

CROWN PRINTS



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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.

Join us at Amherst House for summer fun!



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

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.



LADIES' NIGHT BINGO **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** **7:30PM @ AMHERST HOUSE**

Bring your friends and join us for this adult-only evening of BINGO! Win fun prizes and gift cards!! Tickets are \$10 per person & include 12 BINGO cards; 12 games will be played. Extra cards will be available for purchase. Light refreshments included. Register by calling 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.

*Seats are limited! Get your tickets by August 12 for a chance to win a \$25 Corner Stable gift card.

FALL FLEA MARKET **SCARECROW MAKING** **PUMPKIN DECORATING** **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** **9AM-NOON**

Time to clean out your garage! The Annual **Fall Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House on September 21.

KC resident rate: one space for \$15, two for \$20.

Non-resident rate: \$20 each. No vendors please!

Spaces go quickly!

Sign up at Amherst House today!

Rain date: September 28.



Bring the whole family!
Make a Scarecrow
(free - bring old clothes)
Decorate Pumpkins
(\$2 each—all supplies included)



Stop by the KC CARES table for free native perennials - while supplies last! Bay-Wise Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer all of your landscaping questions.



MORE FALL EVENTS **@ AMHERST HOUSE**

- October 19:** **Free Shredding**
(CA Assessed, KC residents only)
Fall Community Clean-Up
- October 25:** **Halloween Happenings**
See a free show by Daisy the Clown!
Trick-or-Treat @ the Village Center
- November 5:** **Learn CPR**
- November 8:** **Paint Night (ages 15 & up)**
- November 15:** **Family Fun Bingo!**

NEW MERCHANTS OPENING

WELCOME CHASE BANK

Chase Bank opened on August 6 in the old McDonald's space.

WELCOME SPIRIT HALLOWEEN

This fall, Spirit Halloween will temporarily take over the spaces previously occupied by CVS and KC Dry Cleaners.

Kings Contrivance Community Association Board and staff send a warm welcome to the new merchants!

Check out the fresh paint around the KC Village Center and enjoy the *new umbrellas* at the courtyard tables while you have a meal from one of the fabulous village center restaurants.

**A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES
KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
The Ecosystem and Your Lawn**



Lawns are great for playtime with kids and picnics for families, but modern American lawn care contributes to climate change and ecosystem degradation. Gas-powered

lawn equipment has inefficient engines that pollute our air, while fertilizers and herbicides end up mostly washing into our streams and lakes. Excess nitrogen from our lawn services causes the annual green algal slime on Columbia's lakes, at huge cost to all of us.

You can keep making happy memories on your lawn, while also adding value to our ecosystem. Start by deciding how much lawn you actually need for recreation; reduce the footprint of your lawn by replacing unused corners or edges with native garden beds. On the lawn you keep, use electric lawn care equipment – or hire a crew that uses electric equipment – and instead of chemical fertilizers, mow your fall leaves into the grass, returning nutrients to the soil. These simple practices help keep our air clean and our streams healthy.

Learn more about lawn care and lawn alternatives from UMD Extension: <https://extension.umd.edu/resources/yard-garden/lawns/lawn-care-and-maintenance/>

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

**FARMER'S MARKET POP-UPS
@ Howard County Health Department
8930 Stanford Blvd.
Columbia, MD 21045**



Stoecker Farms, the local, organic farmer is back at HCHD this season with fresh fruits and veggies! They will be in the HCHD parking lot on:

August 9 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

September 17 from 11:00am – 1:00pm

October 15 from 11:00am – 1:00pm

They accept SNAP, eWIC, cash, and card. Come out and support local business and eat healthy at the same time!

Questions? Call 410-313-6300

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

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



**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.

**FREE MUSIC—TWO CONCERTS LEFT!
VILLAGE CENTER COURTYARD from 6-8PM**

August 29 Gary & The Groove (rock & roll)

Sept. 12 Bluetrain (bluegrass)

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

ColumbiaVillageCenters.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



Enjoy 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**



Howard County offers FREE CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP!

Schedule a pickup by calling **410-313-6444**

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COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. The next meeting is August 28. Please submit complete applications by August 19 @ 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 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.

EXPLORE COLUMBIA



Enjoy the outdoors! Learn to navigate CA's 94 miles of pathways, as well as their facilities, lakes, and village centers. Come in to Amherst House to purchase a Columbia pathway or street map for just \$1.25 each.

STREET LIGHTS OUT?

BGE has a website for reporting street lights that are out, on all day, damaged, etc. If possible, provide the light pole number:

BGE.streetlightoutages.com

You can also report street light issues by calling: **1-800-685-0123**
Report lights out & other issues on state roads (numbered routes) at: **1-800-635-5119**

A LOCAL SCOUT NEEDS YOUR HELP! EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ALERT!



Olivia Beckstrom is part of Troop 424 Savage, MD. For her Eagle project, she is collecting animal supplies for the Maryland SPCA. Olivia is reaching out to her community for donations that can be used to help in need animals. Please scan the QR code to access the Amazon wish list. Donations can also be dropped at Amherst House until August 16. Thank you for your support!



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Kings Contrivance Community Association
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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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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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