

CROWN PRINTS



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VILLAGE ELECTIONS 2025 TIMELINE



- March 21** Nomination petitions for KC Village Board (two seats available, two-year term) and Columbia Council Rep (one seat available, two-year term) must be received at Amherst House by 5pm. Candidates may submit a 150-word statement by March 25 @ 5pm. Nomination packets are available at Amherst House, at VillageofKC.org and via email - Kings@VillageofKC.org.
- April 10** Absentee ballots available at Amherst House and in the *Crown Prints*.
- April 16** Candidates' Night @ 7pm (held only if election is contested)
- April 24** Absentee ballots must be returned to Amherst House by 5pm.
- April 25 & 26 Election Days @ Amherst House**
Friday 5-7pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

KIDS VOTE TOO!



Children under 18 residing in the village are encouraged to vote as well! Young voters will vote what to name the penguin that the Kings Contrivance Community Association adopted from the Maryland Zoo.



SPRING FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, APRIL 26 9AM-NOON



Our popular Spring Flea Market will take place in the Amherst House parking lot on April 26; Village Election Day! The cost for CA-assessed residents is \$15 for one space or \$20 for two spaces; \$20 per space for non-CA. Maximum of two spaces.

No vendors please! Rain date is May 3.

Spaces are available Monday, March 10 and sell out quickly! Please call **410-381-9600** or come in to Amherst House to reserve your spot.

NEW TIME, DATE, & ZOOM LINK

The Magical, Vital Vernal Pool: Biodiversity in our Backyards

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 7-8PM

Join us for a fascinating discussion with Howard County Conservancy Board Member, Mark Southerland. Learn about vernal pools, the threats they face, and actions that can be taken to support local biodiversity. Hosted by KC CARES.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>
Zoom Meeting ID: **428 646 1250**
Passcode: **cewF3R**

MONDAY, MARCH 31 10AM-NOON Vernal Pool Walk in Kings Contrivance



As a follow up to the Vernal Pool presentation, KC CARES will host an in-person Vernal Pool Walk led by Mark Southerland.

Please register for the walk by emailing KCVillageCARES@gmail.com.

COLUMBIA CLEANS DAY & FREE SHREDDING SATURDAY, APRIL 5 10AM-1PM @ AMHERST HOUSE



Help keep the village beautiful. Join us as we pick up litter in the Open Space and along major roads in our village. Registration begins at 10AM at Amherst House. Safety vests, bags & rubber gloves are provided. Community service certificates will be available.



Stop by our **FREE SHREDDING** event in the Amherst House parking lot. For Kings Contrivance residents living on CA-assessed property only. Bring personal papers for on-site shredding; no commercial/business materials will be accepted. Max 10 boxes or bags. Paper clips, staples, hanging file folders, non-plastic binders & files are acceptable; no binder clips.

Call **410-381-9600** or email
Events@VillageofKC.org for more info.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

This Spring, Avoid 'Weed and Feed'



'Weed and feed' products – containing both fertilizers and herbicides – are commonly sold in spring, but they are a poor choice for both lawn and environmental health. Typically applied early in the season, these products can boost shoot growth rather than root health, resulting in weaker lawns and more frequent mowing before summer droughts. 'Weed and feed' products also harm local ecosystems by contaminating water sources with excess chemicals. Excess fertilizer leads to algal blooms and water quality issues. Herbicides have harmful effects on beneficial insects, like pollinators (e.g., bees and butterflies), as well as aquatic life when they enter water sources. They also pose a threat to wildlife, such as birds, that may ingest them indirectly through contaminated plants or insects. Instead, cultural practices such as mowing high, leaving grass clippings to decompose, and aerating the soil can improve lawn health and reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides.

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

JOIN KC CARES AT AMHERST HOUSE ON ELECTION DAY FOR THEIR EVENT:

TAKE BACK YOUR YARD!

GARDENING SUCCESSFULLY WITH DEER,
MOSQUITOS, TICKS, & BUGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9-11:30AM @ AMHERST HOUSE



Come talk to experienced gardeners to get help and advice!

Free deer-resistant native plants!
Free mosquito buckets and tick tubes!

\$200 CUL~DE~SAC GRANTS



Does your cul-de-sac need sprucing up? We are offering two \$200 grants to be used to beautify your cul-de-sac. To qualify, you must live on Columbia assessed property in Kings Contrivance. Please call 410-381-9600 or email Kings@VillageofKC.org for more info.

CA POOLS: HIRING FOR SUMMER



ColumbiaAssociation.org/about-us/careers/aquatics/

Or CALL CA AQUATICS: **410-312-6332**

THANK YOU!

Over fifty residents enjoyed a fun evening at our annual Ladies' Night Bingo. Many thanks for the generous donations we received from:

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

Thank You to our fabulous BINGO callers - KC Board Member, **Fred Niziol** and resident **Ed Gardocki**.

Your continued support helps to make our community events successful!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Columbia Festival of the Arts (CFA) would like to invite your middle and high school students to support the artists and the festivalgoers at LakeFest 2025 this June 20-22, at Lake Kittamaqundi in Downtown Columbia. Middle school students must be at least 13 years old and if under 16, they must be accompanied by a parent. Volunteers may: help visual artists load and unload their art and supplies and set up their booths; or provide relief to artists who need to leave to get lunch or take a quick break. They will have the opportunity to network with artists and hear first-hand accounts of their journeys to becoming an artist and perfecting their craft. Additional info and registration at: ColumbiaFestival.org/become-a-volunteer

HOCO OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUTER RESOURCES

OoT's Transportation Demand Management program, Go Howard, is your resource for information on car/vanpools, transit, biking, and other alternatives to driving by yourself in Howard County and around the region. In addition to applying for ridesharing services through **CommuterConnections.org**, you can also register for the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program. GRH is a FREE commuter program that offers up to SIX free rides home per year to commuters who utilize an alternative mode of transportation in times when their usual transportation options are limited (e.g. illness, unscheduled overtime).

Learn more about these alternative transit opportunities at **GoHoward.org**.

WAYOVER WAY TOT LOT UPDATE

The Replacement of the KC-20 Wayover Way play area is scheduled to start this week. This Project is expected to take four weeks, weather permitting. The play area will be closed to the public during construction.

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Join Guilford Park High School for
TWO great events on 3/29/25

Craft Fair/Yard Sale

👉 CRAFT FAIR & YARD SALE: 8 - 12pm at GPHS
VENDORS NEEDED

One Stop for Treasures & Handmade Goods!

🌟 Craft Fair: Explore a variety of unique, handmade goods from local artisans! From jewelry to home decor, there's something for everyone!

🏠 Yard Sale: Discover gently used treasures at unbeatable prices! Furniture, clothing, toys, books, and more—come find a deal!

🌟 Free Admission! Bring a friend, support local, and find something special!

🔗 Want to be a vendor? Register at <https://forms.gle/kYPvQYL9a4tG8Tph7>

Puzzle Competition

🔍 Are you a puzzle master? Join us from 1 - 3:30pm in the GPHS cafeteria.

Compete to solve jigsaw puzzles in a race against time!

🏆 Prizes for the Top Finishers!

Win awesome rewards and bragging rights!

👥 3 different Team Categories Available

🌟 \$20 to Enter - Ages 14+ welcome

🔗 Register at <https://tinyurl.com/5983h46f>

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