

CROWN PRINTS



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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE!

Call today to reserve your seats — 410-381-9600



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



MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Join us this winter for a series of **FREE** gardening talks via Zoom. Enjoy these informative presentations given by Howard County Master Gardeners. Registration not required.

Tuesday, January 21 from 7-8:30pm
Celebrating the Joy of Maryland Spring Flowers



Come learn how to grow Maryland spring flowers, why they are so special, and about our native pollinators that depend on them.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: **823 3440 2900**

Passcode: **418479**

Tuesday, February 25 from 7-8:30pm
Four Keys to Happy Houseplants



Learn how to provide the right light, water, and growing conditions to make sure your indoor plants are happy and healthy. Learn to repot and propagate your plants, as well as sustainable plant care.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: **879 0146 0268**

Passcode: **785932**

PILATES CLASS @ AMHERST HOUSE



Taught by Leigh Roberts
Intermediate level. Please bring a mat.

MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

Jan. 6 - March 10 (no class Jan. 20 or Feb. 17)

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

For more information, call 410-971-6802

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE?**

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

FAMILY FUN BINGO! FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 7:30-9:00PM @ AMHERST HOUSE



Family Fun BINGO is back! Bring your family and friends of all ages to Amherst House on Friday, January 24 from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes! Bingo cards are 6 for \$1. Drinks are \$1. Snacks are free. There's no need to register, just show up for a fun family night out.

THANK YOU NICK!



Many thanks to Nick Fessenden who is leaving the RAC after volunteering for over twelve years! Nick has served our village residents with professionalism, courteousness and thoroughness. We truly appreciate Nick for his time and dedication to our village.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED

Amherst House will be closed for the holidays. The offices will close at 5pm on December 23rd and reopen on January 2, 2025 @ 10am.

◆ Please plan ahead and, if necessary, purchase Resale Packets before we close for the holidays.

SLIDE SCHEDULE: TRASH & RECYCLING

Both Christmas and New Year's weeks are on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled those weeks will "slide" and be made one day later that week.

**A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES
KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
Birds Need Our Help!**



As colder weather returns, birds must greatly increase their calorie intake to keep warm and survive. They need seeds, nuts, and berries from native plants--as well as insects from leaf litter --but natural habitats where these are found are rapidly shrinking due to invasion of non-native plants and development.

Help birds survive the winter by putting up and maintaining bird feeders. If possible, put up multiple feeders with different seeds to attract different species and limit waste. Clean feeders regularly to stop bacteria and mold growth and prevent disease. Cleaning up seed hulls below the feeder will also help prevent disease and discourage rodents.

Next spring, plant more natives in your yard and leave the leaf litter and native plant seed heads when they die back, so birds can benefit from their natural food sources. Enjoy the beauty and antics of our avian neighbors and help them endure the winter weather!

Learn more from the MD Department of Natural Resources, visit:
dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/habitat/wafeeding.aspx

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



CA's Family Festive Fridays at the Downtown Lakefront are set for Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, from 5:30-8 p.m. The free events will feature ice

sculpture, music, and arts and crafts activities for children. Watch ice sculptures, capture a memory at the holiday-themed photobooth, listen to the live choral music and enjoy arts and activities at the craft tent. Entry is free, with snacks, drinks and S'mores kits available for purchase.

CA's Festive Friday Cocktail Crawl will be Dec. 20 from 5-8pm. Stroll between The Downtown Columbia Lakefront and the Merriweather District for nibbles, sips, and merry mingles, enjoying a sampling of cocktails and bites to get your holiday smile on. Must be 21 years or older.

Attendees for Lakefront events are directed to park on the upper or lower levels of the Wincopin Garage, in the parking garage in front of Lakehouse, on the parking lots at Sterrett Place or at The Mall. There is no event parking allowed in the Whole Foods parking lots.

NEW PORTAL FOR CA MEMBERS



The new CA Portal is live and ready for you to register for classes, book amenities, view your schedule, and manage payment and profile details for you and your family - all in one place.

Getting Started with the CA Portal

On your first visit to the new CA Portal, you'll need to create new login credentials using the **Access My Account** feature. Once you've created your login credentials, you'll be able to use them to access the CA Portal on future visits.

