

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.

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

Oct. 25: Halloween Happenings

See a free show by Daisy the Clown!
Shows begin @ 5pm, 5:45pm & 6:30pm
Trick-or-Treat @ the Village Center 5-7pm

Nov. 5: Learn CPR 7-8pm

(registration begins Sept. 24)

Nov. 8: Paint Night (ages 15 & up) 7:30pm

(registration begins Sept. 23)

Nov. 15: Family Fun Bingo! 7:30pm

(no registration necessary)



FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP FREE SHREDDING AMHERST HOUSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 10:00AM-1:00PM



Help keep Kings Contrivance open space beautiful. Pick up litter in the open space & along streams and major roads around the village. Register at Amherst House beginning at 10am. Safety vests, bags and rubber gloves will be provided. Wear appropriate clothing as you may pick up in wooded areas. Participation for the entire three hours is not required. Community service certificates available.



Here's your chance to safely get rid of personal papers. **FREE Shredding** will be offered in the Amherst House parking lot from 10am-1pm on October 19.

- Must be a CA Assessed/KC resident; bring ID
- Personal shredding only - no commercial materials
- 10-box/bag limit on paper to be shredded

Please call 410-381-9600 for more information.

PILATES CLASS AMHERST HOUSE

Taught by Leigh Roberts
Intermediate level

**MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM
September 9—October 28**

Please bring a mat and dress comfortably,
no shoes required, socks preferred.

CA Assessed \$128, non CA-Assessed \$136

Please call Amherst House for more information.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PLEASE STOP BY AMHERST HOUSE OR CALL US FOR MORE INFO.
(General Liability Ins. Required)

**A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES
KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
PROTECT YOUR SAPLINGS**



Every fall, bucks rub their antlers against young tree trunks to shed velvet and mark territory, damaging bark and even snapping young trees in half. Antler rubbing peaks from late summer to early spring, with September through March being critical for tree protection.

To safeguard your saplings, use tree guards or tubes made of tough plastic or wire mesh, which prevent deer access while allowing sunlight and moisture in. Larger fences around the tree can also deter deer.

Put on protective guards by early September before deer become more active. Tree tubes should be at least 3-4 feet tall and remain in place each fall and winter for a few years until the trunk exceeds 4 inches in diameter. By taking these proactive steps, you can help your young trees thrive without the threat of deer-related damage.

An online search for 'tree guards' or 'tree tubes' will provide many options to choose from.

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



**KC CARES
NEIGHBORHOOD TREE WALK
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9-10:30AM**

Reserve your spot today!



Join KC CARES for an information-packed walk in Macgill's Common to learn about the trees around us while we walk CA paths. Learn what the trees are,

how to identify them, and what ecological role they play. You will see both native and invasive trees, learn which ones make great residential trees, and see examples of pests and threats to our trees. Ask questions along the way of the knowledgeable tree guide, Jeff White. Dress for walking on pavement and turf. Limited spots.

◇ Register at KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

 **CA BUDGET PROCESS**

Welcome to the Columbia Association Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget process, a chance for you to provide feedback on CA's priorities and investments. CA's FY2026 begins May 1, 2025 and ends April 30, 2026.

The engagement process starts August 19-September 13, as CA asks for the community's priorities through an online survey. The Board is scheduled to start discussing the FY2026 budget during its regularly scheduled work session on September 26 @ 7pm, where they will narrow down top priorities and vote on those at the meeting on October 24 @ 7pm. Residents are always welcome to participate in Resident Speakout, which happens at the start of every Board meeting. These meetings are also live streamed and recorded on YouTube.

In addition to Board meetings, you will also have a chance to offer your input online from November 15-December 2.

Anyone looking to affect change in the budget should get involved in the early part of the process and let the Board know what your priorities are for CA.

Questions? Call 410-715-3000 or visit

ColumbiaAssociation.org/budget

Links to the surveys, as well as the complete budget process calendar, can be found on the above website.

BLOCK PARTY

\$50 GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE!



Get to know your neighbors—host a block party this fall! 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.

HOWARD COUNTY CONSERVANCY



The Howard County Conservancy's much-anticipated fundraiser, *Wine in the Garden/ Beer in the Barn*, is set for Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, 5 to 8 p.m.

Stroll the lush gardens enjoying catered food, wine, local craft beer, nonalcoholic drinks, live music and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit nature education programs. Tickets on sale now: **HowardNature.org/wine/**

View all of the Conservancy's many programs at **HowardNature.org/events/list**



If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, please contact **Columbia Association Open Space** directly. You can report issues in Open Space such as trees across a CA pathway or tot lot problems. Call **410-312-6330** or email: **Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org**

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 September 25. Please submit complete applications by Sept. 16 @ 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



KEEP YOUR HOME IN COMPLIANCE

- Keep the exterior of your home and your property maintained.
- Perform seasonal yard maintenance
- Apply for changes to the exterior of your property. Find the guidelines and the Exterior Alteration Application on our website:
VillageofKC.org/covenants
- When selling your house, keep in mind that a Letter of Compliance may take several weeks depending on unforeseen architectural issues.

Questions?

Email Covenants@VillageofKC.org



Any action taken to remedy non-compliance of our covenants is inquiry-driven. Our covenant advisor does not inspect a property unless an inquiry is received at our office. If you have questions or observations about a property in the village, please call 410-381-9600.



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.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM September 18 Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Amherst House

CA will attend the September 18 Board Meeting to discuss potential changes to Tot Lots in Macgill's Common.

Tot Lots to be discussed are: KC20 (Wayover Way), KC21 (Cape Ann Drive), KC24 (Deer Chase, The Play Meadow), KC25 (Fair Beauty) and KC26 (Cotton Mill Lane).



Multi-Cultural Festival

Oktoberfest: 10/4; 5-10 PM

Festival: 10/5; 11 AM - 6:30 PM

10/6; 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

7271 Eden Brook Drive

Columbia, MD 21046

(Kings Contrivance Village Center)

www.stmatthewoca.org/festival

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.

