change. The monarchs' fall migration is beginning, and each of us can help them survive the long journey to Mexico. Monarchs need nectar and safe rest stops all along the migration route. If you've planted native milkweeds, you may already be hosting monarch caterpillars. If you haven't, you can still support the migration by adding an array of fall-blooming native plants to your garden. Aromatic asters like "Raydon's Favorite" and goldenrods like "Fireworks" are two beautiful and deer-resistant options. Monarchs also need trees to rest in overnight and for shelter during storms; consider planting more native trees in your yard. Each of our gardens can become a safe and nourishing rest stop for monarch butterflies. For a list of monarch nectar plants, local native plant nurseries, or for more information contact us at KCVillageCARES@gmail.com.

KC CARES RECYCLING TIPS

- ♦ Japanese stiltgrass is a pervasive shallow-rooted invasive in our area. It is easily removed and should be because it prevents plants from going to seed. Stiltgrass should go straight into your **trash** — not yard waste; it can go into compost as long as there are no seed heads.
- ♦ Grasscycling, or letting grass clippings decompose on the lawn after mowing, encourages a healthier lawn by returning macro and micronutrients to the soil. The environment benefits by an up to 25% reduction in fertilizer decreasing the amount of runoff into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.



FREE RIDES FROM RTA



Did you know residents 60 years of age and older or persons with a disability can take the Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland's (RTA) fixed route service for free? Individuals just need to complete a RTA Certified FREE Ride Card Application. To learn more about this free ride program, contact RTA Mobility at 1-800-270-9553, press option 3, then option 6.



CA BUDGET PROCESS

Welcome to the Columbia Association Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget process, a chance for you to provide feedback on CA's priorities and investments. CA's FY2024 begins May 1, 2023 and ends April 30, 2024.

The Board is scheduled to start discussing (via Zoom) the FY2024 budget during its regularly scheduled work session on September 8 @ 7pm. The Board is set to narrow down top priorities and vote on those at the meeting on September 22 @ 7pm. Residents are always welcome to participate in Resident Speakout, which happens at the start of every Board meeting and work session. These meetings are also live streamed and recorded on YouTube.

In addition to Board meetings, you will also have a chance to offer your input online from October 27-November 3.

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/budget

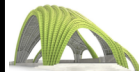
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS & TEENS WANTED

Do you think there is nothing for youth and teens to do in Columbia? Here is your opportunity to get involved and be a part of the solution while having fun and making new friends.

Columbia Association has TWO advisory committees for youth, Teen and Middle School. These Advisory Committees meet monthly and help young people get involved in their community planning, organizing and implementing positive programs and activities for their peers. For more information, please call 410-992-3726 or email

CA.Teens@ColumbiaAssociation.org

CLASSICS AT THE CHRYSALIS SEPTEMBER 11 at 5PM



Presented in partnership with Columbia Orchestra, this **FREE program** features music from Holst's The Planets, Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody, Dvorak's New World & Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. The Orchestra will introduce you to music from their upcoming season by Copland and Prokofiev and play some marvelous new works from around the world. The park setting and short pieces on the program make this a perfect concert for the entire family!

See the full schedule for events at the Chrysalis; visit: **InnerArborTrust.org**



COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. The next meeting will be September 28. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, Sept. 19 @10AM.

Find the Exterior Alteration application on our website: **VillageofKC.org** under the Covenants tab. Please bring your completed application to Amherst House, drop it in the secure mailbox hanging on the front of Amherst House, or email it to: **Covenants@VillageofKC.org**.

LOOKING FOR SPACE TO TEACH A CLASS? HOLD A SEMINAR? GIVE A PRESENTATION?



Amherst House is available daytime & evenings. We have the perfect space for your students or clients! For rental information, call 410-381-9600.



CA OPEN SPACE ISSUES? QUESTIONS?

Dead trees? Tot lot issues? If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, please contact them directly by calling 410-312-6330 or emailing:

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

GET READY FOR *PURPLE FRIDAYS!*



Show your Purple Friday spirit in a Kings Contrivance **fleece jacket** (\$36), **polo shirt** (\$15) or **baseball cap** (\$8)!

We have a variety of men's and women's sizes. Come in to Amherst House today to purchase yours!



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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Monday-Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 10am-1pm (rental tours by appt.)

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EMAIL: Kings@VillageofKC.org

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Looking for space to teach a class? Call or email to schedule an appointment for a tour of our facility.

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Oktoberfest Happy Hour
Friday, September 30, 5-10pm

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(Kings Contrivance Village Center)
www.stmatthewoca.org/festival

Festival
Saturday, October 1
11am - 6:30pm
Sunday, October 2
11:30am - 4:30pm

THE CROWN PRINTS WELCOMES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR