CROWN WW PRINTS



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FALL FLEA MARKET SCARECROW MAKING PUMPKIN DECORATING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 9AM-NOON

Time to clean out your garage! The Annual **Fall Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House on September 20.

CA resident rate: one space for \$15, two for \$20. Non-resident rate: \$20 each. No vendors please!

Sign up at Amherst House today!

Rain date: September 27.



Make a Scarecrow (free hay - bring old clothes) Decorate Pumpkins (\$2 each—all supplies included)



Stop by the **KC CARES** table for free native perennials - while supplies last! Experienced native gardeners will be on hand to answer landscaping questions.

FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP FREE SHREDDING AMHERST HOUSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 10:00AM-1:00PM

Help keep Kings Contrivance open space beautiful. Pick up litter in the open space & along streams and major roads around the village. Register at Amherst House beginning at 10am. Safety vests, bags and rubber gloves will be provided. Wear appropriate clothing as you may pick up in wooded areas. Participation for the entire three hours is not required. Community service certificates available.



Here's your chance to safely get rid of personal papers. FREE **Shredding** will be offered in the Amherst House parking lot from 10am-1pm on October 11.

- Must be a CA Assessed/KC resident; bring ID
- Personal shredding only no commercial materials
- 10-box/bag limit on paper to be shredded

Please call 410-381-9600 for more information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION STAY STEADY!

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR BETTER
BALANCE AND FALL PREVENTION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
10:30-11:30AM @ AMHERST HOUSE



Join us at Amherst House to learn simple, effective strategies to improve balance, as well as practical home modifications that can significantly reduce you risk of falling. Presented by Dr. Kate Hernandez DPT.

This is a **free presentation**, but registration is required. Please call 410-381-9600 or email Events@VillageofKC.org to register.

Coffee and pastries will be served.

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, 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

Learn to navigate CA's 94 miles of pathways, as well as their facilities, lakes, & community centers. Come by Amherst House to purchase a Columbia pathway or street map for just \$1.25 each.

MORE FALL EVENTS @ AMHERST HOUSE



OCTOBER 24 Halloween Happenings

See a free show by Daisy the Clown! Shows begin @ 5pm, 5:45pm & 6:30pm Trick-or-Treat in the Village Center 5-7pm



NOVEMBER 7 Paint Night (21⁺) @ 7:30pm



NOVEMBER 21 Family Fun Bingo @ 7:30pm



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE

Lunch with Santa December 6 @ 11:30am Cookies with Santa December 13 @ 2:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP **Fall is Planting Time!**



We often think of spring as planting time, but don't wait! You can continue to add plants to your yard for many more weeks. Cooler temperatures and rain stimulate autumn growth. healthy root Roots stop growing when the ground freezes, but

when spring arrives, they begin to grow again, and plant growth also starts above ground. By planting in fall, the plant is better equipped to endure heat and drought the following summer because the roots have had a head start.

Add a few native plants to your yard this fall! Pick up yours at the Kings Contrivance Fall Flea Market, September 20.

Choose from: threadleaf bluestar with blue flowers and brilliant fall foliage; threadleaf coreopsis with its bright yellow summer blooms; mountain mint, the pollinator powerhouse; and two lovely native ferns.

Learn more about fall planting:

https://news.maryland.gov/mda/pressrelease/2010/08/30/fall-is-a-great-timeto-plant-trees-plants-and-shrubs/

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

KCvillageCARES@gmail.com

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE



School is back in session. Please drive carefully & obey all traffic laws. Thank you for doing your part to keep our young residents safe!

OAKLAND MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: TAMING THE BAMBOO WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24@ 6:30PM THE OTHER BARN 5851 ROBERT OLIVER PLACE

This seminar is open to all CA residents and will be presented by Columbia Association Natural Resource Specialist, Eric Walker.



This is a free seminar but registration is required. Please RSVP by September 14 by scanning the QR code.
Have a question for the speaker?
Put it in your RSVP form.

Questions? Please email: PropertyConcerns@OaklandMills.org

FREE FARE ON RTA



Howard County residents aged 60 and older can now ride Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) buses for free on all fixed-route service. This helps older adults our

healthcare, grocery stores, community events, and more — safely and independently.

