

CROWN PRINTS

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU FOR SUMMER FUN IN THE VILLAGE!



HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY KC VILLAGE CENTER! SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026 4-7PM

Come celebrate the *40th Anniversary* of the Kings Contrivance Village Center. Enjoy live music, crafts & light refreshments in the **Village Center Courtyard**

2026 SUMMER COURTYARD CONCERTS SUNDAYS from 4-7PM

June 14, July 12, and August 9

Enjoy the evening with take out from one of the village restaurants as you listen to live music!

Sponsored by KIMCO and the Village Center Merchants



ANNUAL FREE 50+ LUNCH TUESDAY, JUNE 30 11:30AM-1:30PM @AMHERST HOUSE

Enjoy a free lunch as Erin Berry, Columbia Association Archivist, presents "Columbia Maryland: A Brief History of a Planned Community"
Call 410-381-9600 to reserve your spot.
For KC residents living on CA Assessed property.



SUNDAE MAKING & ROCK DECORATING TUESDAY, JULY 14 1-2:30PM @ 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 15 at Amherst House.

KC ANNUAL FREE POOL PARTY THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 6:30-9PM @ DICKINSON POOL Enjoy food, music, and games!



This is a free event but registration is required.

Pick up your *free tickets* at Amherst House starting June 22.

For KC residents living on CA Assessed property.



HOWARD COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS SUNDAYS in COLUMBIA

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

WEDNESDAYS in SAVAGE

Washington and Foundry Street from 4-7pm

THURSDAYS in

MERRIWEATHER DISTRICT

10480 Little Patuxent Parkway, 3-7pm
opens June 11

SATURDAYS in CLARKSVILLE

Clarksville Commons, 12250 Clarksville Pike
9am-1pm

For information, please visit:

HCEDA.ORG or call 410-313-6500



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. Invite all of your neighbors and let the fun begin! After the party, bring in your receipts for food, soft drinks, and paper goods and be reimbursed up to \$50.



SWEET HOURS WAY STREAM STABILIZATION FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

On May 20 at Amherst House, the County held a public meeting to give a presentation on Sweet Hours Way stream stabilization. The presentation is available on our website, VillageofKC.org, under Village News.

Questions/comments will be accepted until June 26. Contact Radhika Wijetunge, Howard County DPW, Stormwater Management Division at 410-313-6129 or rwijetunge@howardcountymd.gov

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Control Rats Safely



Springtime is an active season for rats. You may see them in alleys with garbage dumpsters or even in yards with vegetable gardens or birdfeeders. If you see signs of rats at your residence or HOA, you can control these without risk to other wildlife. Poison bait traps unfortunately put natural predators like hawks, owls, and foxes at serious risk when they consume the poisoned rats.

To permanently resolve an infestation, **secure, seal, and trap.**

Secure all outdoor food sources including bird feeders, compost bins, and garbage cans.

Seal exterior gaps in your home larger than a quarter inch using steel wool and caulk.

Trap rats with mechanical snap traps – effective, humane, and no risk to wildlife. Consider installing an owl box to attract natural predators; a single owl family can consume over 1,000 rodents per year. Combining these strategies resolves the infestation while keeping your local ecosystem safe.

Learn more about safe rat control:

www.massaudubon.org/take-action/advocate/poison-free-pest-control

Learn more about owl boxes:

wildlifecenter.org/sites/default/files/documents/BADO%2520boxes.pdf

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



FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS JUNE 24— JULY 31 Monday-Friday 12:30-2PM

The Howard County Public School System is offering free meals this summer for all children 18 & under at several locations around the county. There is NO cost, NO application and NO enrollment! *no service July 3.

NEARBY LUNCH SITES:

Hammond High School
Bollman Bridge Elementary School
Atholton High School
Stevens Forest Elementary School
East Columbia Branch Library

For more info, call **410-313-6600.**

The *Crown Prints* welcomes letters to the editor.

STAY COOL IN THE POOL



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

Village Pool Hours

May 26-June 18

Dickinson

- ⇒ Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 4-7pm
- ⇒ Saturday: 10:30am-7pm
- ⇒ Sunday: noon-7pm

Huntington & Macgill's Common

- ⇒ Saturday & Sunday: noon-7pm

June 19-August 9

Dickinson (closed Thursdays)

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

Huntington (closed Mondays)

- ⇒ Tues, Wed, Thurs: noon-7:30pm
- ⇒ Fri: noon-8pm
- ⇒ Sat: noon-7pm (adult swim only 7-10pm)
- ⇒ Sun: noon-7pm

Macgill's Common (closed Tuesdays)

- ⇒ Mon, Wed, Thurs: noon-7:30pm
- ⇒ Fri: noon-8pm
- ⇒ Sat: noon-8pm
- ⇒ Sun: noon-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 2026 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 14, July 12 & August 9.**
- 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 18 & JULY 19

Come snorkel through a magical coral reef filled with amazing "coral!" Ages 6 and up.

Learn about saving our reefs!

Please reserve a time slot before they fill up!
Visit CoralReefEncounter.org to register.

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 24, 2026. Please submit complete applications by June 15, 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**

You can read the revised *Village Architectural Guidelines* on our website: **VillageofKC.org** under "Covenants".

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 hybrid.

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**



UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM

Wednesday, June 17

Village Center update from Kimco leasing agent.

SUMMER IS HERE!

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS in Howard County

⇒ **ColumbiaVillageCenters.com**
Concerts at KC Village Center will be held from 4-7pm on three Sundays: June 14, July 12, and August 9. 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 .

⇒ **ClarksvilleCommons.com**
Concerts are Fridays from 6:30-9pm



VILLAGE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2027

The village's fiscal year 2027 runs from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027. The approved budget is now available on our website:

VillageofKC.org/village-board/agenda/

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING AMHERST HOUSE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 5-7PM

The Howard County Traffic Engineering Division will hold a public meeting concerning improvements at the intersection of Old Columbia Road and Guilford Road.

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**.

