

CROWN PRINTS



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VILLAGE ELECTIONS

FRI, APRIL 25: 5PM-7PM
SAT, APRIL 26: 9AM-1PM



WHAT: Kings Contrivance Village Board
(2 seats—2 year term)
Columbia Council Representative
(1 seat—2 year term)

WHEN: Friday, April 25, 5-7PM
Saturday, April 26, 9AM-1PM

WHERE: Amherst House

WHO: **Barb Seely and Carol Huegel** are seeking re-election to the Village Board. **Wesley Fuhrman** is seeking election to the Columbia Council. **Archie Magoulas** withdrew from the ballot on March 30 @ 5pm.

WHY: This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill your civic duty; we need a quorum of 79 votes to validate the elections.

All KC residents 18 years or older are encouraged to vote.

Questions? Please call 410-381-9600



KC KIDS VOTE TOO!

Children residing in the village who are not yet 18 years old are encouraged to vote, too! They will vote to name the penguin that Kings Contrivance Community Association adopted from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Encouraging kids to participate will instill a sense of civic pride & remind them of the importance of voting when they are older.



SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER VILLAGE EVENTS

June 12 - 7:30pm @ Amherst House
Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning Basics

June 17 - 10:30am @ Amherst House
Coffee & Conversation:
Civic Works Energy Programs

June 25 - 10:30am @ Amherst House
Coffee & Conversation: James Rouse's Vision

August 7 - 6:30-9pm @ Dickinson Pool
Pool Party

August 12 - 1:00pm @ Amherst House
Sundae Making



ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
9AM-NOON
SPRING FLEA MARKET



What bargains will you find? After you vote, come shop for treasures at our popular Flea Market that will take place in the Amherst House parking lot!

Call **410-381-9600** for information.
Rain date is May 3.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9-11:30AM @ AMHERST HOUSE
KC CARES PRESENTS
Take Back Your Yard!
Gardening Successfully
with Deer, Mosquitoes, Ticks, & Bugs



Learn how to enjoy your yard and have a beautiful garden! Create an environmentally conscious landscape despite the overpopulation of deer, problematic ticks, and pesky mosquitoes.

- Come talk to experienced gardeners
- Free deer-resistant native plants!
- Free mosquito buckets! Free tick tubes!

Questions? Contact: KCVillageCares@gmail.com

Welcome to Kings Contrivance!

NEW RESIDENT OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 17
10:30am-noon



Would you like to learn more about your village? All new residents are invited to a *free* open house at Amherst House.

Join us for coffee, pastries and crafts for the kids while you learn about your new neighborhood. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Call 410-381-9600 or email Events@VillagofKC.org

Never miss an event! Do you receive two issues of our newsletter each month? Visit **VillageofKC.org** and scroll to the bottom to sign up to receive both issues of the *Crown Prints* via email each month, this issue and our digital only issue.

The following residents are seeking election to a two-year term on the Kings Contrivance Village Board. Two seats are available.

Barb Seely

Having lived in Kings Contrivance for the past 44 years, I have seen many changes in Kings Contrivance and Columbia.

It is an exciting time in Columbia with all the changes and growth and I would like to continue to work with other community leaders to ensure that the residents of Columbia and Kings Contrivance are engaged in building a sustainable future for all who live here. I would also like to continue to work with our board to maintain quality programs, a beautiful facility, environmental sustainability and to serve our village with integrity always advocating for our residents. Kings Contrivance is still the best village in Columbia. It has been a pleasure to serve, and I am asking for your vote on Election Day. Thank You

Carol Huegel

Hello neighbors. It would be an honor to serve you in a second term on the Kings Contrivance Village Board. While the safety and vitality of the village are the highest priority, in my second term I look forward to creating more opportunities to collaborate with you and explore how the Board can support YOUR VISION for our beautiful village. Thank you in advance for considering to cast your vote for me.



**VILLAGE BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

The village's fiscal year 2026 runs from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026. The draft budget is now available at:

VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda/

The Board welcomes your input on the budget; the board will approve the budget at the April 16 Board Meeting.

