

# CROWN PRINTS



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We need your vote in the Village Elections!  
Stop by Amherst House to vote on Friday evening (5-7pm) or vote on Saturday (9am-1pm) and shop at our Flea Market (9am-noon) and take part in KC CARES Family Fest (10am-noon).

**Be the 110th voter and receive a KC swag bag!**

## VILLAGE ELECTION DAYS



**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**  
**5-7PM**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
**9AM-1PM**

Come to Amherst House and cast your vote in the Kings Contrivance Village Election.

- There are four residents running for four open Kings Contrivance board seats (two year term): **Melissa Hogle, Fred Niziol, Vivian Feen and Madeleine Borowski.**
- We must have a quorum of **110 votes** to validate the election.

**Absentee Ballots must be cast by 5PM on Thursday, April 18, at Amherst House.**  
Questions? Please call 410-381-9600

### KC KIDS VOTE TOO!

Children residing in the village who are not yet 18 years old are encouraged to vote, too! They will vote to select which animal the Kings Contrivance Community Association will adopt from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Encouraging kids to participate will instill a sense of civic pride and remind them of the importance of voting when they are older.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Here's your chance to nominate a Kings Contrivance resident who has done an outstanding job improving life in Kings Contrivance. Nomination forms are available at Amherst House and on our website [VillageofKC.org](http://VillageofKC.org) under "Living in KC." Please email completed forms to [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org) or drop them off at Amherst House.

## ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
**9AM-NOON**  
**SPRING FLEA MARKET**



After you vote, come shop for treasures at our popular Flea Market! Beginning at 9am, The Kings Contrivance **Spring Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House. Come see what bargains you can find!

The rain date is Saturday, May 4.

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



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](mailto:KCVillageCares@gmail.com)

## HOW CAN AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CHATBOT HELP YOU?

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23 @ 10:30AM**  
**AMHERST HOUSE**



We've all heard the buzz about how AI is revolutionizing the world and how AI chatbots are doing everything from writing term papers to planning workouts. Come see firsthand what it can do. Our resident, Scrib Messenger, will give a very non-technical presentation using ChatGPT to show how you can use it for your personal purposes. Call Amherst House to register for this **free presentation.**

## A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



### COLUMBIA SHRUB EXCHANGE!

#### Do you know what shrubs are in your yard?

Many of our homes were landscaped with invasive shrubs, including burning bush, Japanese barberry, & nandina. CA village CARES and environmental groups have come together to raise awareness of invasive shrubs common in Columbia yards, and to offer FREE beautiful and environmentally beneficial native shrubs in exchange for removing invasive shrubs.

You can start supporting pollinators, feeding the birds, and help stop the spread of invasive plants! Register now and reserve up to 2 native shrubs, choosing from 8 options. You will be asked to submit before-and-after photos of removal before pick up. Pick up is on Saturday, October 19 at Howard County Community College.

**\*\*Columbia residents only.\*\***

**While supplies last.**

**Registration has started and shrubs are going fast!**



Register using the QR code or this link  
<https://forms.gle/wR33LedSmTNEzxDA>

This shrub exchange was made possible by Chesapeake Bay Trust and matching support from Columbia Association. For more information, contact us at [KCVillageCARES@gmail.com](mailto:KCVillageCARES@gmail.com)

### SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

#### \$50 GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE!



Get to know your neighbors—host a block party this summer! Call or come into Amherst House and fill out a Block Party Registration form, invite all of your neighbors and have a blast. After the party, bring in your receipts for food, soft drinks, paper goods, etc. and be reimbursed up to \$50.

#### \$200 CUL-DE-SAC GRANTS



Does your cul-de-sac need sprucing up? We are offering three \$200 grants to be used to beautify your cul-de-sac. To qualify, you must live on Columbia assessed property in Kings Contrivance. Planting tips and plans are available if you need inspiration! Call 410-381-9600 or email [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org).

### BULK PICKUP

Spring Cleaning?

HoCo offers *free bulk pickup!*

Schedule a bulk pickup; call:

410-313-6444



## EXPLORE COLUMBIA



Now that spring is finally here it's time to enjoy the outdoors! Learn to navigate CA's 94 miles of pathways, as well as their facilities, lakes, and village centers. Come in to Amherst House to purchase a Columbia pathway or street map for just \$1.25 each.

### STREET LIGHTS OUT?

BGE has a website for reporting street lights that are out, on all day, damaged, etc. If possible, provide the light pole number:

**[BGE.streetlightoutages.com](http://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**

### SPRING DANCE CONCERT

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**MAY 2, 3 & 4 @ 7:00PM**



Hammond Dance presents their Spring Dance Concert on May 2, 3 & 4 @ 7pm each evening in the Hammond High Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$7.00 each and can be purchased at the door or online at: **[HCPSS.BookTix.com](http://HCPSS.BookTix.com)**.

## CA SUMMER CAMPS



The CA Summer Camp program offers a safe and fun environment that will help campers build community, cultivate a unique sense of place and create lifelong memories. With a range of camp options and locations to choose from, your kids will have the summer of a lifetime!

CA camps are open to youth 5 – 12 years old To register for 2024 Summer Camps, please visit:

**[ColumbiaAssociation.org/Services/Camps](http://ColumbiaAssociation.org/Services/Camps)**

### Howard County

#### Summer Youth Employment Program



The program offers a paid work experience lasting six weeks. Work experience may be in person or virtual. The program may include employment preparation, career exploration, job shadowing, life skills and community resource activities. Due to limited positions, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

To participate, you must be a resident of HoCo aged between 14-24 years old and satisfy one or more of the listed criteria. For info, or to apply, visit **[HowardCountyMD.gov/youth-services](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/youth-services)**



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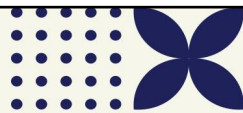
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