

CROWN PRINTS

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We need
YOU!

We need your vote in the Village Elections!
Stop by Amherst House to vote on Friday evening (5-7pm) or
vote on Saturday (9am-1pm) and shop at our Flea Market (9am-noon) and
take part in KC CARES Take Back Your Yard Event (9am-11:30am).
Be the Quorum Voter (#79) and receive a KC swag bag!

VILLAGE ELECTION DAYS



FRIDAY, APRIL 25

5-7PM



SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9AM-1PM

Come to Amherst House and cast your vote in
the Kings Contrivance Village Election.

- ◇ There are two residents running for two open
Kings Contrivance board seats (two year term):
Barb Seely and **Carol Huegel**.
- ◇ There is one resident running for one open seat
as the Columbia Council Representative for
Kings Contrivance (two year term): **Wesley
Fuhrman**.
- ◇ We must have a quorum of **79 votes** to
validate the election.

**Absentee Ballots are available at Amherst
House and must be cast by 5PM on
Thursday, April 24, at Amherst House.**

Questions? Please call 410-381-9600



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.
Winner receives a KC T-shirt!

THANK YOU PAUL



Our sincerest gratitude to Paul Rader for
his service and commitment to our village
residents while serving as our village
representative to the Columbia Council
(CA Board of Directors). Paul dedicated many
hours representing our residents with a genuine
passion for our mission. We wish him the best in
his future endeavors.

ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES!

SATURDAY, MAY 3

9AM-NOON

SPRING FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market has been
rescheduled to the rain date. It will
take place on Saturday, May 3,
from 9am to noon.



SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9AM-11:30AM

KC CARES presents:

Take Back Your Yard!

**GARDENING SUCCESSFULLY WITH DEER,
MOSQUITOS, TICKS, & BUGS**

Stop by the tables in front of Amherst House to
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!

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



JUNE SEMINARS AT AMHERST HOUSE

Join us for refreshments and conversations at Amherst House. All events are free, but registration is required. Please note the registration information for each event. We look forward to seeing you!

WILLS, TRUSTS AND ESTATE PLANNING BASICS

June 12 @ Amherst House
7:30-8:30PM



Join us at Amherst House for a workshop on wills, trusts and estate planning basics, presented by KC resident and attorney, Andrew Swanekamp. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

To register, call 410-381-9600 or email:
Events@VillageofKC.org

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT, GREENER, AND HEALTHIER

June 17 @ Amherst House
10:30-11:30am

Civic Works



Come to Amherst House and learn about no cost, energy efficient weatherization programs, as well as the Community Solar and Rooftop Solar Cooperative. Presented by Civic Works.

To register, call 410-381-9600

JIM ROUSE'S VISION: A GARDEN FOR THE GROWING OF PEOPLE

June 25 @ Amherst House
10:30-11:30am



Hear the inspiring story of visionary James Rouse and his dream for the ideal planned community of Columbia. Presented by Beverly White-Seals, President of the Community Foundation of Howard County.

To register, please email:
JNeal@CFHoCo.org

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Here's your chance to nominate a Kings Contrivance resident who has done an outstanding job improving life in Kings Contrivance. Nomination forms are available at Amherst House and on our website VillageofKC.org under "Living in KC." Please email completed forms to Kings@VillageofKC.org or drop them off at Amherst House.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GRAND OPENING OF THE WAYOVER WAY PLAY AREA WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 @ 4PM



CA

Join Columbia Association at the Grand Opening of the first play area completed under the CA Play Area Cluster Program - the **Wayover Way Play Area (KC Tot Lot 21)**.

Ribbon cutting by CA President, Sean MacInnes. The best parking is at the Atholton Shopping Center at 10400 Shaker Drive. It's a short walk along the path from there.

- Rain date: May 20 @ 4pm

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

\$50 GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE!



Get to know your neighbors—host a block party this summer! Call or come into Amherst House and fill out a Block Party Registration form, invite all of your neighbors and have a blast. After the party, bring in your receipts for food, soft drinks, paper goods, etc. and be reimbursed up to \$50.

\$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 Columbia assessed property in Kings Contrivance. Planting tips and plans are available if you need inspiration! Call 410-381-9600 or email Kings@VillageofKC.org.

COLUMBIA CLEANS DAY & SHREDDING DAY SUCCESS!



• We were pleased to see 134 residents take advantage of our free shredding event. Over **4000 pounds** of paper were shredded! Look for our next shredding event this fall.

• **Thank you** to our fantastic Columbia Cleans Day volunteers who collected *15 bags of trash* along with multiple large items including a shopping cart!

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
- ⇒ Check **KnowBeforeYouThrow.org** to see if any of your items can be donated or recycled

CA POOLS: HIRING FOR SUMMER



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

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

All CA Team Members receive a FREE Fit & Play membership!

*Lifeguards *Managers *Swim instructors

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 May 14, 2025. Please submit complete applications by May 5, 2025 @ 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**

KINGS CONTRIVANCE AREA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS EDEN BROOK DRIVE, OLD COLUMBIA RD AND GUILFORD RD

The above roads will be resurfaced in 2025, The HoCo Office of Transportation is evaluating potential marking and sign changes to improve safety and accommodations for all road users. Improvements include new road markings, bike lanes and partial bike lanes. Adding bike lanes to the road shoulder area can impact on-street parking.

PUBLIC MEETING and FEEDBACK THURSDAY, MAY 1 FROM 5-7pm Howard County Offices 7125 Riverwood Drive, Columbia

- ⇒ Open House format meeting from 5-7pm
- ⇒ Feedback survey available until May 16
- ⇒ Questions about the meeting? Contact **Transportation@HowardCountyMD.gov** or call 410-313-4312



For more information, view the project webpage by scanning the QR-code or by visiting:
BikeHoward.com/projects/resurfacing-projects/

VILLAGE BOARD

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 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.

SPRING DANCE CONCERT HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL MAY 2 & 3 @ 7:00PM



Hammond Dance presents their Spring Dance Concert on May 2 & 3 @ 7pm each evening in the Hammond High Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$7.00 each and can be purchased at the

door or online at:

HCPSS.BookTix.com/dept/hahsdance

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The Columbia Festival of the Arts (CFA) invites your middle & high school students to support the artists and the festivalgoers at LakeFest 2025 this June 20-22, at Lake Kittamaquidi 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

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.

Report lights out & other issues on state roads (numbered routes)
at: **1-800-635-5119**