

CROWN PRINTS



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VILLAGE CENTER NEWS

Spirit Halloween is open in the former CVS space.
SD Salon Studios will expand this winter into the former KC Formal Wear space.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IS ALMOST HERE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
AMHERST HOUSE & KC VILLAGE CENTER



Daisy the Clown is back with **3 free magic shows** at Amherst House - **5:00pm, 5:45pm and 6:30pm**. Be sure to leave time between **5pm and 7pm** to walk through the village center to show off your costumes and Trick-or-Treat at the Village Center Merchants.

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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

"It's Never Too Early To Get Your Affairs In Order"
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
10:30-11:30AM @ AMHERST HOUSE

Gilchrist will discuss the importance of Advance Care Planning and how to complete an advance directive. These important discussions and documents help to ensure that you live every moment to the fullest. Register by calling 410-381-9600.



FAMILY FUN BINGO AMHERST HOUSE NEW DATE: FRIDAY, NOV. 1 7:30-9PM

Family Fun Bingo is back! Bring your family and friends to Amherst House on Friday, November 1, from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes!

Bingo cards are just \$1 for 6 cards.
Drinks are \$1 & snacks are free!

FREE BASIC CPR TRAINING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 6:30-8:00PM @ AMHERST HOUSE

Learn the basics of CPR from the HoCo Dept. of Fire and Rescue. This free, non-certification class, covers CPR for adult, child & infant victims, as well as choking relief and AED use. Appropriate for 12 years and up; minors must be accompanied by an adults. Register by calling 410-381-9600.



PAINT & SIP AMHERST HOUSE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 7:30-9:30PM

Paint and Sip at Amherst House with Pinot's Palette! Enjoy a fun night out painting while you enjoy wine and snacks with friends and neighbors. The cost is \$35 per person and includes all supplies, snacks and drinks. **All attendees must be 21 or older.** To register, please call 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Bright Fall Colors to Identify Shrubs



Every fall, we see shrubs with brilliant red and orange fall colors. Many of these are unfortunately invasive, but their distinctive fall colors can make them easy to find in the landscape and target for removal. Nandina (*Nandina domestica*) produces bright red berries and orange foliage in fall; unfortunately, the berries are poisonous to birds. Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) has colors of orange to red and spreads to Open Spaces and can increase Lyme disease by supporting ticks. Burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*) is known for its stunning red fall color – as well as for spreading quickly and pervasively in woods.


The good news is that there are just as many native shrubs with vibrant fall color! Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica* – see photo), oakleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*), red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), and high and lowbush blueberries are all options.

Support wildlife and feed the birds by replacing invasive shrubs with native ones.

For more information or to sign up for the KC CARES newsletter, please contact KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

Don't forget to apply for any changes you might be making, whether fixing drainage issues, installing planting beds, removing trees or reducing how much grass you have to cut. For more information, check the Architectural Guidelines on our website: VillageofKC.org

NEW TOT LOT PLANS

 At the Village Board Meeting on Sept. 18, Jason Heath, from Columbia Association, gave a presentation on reimagining Tot Lots in Macgill's Common. The proposed plans from CA involve five tot lots in Macgill's Common. The two tot lots at Wayover Way and Cape Ann Drive need immediate attention, following a failed annual safety inspection and would be modified this fall under the plan. The other three tot lots would be modified at a later date which would be triggered when one of the three fails the annual safety inspection which is expected to happen in the next few years. You can view the plans at VillageofKC.org.

The Village Board will vote on this plan at their Oct. 16 Village Board meeting at Amherst House. Please send any comments on the plan to Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Every year, Kings Contrivance Community Association accepts nominations for Volunteer of the Year. This year we honor Kate Reilly. Kate was nominated for tirelessly working as an environmental steward for our village. Whether securing grant money, organizing Weed Warrior activities, or working through KC CARES to hold native plant giveaways and native plant walks, Kate selflessly gives her time and energy to ensure that Kings Contrivance remains a beautiful and sustainable village.

