

CROWN PRINTS



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VILLAGE ELECTIONS FRI, APRIL 19: 5PM-7PM SAT, APRIL 20: 9AM-1PM



- WHAT:** Kings Contrivance Village Board (4 seats—2 year terms)
- WHEN:** Friday, April 19, 5-7PM
Saturday, April 20, 9AM-1PM
- WHERE:** Amherst House
- WHO:** **Melissa Hogle, Fred Niziol, Vivian Feen and Madeleine Borowski** are seeking election/re-election to the Village Board.
- WHY:** This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill your civic duty; we need a quorum of 110 votes to validate the elections.

All KC residents 18 years or older are encouraged to vote.

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.

ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES! SATURDAY, APRIL 20 9AM-NOON SPRING FLEA MARKET



After you vote, come shop for treasures at our popular Flea Market that will take place in the Amherst House parking lot!

Would you like to rent a space? 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. Spaces sell out quickly!

Call **410-381-9600** for availability.
No vendors please! Rain date is 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

COLUMBIA CLEANS DAY & FREE SHREDDING SATURDAY, APRIL 13 FROM 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 KC residents (CA-assessed 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 are acceptable; no binder clips.



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. Please call Amherst House to register for this **free presentation**.

The following four residents are seeking election to a two-year term on the Kings Contrivance Village Board. *Four seats are available.*

Melissa Hogle

I have been a resident of Huntington in the village of Kings Contrivance since 1987. I was lucky enough to raise my two daughters here where we were able to take part in many of the wonderful activities that Columbia has to offer such as: being members of the Huntington Dolphins Swim team, attending CA summer camps, using the skating rink, summer parties in the cul de sac, and the Supreme Sports Club to name a few. I absolutely love living here! With my fourth term now complete I am seeking re-election and asking for your vote. I would love to continue to serve our Village to ensure that we maintain the quality of life that we all enjoy by living here.

Fred Niziol

Hello, my name is Fred Niziol. I'm a retired Federal employee. I moved to KC in January 1983, and as owner and resident in Kings Contrivance I've served many terms on my own Homeowners Association Board and as a member of the KC Village Board. What I have learned and practiced is that KC's success is all about participation in Village life by the residents. My ongoing goal as a board member is to encourage resident participation in the Village. I'd appreciate your vote so I can continue my service to our residents. Please think about attending a Board or Resident Architectural Committee meeting. These meetings are normally short and interesting. Please stay up to date on Village news and events by reading our newsletter, "The Crown Prints", (at <http://villageofkc.org/living-in-kc/crown-prints/>), it's the best way to know what's happening in Kings Contrivance. Thank you.

Vivian Feen

First of all, I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve on our village board. Being a resident of Kings Contrivance since it opened up, I knew from living in Columbia for years that this village was absolutely perfect! Situated between the two beltways (Balto & Washington), it meant it was easier to commute. I really was honored to be on our village board after all this time. I am able to look at the decisions with perspective: Keeping our budget in line, making sure we offer our village programs to include all, recognizing special needs, requests and offering always up-to-date fun and interesting programs. Spending this year on the board has given me great perspective: the Board really does put the people living here first: their first thought and, very important, their vote. I am proud to be a part of this organization! Thank you.

Madeleine Borowski

I was appointed to the Kings Contrivance board in 2023 and look forward to contributing to the board further. I am enthusiastic and motivated. My goal as a board member is to foster a sense of community between the residents of Kings Contrivance and local businesses as well as provide opportunities for community engagement for all ages. I grew up in Kings Contrivance, attending Howard County schools from elementary through high school. I worked as a Columbia Association lifeguard for five years and participated in many summers of swim team as a KC Wave. I would be glad to continue contributing my time to making a difference in Kings Contrivance.



**VILLAGE BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

The village's fiscal year 2025 runs from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. The draft budget is now available at:
VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda/
The Board welcomes your input on the budget; the budget will approve the budget at the May 1 Board Meeting.

YARD TRIM COLLECTION



Reminder! Now that KC Village is eligible for the Feed the Green Bin program, yard trim collection is year round! Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or reusable containers; *no plastic bags will be picked up.* For more trash & recycling info, please call 410-313-6444 or visit:

HowardCountyRecycles.org

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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**CRIME & TRAFFIC
DASHBOARDS**



Howard County Police Dept. has two interactive data dashboards. These will increase transparency, awareness, and public safety in our community. The crime report dashboard allows you to search for incidents across the county beginning in 2022. The traffic dashboard allows you to search traffic stops in 2023.

Both dashboards can be found at:

HowardCountyMD.gov/police

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The following absentee ballots may be used by any resident of Kings Contrivance 18 years or older. Extra copies are available at Amherst House. No photocopies will be accepted. Cut out the ballot and mail the postcard or hand-deliver it to Amherst House. There is a ballot box on the front desk or you may put it in the secure mailbox attached to the left of the main entrance.

All absentee ballots must be received no later than 5PM on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE ELECTIONS 2024 - ABSENTEE BALLOT

I certify that I will not cast a ballot at a polling place on April 19 or 20, 2024. In the absence of a quorum, I vote to adjourn this meeting until a quorum has attended.

 Signature

 Printed Name

 Street Address

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 Placing an X in the appropriate box, choose no more than 4 (four).

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