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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.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IS ALMOST HERE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

AMHERST HOUSE & KC VILLAGE CENTER



Daisy the Clown is back with **3 free magic shows** at Amherst House - **5:00pm, 5:45pm and 6:30pm**. Be sure to leave time between **5pm and 7pm** to walk through the village center to show off your costumes and Trick-or-Treat at the Village Center Merchants.

FAMILY FUN BINGO IS BACK! AMHERST HOUSE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 7:30-9PM

Family Fun Bingo is back! Bring your family and friends to Amherst House on Friday, November 4 from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes!

Bingo cards are just 6 for \$1.
Drinks are \$.75 & Snacks are free!



FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP FREE SHREDDING AMHERST HOUSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 10:00AM-1:00PM



Help keep Kings Contrivance open space beautiful. Pick up litter in the open space & along streams and major roads around the village. Register at Amherst House beginning at 10am. Safety vests, bags and rubber gloves will be provided. Wear appropriate clothing as you may pick up in wooded areas. Participation for the entire three hours is not required. Community service certificates available.



Here's your chance to safely get rid of personal papers. **FREE Shredding** will be offered in the Amherst House parking lot from 10am-1pm on November 12.

- Must be a CA Assessed/KC resident; bring ID
- Personal shredding only - no commercial materials
- 10-box/bag limit on paper to be shredded

Please call 410-381-9600 for more information.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE!



Tickets available November 1@
Amherst House

Lunch with Santa: December 10
11:30am-1:30pm

\$6.00/CA and \$6.50/non CA

Cookies with Santa: December 17
2pm-4pm

\$5.00/CA and \$5.50/non CA



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.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP SAFE MOSQUITO CONTROL



If mosquitos are making your yard unpleasant, you may wonder if spraying your property is safe and effective. Unfortunately, it is neither. Even the "all-natural"

chemicals touted by companies can sicken you, your kids, your neighbors, and your pets. They also kill bumblebees, fireflies, and the birds that eat mosquitos. Rain washes the chemicals into our streams where they poison aquatic life. Instead, you can easily set up a "mosquito trap" that kills mosquito larvae – it is safe, effective, and it's as simple as a bucket, a mosquito "dunk", and a handful of straw. Don't forget to empty or eliminate sources of standing water where mosquitos breed. To learn more, visit NWF.org or pick up a copy of Howard County Bee City flyer @ Amherst House.

Questions? Contact: KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

KC CARES WEBINAR GARDENING FOR BIRDS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 7PM



Dr. Clare Walker, Irvine Nature Center, will teach you the best ways to attract birds to your yard. At this time of year, we usually think about putting out feeders as the way to attract birds. But keeping feeders full and clean can be a lot of work (and expensive). Instead, learn how to prepare your garden for winter so it can help keep birds happy and healthy. Discover plants that will both feed our feathered friends and provide beauty to your yard.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>
Zoom Meeting ID: **845 5709 8190**
Passcode: **326801**

No preregistration necessary but webinar is limited to first 100 participants.

Hosted by KC CARES; Co-sponsored by Wilde Lake CARES, Long Reach CARES, Yards Alive!

AUTUMN LEAVES

REMINDER: please do not blow or rake leaves into the street where they will clog storm drains and pollute waterways. Instead, paper bag them or put them in reusable containers and place them curbside on your regular recycling day. Remember **no plastic bags are allowed.**



HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15



8:30-10:00AM: Start with a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Hammond High's Cafeteria. Adults: \$8.00/Kids (ages 7-12): \$4.00/Under 6: free.



10:00AM: Homecoming Parade kicks off from Amherst House in the Village Center. **Community groups** are welcome to march too! (Safeties, Scouts, Future Golden Bears, etc.) Please sign up in advance.



NOON: Homecoming Football Game starts in the HHS Stadium.

Bring your parents, kids, friends and neighbors and join us for this autumn tradition! GO BEARS!

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If you have a convertible, soft-top jeep or truck you are willing to drive in the parade, we need you!

Questions? Contact Merritt Pimental at TLGDANCE1@verizon.net

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Finding Help

HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Have you heard of CAREAPP? CAREAPP is a platform that lets you search for programs and services for food, housing, work, financial assistance and more, right here in HoCo. For help with finding these Howard County programs and services through CAREAPP, visit:

FindHCResources.org

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

10AM-2PM

WILDE LAKE VILLAGE CENTER

"Three out of four people using heroin begin with the use of prescription medication."

Don't be your child's drug dealer! Safely dispose of your unwanted or expired medication — including needles, syringes and EpiPens. HCDrugFree is sponsoring a **drive-thru Drug Take Back Day** from 10am-2pm on October 29th in the parking lot of Wilde Lake Village Center. For more information, call 443-325-0040 or visit **HCDrugFree.org**.



Report non-emergency issues to Howard County using the **Tell HoCo mobile app** to report issues pertaining to potholes, signs, graffiti, sidewalks, roadways, guardrails, parks, trees, sewers, dead animals or water.



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 October 26. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, October 17 @ 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.

RAC MEETING SCHEDULE



There will be only **one RAC meeting** each month in November and December. Submit applications by October 31st at 10am for the **November 9th meeting** and by December 5th at 10am for the **December 14th meeting**.

SIDEWALK MAINTAINANCE



Please remember...if your property has a sidewalk along the **SIDE OR REAR** property line (even if the sidewalk area is behind a fence) it is your responsibility to mow the grass, rake the leaves and shovel snow in this area. You are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk and grassy areas so that it is safe for public use. It's the law!

Howard County code, Section 18.402(a) and (h).

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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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



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

QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

Howard County Police Non-Emergency
(noise complaints, non-licensed cars on the street)
♦ **410-313-2200**

Howard County Highways: Maintenance
(sidewalks, street signs, trees, ponds, grass cutting)
♦ **410-313-7450**

HoCo Cable TV Authority (questions/complaints)
♦ **410-313-3318**

Howard County Senior Assistance
♦ **410-313-7212**

Howard County Rec and Parks
♦ **410-313-4640**

Howard County Bulk Pickup/Trash/Recycle
♦ **410-313-6444**

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EMAIL: **Kings@VillageofKC.org**

Free Notary Services available; please call for hours.

Amherst House Hours

**Monday-Friday
10am-5pm**

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



Interested in booking a social or business rental at Amherst House? Looking for space to teach a class? Call 410-381-9600 or email **Facility@VillageofKC.org** to learn more about rentals or to schedule an appt. for a tour of our facility.

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