

CROWN PRINTS

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FREE PRESENTATIONS@ AMHERST HOUSE

Join us this June for refreshments and conversation 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 & ESTATE PLANNING BASICS
Thursday, 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, please call 410-381-9600 or email:
Events@VillageofKC.org

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT, GREENER, AND HEALTHIER
Tuesday, June 17 @ Amherst House
10:30-11:30am



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, please call 410-381-9600

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

**SUMMER BLOCK PARTY
\$50 GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE!**



Get to know your neighbors—host a block party this summer! Call or come into Amherst House to sign up. After your party, bring in your receipts for food, soft drinks, paper goods, etc. and be reimbursed up to \$50.

**KC ANNUAL FREE POOL PARTY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
6:30-9PM @ DICKINSON POOL**

Enjoy food, music, games, and giveaways!



This is a free event but registration is required. Free beach towel at the door to the first forty families to arrive.

Pick up your free tickets at Amherst House starting June 16.

Must be a Kings Contrivance resident living on CA assessed property.



**SUNDAE MAKING &
ROCK DECORATING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
1-3PM @ AMHERST HOUSE**

Join us at Amherst House for summer fun!

***Make your own sundae and
decorate a rock to take home!***

Enjoy sweet treats while you demonstrate your decorating skills! All ages welcome.

- ◇ Tickets are \$3 per person; all supplies included.
- ◇ Tickets available June 30 at Amherst House.



**SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL FREE 50+ LUNCH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
11:30am-1:30pm
AMHERST HOUSE**

Enjoy a free lunch as Hugo Keesing, retired University of Maryland professor, presents, "Songs, Hits and the Academy Awards."

- ◇ Registration begins **July 14**

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET



As residents are enjoying being out and about in the Village, please keep our paths and open space enjoyable for everyone by keeping your **pet leashed** and by picking up pet waste. Remember...it's the law!

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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Downspouts: Defenders of Homes and Waterways!



Downspouts move water away from your house to limit basement flooding and water damage to the foundation. Downspouts also play a big role in protecting our waterways.

Water flowing from hard surfaces of roofs, sidewalks and driveways collects pollutants like chemicals, sediment and animal waste and delivers them to storm drains. Water in storm drains is rarely treated, so the polluted solution is dumped directly into our streams and rivers. Make sure your downspouts (extenders or otherwise) direct water away from the foundation and **should empty no closer than 10 feet from any property line**. Don't direct the flow onto your driveway or other hard surfaces and disconnect downspouts that are piped underground to the street. Redirect the flow with downspout extenders (available at hardware stores) to an area where it can soak in and be absorbed by plants.

For instructions and more information:
stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/structural-bmps/downspout-disconnect

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

EXPLORING COLUMBIA ON FOOT



Explore Columbia's natural settings while enjoying guided discussions. Each walk is two hours and is led by award-winning author Ned Tillman and CA Sustainability Manager, Danielle Tyeryar.

UPCOMING FREE WALKS:

- ♦ Thursday, June 19 @ 10am: Lake Elkhorn Meet at Dockside Lane parking lot.
- ♦ Thursday, September 11 @ 10am: Kings Contrivance — Meet at Dickinson Pool
- ♦ Thursday, October 16 @ 10am: River Hill Meet outside of Claret Hall

Wear appropriate shoes & clothing and bring water.
Please RSVP to:

Sustainability@ColumbiaAssociation.org

STAY COOL IN THE POOL



Enjoy all 23 of Columbia's outdoor pools this summer. For complete pool schedules, information on classes & more, visit:

ColumbiaPools.org

Village Pool Hours

May 27-June 18

Dickinson

⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 4-7pm
Saturday & Sunday: noon-7pm

Huntington & Macgill's Common

⇒ Saturday & Sunday: noon-7pm

June 19-August 10

Dickinson (closed Thursdays)

⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat: 10am-8pm
⇒ Sun: 11am-7pm

Huntington (closed Mondays)