Free fares for older adults aligns with broader efforts, as an age-friendly county, to support aging with dignity and to keep older residents connected to their community.

Older adults can learn more about how to get a Free Ride Card by calling 800-270-9553 or visiting:

TransitRTA.com/estore-action.

BIKE AROUND DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

BikeAround Downtown, a self-paced, sign-guided, two-wheeled tour of Downtown Columbia, is scheduled for Sept. 13th & 14th with the Block Party on Saturday, Sept. 13th from 9AM to Noon at Color Burst Park in Downtown Columbia. Hop on

your bike and enjoy a relaxing ride along the trails, pathways, and bike lanes of Downtown Columbia, Wilde Lake, and Harper's Choice.

HCPD's Community Outreach & Pathways Section (C.O.P.S.) will be leading group rides along the route beginning at Color Burst Park at 9:30AM and 11AM. This is a great chance for younger and/or less experienced riders to enjoy the course with seasoned cyclists as guides.

The course will be marked and open from 9AM Saturday, September 13th through 6PM Sunday, September 14th. Ride the course to or from the Block Party, or take it on at your leisure either day, as many times as you want. For more info or to register, places visit.

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runsignup.com/Race/MD/Columbia/BikeAroundDowntownColumbiaFall

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 September 24, 2025. Please submit complete applications by September 15, 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.

AUTUMN LEAVES

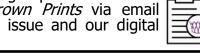
REMINDER: please do not blow or rake leaves into the street where they will clog storm drains and pollute waterways. Instead, paper bag them or put them in reusable containers (no plastic bags are allowed) and place them curbside on your regular recycling day.

⇒ Howard County does not pick up leaves from roadways.



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.



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.

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 MERRIWEATRHER DISTRICT

10480 Little Patuxent Parkway, 3-7pm

SATURDAYS in CLARKSVILLE

Clarksville Commons, 12250 Clarksville Pike 9am-1pm

For information, please visit: HCEDA.ORG or call 410-313-6500

YOU SEE IT! HOCO FIXES IT!



Reporting a pothole with Tell HoCo only takes a minute, and Howard County Department of Public Works crews respond as soon as possible.

Keep our roads safe; visit:

HowardCountyMD.gov/tell-hoco

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.

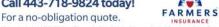
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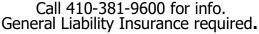
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MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE · ini: AT AMHERST HOUSE





WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE?





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THE LOAN CLOSET OF HOWARD COUNTY

The Loan Closet of Howard County connects individuals with medical equipment (e.g., walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, bedrails, shower chairs, and much more) on a loan basis, free of charge. To receive equipment, your healthcare professional must complete a Loan Closet Referral Form. Appointments are required for all services; please call **410-313-0363** to discuss your needs or ask for a referral.

Items accepted for donation!

Check inventory, find the referral form, and see what is needed for donation by visiting:

HowardCountyMD.gov/Disability-services

The Loan Closet of Howard County is located at 7125 Riverwood Drive, Suite D1, Colúmbia, MD 21046

CA OPEN SPACE



If you have questions or concerns about CA Open Space, call 410 -312-6330 or email Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org

EAST COLUMBIA PRESCHOOL

A cooperative part-time preschool serving Howard County families since 1974

Spaces available in 4s classes

for the 25-26 school year. *Must be 4 before 12/31/25

Morning class: MWF 9-11:45 Afternoon class: M-Th 12:30-3:15pm Optional Lunch Bunch II:45-12:30

Owen Brown Community Center 410-290-9166 EASTCOLUMBIAPRESCHOOL

REFERENCE NUMBERS **Howard County Police Non-Emergency**

- 1410-313-2200 (noise complaints, non-licensed) cars on the street)
- Howard County Highways
- **410-313-7450** (sidewalks, street signs, trees, ponds, grass cutting)
- HoCo Cable TV Authority
- 410-313-3318 (questions/complaints)
- Howard County Senior Assistance
- 410-313-7212
- Howard County Bulk Pickup/Trash/Recycle 1410-313-6444