

End of the Year Report-FY 2024

This annual report highlights the activities accomplished by the Kings Contrivance Village Board and staff between May 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024. April marked our village's 46th year as a village of Columbia. We are pleased to say that we are continuing our advocacy work for our residents, maintaining Covenant enforcement, adding to our special events for the community as well as renting space at our two buildings, Amherst House and The Meeting Room.

WHO WE ARE

Every year, in April, all village residents are encouraged to participate in the election of Village Board members, as well as every other year for our Columbia Council Representative who sits on the CA Board. Each person, when elected, will serve a two-year term and elections are staggered. The following residents served on the Village Board: Chair: Barbara Seely; 1st Vice-chair: Melissa Hogle; 2nd Vice-chair: Jeff Richmond (up to January 2024); and members: Carol Huegel, Vivian Feen and Madeleine Borowski. Keith O'Neil served as our Columbia Council Representative. The Board is responsible for determining how village funds are budgeted and spent. Funding is received from two sources: a Columbia Association Annual Charge Share, and association activities/building rentals.

The Board employs a village manager who oversees the day-to-day operation of the village and acts as advisor to the Board. The manager hires a covenant advisor who processes forms for architectural alteration and acts as a resource person to the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) and residents. The manager also hires any other necessary staff, staying within the financial parameters set by the Board. The current village staff is; Beverley Meyers, Village Manager; Aileen McNamara, Covenant Advisor; Luz Borrero, Events & Information Coordinator; Erika Cheney, Operations Coordinator and Bookkeeper; Patricia Hricko, Head Facility Assistant; Kelly Dutcher, Mac Davis, Keisa Hartridge and Heather Havranek Facility Assistants.

THE VILLAGE BOARD

The Village Board acts as an advocate for residents. During the past year, the board dealt with several issues. The board: elected Board and Architectural Committee (AC) officers; appointed the Election Committee and RAC members; approved quarterly and annual financial reports and budgets; issued 15-day violation notices for covenant violations; offered cul-de-sac beautification and block party grants; made a donation to Hammond High School; set priorities for the village for the County Executive's office; heard from the County on pond repair at Woodpark Lane; met with several entities including, Kimco regarding the Village Center, representatives of Chase Bank regarding signage for their new location in the Village Center, Principal Raymona Reid of Hammond High School and the new Director of Howard County Economic Development Authority.

COMMITTEES

The Village Board appoints residents to committees. The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) consisted of seven dedicated volunteer residents. The RAC included Jason Protheroe, Chair; Ed Gordon, Vice-Chair; Nick Fessenden, Michele Mercer, Scott Llewellyn, Dean Christmon (up to May 2023) and Joe Haugh (up to July 2023). The RAC meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday, to review architectural alteration requests. 147 letters of compliance/non-compliance were issued in FY24. 69 inquiries were logged in and dealt with by the covenant advisor, 61 were successfully resolved in FY24. 8 complaints remained unresolved at the end of the fiscal year. 191 applications for 217 alterations were processed. 122 applications were approved after review by the RAC, 31 were approved with provisions, 5 approved as an exception, 2 were withdrawn, 3 tabled and 9 were denied. Of the 191 applications, 25 were able to be approved through the *Speedy Process*. No applications were approved following Appeal. These numbers illustrate the extent to which the committee members spent time and energy working with residents to reach optimum results. The most popular alteration approval request was for Deck (23 applications), Fence (19 applications) and color change (16 applications).

In 2021, the Board created our KC CARES Committee (Community Action and Resources for Environmental Stewardship). This committee has been actively promoting our environmental efforts this past year. The group is chaired by Kate Reilly who has led a team of residents to offer environmental tips in a weekly newsletter, free online educational seminars, environmental activities in the community, and giveaways to residents. For more info. or to sign up for their weekly newsletter, email KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

This year, spearheaded by our Volunteers of the Year, Pearl and Alan Seidman, we successfully advocated to bring the expansion of Food Scrap Recycling to all of the Village. This grassroots work, aided by volunteers from KCCARES took many hours, but was successful in advocating bringing this desired service to our residents. You can sign up for your green bin at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/bureau-environmental-services/feed-green-bin>

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CLASSES

The Village Board sponsored many events this year. We added new events including an Open House for new residents, book talks and learning about AI during our Coffee & Conversation Breakfasts while we continued with our ever-popular events including, Free Shredding, Free Pool Party, Free 50+ lunch, Flea Markets, Scarecrow making & pumpkin decorating, Family & Ladies' night bingo, Columbia Cleans days and Halloween Happenings.

Our regular Pilates class continues with weekly classes this year. We are always looking for new ideas for classes. If you would like to see a particular class offered or are able to teach a course, please call us. All teachers must secure liability insurance.

AMHERST HOUSE

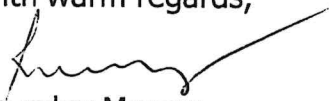
We also rent Amherst House and our Neighborhood Center, The Meeting Room for functions. The Meeting Room is currently occupied by B.S. Photography. If you are interested in hosting a wedding, party or business meeting, please call for our very reasonable rates. We are open to CA residents and non-residents for rentals. Come see our building at Amherst House in the village center. We are here for you, to answer your questions and assist you with local services. Free Notary services are also available.

THE VILLAGE OFFICE

The village office is located at Amherst House in the village center. The village newsletter, *The Crown Prints*, is distributed to every home in the village in the first week of the month and there is also an additional issue that is distributed to residents around the 20th of each month as an email only version. Electronic issues are available for every issue. Look for them on our website and social media too. Send your email to us at Kings@Villageofkc.org and we will send you every issue of the newsletter directly.

Please call us anytime you need information at (410) 381-9600 or visit our web page at www.villageofkc.org or Facebook at [Kings Contrivance Village](https://www.facebook.com/KingsContrivanceVillage) or Twitter [@VillageofKC](https://twitter.com/VillageofKC).

With warm regards,



Beverley Meyers
Village Manager
June 5, 2024

FY2024 End of Year Financial Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Columbia Association Annual Charge Share	\$318,092	Staff Salaries & Benefits -8 employees	\$305,496
Facility Leases & Rentals	\$114,575	Janitorial Expenses	\$26,812
Classes	\$4,278	Instructors' Fees	\$3,175
Special Events	\$3,860	Fees/Mileage/Food	\$11,318
Interest	\$2,314	Operating Supplies & Products, postage & printing	\$12,040
Fees	\$7	Utilities	\$16,683
Sales/Other	\$2,533	Insurance & Taxes	\$12,181
Newsletter Ads	\$7,255	Special Events	\$17,294
Gain on disposal of assets	\$0	Donations	\$450
Misc. Other	\$0	Building & Equipment Maint. & Improvements	\$15,701
		Newsletter	\$34,521
		Furniture & Fixtures	\$3,700
		Advertising	\$3,052
TOTAL	\$452,914	TOTAL	\$462,423

Depreciation: \$9,958