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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 Amherst House and on our website

at Amherst House and on our website VillageofKC.org under "Living in KC." Please email completed forms to 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!

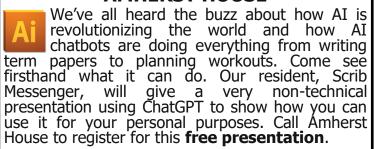


KC CARES is hosting an environmental Family Fest on Village Election Day. Come cast your vote and stay with your children to paint and take home a wren house,

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

HOW CAN AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CHATBOT HELP YOU? TUESDAY, APRIL 23 @ 10:30AM AMHERST HOUSE



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/wR33LedSmTNExzXDA

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

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.

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

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 CELEBRATING 35 YEARS! HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL 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.**

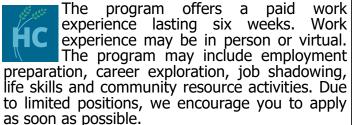
CA SUMMER CAMPS

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:

Columbia Association.org/Services/Camps

Howard County Summer Youth Employment Program



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**

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 May 8, 2024. Please submit applications by April 29 @ 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 emāil 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. Meetings are held inperson at Amherst House. The meeting agenda is posted on our website (VillageofKC.org) and on our Facebook page (Kings Contrivance Village) the Monday before the each meeting.



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

SPRINGTIME REMINDERS TIME TO MOW

If you have a home where the back or side yard borders a street, it is your responsibility to maintain the area between the sidewalk and the fstreet. Even if the area is outside of your fence, it is yours to maintain.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET



As residents are enjoying being out and about in the Village please keep our paths and open spaces enjoyable for everyone by keeping your pet leashed and by picking up pet waste. Remember...it's the law!

NEED HELP WITH HOME REPAIRS?

Rebuilding Together Howard County was formed to mobilize volunteers and to provide free home repairs to low-income families in Howard County. The program is committed to improving the lives of the elderly, individuals with disabilities, veterans, families with children and all HoCo homeowners who can no longer afford to keep up with repairs. For more info or to apply, call 410-381-3338 or visit:

RebuildingTogetherHowardCounty.org

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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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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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