We cannot thank Kate enough for her dedication to our village. Congratulations and thank you for being our Volunteer of the Year.

GOOD NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR



This year, the Village Board awarded the first ever Good Neighbor Award! This award goes to Ted Bauer after hearing from several residents about his continued efforts to embrace the true meaning of neighbor. Ted kindly helps his Village neighbors with yard work and other tasks and is often seen picking up trash along streets in Huntington. Thank you, Ted, for keeping Kings Contrivance beautiful and neighborly!

THANK YOU!

Fifty-three residents enjoyed a fun evening of games, fun prizes, and refreshments at our Ladies' Night Bingo held Sept. 13. We owe many thanks to the KC merchants who donated prizes:

- ◇ **Trattoria E Pizzeria**
- ◇ **SD Salon Studios**
- ◇ **Corner Stable**
- ◇ **Harris Teeter**
- ◇ **Kings Contrivance Jewelers**



and a special Thank You to our always fabulous BINGO caller - Kings Contrivance Village Board Member **Fred Nizio!**

Your continued support helps to make our community events successful!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE



Cookies with Santa:
December 7 @ 2pm



Lunch with Santa:
December 14 @ 11:30am

Event details/ticket prices coming soon!
Tickets will be available for purchase beginning
October 21 @ Amherst House.

BLOCK PARTY GRANTS

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.

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 October 23. Please submit complete applications by October 14 @ 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

RAC MEETING SCHEDULE



There will be only **one RAC meeting** each month in November and December. Please submit applications by November 4 at 10am for the **November 13 meeting** and by December 2 at 10am for the **December 11 meeting**.

WELCOME NEW RAC MEMBERS

Thank you to KC residents *Tiffany Heath* and *Kate Reilly* for volunteering as members of the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC). Tiffany and Kate were appointed at the last Board meeting. We welcome them aboard and look forward to working with them.

Thank you to our dedicated current RAC members who were reappointed at the last Board meeting: Ed Gordon, Michele Mercer, Nick Fessenden, Jason Protheroe, and Scott Llewellyn. Your continued interest in keeping Kings Contrivance a beautiful place to live is appreciated.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Call 410-381-9600 for info. General Liability Ins. required.



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 and on Facebook (Kings Contrivance Village). If you would like to receive the agenda by email, please contact Kings@VillageofKC.org.

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26



8:30-10:00AM: Start with a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Hammond High's Cafeteria. Adults: \$8.00/Kids (ages 7-12): \$4.00/Under 6: free.



10:00AM: Homecoming Parade kicks off from Amherst House in the Village Center. **Community groups** are welcome to march too! (Safeties, Scouts, Future Golden Bears, etc.) Please sign up in advance.



1:00PM: Homecoming Football Game starts in the HHS Stadium.

Bring your parents, kids, friends and neighbors and join us for this autumn tradition! GO BEARS!

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If you have a convertible, soft-top jeep or truck you are willing to drive in the parade, we need you!

Questions? Contact Merritt Pimental at TLGDANCE1@verizon.net

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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.)

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Show your Purple Friday spirit in a Kings Contrivance fleece jacket (\$36), polo shirt (\$15) or baseball cap (\$8)! We have a variety of men's and women's sizes. Come in to Amherst House today to purchase yours!

ELECTION SEASON

MD VOTES
- 2024 -

If you have not done so already, you can still register to vote by the deadline, Tuesday, October 15th. To register to vote, check your status, or update your info, visit Elections.Maryland.gov.

Each and every vote matters; election day is November 5th, with early voting taking place October 24th through October 31st. Early voting occurs at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center, Meadowbrook Athletic Complex, Bain 50+ Center, St. John Baptist Church, and North Laurel Community Center.

AUTUMN LEAVES

Please do not blow or rake leaves into the street where they will clog storm drains and pollute waterways. Instead, paper bag them or put them in reusable containers (no plastic bags are allowed) and place them curbside on your regular recycling day. **Howard County does not pick up leaves from roadways.**

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