

CROWN PRINTS



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THANK YOU ED!

Thank you!

Our biggest Thank you goes to Ed Gordon on his retirement from the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) after 20 years of service to his community. We are so appreciative of the many hours he has spent visiting homes in the review process of applications and attending bi-monthly RAC meetings over so many years. His dedication, thoughtful contributions and reliability go unmatched. Ed was rightfully honored as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year in recognition of his volunteer efforts on the RAC and holding the positions of vice-chair and chair for many years. We cannot thank you enough, Ed, for the care you have shown in serving our village. We will miss you.

KC CARES 2026 ENVIRONMENTAL TOWN HALL AMHERST HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 10 @ 7PM



Do you have questions about water, wildlife & woodlands? Land management & development? Energy, data centers & renewables? Come get answers and join KC CARES in welcoming:

- Christiana Rigby, HoCo Councilwoman
- Nick Mooneyhan, HoCo Director Rec & Parks
- Lindsay DeMarzo, HoCo Community Sustainability
- Danielle Tyeryar, CA Sustainability Manager

Registration required—use the QR Code or email
KCvillageCares@gmail.com

AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE

 Amherst House will be closed on Saturday, February 14th and Monday, February 16th in honor of Presidents' Day. The offices will reopen on Tues, Feb 17th at 10am.

→ Trash & recycling pick-up will be on a regular schedule the week of February 16th. It is not a *slide week*. Alpha Ridge Landfill will follow its normal schedule.



CA OPEN SPACE: ISSUES? QUESTIONS?

Contact them directly at 410-312-6330 or email Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org

MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Join us this winter for a series of **FREE gardening talks** via *Zoom*. Enjoy these informative presentations given by Howard County Master Gardeners. Registration not required.

Tuesday, February 24 from 7-8pm *Perennial Gardening for Season Long Beauty*

 This talk provides an in-depth forum for creating and maintaining beautiful perennial gardens. Learn design concepts, plant selection, soil preparation, on-going plant care, and sustainable practices. Recommendations for herbaceous plants, with an emphasis on native plants.

Visit: zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: **859 6066 9622**
Passcode: **241255**

Tuesday, March 24 from 7-8pm *Propagating Perennial Plants*



Have you been shocked by the price of perennials recently? Would you like to multiply your favorite plant? This beginner class is for you! In this talk you will learn which of your own plants are easiest to propagate and which method works best for each type of plant.

Visit: zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: **874 4136 0730**
Passcode: **772138**



SAVE THE DATE Spring Village Events

April 15:	Candidates' Night 7pm (only held if election is contested) @ Amherst House
March 21:	Community Cleans Day 10am-1pm FREE Shredding 10am-1pm @ Amherst House
April 24:	Village Elections 5-7pm @Amherst House
April 25:	Village Elections 9am-1pm Spring Flea Market 9am-noon KC CARES: Gardens for Wildlife Spring Election Day Giveaway 9-11:30am @Amherst House

Are you receiving both issues of our newsletter each month?

The *Crown Prints*, the newsletter for KC Village, is issued twice per month. The first issue of each month is direct mail like this one and the second issue is available by email.

Sign up to receive the email version of all issues of the *Crown Prints* to your inbox by visiting

VillageofKC.org and scrolling to the bottom of the home page.

All issues are posted on our website, Facebook and Instagram.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Micropond Kit Giveaway!

This spring, KC CARES is giving out 150 Micropond Kits to Kings Contrivance residents.

Wildlife depends on water for habitat and sustenance, and even a pond as small as a kitchen mixing bowl can provide these valuable resources.

Check out our demonstration ponds!

KC CARES Weed Warriors recently installed a large and a small micropond in one Adopt-a-Spot in each KC neighborhood:

- Yellow Bonnet Adopt-a-Spot
- South Carlinda Bridge Adopt-a-Spot
- Sea Shadow Bridge Adopt-a-Spot

With a micropond, you get to watch the fun of tadpoles, dragonflies, frogs, and salamanders in your own yard. Kits include 7 deer-resistant native plants, Mosquito Bits to prevent mosquitoes, complete instructions, and a small stainless steel pond basin in one of three sizes.

The [reservation form is now open](#) to KC residents:

<https://forms.gle/o2behjhGQoSiNou3A>

Pick up Saturday, March 7, 9-11 am. Macgill's Common Pool.

