

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* to your email by visiting VillageofKC.org and scrolling to the bottom of the home page.

WELCOME PAUL

At a special meeting of the Village Board on June 11, Dickinson resident, Paul Rader, was nominated to fill the vacant position as Columbia Council Representative for Kings Contrivance; he will complete the term, which ends April 30, 2025. We look forward to working with Paul and thank him for volunteering his time and energy to serve our residents.



34th ANNUAL KC POOL PARTY THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 6:30-9PM DICKINSON POOL

Join your neighbors at Dickinson Pool and enjoy food, music, games, and giveaways!

Free beach towel at the door to the first forty families to arrive.

This is a free event but registration is required; pick up your *free tickets* at Amherst House.

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

FREE PRESENTATION @ AMHERST HOUSE NAVIGATING THE COLLEGE SEARCH AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS TUESDAY, JULY 30 from 7:30-8:30PM



Join us at Amherst House for a free informative presentation on the college search and admissions process. Learn expert tips on selecting the right college, navigating college websites, tricks for keeping tuition costs low, and much more. Presented by Jeff Richmond, Higher Education Professional.


This is a free event but registration is required; please call 410-381-9600 to register.

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

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



SUNDAE MAKING & ROCK DECORATING TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 1-3PM @ AMHERST HOUSE

Join us at Amherst House for summer fun!

*Make your own sundae and
decorate a rock to take home!*

Enjoy sweet treats while you demonstrate your decorating skills! All ages welcome.

Tickets are \$3 per person; all supplies included.
Tickets now available at Amherst House.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Make your summer extra refreshing –
for your new plants!



Have you picked up plants, shrubs, or trees from KC CARES events, Howard County, or local nurseries? Many native plants are drought-resistant once they get established, because they can grow extensive networks of root systems to find water. But when they're newly planted, they need more care. Be sure to water your new plant thoroughly when you put it in the ground, and give it additional water if the soil dries out.

Here are some tips on how to water your new plants to help them survive and thrive:

- Infrequent watering with lots of water is better than frequent watering with smaller amounts.
- Long, slow watering allows water to soak into the ground rather than running off, and encourages plants to grow deep, rather than shallow roots.
- Water plants at ground level rather than from above, using a soaker hose or a hose laid on the ground. Keeping leaves dry reduces the risk of fungal growth.

Visit these links for more information:

- extension.umd.edu/resource/watering-trees-and-shrubs
- chesapeakelandscape.net/summer-watering-tips

For more info, or to sign up for the KC CARES newsletter, email: KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Drop off school supplies in the Amherst House lobby until August 17. The *Prepare For Success* program collects and distributes school supplies to Howard County students in need. Donate **new** school supplies such as backpacks, highlighters, pencils, glue sticks, notebooks, lined paper, folders, colored pencil, pencil boxes or binders. You can also make a tax-deductible donation for students in need. For info or to donate, scan the QR code or visit:

PrepareForSuccess.org



CA is back this summer with all of your favorites: movies, local musical acts, Dancin' Under The People Tree & more through **Lakefront Live**; a series of **FREE** entertainment this summer at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront! To see the nightly schedule, visit: LakefrontLive.org

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

Village Pool Hours

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

August 12-August 25

- Dickinson** (closed Thursdays)
- ⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed: 10am-7:30pm
 - ⇒ Fri & Sat: 10am-8:00pm
 - ⇒ Sun: noon-7pm

- Huntington** (closed Mondays)
- ⇒ Tues, Wed, Thurs: noon-7:00pm
 - ⇒ Fri: noon-8:00pm
 - ⇒ Sat & Sun: noon-7pm

⇒ Closed for the season August 26

Macgill's Common

⇒ Closed for the season August 12

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

COLUMBIA CARDHOLDER POOL PERKS

- Columbia Card holders have the opportunity to visit any of CA's outdoor pools at **no charge** on **July 14 & August 11**
- Columbia Cardholder households will receive four passes to use at any outdoor pool. Monday-Thursdays only; some restrictions apply.

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

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 21



Join us at Amherst House on September 21 for our Fall Flea Market, Pumpkin Decorating & Scarecrow Making!

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 July 24. Please submit applications by July 15 @ 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

*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

KEEP YOUR HOME BEAUTIFUL and IN COMPLIANCE

- ◇ *Keep your exterior maintained by:*
Replacing rotten wood, cleaning mold & mildew, and fixing peeling paint.
- ◇ *Perform yard maintenance including:*
Mowing, weeding gardens & landscaped areas, stacking firewood neatly behind and within sidelines of your house, removing old papers, pots, debris, etc.
- ◇ *Remember to apply for Exterior Alterations:*
See the Covenant Section of our website for the Exterior Alteration Application.



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 Monday before each meeting, the meeting agenda is posted on VillageofKC.org, on Facebook (Kings Contrivance Village) and on Instagram (VillageofKC). If you would like to receive the agenda by email, please contact Kings@VillageofKC.org.



The End of Year Report For Fiscal Year 2024

is now available on our website.

Please visit:

VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda



FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS NOW THROUGH AUGUST 2 Monday-Friday 12:30-2PM

The Howard County Public School System is offering free meals this summer for all children 18 & under at several locations around the county. There is NO cost, NO application and NO enrollment!

NEARBY LUNCH SITES:

Hammond High School
Bollman Bridge Elementary School
Oakland Mills Middle School
Lake Elkhorn Middle School
Atholton High School
East Columbia Branch Library

For more info, call **410-313-6600**.

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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