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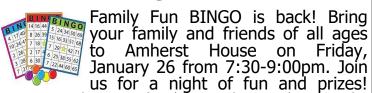
The *Crown Prints* is issued twice per month. The first issue of each month is direct mailed to each home in the village. The second issue of each month is available by email.

All issues are also posted on our website (VillageofKC.org) and on Facebook (Kings Contrivance Village).

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.

FAMILY FUN BINGO! FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 7:30-9:00PM @ AMHERST HOUSE



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.

MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Join us this winter for a series of three FREE gardening **talks** via *Zoom*. Enjoy these informative presentations given by Caroline Feil, Howard County Master Gardener. Registration not required.

Tuesday, January 23 from 7-8pm

Pruning — Why, How, and When
Learn how to prune trees, what types of shrubs should be pruned each season, and techniques to shape trees and shrubs as you desire.

Visit: https://zoom.us/join Zoom Meeting ID: **861 7751 0884** Passcode: 219724

Tuesday, February 20 from 7-8pm Flowers and Vegetables **Can Thrive in Containers**

Learn about popular vegetables and flowers that can be grown separately or together, providing food and beauty in spring, summer, and fall

Tuesday, March 26 from 7-8pm<u>100 Square Foot Gardening</u> Learn about design ideas. Soil preparation, and

succession planting for small gardening spaces.

Zoom details coming soon for the February & March Gardening Events!

COOKIES WITH SANTA @ AMHERST HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 2:00PM-4:00PM

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

\$6.00 CA assessed/\$6.50 non-assessed Tickets available @ Amherst House or call us at 410-381-9600

TOT LOT RENOVATION

Columbia Association will be completely renovating the Blue Sea Tot Lot (KC-29). Construction is scheduled to begin in late winter. You can view the plans on our website, VillageofKC.org, under Village News.

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SAVE THE DATE!

LADIES' NIGHT BINGO

Friday, February 23 @ 7:30PM Amherst House



LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION

The Hidden History of Howard County February 27 @ 10:30AM Amherst House



HOLIDAY SCHEDULES AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will be closed for the holidays. The offices will close at 5pm on December 22nd and reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 @ 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.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP **Sustainable Ideas for Holiday Gifts!**



Working on your holiday gift list or compiling your own wish-list? Spread joy with sustainable gifts that support "zero-waste" practices. Zero waste means nothing goes into

the landfill; instead, it's reused, upcycled, recycled, or composted. Why does this matter? Zero-waste practices conserve natural resources and put less stress on our environment.

Some ideas for everyone in your life:

- Cotton napkins or kitchen towels to replace use of paper napkins and towels. They'll add a decorative touch and save money.
- Easy care house plants can help freshen indoor air, relieve stress, and add beauty.
- Spiced nuts, baked goods or other treats packaged in clean reused jars or containers from your home or thrift shops. Decorate with crafty items you already have.
- The gift of experiences, such as museum or aquarium tickets, or a cooking class.
- The gift of time. Offer to help with an errand or chore, or simply spend quality time together!

Learn more, visit: https://theroundup.org/zero-waste-living/

https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/ gift-ideas/g30188103/eco-friendly-gifts/

Reach us at **KCvillageCARES@gmail.com** to learn more or to sign up for our weekly local environmental newsletter.



CA's Family Festive Fridays at the Downtown Lakefront are set for Dec. 8 and 15, from 5:30-8 p.m. The free events will feature ice sculpture, music, and arts and crafts activities for children. Watch ice sculptures, capture a memory at the holiday-themed photobooth, listen to the live choral music and enjoy arts and activities at the craft tent. Entry is free, with snacks, drinks and S'mores kits available for purchase.

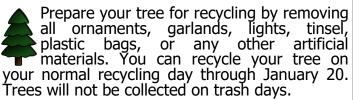
Attendees for Lakefront events are directed to park on the upper or lower levels of the Wincopin Garage, in the parking garage in front of Lakehouse, on the parking lots at Sterrett Place or at The Mall. There is no event parking allowed in the Whole Foods parking lots.

ASK@HowardCountyMD.gov



Howard County Government remains committed to ensuring a responsive government. If you have questions or concerns, or are trying to access County services, but you are not quite sure who to contact, email: ask@howardcountymd.gov and the County will assist you further to ensure everyone has access to the best quality of life and resources available!

RECYCLE HOLIDAY TREES



YARD TRIM COLLECTION

Reminder! Now that KC Village is eligible for the Feed the Green Bin program, yard trim collection is year round! For trash & recycling info, call 410-313-6444 or visit HowardCountyRecycles.org

Sign up for a Green Bin today! Visit:

HowardCountymd.gov/bureauenvironmental-services/feed-green-bin

Howard County offers CURBSIDE FREE BÚLK 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

SNOW CLEAN-UP

Don't forget to clear your sidewalk after a snowstorm—it's the law.

"It is the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right of way to remove snow from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow has fallen." *Howard County code, Section 18.402(h).*

Do not park on streets, especially on or around cul-de-sacs.



Make snow removal easy for highway crews: park your vehicles in driveways. This also allows police and firefighters to respond quickly to public safety tasks.

Where to go for more snow information:

- Bureau of Highways: 410-313-7450
- Bureau of Utilities: 410-313-4900
- Bureau of Environ. Services: 410-313-6444
- County: HowardCountyMD.gov
- State: Chart.Maryland.gov

COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. The next meeting is January 10. Please submit applications by Tuesday, January 2 @ 10AM.

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

RAC MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Kings Contrivance Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm (currently virtually). Committee members review applications for architectural alterations, visit the properties to help determine the suitability of the alterations, and attend the RAC meetings. One to four property visits per meeting may be required.

> Interested? Please email: Covenants@VillageofKC.org

VILLAGE BOARD

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. Meetings are held in-person at Amherst House.

THE LOAN CLOSET OF HOWARD COUNTY

The Loan Closet of Howard County connects with individuals medical equipment walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, bedrails, shower chairs, and much more) on a loan basis, free of charge. To receive equipment, your healthcare professional must complete a Loan Closet Referral Form. Appointments are required for all services; call **410-313-0363** to discuss your needs or ask for a referral.

Items accepted for donation!

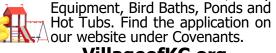
Check inventory, find the referral form, and see what is needed for donation by visiting:

HowardCountyMD.gov/Disability-services

The Loan Closet of Howard County is located at 7125 Riverwood Drive, Suite D1, Columbia, MD

HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

Please remember to submit an Exterior Alteration Application for items such as Basketball Backboards and Poles, Play





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 more info, please call 410-381-9600.

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 Saturdav 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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Join us during Advent: Love in the Midst of Darkness

Advent Meditation Services will be available weekly throughout Advent. Access the services on our YouTube channel or via our website, **newhopelutheran.org**.

On Wednesday December 13 there will be a special "Blue Christmas-Light in the Midst of Deep Darkness" in-person service at 7 pm (this service will also be available via YouTube)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 24 @ 10:00 AM (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.

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