

End of the Year Report-FY 2025

This annual report highlights the activities accomplished by the Kings Contrivance Village Board and staff between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025. April marked our village's 47th year as a village of Columbia. We are pleased to say that we are continuing our advocacy work for our residents, maintaining Covenant enforcement, adding to our special events for the community, as well as renting space at our two buildings, Amherst House and The Meeting Room.

WHO WE ARE

Every year, in April, all village residents are encouraged to participate in the election of Village Board members, as well as every other year for our Columbia Council Representative who sits on the CA Board. Each person, when elected, will serve a two-year term and elections are staggered. The following residents served on the Village Board: Chair: Barbara Seely; 1st Vice-chair: Melissa Hogle; 2nd Vice-chair: Carol Huegel; and members: Vivian Feen, Fred Niziol and Madeleine Borowski. Keith O'Neill, replaced by Paul Rader (June 2024) served as our Columbia Council Representative. The Board is responsible for determining how village funds are budgeted and spent. Funding is received from two sources: a Columbia Association Annual Charge Share, and association activities/building rentals.

The Board employs a village manager who oversees the day-to-day operation of the village and acts as advisor to the Board. The manager hires a covenant advisor who processes forms for architectural alteration and acts as a resource person to the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) and residents. The manager also hires any other necessary staff, staying within the financial parameters set by the Board. The current village staff is; Beverley Meyers, Village Manager; Aileen McNamara, Covenant Advisor; Luz Borrero, Events Coordinator; Erika Cheney, Operations Coordinator and Bookkeeper; Patricia Hricko, Head Facility Assistant; Kelly Dutcher, Mac Davis, Keisa Hartridge, Heather Havranek and Ellen Gallagher-Roberts, Facility Assistants.

THE VILLAGE BOARD

The Village Board acts as an advocate for residents. During the past year, the board dealt with several issues. The board: elected Board and Architectural Committee (AC) officers; appointed the Election Committee and RAC members; interviewed and recommended appointment by CA of replacement Columbia Council Representative; appointed 3 new RAC members; approved audit reports, as well as quarterly and annual financial reports and budgets; heard architectural appeals and issued 15-day violation notices for covenant violations; set Board goals; worked on revisions to the Management Contract between CA and the Villages; set priorities for the village for the County Executive's office; supported feasibility and environmental impact study for bridge at end of Eden Brook Drive; offered cul-de-sac beautification and block party grants; donated to Hammond

High School Boosters' Silent Auction; heard from the County on Patuxent Branch Trail updates; met with Kimco regarding the Village Center; met with Police Department for community update on traffic and crime, and approved using CA's new Cluster Policy for replacement to tot lots in Macgill's Common.

COMMITTEES

The Village Board appoints residents to committees. The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) consisted of seven dedicated volunteer residents. The RAC included Jason Protheroe, Chair; Ed Gordon, Vice-Chair; Michele Mercer, Scott Llewellyn, Kate Reilly, Tiffany Heath, Alice Jackson and Nick Fessenden (up to Dec 2024). The RAC meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday, to review architectural alteration requests. 113 letters of compliance/non-compliance were issued in FY25. 85 inquiries were logged in and dealt with by the covenant advisor, 47 were successfully resolved in FY25 and 30 were resolved by the time of the site visit or found not to be covenant violations. 8 complaints remained unresolved at the end of the fiscal year. 220 applications for 254 alterations were processed. 135 applications were approved after review by the RAC, 12 were approved with provisions, 10 approved as an exception, 3 were withdrawn, 2 tabled and 9 were denied. Of the 220 applications, 25 were able to be approved through the *Speedy Process*. No applications were approved following Appeal. These numbers illustrate the extent to which the committee members spent time and energy working with residents to reach optimum results. The most popular alteration approval request was for Deck (24 applications), Fence (20 applications), Landscaping (17 applications) and Color Change (15 applications).

In 2021, the Board created our KC CARES Committee (Community Action and Resources for Environmental Stewardship). This committee has been actively promoting our environmental efforts this past year. The group is chaired by Kate Reilly, who has led a team of residents to offer environmental tips in a weekly newsletter, free online educational seminars, environmental activities in the community, and giveaways to residents. For more info. or to sign up for their weekly newsletter, email KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CLASSES

The Village Board sponsored many events this year. We added additional talks online and in-person while we continued with our ever-popular events including, 2 Free Shredding days, Free 50+ lunch, 2 Flea Markets, Scarecrow making & pumpkin decorating, Family & Ladies' night bingo, Sip and Paint, Sundae making and craft, Holiday events for families and Halloween Happenings.

Our regular Pilates class continues with weekly classes this year. We are always looking for new ideas for classes. If you would like to see a particular class offered or are able to teach a course, please call us. All teachers must secure liability insurance.

AMHERST HOUSE

We also rent Amherst House and our Neighborhood Center, The Meeting Room for functions. The Meeting Room is currently occupied by B.S. Photography. If you are interested in hosting a wedding, party or business meeting, please call for our very reasonable rates. We are open to CA residents and non-residents for rentals. Come see our new flooring and freshly painted walls at our building Amherst House in the village center. We are here for you, to answer your questions and assist you with local services. Free Notary services are also available.

THE VILLAGE OFFICE

The village office is located at Amherst House in the village center. The village newsletter, *The Crown Prints*, is distributed to every home in the village in the first week of the month and there is also an additional issue that is distributed to residents around the 20th of each month as an email only version. Electronic issues are available for every issue. Look for them on our website and social media too. Send your email to us at Kings@Villageofkc.org and we will send you all 24 issues during the year directly.

Please call us anytime you need information at (410) 381-9600 or visit our web page at www.villageofkc.org or Facebook at [Kings Contrivance Village](#) or Twitter [@VillageofKC](#).

With warm regards,

Beverley Meyers
Village Manager
June 4, 2024

FY2025 End of Year Financial Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Columbia Association Annual Charge Share	\$322,608	Staff Salaries & Benefits -10 employees	\$318,554
Facility Leases & Rentals	\$132,357	Janitorial Expenses	\$28,443
Classes	\$5,742	Instructors' Fees	\$4,000
Special Events	\$5,875	Fees/Mileage/Food	\$19,626
Interest	\$2,494	Operating Supplies & Products, postage & printing	\$11,147
Fees	\$18	Utilities	\$21,431
Sales/Other	\$2,069	Insurance & Taxes	\$14,000
Newsletter Ads	\$4,680	Special Events	\$17,701
Gain on disposal of assets	\$0	Donations	\$0
Misc. Other	\$5,000	Building & Equipment Maint. & Improvements	\$9,841
		Newsletter	\$35,984
		Furniture & Fixtures	\$3,550
		Advertising	\$746
TOTAL	\$480,843	TOTAL	\$485,023

Depreciation: \$18,486