

# CROWN PRINTS

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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 and Twitter.

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

## FAMILY FUN BINGO! FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30-9:00PM @ AMHERST HOUSE



Family Fun BINGO is back! Bring your family and friends of all ages to Amherst House on Friday, January 27 from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes! Bingo cards are 6 for \$1. Drinks are \$1. Snacks are free. There's no need to register, just show up for a fun family night out.

## CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS @ AMHERST HOUSE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 7:30 PM



Save the date: details coming soon!

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULES AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED

Amherst House will be closed for the holidays. The offices will close at 3pm on December 23rd and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 10am.

- ◆ Please plan ahead and, if necessary, purchase Resale Packets before we close for the holidays.

### SLIDE SCHEDULE: TRASH & RECYCLING

Both Christmas and New Year's weeks are on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled those weeks will "slide" and be made one day later that week. Since the holidays fall on Sundays, Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Join us this winter for a series of three **FREE gardening talks** via *Zoom*. Enjoy these informative presentations given by members of the Howard County Master Gardeners.

### January 24 from 7-8pm Starting a Garden from Seed



Growing annuals and perennials during the winter in preparation for spring and summer gardens is fun and rewarding. Learn how to plant seeds, care for, and transplant seedlings. Techniques will be shared to help avoid some common problems. There will be a demonstration on to make newspaper pots for seedlings.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>  
Zoom Meeting ID: **838 9615 4831**  
Passcode: **969031**

*Coming soon...details on the February & March Master Gardener Events!*

## SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED



Throughout the winter months, 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](mailto:Info@VillageofKC.org) for details.

- ◆ We also maintain lists of **babysitters and odd jobs services**. Please email: [Info@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Info@VillageofKC.org) to be added to our list.



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.

⇒ You can also visit [HowardCountyMD.gov/tell-hoco](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/tell-hoco) to report issues.

## A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

### Winter Wonderlands for Wildlife



Winter can be a cozy time for your family, with warm socks and mugs of hot chocolate, but it's a tough time to be living outdoors! You can help birds, bees, butterflies, and other creatures survive the winter by providing food and shelter in your yard.

**Leaving the leaves:** many of our native pollinators overwinter safely tucked in a blanket of leaves on the ground. Birds and small critters like squirrels can find meals in the leaf litter too.

**Saving the stems:** letting dead flower heads stay standing in your yard provides seeds for birds as well as habitat for many of our native bees, who lay their eggs in hollow stems of native plants.

To learn more about how you can support the winter residents of your yard, contact KC CARES at [kcvillegecares@gmail.com](mailto:kcvillegecares@gmail.com) or visit the Xerces Society at: <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/nesting-overwintering-habitat>

## 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).*

## STREET LIGHTS OUT?

⇒ BGE has a website through which anyone can report street lights that are out, on all day, damaged, etc. If possible, provide the light pole number:

**BGE.streetlightoutages.com**

You can also report street light issues by calling  
**1-800-685-0123**

⇒ Report lights out & other issues on state roads (numbered routes) at: **1-800-635-5119**

## CA FINISH STRONG PROGRAM for STUDENTS AGED 8-13



**CA** CA's Teen Advisory Committee has worked extremely hard to organize the CA Finish Strong program that offers open tutoring to all students aged 8-13, 100% free of charge! The committee is made up of qualified high school volunteers from around Howard County. Students can expect various activities in addition to tutoring such as basketball, crafts, board games, and more. These sessions will be every Tuesday at Columbia Athletic Club and Thursday at Supreme Sports Club from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. No Columbia Association Membership is required to attend! If you have any questions, please contact

[rene.buckmon@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:rene.buckmon@columbiaassociation.org)

## RECYCLE HOLIDAY TREES



Prepare your tree for recycling by removing all ornaments, garlands, lights, tinsel, plastic bags, or any other artificial materials. Live trees are taken to the Alpha Ridge Landfill to be recycled into compost and mulch. Recycle your tree on your normal recycling day through January 20. Trees will not be collected on trash days.

## YARD TRIM COLLECTION



The last day for curbside Yard Trim collection will be January 20, 2023. Pickup will resume in the spring. 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](http://HowardCountyRecycles.org).

## COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

CAC provides HoCo residents with Food & Housing Assistance, Early Childhood Education and Energy & Weatherization Assistance.

- ♦ To donate, please visit: [cac-hc.org](http://cac-hc.org)
- ♦ If you need assistance, call: **410-313-6440**

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

Please remember to submit an Exterior Alteration Application for items such as Basketball Backboards and Poles, Play Equipment, Bird Baths, Ponds and Hot Tubs. Find the application on our website, [VillageofKC.org](http://VillageofKC.org), under Covenants.



If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, please contact **Columbia Association Open Space** directly. You can report issues in Open Space such as trees across a CA pathway or tot lot problems.

Call **410-312-6330** or email: [Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org)

**THE CROWN PRINTS WELCOMES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



## 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 January 11, 2023. Please be sure to submit applications by Tuesday, January 3rd @ 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**



## 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



## LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost or found something in the neighborhood? Amherst House receives everything from hats and gloves to credit cards, toys and car keys. Please call or come by if you have lost or found something.

*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.

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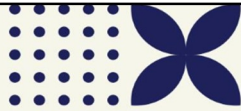


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**Join us during Advent: Come to the Stable**

Advent Meditation Services will be available weekly throughout Advent. Access the services on our YouTube channel or via our website, [newhopelutheran.org](http://newhopelutheran.org).

On Wednesday December 14 there will be a special "Blue Christmas" in-person service at 7 pm (this service will also be available via YouTube)

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

Saturday, December 24 @ 3:00 PM (family focused) and 8 PM (traditional)  
 (Nursery available at both services)

Our Christmas Eve service will also be available on our YouTube channel or via our website, [newhopelutheran.org](http://newhopelutheran.org).

**Christmas Day Service – 10 am**

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