

CROWN PRINTS



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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. Please register by calling 410-381-9600.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE!

Tickets are available now at Amherst House.



COOKIES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
2:00PM-4:00PM

Enjoy making a craft, cookie decorating and a visit and photo with Santa!

\$6.00 CA assessed/\$6.50 non-assessed

LUNCH WITH SANTA


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
11:30AM-1:30PM


Enjoy pizza, making a craft, decorating cookies and a visit and photo with Santa!


\$7.00 CA assessed/\$7.50 non-assessed



AUTUMN LEAVES

 Please do not blow or rake leaves into the street where they will clog storm drains and pollute waterways.

 • Rake leaves into reusable containers or paper bags (no plastic bags are allowed) and place them curbside on your regular recycling day.

 • Mulch your leaves with your mower to help nourish your lawn.

 **Howard County does not pick up leaves from roadways.**

VETERANS DAY PARADE

DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 9:30AM



Honor our community's veterans at the 10th Annual Veterans Day Parade & Celebration! The parade begins at 9:30am on Merriweather Drive and travels down Little Patuxent Parkway, ending at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. A ceremony will follow at the lakefront. Parking is available at the Mall. For more information, please visit HowardCountyVeterans.org/parade

SAVE THE DATE for WINTER FUN!

- ◇ Three **free gardening talks** presented by the Howard County Master Gardeners. Gardening talks will be held in January, February & March via Zoom. Look for more details in upcoming issues of the Crown Prints.
- ◇ Family Fun BINGO - January 24 @ 7:30pm

AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will close at 5PM on Wednesday, November 27 and will remain closed through Saturday, November 30 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen at 10AM on Monday, December 2.

HOLIDAY SLIDE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week is on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled on or after Thanksgiving will "slide" and be made one day later that week. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving.

**A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES
KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
New Native Trees Planted in
Kings Contrivance!**



We are thrilled to share that 150 new native trees have been planted in our CA Open Space over the last few weeks! KC CARES collaborated with the Howard County Office of Community Sustainability, the Maryland DNR Forest Service, and Columbia Association to make this green initiative a reality.

In this project we planted a diverse selection of native trees, including pawpaws, sweetbay magnolias, white oaks, white fringe trees, redbuds, pussy willows, and dogwoods.

These new additions beautify our community, provide shade, enhance our local ecosystem, and support wildlife. These trees will also play a role in stormwater management: by absorbing rainwater and reducing runoff, they help prevent flooding and protect our local waterways.

While you are walking the CA paths, enjoy these new saplings and appreciate the numerous benefits they bring to Kings Contrivance. Many thanks to the KC CARES members & Weed Warriors who planted them all – and to all of you for your support in creating a greener, healthier community!

To learn more about KC CARES, sign up for our weekly environmental newsletter, and join our efforts, contact KCvillageCARES@gmail.com.

**FALL CLEAN UP & SHREDDING
WAS A SUCCESS!**



KC residents came out to help clean up and beautify our village and collected **30 bags of trash!** Thank you to our fantastic volunteers.

We were pleased to see **139 residents** take advantage of our free shredding event. Look for our next shredding event in the spring. Thank you to *Board Member Fred Niziol* for volunteering!

**OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Hiring for Village Manager**



The Owen Brown Community Association is seeking well-qualified candidates with experience in nonprofit management and/or Columbia's village system to apply. If you are interested in learning more about this job opening, visit: OwenBrownVillage.org/job-opening.

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**  **OLUNTEER**

Looking for ways to give back?
Make a difference in your community!

⇒ **The Community Action Council of HoCo**
With a mission to diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency and advocate for low-income families & individuals, CAC welcomes group and individual volunteers. For more info, please call 410-313-6440 or visit CAC-HC.org

⇒ **Neighbor Ride**
An affordable, volunteer-based transportation system for Howard County seniors. Neighbor Ride helps connect seniors to people, services and activities that add meaning and value to their lives. To volunteer, support Neighbor Ride's efforts, or to request a ride, please call **410-884-7433** or visit NeighborRide.org

⇒ **Meals on Wheels**
Provides support services including Homebound Meal Delivery, Grocery Assistance, Isolation Reduction, Phone Pals and Kibble Connection (for clients with pets.) There are many volunteer opportunities available. Call **443-573-0925** or visit MealsonWheelsMD.org

⇒ **Howard County**
HoCo welcomes new volunteers for tons of rewarding opportunities. HoCoVolunteer.org

PACKAGE DELIVERY SAFETY TIPS

Reports of "porch pirates" who brazenly steal packages off of front doorsteps, are all too common. When shopping from online retailers, Howard County Police Department reminds residents to plan ahead to avoid becoming a victim of package theft.

- Consider installing a doorbell camera that notifies you when someone comes to your door.
- Track your packages and try to be home when they are scheduled to arrive. If you can't be home, ask a neighbor or friend to pick up the package until you return.
- Use an alternative delivery option, such as an Amazon locker or an attended pickup location.
- Request that the delivery service place the package in a location that can't be seen from the sidewalk, such as at a side or back door.
- Install a lockbox, a sturdy, secure container for delivery personnel to place your packages that locks after drop off.
- When you are home, bring packages inside immediately after delivery.
- Look out for your neighbors and report suspicious activity on your street. Contact HoCo Police Dept. by calling 911 or the non-emergency number 410-313-2200.

Did you know? An Amazon locker is located on the corner of the Village Center to the right of KC Liquor.



COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

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** in December. Please submit applications by December 2 at 10am for the **December 11 meeting**.

MAKING A COLOR CHANGE?



Please remember that *any change in color* requires approval to keep your home in compliance. This includes (but not limited to) items such as doors, trim, shutters, and decking.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING?



Please remember to submit an **Exterior Alteration Application** for items such as Basketball Poles and Backboards, Play Equipment, Trampolines, Ponds & Hot Tubs.

Find the Exterior Alteration Application on our website (VillageofKC.org) or stop by Amherst House to pick one up. If you have questions about the approval process, call Amherst House at 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 and on Facebook (Kings Contrivance Village). If you would like to receive the agenda by email, please contact Kings@VillageofKC.org.

COVENANT REMINDER POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs may only be displayed for seven days after an election; please remove all political signs by November 11.

⇒ Political signs are defined as signs endorsing candidates for public office or signs promoting support or defeat of any proposition that will appear on the election ballot. Signs should be no larger than two feet by three feet and should be placed at least 15 feet from the nearest edge of the pavement.

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.



Howard County offers FREE CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP!

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

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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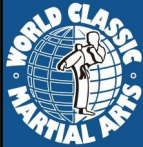
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CA BUDGET PROCESS

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.

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 process and let the Board know what your priorities are for CA.

Questions? Call 410-715-3000 or visit

ColumbiaAssociation.org/budget

The complete budget process calendar, can be found on the above website.

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Your ad will also appear on our Website & Instagram.



The printed version is delivered once a month to over 5,000 village homes via USPS.

BUSINESS SPACE AVAILABLE AT AMHERST HOUSE



Need a small or large space to conduct a meeting? KCCA is here for you!

Amherst House is perfect for your needs. We have a small conference room, as well as a larger space, to accommodate your group. Both rooms have streaming capability. For more info, call 410-381-9600 or email: Kings@VillageofKC.org