

CROWN PRINTS

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FAMILY FUN BINGO! **FRIDAY, JANUARY 26** **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 26 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.

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, former 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 ***100 Square Foot Gardening***

Learn about design ideas. Soil preparation, and succession planting for small gardening spaces.

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



DON'T FORGET...
PHOTOS FROM OUR SANTA EVENTS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT
AMHERST HOUSE.



FREE WEBINAR ***WINTER REMOVAL*** ***OF INVASIVE VINES***

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 7-8:30PM

Join Weed Warrior instructors John McCoy, CA Watershed Manager, Bob Marietta, HCC Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor, & Eric Walker, CA Conservation Landscape Specialist as they host an interactive webinar where you will learn to identify and remove common invasive & native vines and plants. No registration needed.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>
Zoom Meeting ID: **864 1682 3969**
Passcode: **140443**

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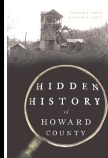


LADIES' NIGHT BINGO **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23** **7:30PM @ AMHERST HOUSE**

Bring your friends and join us for this adult-only evening of refreshments & BINGO with fun prizes! Tickets are \$10 per person & include 12 BINGO cards; 12 games will be played. Extra cards will be available for purchase. Register by calling 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.

*Seats are limited! Get your tickets by February 15 for a chance to win a \$25 Corner Stable gift card.

LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION ***The Hidden History of Howard County*** **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 10:30AM** **AMHERST HOUSE**



Join local authors Nathan Davis and Wayne Davis and learn about Howard County's rich and fascinating past; areas covered include our own backyard neighborhoods of Guilford, Atholton, Savage and much more!

No registration is required.
Coffee and pastries will be served.

AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE



Amherst House will be closed on Saturday, January 13th and Monday, January 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th at 10am.

•Trash & recycling pick-up will be on a regular schedule the week of January 15th. It is not a *slide week*.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

LET'S IDLE LESS



Did you know that idling (running your car engine for 10 seconds or more when you're not moving) produces more pollution and uses more fuel than stopping and restarting the engine? Idling increases pollutants that cause lung diseases like asthma, heart disease, and cancer. Pollution affects children most because their lungs are still developing. Unnecessary idling also wastes fuel & can cause more engine wear, leading to more trips to the repair shop.

How to Reduce Unnecessary Idling

1. Turn off the vehicle when stopped for 10 seconds or more.
2. Avoid drive-through lines; park and go into businesses.
3. Don't "warm up" your car. Run the engine for about 30 seconds and then drive off gently.
4. When waiting for the kids after school this winter, dress warmly, bring a blanket or an insulated mug with a hot beverage. Turn off the engine.

For more info visit: https://afdc.energy.gov/files/publication/idling_personal_vehicles.pdf

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

SALT SMART

In summer, we think about our streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. In winter, we think about roads, sidewalks, and safety. This is a good time to consider the big safety picture—humans, pets, other animals, our infrastructure, concrete, and vulnerable watershed. 'Tis the season to salt smart.

A crash lesson in chemistry: Chloride salts (sodium, magnesium, calcium, potassium) add salinity to reservoirs (think drinking water), streams, and rivers. Chloride-free salts like calcium magnesium acetate and potassium acetate have less environmental impact. In choosing a deicing salt, look for the lowest practical melting temperature, salt evenly, don't over-apply, and cleanup spills. Clear walkways and other areas before snow turns to ice – the more snow you remove manually, the less salt you need to use. Learn about homemade treatments at www.novaregion.org/1497/Materials-to-Treat-Snow-and-Ice

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.

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



Village elections are approaching and we need volunteers to serve on the Election Committee. Committee members oversee the voting process to include issuing, receiving and counting the ballots cast on election days. This year's elections will be held on Friday, April 19th from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, April 20th from 9am to 1pm. Are you interested in serving on the committee? Contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.

CA POOLS: SUMMER 2024

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**All CA Team Members receive a
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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).

During the winter, residents are often looking for people willing to shovel snow. We keep a list of local snow shovelers that we pass along to our residents. We also maintain lists of Odd Jobs and Recommended Contractors. Call or stop by for your copies today!

**Snow
Shovelers
Needed!**



**Are you interested in
being put on the list
of snow shovelers
that we give out? Do
you have a teenager
who would like to be on the list? If so,
please call 410-381-9600 for details.**



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.


RECEIVE THE CROWN PRINTS BY EMAIL! SEND A REQUEST TO: Info@VillageofKC.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 is January 24. Please submit applications by Tuesday, January 16 @ 10AM.

Find the Exterior Alteration application on our website: **VillageofKC.org** under the Covenants tab. Bring your completed 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.

Agendas are posted on our website and on our Facebook page the Monday before the meeting.

CHILD CARE INFO FAIR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 10AM-1PM NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road



The 2024 Howard County Child Care Information Fair will provide parents and guardians with "one stop shopping" for information on child care, pre-school, school-aged and summer programs. Admission is free; For info, contact HoCo Office of Children at 410-313-2273 or email:

Children@HowardCountyMD.gov

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL WINTER DANCE CONCERT JAN 11 and JAN 12 @ 7PM Hammond High Auditorium

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Hcpss.booktix.com/dept/hahsdance



ROAD TO KINDERGARTEN



Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024? Howard County Public School System is holding three information sessions in January about the Road to Kindergarten. Learn details of the Kindergarten program, expectations for school readiness, how to register and much more. Questions? Learn more by visiting **HCPSS.org/enroll/** or by calling **410-313-5693**.

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.)

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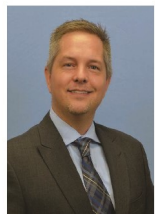
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