

# CROWN PRINTS



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## Are you receiving both issues of our newsletter each month?

The *Crown Prints*, the newsletter for KC Village, is issued twice per month. The first issue of each month is direct mail like this one and the second issue is available by email.

All issues are posted on our website, Facebook and Instagram.

Never miss an issue! Sign up to receive the electronic version of all issues of the *Crown Prints* by visiting [VillageofKC.org](http://VillageofKC.org) and scrolling to the bottom of the home page.

## THANK YOU KEITH



Many thanks to Keith O'Neil for his service and commitment to our village residents. Keith gave his time and energy while serving as our village representative to the Columbia Council (CA Board of Directors). Keith resigned this position on May 15, 2024.

The Village Board will appoint a resident to fill the position on June 5, 2024.

## ANNUAL FREE 50+ LUNCH

THURSDAY, JULY 25

11:30am-1:30pm @ AMHERST HOUSE

Residents aged 50 and over are invited to join us at Amherst House for our annual free lunch. While you eat, enjoy a trip down memory lane as Hugo Keesing, retired Univ of MD professor, presents, "The Soundtrack of our Lives: From Elvis to The Beatles."



**Reserve your spot today, call or stop by Amherst House!**

Must be a KC resident living on CA assessed property.

## KC ANNUAL FREE POOL PARTY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30-9PM @ DICKINSON POOL



**Enjoy food, music, games, and giveaways!**

This is a free event but registration is required. Free beach towel at the door to the first forty families to arrive.

**Pick up your free tickets at Amherst House starting June 24.**

Must be a Kings Contrivance resident living on CA assessed property.

## SUMMER CONCERTS & MOVIES

ENJOY FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC & MOVIES IN THE KC VILLAGE CENTER!

**Courtyard Concerts**

THURSDAY Evenings from 6-8pm

*Sponsored by The Village Merchants*

June 20	Damon Foreman & Blue Funk (blues)
July 18	Starvation Army Jazz Band
August 7	David Bach Consort (jazz)
August 29	Gary & The Groove (rock & roll)
Sept. 12	Bluetrain (bluegrass)



### Movie Night at the Village Center

July 10 - begins at dusk: **MADAGASCAR**

Enjoy dinner from one of the Village Center Merchants as you enjoy live music & movies!

Many village centers have live music and movies this summer. View the full schedule here:

**ColumbiaVillageCenters.com**



## SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAE MAKING & ROCK DECORATING**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 From 1-3PM

Join us at Amherst House for summer fun - make your own sundae and decorate a rock to take home! Tickets are \$3 and will be available *starting July 1*.

## 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, paper goods, etc. and be reimbursed up to \$50.

## PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET



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

**A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES  
KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP  
STOP THE SPREAD!**



**English Ivy, *Hedera helix***, an attractive groundcover still sold by nurseries, is pushing out our native plants, killing our trees, and disrupting our ecosystem. Vines readily grow up tree trunks where they flower and produce seeds that birds spread to other areas. Those seeds sprout and out-compete native plants, which are necessary to our pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. On trees, ivy vines prevent sun from reaching the leaves and weigh down the limbs, preventing photosynthesis and making the trees more vulnerable to storms.

Controlling English Ivy:

Wear protective clothing.

On trees, cut through the vine at ground level. Make another cut 2-3 feet higher and remove the cut section.

On the ground, pull it out, including all roots (easiest after rain).

Dispose of the ivy with yard waste in your Green Bin.

Replace English Ivy with any of our beautiful native groundcovers:

**[https://extension.umd.edu/  
resources/yard-garden/native-  
plants/native-groundcovers/](https://extension.umd.edu/resources/yard-garden/native-plants/native-groundcovers/)**

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

**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](http://ColumbiaFestival.org)**



To see the nightly schedule of free lakefront events happening throughout the summer, visit: **[LakefrontLive.org](http://LakefrontLive.org)**



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

**STAY COOL IN THE POOL**



Enjoy all 23 of Columbia's outdoor pools this summer For complete pool schedules, information on classes & more, visit:

**[ColumbiaPools.org](http://ColumbiaPools.org)**

**Village Pool Hours  
May 28-June 14**

**Dickinson**

⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 4-6:30pm  
Saturday & Sunday: noon-7pm

