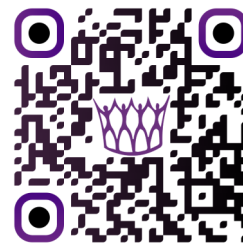


CROWN PRINTS

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IS ALMOST HERE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

AMHERST HOUSE & KC VILLAGE CENTER



Daisy the Clown is back with **3 free magic shows** at Amherst House - **5:00pm, 5:45pm and 6:30pm**. Be sure to leave time between **5pm and 7pm** to walk through the village center to show off your costumes and Trick-or-Treat at the Village Center Merchant too!

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.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE



Lunch with Santa: December 6 @ 11:30am
Enjoy pizza, making a craft, decorating cookies and a visit and photo with Santa!
\$7.00 CA assessed/\$7.50 non-assessed



Cookies with Santa: December 13 @ 2pm
Enjoy making a craft, cookie decorating and a visit and photo with Santa!
\$6.00 CA assessed/\$6.50 non-assessed

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning October 20 @ Amherst House.

PAINT & SIP

AMHERST HOUSE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30-9:30PM



Paint and Sip at Amherst House with Pinot's Palette! Enjoy a fun night out painting "Tuscan Wildflowers" while you enjoy wine and snacks with friends & neighbors.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes all supplies, snacks and drinks.

All attendees must be 21 or older.

To register, please call 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.



FAMILY FUN BINGO

AMHERST HOUSE

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

7:30-9PM

Family Fun Bingo is back! Bring your family and friends to Amherst House on Friday, November 21, from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes!

Bingo cards are just \$2 for 6 cards.

Drinks are \$1 & snacks are free!



TOILETRY DRIVE AT AMHERST HOUSE

Columbia Association Youth & Teen Center and its Teen Outreach Committee are holding a Community Toiletry Drive from Oct. 1 - Nov 17. There will be a collection box in the lobby of Amherst House. Please support this effort by donating items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, and laundry detergent. Full-size and travel-size will be accepted.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Every year, Kings Contrivance Community Association accepts nominations for Volunteer of the Year. This year we honor Jason Protheroe. Jason has served as a member of the Resident Architectural Committee for ten years, and as Chair for five years.

Jason is a true community builder, engaging with residents while always being impartial and diplomatic. As chair, he is always inclusive; seeking input from all RAC members to make fact-based recommendations.

We cannot thank Jason enough for his continued dedication to our village residents. Congratulations for being our Volunteer of the Year.

THANK YOU!

Fifty-three residents enjoyed a fun evening of games, fun prizes, and refreshments at our Ladies' Night Bingo held Sept. 12. We owe many thanks to the KC merchants who donated prizes:

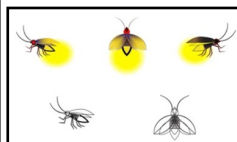
- ♦ **Trattoria E Pizzeria**
- ♦ **Harris Teeter**
- ♦ **Kings Contrivance Jewelers**



and a special Thank You to our always fabulous BINGO callers - Kings Contrivance Village Board Member **Fred Nizioł** and resident **Ed Gardocki**!

Your continued support helps to make our community events successful!

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Fireflies in the Fall



Do you love seeing fireflies in your yard during the summer? If so, Fall is an important time to make sure they have the habitat they need to thrive.

Firefly larvae are already in your yard—underground, in the leaves, and nestled in logs—feeding on garden pests like slugs and snails. To protect them and help them live through the winter, leave your leaves in place, use them as mulch in garden beds, or pile them up in a designated section of your yard. Don't rake leaves and put them on the curb. You are raking up firefly larvae and throwing them away! Other tips for creating a firefly friendly habitat:

- ♦ Avoid pesticides and fertilizers, which can poison the prey that firefly rely on.
- ♦ Modify light fixtures to ensure that fireflies and other nocturnal critters can enjoy darkness.
- ♦ Plant native plants of different heights, including grasses and shrubs.

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

KCvillageCARES@gmail.com

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.

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18



8:30-10:00AM: Start with a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Hammond High's Cafeteria. Adults: \$8.00/Kids (ages 7-12): \$4.00/Under 6: free.