Reserve yours now, and don't forget to sign up for the micropond webinar! For more info, contact KCvillageCARES@gmail.com.

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

KCvillageCARES@gmail.com



FREE WEBINAR MICROPONDS

Presented by Alice Jackson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 @ 7PM

Join KC CARES for a webinar to learn how to make a very small pond in your yard, how to populate it with plants, prepare it for wildlife, and how it will benefit our ecosystem. Sponsored by KC CARES.

Email **KCvillageCARES@gmail.com** to register.



ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Village elections are approaching and we need volunteers to serve on the Election Committee. Committee members oversee the voting process to include issuing, receiving and counting the ballots cast on election days. This year's elections will be held on Friday, April 24 from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, April 25 from 9am to 1pm. Are you interested in serving on the committee? Please contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR THE KC VILLAGE BOARD?

 Anyone who is interested in running **for a Village Board seat (2-year term, 4 seats available)** must complete a nomination petition. The petitions will be available on March 1 through email, on our website and at Amherst House during business hours. Petitions must be returned by 5pm on March 21. Elections will be held at Amherst House on April 24 & April 25, 2026. Questions? Please contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.

CA POOLS: SUMMER 2026

NOW HIRING

- Pool managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim lesson instructors

Work poolside all season with a great team, free training and flexible hours! You don't have to live in Columbia to join the team.

APPLY HERE:

ColumbiaAssociation.org/about-us/careers/aquatics/

Or call CA AQUATICS: **410-312-6332**
All CA Team Members receive a FREE Fit & Play membership!

BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 20 from 9AM-3PM SUPREME SPORTS CLUB



In collaboration with the American Red Cross, Columbia Association is hosting a blood drive. The need for blood doesn't stop for winter activities or inclement weather. That's why we need donors like you now!

Register by calling 1-800-RedCross or at: RedCrossBlood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=carefirstcolumbia

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 February 25, 2026. Please submit complete applications by February 17, 2026 @ 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

THINKING AHEAD TO SPRING?

 As you think about spring projects, don't forget to apply before making any changes or improvements to the outside of your home, including color changes, fences, and gardens. Find our **Exterior Alteration Application** on our website under "Covenants."

VillageofKC.org

SIDEWALK MAINTAINANCE

 **Please remember...**if your property has a sidewalk along the *SIDE OR REAR* property line (even if the sidewalk area is behind a fence) it is your responsibility to mow the grass, rake the leaves and **shovel snow** in this area. You are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk and grassy areas so that it is safe for public use. It's the law! *Howard County code, Section 18.402(a) and (h).*

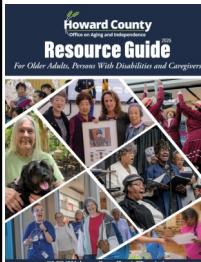
VILLAGE BOARD

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.

◊ If you have an issue or concern that can't wait for a Board Meeting, contact Beverley Meyers, the Village Manager. Call 410-381-9600 or email Kings@VillageofKC.org

2026 Howard County Resource Guide for Older Adults and People with Disabilities Now Available



The Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) Office on Aging and Independence (OAI) annual Howard County Resource Guide contains up-to-date information about health and wellness, financial planning, legal services, housing options and more to help county residents age well and plan for their future.

Find the 2026 Resource Guide online at HowardCountyMD.gov/aging or pick up a hard copy at Amherst House.



DON'T FORGET...

PHOTOS FROM OUR SANTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT AMHERST HOUSE.

CA OPEN SPACE

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

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provides simple access to health & human services information. 2-1-1 connects people with help for employment, housing, utility assistance, food, health care & family resources such as child & elder care. Specialists answer calls 24 hours a day.

Columbia Card Benefits

Did you know that CA residents can visit Columbia Association 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

Questions?

Contact CA's Customer Care at CustomerCare@ColumbiaAssociation.org or call **410-730-1801**.

Address verification & dependent children's birth certificates are required.

**CARE
APP**

Find resources for access to food, healthcare, education, employment, housing & more. Visit **FindHCResources.org** for all of the ways CAREAPP can help you. You can also download the App by searching **CAREAPP Howard County** in your phone's app store.

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



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.

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.