**Huntington & Macgill's Common**

⇒ Saturday & Sunday: noon-7pm

**June 15-August 11**

**Dickinson** (closed Thursdays)

⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed: 10am-8pm  
⇒ Fri & Sat: 10am-8:30pm  
⇒ Sun: 11am-7pm

**Huntington** (closed Mondays)

⇒ Tues, Wed, Thurs: noon-7:30pm  
⇒ Fri: noon-8:00pm  
⇒ Sat & Sun: noon-7pm

**Macgill's Common** (closed Tuesdays)

⇒ Mon, Wed, Thurs: noon-7:30pm  
⇒ Fri & Sat: noon-8pm  
⇒ Sun: noon-7pm

**Columbia Card Benefits**

Did you know that CA residents can visit CA facilities on a daily basis at a reduced pay-as-you-go rate? All you need is a Columbia Card, which is available at no cost through Columbia Association Membership Services located at 6310 Hillside Court Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046

**SUMMER 2024 COLUMBIA CARDHOLDER  
POOL PERKS**

- Columbia Card holders have the opportunity to visit any of CA's outdoor pools at **no charge** on these three Sundays this summer: **June 9, July 14 & August 11**
- Columbia Cardholder households will receive 4 passes to use at any outdoor pool. Monday-Thursday only; some restrictions apply.

Questions? Contact CA's Customer Care at **[CustomerCare@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:CustomerCare@ColumbiaAssociation.org)** or call **410-730-1801**. Address verification & dependent children's birth certificates are required.



**CORAL REEF ENCOUNTER  
JEFFERS HILL POOL  
JUNE 22 & JUNE 23**

Come snorkel through a magical coral reef filled with amazing "coral!"

Learn about saving our reefs!

*Free to everyone*, but you **must reserve** a time slot before they fill up!

Visit **[CoralReefEncounter.org](http://CoralReefEncounter.org)** to register for this free event and for more info.

## 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 June 26. Please submit applications by June 17 @ 10AM.

Find the Exterior Alteration application on our website: [VillageofKC.org](http://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](mailto:Covenants@VillageofKC.org)



## GO SOLAR! ONLINE INFO SESSION JUNE 25 FROM 7-8PM

Columbia Association has partnered with Civic Works Energy Programs to make it easy and affordable for residents to go solar. As a non-profit, Civic Works Energy Programs serves as your advocate and guides you through each step of the process. An Energy Advisor will offer personalized assistance, answer questions, and ensure that you receive quality service from a vetted and screened contractor. Call 410-929-6139 or email:

[EnergyPrograms@civicworks.com](mailto:EnergyPrograms@civicworks.com)

### REMINDER!

Regardless of what your solar company, installer or contractor tells you, installation of **all solar collectors/panels requires approval** from Kings Contrivance Community Association. To request approval prior to installation, submit an Exterior Alteration Application. This can be found on our website or picked up at Amherst House.



## 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.

## FREE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT



### Sunset Serenades Centennial Park Amphitheatre 10000 MD 108, Ellicott City Wednesdays @ 7pm

Sponsored by HoCo Dept. of Rec & Parks

- July 10 **I & I Riddim** (reggae)
- July 17 **Magical Mystery Girls** (Beatles tribute)
- July 24 **DLinwood Battle Jr. Quartet** (jazz)
- August 7 **Bach To Rock** (rock school showcase)

Bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy the musical sounds of summer!

**Color Burst Park Summer Series**  
**Merrriweather District**  
6000 Merrriweather Drive  
Enjoy free concerts, open mic nights, yoga, boot camp and events for kids!  
**View details & schedule:**  
[merrriweatherdistrict.com/events-calendar](http://merrriweatherdistrict.com/events-calendar)



*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 & fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm (currently virtually). Interested? Please email: [Covenants@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Covenants@VillageofKC.org)

*Mission statement: The association represents the community of Kings Contrivance by advocating for residents, enforcing covenants, and building a sense of community.*

### Board of Directors

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Kate Reilly [katerrei42@gmail.com](mailto:katerrei42@gmail.com)

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### Kings Contrivance Community Association

7251 Eden Brook Drive  
Columbia, Maryland 21046

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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