10:00AM: Homecoming Parade kicks off from Amherst House in the Village Center. **Community groups** are welcome to march too! (Safeties, Scouts, Future Golden Bears, etc.) Please sign up in advance.



1:00PM: Homecoming Football Game starts in the HHS Stadium.

Bring your parents, kids, friends and neighbors and join us for this autumn tradition! GO BEARS!

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If you have a convertible, soft-top jeep or truck you are willing to drive in the parade, we need you!

Questions? Contact Merritt Pimental at TLGDANCE1@verizon.net

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CA CA BUDGET PROCESS

Welcome to the Columbia Association Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget process, a chance for you to provide feedback on CA's priorities and investments. CA's FY2027 begins May 1, 2026 and ends April 30, 2026.

The Board is scheduled to start discussing the FY2027 budget during its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on September 25 @ 7pm, where they will narrow down top priorities and vote on those at the meeting on October 23 @ 7pm. Residents are always welcome to participate in Resident Speakout, which happens at the start of every Board meeting. These meetings are also live streamed and recorded on YouTube.

In addition to Board meetings, you will also have a chance to offer your input online from November 14-December 2.

Anyone looking to affect change in the budget should get involved in the early part of the process and let the Board know what your priorities are for CA.

Questions? Call 410-715-3000 or visit ColumbiaAssociation.org/budget

Links to the surveys, as well as the complete budget process calendar, can be found on the above website.

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 October 22, 2025. Please submit complete applications by October 13, 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**

RAC MEETING SCHEDULE



There will be only **one RAC meeting** each month in November and December. Please submit applications by November 3 at 10am for the **Nov. 12 meeting** and by December 1 at 10am for the **Dec. 10 meeting**.

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**.

GET READY FOR PURPLE FRIDAYS!



Show your Purple Friday spirit in a Kings Contrivance **fleece jacket** (\$36), **polo shirt** (\$15) or **baseball cap** (\$8)! We have a variety of men's and women's sizes. Come in to Amherst House today to purchase yours!



PUMPKIN RECYCLING

Did you know nearly 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins are needlessly landfilled each year? Keep your pumpkin out of the landfill – home compost, feed the Green Bin, or bring your sunken pumpkins to the Pumpkin Palooza!

PUMPKIN PALOOZA



Calvin Ball
County Executive



HOWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

2025

Saturday, November 22nd

11AM - 2PM

Howard County Library System, Miller Branch,
9421 Frederick Road

🍂 GAMES 🍂

🍂 ASK A MASTER GARDENER 🍂

🍂 CRAFTS 🍂

🍂 FOOD TRUCKS 🍂

🍂 COMPOST BIN GIVEAWAY & MORE 🍂

HowardCountyMD.gov/PumpkinPalooza



DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 10AM-2PM

WILDE LAKE VILLAGE CENTER

Don't be your child's drug dealer! Safely dispose of your unwanted or expired medication. HCDrugFree is sponsoring a **drive-thru Drug Take Back Day** from 10am-2pm on October 25th in the parking lot of Wilde Lake Village Center.

****New this year****

Sharps, including needles, syringes and EpiPens, are no longer accepted. Please place used (or unused) needles in an empty plastic bottle (ex. detergent bottle) to protect the trash collection crew. When the bottle is full, add the cap and put the bottle in your curbside trash.

For more information, call 443-325-0040 or visit **HCDrugFree.org**.

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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Call 410-558-0923 or email
Volunteer@mowcm.org

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.

Amherst House is also the perfect venue for parties, weddings, showers and holiday parties.

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



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE?

General Liability Insurance required.



For only **\$25 per e-issue** and **\$60 per printed issue**,
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Your ad will also appear on our Website & Instagram.



**The printed version is delivered
once a month to over 5,000 village homes via USPS.**

CAC provides HoCo residents with Food & Housing Assistance, Early Childhood Education and Energy & Weatherization Assistance.

To donate, please visit: **cac-hc.org**

If you need assistance, call: **410-313-6440**

BGE has a website for reporting street lights that are out, on all day, damaged, etc. If possible, provide the light pole number:

BGE.streetlightoutages.com

You can also report street light issues by calling
1-800-685-0123

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

Outdoor cable boxes in need of repair?
Please report them to the HoCo Cable Administrator
at: **410-313-3318**