

# CROWN PRINTS



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## WELCOME NEW KC RESIDENTS! SATURDAY, MAY 18 from 10:30am-noon



Are you new to the Village of Kings Contrivance? Join us for a **free Open House** at Amherst House (7251 Eden Brook Drive). Meet other new residents and enjoy pastries & coffee, crafts for the kids, and learn about your new neighborhood! Please let us know if you are interested in attending by emailing [Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org) or calling us at 410-381-9600.

## VILLAGE ELECTIONS 2024



Kings Contrivance Village elections took place on April 19 and 20, 2024 and 161 votes were cast. The results are as follows:

For Village Board, four seats open

- ♦ Melissa Hogle 149 votes
- ♦ Madeleine Borowski 148 votes
- ♦ Fred Niziol 142 votes
- ♦ Vivian Feen 104 votes

Melissa, Madeleine, Fred, and Vivian were elected to two-year terms on the village board.

*Thank you also to all of the KC residents who voted in our village election!*

## KC KIDS VOTED TOO!



Thirty-four kids participated in this year's kids' vote. The winner is the penguin, which will be adopted from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

**Special thanks** to our hard-working Election Committee and election day volunteers: Mahfuzur Rahman (chair), Guy Guzzone, Isaac Cole, Deanna Lee, Maureen Cogan, and Jeff Meyers.



Thank you also to KC CARES for hosting a wildly successful Family Fest during our village elections! This environmentally friendly festival gave children the opportunity to plant native partridge peas, paint a wren house to take home, and to play a game about insect life cycles. They also gave away native spring bloomers! What a great addition to election and spring flea market day!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### ANNUAL FREE 50+ LUNCH

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

**11:30am-1:30pm**

**@AMHERST HOUSE**

Reserve your spot beginning June 3.

### KC ANNUAL FREE POOL PARTY

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

**6:30-9PM**

**@ DICKINSON POOL**

Enjoy food, music, games, and giveaways!  
Free tickets available at Amherst House  
starting June 24.

*These events are for Kings Contrivance residents living on CA Assessed property.*

## SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

### \$50 GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE!



Get to know your neighbors—host a block party this summer! Call or come into Amherst House to sign up. Bring in your receipts for food, soft drinks, 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. Please call 410-381-9600 or email [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org) for more information.

## PILATES CLASS @ AMHERST HOUSE



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

**May 6—June 24** (no class May 27 or June 17)

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

## A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP NATIVE PLANTS FOR NEGLECT



Some planting locations are particularly challenging for gardeners. Cul-de-sacs and 'hell strips' (the narrow patch between the sidewalk and street) are often hot, dry, and often suffer from neglect. While many plants wither in these conditions, some 'tough as nails' natives can thrive in these areas. These plants will still benefit from watering when recently transplanted but should be quite resilient once established. Recommended plants that can handle heat, drought, and full or part sun include:

- Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Baptisia (*Baptisia australis*)
- Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- Threadleaf Coreopsis 'Zagreb' (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
- Threadleaf Bluestar (*Amsonia hubrichtii*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Black or Brown-Eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta* & *triloba*)

You can find these at many local nurseries:  
<https://livegreenhoward.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Bee-Citys-Native-Plant-Suppliers-v2.pdf>

Add a few of these to your cul-de-sac or other neglected areas and bring some beauty to your neighborhood!

For more information, contact us at [KCVillageCARES@gmail.com](mailto:KCVillageCARES@gmail.com)

Congratulations to KC CARES on receiving the well-deserved Green Community Leadership Award at the Howard County GreenFest! We appreciate all of their hard work and their commitment to environmental stewardship in Kings Contrivance.

## HC HOWARD COUNTY PROPERTY TAX CREDITS

Howard County provides a variety of Real Property Tax Credits designed to meet the needs of County taxpayers and to promote specific activity that is beneficial to the County as a whole. Visit:

[howardcountymd.gov/finance/tax-credits](http://howardcountymd.gov/finance/tax-credits) and use The Tax Credit Calculator to see if your household is eligible for one of the many property tax credits offered by Howard County.



**THE CROWN PRINTS WELCOMES  
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



## HOWARD COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS SUNDAYS in COLUMBIA



Oakland Mills Village Center - opens May 12  
5851 Robert Oliver Place, 9am-1pm

### WEDNESDAYS in ELLICOTT CITY

Miller Branch Library - opens May 10  
9421 Frederick Road, 2pm-6pm

### WEDNESDAYS in SAVAGE

Baldwin Common - opens May 29  
9035 Baltimore Street, 3:30pm-7pm

### SATURDAYS in MAPLE LAWN

7405 Maple Lawn Blvd., 9am-1pm - opens May 11

### SATURDAYS in CLARKSVILLE

Opens early May  
Clarksville Commons, Route 108, 10am-2pm

For more information, please visit:

**HCEDA.ORG or call 410-313-6500**

## TIME FOR FUN IN THE SUN!



Enjoy all 23 CA outdoor pools this summer! For a complete schedule, membership info, as well as how to obtain a Columbia Card, call 410-730-1801 or visit: **ColumbiaPools.org**

\*A Columbia Card allows access to CA facilities at a reduced, pay-as-you-go rate.

## Memorial Day Weekend May 25th - 27th

**All CA outdoor pools will be open  
from noon-7pm**

## MEMORIAL DAY AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE



The village office will be closed on Saturday, May 25 and Monday, May 27. We will reopen at 10am on Tuesday, May 28.

## TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Memorial Day week, May 27-May 31, is on a "slide" schedule. All trash and recycling collections scheduled will "slide" and be made one day later.

Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on May 27.

- Avoid having animals tear open trash bags & scatter garbage throughout your community; please use trash cans with lids and wait until the morning of pick-up to put out securely tied trash bags. Bring your cans back in the same day trash & recycle are picked up.
- Please remember to store trash and recycling bins in your garage or behind your house. If they must be stored on the side of your house, please use screening.

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## 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 22. Please submit applications by May 13 @ 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 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 in-person at Amherst House. The meeting agenda is posted on our website ([VillageofKC.org](http://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**

## NOTARY SERVICE AVAILABLE

**FREE** Notary services are available at Amherst House (please call 410-381-9600 for hours). We also provide copying and faxing services for a fee.

## CA OPEN SPACE



Dead trees? Tot lot issues? If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, please contact them directly by calling 410-312-6330 or emailing:

**Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org**

## FREE LAKEFEST WEEKEND DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA LAKEFRONT JUNE 14-16



The **FREE** LakeFest Weekend includes three days of live music, a juried arts and crafts show, kids' entertainment & crafts, food trucks & specialty foods, interactive art activities and performances for all ages and more. For the complete three day LakeFest schedule, as well as for info about all of the events happening during The Columbia Festival of the Arts, please visit:

**ColumbiaFestival.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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### Kings Contrivance Community Association

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**Phone: 410-381-9600**

**Email: [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org)**

**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](mailto:Facility@VillageofKC.org).



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