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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The following resident is seeking election to a two-year term as the Columbia Council Representative for Kings Contrivance. One seat is available.

Wesley Fuhman

My family of four deeply values our vibrant, diverse community and our shared spaces — our village center and pool as well as the parks, paths, woods, and larger Columbia that we share. I believe the greatest challenge we face today is a growing separation from one another. Changing this starts at home, by strengthening community connections and maintaining the vitality of our shared spaces.

My professional role is as a physicist at JHU APL, leading teams that tackle literal "Moon shots" that demand collaboration, transparency, and data-driven decision-making. As your representative I will commit to integrity, impartiality, and service to all with compassion and respect.

My vision is to enhance Columbia and Kings Contrivance through sustainable investments and efforts, transparent decision-making, and proactive community engagement. I am dedicated to ensuring we thrive together, with accountability and strategic planning that will improve Kings Contrivance for all of us.

**CHANGE IN COLUMBIA SPEAKER SERIES
THE IMPACT OF ART**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 6-8PM
STONEHOUSE: 6110 FORELAND GARTH**

Creativity helps build our community. Explore how art is a catalyst for connection, collaboration and change. The panel discussion will also be live streamed via Zoom.

Visit **ColumbiaAssociation.org/change** for registration information



**IMPACTED FEDERAL
EMPLOYEE?**

If you are a Howard County resident who is an impacted federal employee or contractor and you have questions about what local support programs and assistance is available to you during this harrowing time, please email Howard County at:

hocohelp@howardcountymd.gov

\$200 CUL-DE-SAC GRANTS

 Does your cul-de-sac need sprucing up? We are offering three \$200 grants to be used to beautify your cul-de-sac. To qualify, you must live on CA assessed property in Kings Contrivance. Planting tips and plans are available if you need inspiration! Call 410-381-9600 or email Kings@VillageofKC.org.

A Message from KC CARES Howard County Native Landscaping Tours & Plant Giveaways!



Visit your neighbors' beautiful yards, learn more about how to support biodiversity, pollinators, and wildlife – and pick up a free native plant at every home on the tour! In this season-long series of 12 native landscaping tours (beginning April 19 in Kings Contrivance) we are giving out \$10,000 worth of free native plants. You will see yards with extensive use of native plants, reduced lawns, and stormwater control.

Each event date includes three yards. Most are self-guided and you can visit anytime during the hours posted and in any order. Homeowners and gardeners will be there to answer questions and help you get the most out of the visit. In addition to a free native perennial at each yard, there will be a lottery with the opportunity to win a free native tree, shrub, or \$25 gift certificate!

Use the QR code for complete tour info, or contact VillageCares@gmail.com



Only ORIGINAL BALLOTS will be accepted; copies of ballots are not valid.

The following absentee ballots may be used by any resident of Kings Contrivance 18 years or older. Extra copies are available at Amherst House. No photocopies will be accepted. Cut out the ballot and mail the postcard or hand-deliver it to Amherst House. There is a ballot box on the front desk or you may put it in the secure mailbox attached to the left of the main entrance.

All absentee ballots must be received no later than 5PM on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE

ELECTIONS 2025 - ABSENTEE BALLOT

I certify that I will not cast a ballot at a polling place on April 25 or 26, 2025. In the absence of a quorum, I vote to adjourn this meeting until a quorum has attended.

Signature

Printed Name

Street Address

FOR COLUMBIA COUNCIL REP:
Placing an X in the appropriate box,
choose no more than 1 (one).

Wesley Fuhrman []

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Placing an X in the appropriate box,
choose no more than 2 (two).

Barb Seely []

Carol Huegel []

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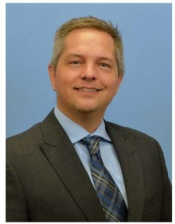
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
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Barb Seely []

Carol Huegel []

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April 20 • 10:00 AM

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All Holy Week Services are in-person and available on our You Tube Channel or via our website www.newhopelutheran.org

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