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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 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP and 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 on any Amherst House events.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE!

Tickets are available now at Amherst House



LUNCH WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
11:30AM-1:30PM

Enjoy pizza, a craft, cookie decorating and a visit and photo with Santa!

\$6.00 CA assessed/\$6.50 non-assessed

COOKIES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
2:00PM-4:00PM

Enjoy making a craft, decorating cookies and a visit and photo with Santa!

\$5.00 CA assessed/\$5.50 non-assessed



AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will close at 3PM on Wednesday, November 23. The office will reopen at 10AM on Monday, November 28.

HOLIDAY SLIDE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week is on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled on or after Thanksgiving will "slide" and be made one day later that week. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving.

⇒ Please note: the week of Veteran's Day is NOT on a slide schedule.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 9:30AM



Honor our community's veterans at the 8th Annual Veterans Day Parade & Celebration! Parade begins at 9:30am at the Merriweather District, heads down Merriweather Drive and onto Little Patuxent Parkway, ending at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. A ceremony will follow at the lakefront featuring free coffee provided by Starbucks and a card-making station for troops provided by the Columbia Art Center. Parking is available at The Mall in Columbia. Questions? Visit HowardCountyVeterans.org/parade

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

A Leafy Treasure in Your Yard



You may wish the leaves covering your lawn could magically disappear, but wait! They can actually be a treasure for you and for Mother Nature.

Mulch! Rake leaves around your flower beds, trees and cool weather garden crops to protect roots and soil organisms from rapid changes in temperature.

Compost! Add leaves to your pile or bin as "brown material" needed for nutrient balance.

Lawn fertilizer! Use a mulching mower to add free fertilizer to your yard. (Check out the CA video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNmKLaK31LA>)

Habitat! Place piles of leaves in corners of your yard as shelter for birds, animals, overwintering pollinators and other insects.

Rake and Take - A Master Gardener Program

Have more leaves than you can use for mulching and compost? Need leaves for mulch and /or compost? Contact Ms. Pat Hooker, 410-489-4314 or phooker9440@gmail.com. Donors needed!

HOCO POLICE PROVIDE "TRANSACTION SAFE PLACE"



With online sale sites becoming more and more popular, the Howard County Police Department is offering community members places to facilitate exchanges as safely as possible. Designated parking spaces, marked with yellow signs, are available for this purpose at:

- ⇒ Northern District Station
(3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City)
- ⇒ Southern District Station
(11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel)
- ⇒ Community Outreach
(10471 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia)

The lobbies of the police stations are also available for use as meetup spots.

When buying, selling and meeting people whom you do not know. HoCo Police offer these tips:

- ⇒ Don't agree to meet anyone who refuses to do so at a police station or other public location.
- ⇒ NEVER use your home as a meeting location.
- ⇒ Arrange sales during daylight hours only and don't go to the meeting location alone.
- ⇒ Do not accept personal checks.



ROBINSON NATURE CENTER HOLIDAY FUN

Check out all of the exciting activities available at Robinson Nature Center this holiday season - from films in the digital planetarium to guided nature walks; from a holiday Makers Mart to "Frozen Fest." Lots of programs for kids and/or adults! For more info, please call: 410-313-0400 or visit: HowardCountyMD.gov/Robinson

GO SOLAR! ONLINE INFO SESSION NOVEMBER 29 FROM 7-8PM



Columbia Association has partnered with Civic Works Energy Programs to make it easy and affordable for residents to go solar. As a non-profit community resource, Civic Works Energy Programs serves as your advocate and guides you through each step of the process. An Energy Advisor will offer personalized assistance, answer questions, and ensure that you receive quality service from a vetted and screened contractor. Sessions fill up quickly; contact an Energy Advisor at: 410-929-6139 or email EnergyPrograms@civicworks.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for ways to give back?
Make a difference in your community!

⇒ **The Community Action Council of HoCo**
With a mission to diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency and advocate for low-income families & individuals, CAC welcomes group and individual volunteers. For more info, please call 410-313-6440 or visit **CAC-HC.org**

⇒ **Neighbor Ride**

An affordable, volunteer-based transportation system for Howard County seniors. Neighbor Ride helps connect seniors to people, services and activities that add meaning and value to their lives. To volunteer, support Neighbor Ride's efforts, or to request a ride, please call **410-884-7433** or visit **NeighborRide.org**

⇒ **Meals on Wheels**

Provides support services including Homebound Meal Delivery, Grocery Assistance, Isolation Reduction, Phone Pals and Kibble Connection (for clients with pets.) There are many volunteer opportunities available. Call **443-573-0925** or email **Volunteer@mowcm.org**

⇒ **Howard County**

HoCo welcomes new volunteers for tons of rewarding opportunities. **HoCoVolunteer.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 December 14th. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, December 5th @ 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** December. Please submit applications by December 5th at 10am for the **December 14th meeting**.

DID YOU KNOW?



Our covenant advisor does not inspect a property unless an inquiry is received at our office. Inquiries may be anonymous. If you have questions or observations about a property in the village, please call Amherst House at 410-381-9600.

CA OPEN SPACE: ISSUES? QUESTIONS?

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

UPCOMING AGENDA

December 7 Board Meeting

The project manager in the Stormwater Management Division for Howard County will present Capital Project D-1177 - Many Mile Mews Stormwater Management Pond Repair. During the County's inspection of ponds, it was noted that the infrastructure for this pond had corroded and deteriorated. Access for the construction work will be between 9475 and 9485 White Spring Way. Areas disturbed during construction will be replanted. Repairs are scheduled to begin in late summer 2023 and last eight months

WINTER FUN @ AMHERST HOUSE

- ◇ Three **free gardening talks** presented by the Howard County Master Gardeners. Talks will be held in January, February, and March.
- ◇ Family Fun BINGO will be held again in January. Date to be determined.
- ◇ Wine Tasting will return in February!

More details in upcoming issues of the Crown Prints.

NEED HELP? CALL 2-1-1

2-1-1 Maryland provides simple access to health & human services information. 2-1-1 connects people with help for employment, utility assistance, food, housing, health care & family resources such as child and elder care. Specialists answer calls 24 hours a day.

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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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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Call Mike Friend
410-290-9728

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, please call 410-381-9600.

* Liability Insurance may be required.



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