

# CROWN PRINTS

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## TONIGHT! THURSDAY, JULY 10 from 6-8PM **MEET & GREET YOUR KC VILLAGE BOARD**

@ THE FIRST VILLAGE CENTER COURTYARD CONCERT OF THE SUMMER:  
**TRACEY ELDRIDGE (FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT)**

Come and meet your Village Board members.

Learn about what they do and learn how you can get involved in your community!  
Look for the table with the purple KC tablecloth! Kid Activities! KC Swag giveaway!

## Enjoy two more Free Summer Concerts in the Courtyard this Summer Thursdays from 6-8pm

**July 31st**—Taylor Brown—A Tribute to Elvis and **August 21st**—Gayle Harrod Band (Blues, Soul, R&B)

Visit **ColumbiaVillageCenters.com** for the concert schedules for all of the Village Centers.

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

Enjoy food, music, games & 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 today!**

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 now available at Amherst House.

## ANNUAL FREE 50+ LUNCH

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 @ AMHERST HOUSE from 11:30am-1:30pm**  
***Songs, Hits and the Academy Awards: 1934-1969***



Residents aged 50 and over are invited to join us at Amherst House for our annual free lunch.

Enjoy lunch while Hugo Keesing, retired University of Maryland professor, presents

***"Songs, Hits and the Academy Awards: 1934-1969."***

Is your recollection of hit songs aligned with that of Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences members? Have awards gone to the songs you would have picked? You'll have a chance to vote for your picks!



Registration begins **July 14. To register please call 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.**  
Must be a Kings Contrivance resident living on CA assessed property.

## 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. & be reimbursed up to \$50.

## COMING THIS FALL



**SEPTEMBER 12**

Amherst House — Ladies Night BINGO!



**SEPTEMBER 20**

Amherst House — Fall Flea Market, Pumpkin Decorating & Scarecrow Making!

### 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 Water for Wildlife



As our summer heats up, you can help our local wildlife by adding water sources to your yard. Choose a shallow container like a planter

tray or a bird bath (exterior alteration application required), or adapt a deeper container by piling rocks above the surface of the water for creatures to land on and drink from. If the walls are steep or slippery, add a stick so small creatures who fall in can climb back out. Dump, clean, and refill containers frequently to discourage mosquitoes.

Place water sources somewhere easy to access for cleaning and filling, ideally near cover like shrubs or trees so that small creatures can drink safely. If you choose a spot that you can see from inside your home, you can watch all kinds of wildlife enjoy your gift, from bees and butterflies to frogs and foxes!

To learn more, visit

[www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-provide-water-wildlife](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-provide-water-wildlife)

Sign up for the Columbia CARES newsletter for local weekly environmental news and opportunities by emailing:

**KCvillageCARES@gmail.com**

### LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES Lithium-ion batteries are especially susceptible to catching fire; Please recycle them safely



Lithium-ion batteries and devices containing a lithium-ion battery are hazardous and have contributed to fires at

Alpha Ridge Landfill and to curbside collection trucks. Keep workers safe by correct disposal. Lithium-ion batteries (found in smartphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, and power tools) should never be placed in the trash or curbside recycling. Instead, take them to Alpha Ridge Landfill's Household Hazardous Waste area on Saturdays from 8am-4pm (April-Nov.) Please call 410-313-6444 for more info.

There are also many retailers that offer battery recycling and disposal options.

## 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 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

Last day for Huntington Pool: August 10

**Macgill's Common** (closed Tuesdays)

⇒ Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri: noon-8pm

⇒ Sat: 12:30pm-8pm

⇒ Sun: 11am-7pm

### August 11-24

**Dickinson** (closed Thursdays)

⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed, Sun: noon-7pm

⇒ Fri & Sat: noon-8pm

**Macgill's Common** (closed Tuesdays)

⇒ Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun: noon-7pm

Last day for Macgill's Common Pool: August 24

## 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 the following Sundays this summer: **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 July 23, 2025. Please submit complete applications by July 14, 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**



### The End of Year Report For Fiscal Year 2025

is now available on our website.

Please visit:

[VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda](http://VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda)

## DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES BACKPACKS ESPECIALLY NEEDED!



Drop off school supplies in the Amherst House lobby until August 16. The *Prepare For Success* program collects and distributes school supplies to Howard County students in need. Donate *new* school supplies such as backpacks, highlighters, pencils, glue sticks, notebooks, lined paper, folders, colored pencil, pencil boxes or binders. You can also make a tax-deductible donation for students in need. For info or to donate, scan the QR code or visit: **PrepareForSuccess.org**

## 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](http://VillageofKC.org) and on Facebook (Kings Contrivance Village). If you would like to receive the agenda by email, please contact [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org).



## SUMMER IS HERE! FREE SUMMER CONCERTS in Howard County

⇒ **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 16 and 23.

⇒ **ClarksvilleCommons.com**

Concerts are Fridays from 6:30-9pm



## EXPLORE COLUMBIA

Enjoy the outdoors! 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.

## Electricity Prices Soaring?

If your electric bill is higher this summer, you're not alone. BGE customers are experiencing a price increase driven by energy market changes. To help, the BGE Customer Relief Fund, a \$15 million initiative is providing \$250-\$750 in one-time bill assistance to eligible Marylanders.

Learn more at [bge.com/heretohelp](http://bge.com/heretohelp). Apply starting July 1st at [bge.com/relief](http://bge.com/relief).

*Mission statement: The association represents the community of Kings Contrivance by advocating for residents, enforcing covenants, and building a sense of community.*

### Board of Directors

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### Kings Contrivance Community Association

**7251 Eden Brook Drive  
Columbia, Maryland 21046**

**Phone: 410-381-9600**

**Email: [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org)**

**Facebook: Kings Contrivance Village**

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](mailto:Facility@VillageofKC.org).



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## 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 and a sound system. For more info, call 410-381-9600 or email: [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto: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.



## 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 MERRIWETHER 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**

## CABLE BOX REPAIR

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