⇒ Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri: noon-8pm
⇒ Sat: noon-7pm (adult swim only 7-10pm)
⇒ Sun: 11am-7pm

Macgill's Common (closed Tuesdays)

⇒ Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri: noon-8pm
⇒ Sat: 12:30pm-8pm
⇒ Sun: 11am-7pm

Columbia Card Benefits

Did you know that CA residents can visit CA facilities on a daily basis at a reduced pay-as-you-go rate? All you need is a Columbia Card, which is available at no cost through Columbia Association Membership Services located at 6310 Hillside Court Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046

SUMMER 2025 COLUMBIA CARDHOLDER POOL PERKS

- Columbia Card holders have the opportunity to visit any of CA's outdoor pools at **no charge** on these three Sundays this summer: **June 8, July 13 & August 10**.
- Columbia Cardholder households will receive 4 single-use passes to use at any outdoor pool. Monday-Thursday only; some restrictions apply.

Questions? Contact CA's Customer Care at CustomerCare@ColumbiaAssociation.org or call **410-730-1801**. Address verification & dependent children's birth certificates are required.



CORAL REEF ENCOUNTER JEFFERS HILL POOL JULY 19 & JULY 20

Come snorkel through a magical coral reef filled with amazing "coral!"

Learn about saving our reefs!

Free to everyone, but you **must reserve** a time slot before they fill up!

Visit **CoralReefEncounter.org** to register for this free event and for more info.

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 June 25, 2025. Please submit complete applications by June 16, 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**

Our covenant advisor does not inspect a property unless an inquiry is received at our office. Inquiries may be anonymous. *Please provide an exact address for the property in question.* If you have questions or observations about a property in the village, please call Amherst House at 410-381-9600.



HOWARD COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS SUNDAYS in COLUMBIA

Oakland Mills Village Center
5851 Robert Oliver Place, 9am-1pm

WEDNESDAYS in SAVAGE

Washington and Foundry Street
9035 Baltimore Street, 4-7pm

THURSDAYS in MERRIWEATHER DISTRICT

10480 Little Patuxent Parkway, 3-7pm
opens June 26

SATURDAYS in CLARKSVILLE

Clarksville Commons, 12250 Clarksville Pike
9am-1pm

For information, please visit:

HCEDA.ORG or call 410-313-6500



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**.



SUMMER IS HERE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FREE SUMMER CONCERTS in Howard County

⇒ **ColumbiaVillageCenters.com**

Concerts at KC Village Center will be held from 6-8 pm on three Thursdays: July 10, July 31, and August 21.

Visit the link above for the concert schedule at other village centers.

⇒ **LakefrontLive.org**

Entertainment all summer at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront.

⇒ **MerriweatherDistrict.com**

Fitness, food, and entertainment at Color Burst Park.

⇒ **HowardCountyMD.gov/ summerconcerts**

Concerts are at Centennial Park South @ 7:30pm on Wednesday July 9, 16, and 23.

⇒ **ClarksvilleCommons.com**

Concerts are Fridays from 6:30-9pm



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**.

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Vacation Bible School at New Hope Lutheran Church

When: 7/21 to 7/25 — 9am to 12 noon

Where: New Hope Lutheran Church
8575 Guilford Road
Columbia MD 21046



Children aged 3 1/2 through 4th grade are welcome!

Register and pay before June 30, 2025, for the following Early Bird Specials:

\$25 for one child; \$40 for two children; \$55 for three children.

Rates increase after June 30.

Click the QR code below to access the registration form or
visit (newhopelutheran.org).

The link can be found on our homepage near the church's office hours.



MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE AT AMHERST HOUSE



Need a small or large space to conduct a meeting?

Amherst House is perfect for your needs. We have a small conference room, as well as a larger space, to accommodate your group. Both rooms have streaming capability.

For more info, call 410-381-9600 or email: Kings@VillageofKC.org

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE?



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Call 410-381-9600 for info.

General Liability Insurance required.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Here's your chance to nominate a KC 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.