For additional instructions on how to do this, visit ColumbiaAssociation.org/Upgrade and head to the "Getting Started" section.

IMPORTANT - *Your previous username and password will not carry over into the new CA Portal. You must access the new CA Portal account through the "Access My Account" link and create new login credentials during your first visit.*

Need Help? Contact CA's Customer Care team at 410-730-1801 or talk to a CA team member at any of their facilities.

THE POWER OF PARENTING

Through its family workshops, local resources, events, educational programs and more, Howard County Office of Children and Families (OCF) aims to help Howard County families grow and thrive.

If you need individual assistance, such as finding childcare, guidance with parenting issues, mental and emotional health support, special needs resources, food access, housing, and more, contact OCF's free CARE line at 410-313-CARE (2273).

Visit Howardcountymd.gov/children-families to learn more about what's available and to sign up for the *Parent Pages* newsletter.

**THE LOAN CLOSET
OF HOWARD COUNTY**

The Loan Closet of Howard County connects individuals with medical equipment (e.g., walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, bedrails, shower chairs, and much more) on a loan basis, free of charge. To receive equipment, your healthcare professional must complete a Loan Closet Referral Form. Appointments are required for all services; call **410-313-0363** to discuss your needs or ask for a referral.

Items accepted for donation!

Check inventory, find the referral form, and see what is needed for donation by visiting:

HowardCountyMD.gov/Disability-services

The Loan Closet of Howard County is located at 7125 Riverwood Drive, Suite D1, Columbia, MD

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 January 8, 2025. Please submit complete applications by December 23, 2024 @ 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

RECYCLE HOLIDAY TREES



Prepare your tree for recycling by removing all ornaments, garlands, lights, tinsel, plastic bags, or any other artificial materials. You can recycle your tree on your normal recycling day through January 17. Trees will not be collected on trash days.

YARD TRIM COLLECTION

Reminder! Now that KC Village is eligible for the Feed the Green Bin program, yard trim collection is year round! For trash & recycling info, call 410-313-6444 or visit HowardCountyRecycles.org

Sign up for a Green Bin today! Visit

HowardCountymd.gov/bureau-environmental-services/feed-green-bin



Howard County offers FREE CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP!

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

- ⇒ Max of 4 bulk items per pickup
- ⇒ Items must be placed at the curb
- ⇒ Items must be able to be lifted by two workers



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.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS



January 15, 2025 Board Meeting
Neighborhood overview from Howard County police.



FEBRUARY 5, 2025 BOARD MEETING
Village Center update from Kimco leasing agent.

No Curbside Pickup for Lithium-Ion Batteries

Lithium-Ion batteries and any device that contains a lithium-ion battery should NEVER be placed out for curbside trash or recycling collection. These batteries and devices are considered hazardous and have contributed to fires at the County's Alpha Ridge Landfill and inside the curbside collection trucks. Help keep workers safe by correctly and properly disposing of your lithium-ion batteries and devices containing them. Take them to a retail take-back program at Lowe's, Home Depot, Staples or Ikea, or drop them at Alpha Ridge during Hazardous Household Waste collection days (Saturdays from April –November.) For more info, call HoCo Environmental Services at 410-313-6444 or email Help@howardcountyrecycles.org.

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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Email: Kings@VillageofKC.org

Facebook: Kings Contrivance Village

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

New Hope Lutheran Church



Celebrate the True Meaning of the Season!

Our Advent Theme: Restore Our Hope

In addition to our regular 10 AM Sunday Service, please join us for Advent services:

- 12/1 Advent 1 – Advent Family Craft Workshop after 10 AM worship.
- 12/8 Advent 2 – 7:00 PM service
- 12/15 Advent 3 – 7:00 PM (Blue Christmas)
- 12/22 Advent 4 – 7:00 Christmas Concert (Cold weather shelter offering)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 24 @ 3:00 PM (family focused)
and 8 PM (traditional)

(nursery available at all services)

All services also available on our YouTube channel or via our website
newhopelutheran.org.

Christmas Morning Potluck Brunch 10 AM to 12 Noon

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