

CROWN PRINTS



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VILLAGE ELECTIONS 2024 TIMELINE



- March 21** A nomination petition is required to run for the KC Village Board (four seats available, two-year term) and must be received at Amherst House by 5pm. Candidates may submit a 150-word statement by March 25 @ 5pm. Nomination packets are available at Amherst House, at VillageofKC.org and via email - Kings@VillageofKC.org.
- April 4** Absentee ballots available at Amherst House and in the *Crown Prints*.
- April 17** Candidates' Night @ 7pm (held only if election is contested)
- April 18** Absentee ballots must be returned to Amherst House by 5pm.
- April 19 & 20 Election Days @ Amherst House**
Friday 5-7pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

KIDS VOTE TOO!

Children under 18 residing in the village are encouraged to vote as well! Young voters will vote to decide which animal the Kings Contrivance Community Association will adopt from the Maryland Zoo.

COLUMBIA CLEANS DAY & FREE SHREDDING SATURDAY, APRIL 13 10AM-1PM @ AMHERST HOUSE



Help keep the village beautiful. Join us as we pick up litter in the Open Space and along major roads in our village. Registration begins at 10AM at Amherst House. Safety vests, bags & rubber gloves are provided. Community service certificates will be available.



Stop by our **FREE SHREDDING** event in the Amherst House parking lot. For Kings Contrivance residents only. Bring personal papers for on-site shredding; no commercial/business materials will be accepted. Max 10 boxes or bags. Paper clips, staples, hanging file folders, non-plastic binders & files are acceptable; no binder clips.

Call **410-381-9600** or email
Events@VillageofKC.org for more info.

FREE GARDENING PRESENTATION Tuesday, March 26 from 7-8pm *100 Square Foot Gardening*

Join us this **FREE gardening talk** via *Zoom*. This presentation will be given by Caroline Feil, former Howard County Master Gardener.



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

Registration not required.

Visit: **<https://zoom.us/join>**

Zoom Meeting ID: 889 9510 1177

Passcode: 911231

KINGS CONTRIVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL TOWNHALL AMHERST HOUSE MARCH 12 FROM 7-8:30PM



Do you have environmental concerns? Come meet our County Council Rep Christiana Rigby! This will be a friendly town hall between KC residents and our county representative, Christiana Rigby. KC CARES will moderate the discussion. Councilwoman Rigby will present a brief overview of the county legislative process, highlight her environmental accomplishments, and then have a friendly discussion with residents. Our aim is to discover what we can all do to help our environmental legislative goals have a chance to become county law.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

RSVP to KCvillageCARES@gmail.com to let us know you are coming & what your primary concerns are.



SPRING FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, APRIL 20 9AM-NOON



Our popular Spring Flea Market will take place in the Amherst House parking lot on April 20; Village Election Day! The cost for CA-assessed residents is \$15 for one space or \$20 for two spaces; \$20 per space for non-CA. Maximum of two spaces.

No vendors please! Rain date is May 4.

Spaces are available now and sell out quickly! Please call **410-381-9600** or come in to Amherst House to reserve your spot.

**KC CARES' FAMILY FEST
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FUN!
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
10 AM-NOON @ AMHERST HOUSE**



KC CARES is hosting an environmental family fest on Village Election Day. Come cast your vote and stay with your children to paint and take home a wren house, plant native partridge peas in a terra cotta pot, learn about insect life cycles while playing a game, and take home a free native spring bloomer! (while supplies last) Children of all ages welcome with parent accompaniment.

Questions? Contact: KCVillageCares@gmail.com



**GO SOLAR!
ONLINE INFO SESSION
MARCH 20 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, 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. To register for this virtual meeting, call 410-929-6139 or visit energyprograms.civicworks.com/rsvp-columbia

REMINDER!

Regardless of what your solar company, installer or contractor tells you, installation of **all solar collectors/panels requires approval** from Kings Contrivance. To request approval prior to installation, you must submit an Exterior Alteration Application. This can be found on our website or picked up at Amherst House.



**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER
FOR KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten is mandatory in MD. State law requires that children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2024 must be 5 years old on or before Sept 1, 2024. Parents or guardians are to register students at the school currently serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Parents may check the School Locator and School Transportation link on the school system website, HCPSS.org, or call the Public Information Office at 410-313-6600.

**WELCOME TO KC VILLAGE!
PINK & ROSE BEAUTY BAR**



Pink & Rose Beauty Bar has opened in our Village Center. They offer cosmetic makeup services such as lip blush tattoo and powder brow tattoo. Pink & Rose is located at 8640 Guilford Rd, Suite 240, above the Village Center. They can be reached at 667-261-0537 or pink-rose-lashes.square.site



Over fifty residents enjoyed a fun evening at our annual Ladies' Night Bingo. Many thanks for the generous donations we received from:

- ♦ Kings Contrivance Jewelers
- ♦ The Corner Stable
- ♦ Trattoria E Pizzeria
- ♦ Harris Teeter

and a big Thank You to our fabulous BINGO callers - **Fred Niziol and Ed Gardocki.**

Your continued support helps to make our community events successful!

PILATES CLASS @ AMHERST HOUSE



Taught by Leigh Roberts
Intermediate level. Please bring a mat.
MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

March 4—April 29 (no class March 25)

Please call Amherst House for more information, including tuition rates. 410-381-9600

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE?
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

PLEASE STOP BY AMHERST HOUSE OR CALL US
FOR MORE INFO.
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CA POOLS: SUMMER 2024

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or call CA Aquatics: **410-312-6332**

The Woodpark Lane Stormwater Pond Repair Project (Capital Project D-1177) will begin this month and should run through July 2024. The pond is located west of Rain Flower Way. Rain Flower Way and Woodpark Lane will remain open. You can find the proposed improvements on our website VillageofKC.org under *Living in KC* then *Village News*. Questions? Please contact Project Manager Bill Liu at 410-313-6416 or BLiu@HowardCountyMD.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 March 27. Please submit applications by Monday, March 18 @ 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

*Want to volunteer in your community?
Have a few hours to spare every month?*

RAC MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Kings Contrivance Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) reviews applications for architectural alterations in our village. You will visit one to four properties for each meeting to help determine the suitability of the alterations. The applications are reviewed at the RAC meetings which are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm (currently virtually).

Interested? Please email:
Covenants@VillageofKC.org

New Hope Lutheran Church



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Our Theme for Lent – Holy Lament

**Midweek Meditations, Wednesdays – March 6,
13, & 20 • 7:00 PM**

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday **Maundy Thursday**
March 24 • 10:00 AM March 28 • 7:00 PM

Good Friday **Easter Sunday**
March 29 • 7:00 PM March 31 • 10:00 AM

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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 each meeting.



- Recessed Lighting
- Light Replacements
- Smoke Detectors
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- Outside Flood Lights
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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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Facebook: Kings Contrivance Village

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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