

# CROWN PRINTS

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## WELCOME NEW KC RESIDENTS! SATURDAY, MAY 16 from 10:30am-noon



Are you new to the Village of Kings Contrivance? Join us for a **free Open House** at Amherst House (7251 Eden Brook Drive). Meet other new residents and enjoy pastries & coffee, crafts for the kids, and learn about your new neighborhood! KC CARES, our environmental committee, will be on hand to answer gardening questions and to give out **free native plants!** Please let us know if you are interested in attending by emailing [Events@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Events@VillageofKC.org) or calling us at 410-381-9600.



## VILLAGE ELECTIONS 2026

Kings Contrivance Village elections took place on April 24 and 25, 2026 and 297 votes were cast. The results are as follows:

For Village Board, four seats open

- Melissa Hogle 142 votes
- Madeleine Borowski 211 votes
- Heidi Schweingruber 204 votes
- Paul Rader 185 votes
- Vivian Feen 105 votes
- Fred Niziol 199 votes

Madeleine, Heidi, Paul, and Fred were elected to two-year terms on the village board.

*Thank you to all of the KC residents who voted in our village election!*

### KC KIDS VOTED TOO!

Thirty-three kids participated in this year's kids' vote. KC kids voted for the elephant to be adopted from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

**Special thanks** to our hard-working Election Committee and election day volunteers: Mahfuzur Rahman (chair), Isaac Cole, Deanna Lee, Maureen Cogan, Ed Gordon, and Valerie Montague.

Thank you also to KC CARES for hosting a "Gardens for Wildlife" event during our village elections! Experienced wildlife gardeners were on hand to give residents help and advice. Many residents received free bird houses, microponds, and native plants.



Many residents also enjoyed finding bargains at our sold out community yard sale. Be sure to come to the next one in September!



## HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> 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

June 14, July 12, and August 9

*Sponsored by KIMCO*

## SUMMER FUN IN THE VILLAGE ANNUAL FREE 50+ LUNCH TUESDAY, JUNE 30 11:30am-1:30pm @AMHERST HOUSE



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



Tickets are \$3 per person; all supplies included. All ages welcome!

Tickets available June 15 at Amherst House.



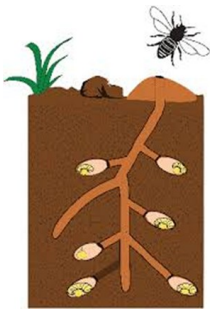
## KC ANNUAL FREE POOL PARTY THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 6:30-9PM @ DICKINSON POOL Enjoy food, music, games!

Free tickets available at Amherst House starting June 22.

*For KC residents living on CA Assessed property.*

## **A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**

### **Ground Nesting Bees**



Spring is finally here and with it – the pollinators! Among these are ground-nesting bees. Almost 70% of our native bees are solitary bees that burrow underground to lay their eggs. In the spring, these nests are visible as small mounds with holes, especially in bare patches of lawn. Because individual bees

may build their nests in close proximity to each other and tend to return to the same location year after year, there can be numerous nests in the same location. These groups of nests can be alarming to a homeowner, but the bees are docile and seldom sting. They are also critical members of the ecosystem, pollinating flowers and fruit. To support ground-nesting bees:

- ◆ Plant native flowers in your yard
- ◆ Leave the leaves and skip the fall cleanup
- ◆ Provide open, sandy spots in your garden beds
- ◆ Reduce or eliminate pesticide use
- ◆ Educate others

Learn more & get involved to protect our bees!

<https://www.gnbee.org/>

To learn more about KC CARES, sign up for our weekly environmental newsletter, and join our efforts, contact [KCvillageCARES@gmail.com](mailto:KCvillageCARES@gmail.com)

### **DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING TIPS FROM HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Warmer weather brings an increase in door-to-door sales. Many residents don't like to be solicited at home and privacy concerns and the rise in scams make residents even more resentful of solicitors. Still, many businesses find this a profitable way to conduct business.

#### **ASK TO SEE AN I.D. CARD!**

Did you know? Anyone who goes door-to-door in Howard County to offer or sell goods & services, take orders for the future delivery of goods & services, sell subscriptions to newspapers, magazines or other publications or request donations on behalf of charities or non-profit organizations is **required to register** with Howard County Office of Consumer Protection.

- ◆ To report an unregistered sales person, or get more information on shopping for home improvements or other goods or services, contact OCP at 410-313-6420 or email: [consumer@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:consumer@howardcountymd.gov)

Questions? Visit [Howardcountymd.gov/consumer](http://Howardcountymd.gov/consumer)

### **TIME FOR FUN IN THE SUN!**



Enjoy all 23 CA outdoor pools this summer! For a complete schedule, membership info, as well as how to obtain a Columbia Card, call 410-730-1801 or visit:

**ColumbiaAssociation.org**

\*A Columbia Card allows Columbia residents access to CA facilities at a reduced, pay-as-you-go rate.

**Memorial Day Weekend  
May 23rd - 25th  
All CA outdoor pools will be open  
from noon-7pm**

### **MEMORIAL DAY AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE**



The village office will be closed on Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25. We will reopen at 10am on Tuesday, May 26.

#### **TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Memorial Day week, May 25-May 29, is on a "slide" schedule. All trash and recycling collections scheduled will "slide" and be made one day later. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on May 25.

⇒ Please remember to store trash and recycling bins in your garage or behind your house. If they must be stored on the side of your house, please use screening.

### **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.

#### **\$200 CUL~DE~SAC GRANTS**



Does your cul-de-sac need sprucing up? We are offering three \$200 grants to be used to beautify your cul-de-sac. To qualify, you must live on Columbia assessed property in Kings Contrivance. Call 410-381-9600 or email [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org).

### **VILLAGE CENTER UPDATE**

Kimco has made a significant investment in a full remodel of the upstairs office common areas and shared spaces resulting in several new leases, including Huey Health and Veva Beauty. In the courtyard, look for Aurora Nails (late summer/fall 2026) and Nina's Cookie Explosion (late 2026).

Kimco is also moving forward with:

- Expanded and enhanced signage to improve tenant visibility
- Courtyard improvements to elevate the overall experience of the center. Coming this summer!

## 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 May 27, 2026. Please submit complete applications by May 18, 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](http://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](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).

♦ 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](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org)

## PUBLIC MEETING @ AMHERST HOUSE: WED., MAY 20 @ 6:30PM

The HoCo Dept. of Public Works has been assessing the feasibility of addressing erosion and drainage concerns at the stream channel at Sweet Hours Way. The county's design firm, Biohabitats, Inc., has completed an initial assessment and provided a few alternatives. This community meeting will be to discuss potential concepts and solicit feedback from the community.

## SUMMER MUSIC IS COMING SOON! FREE SUMMER CONCERTS in Howard County

- ⇒ [LakefrontLive.org](http://LakefrontLive.org)
- ⇒ [MerriweatherDistrict.com](http://MerriweatherDistrict.com)
- ⇒ [ClarksvilleCommons.com/gather](http://ClarksvilleCommons.com/gather)
- ⇒ [ColumbiaVillageCenters.com](http://ColumbiaVillageCenters.com)
- ⇒ [HowardCountyMD.gov/summerconcerts](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/summerconcerts)



## FREE LAKEFEST WEEKEND DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA LAKEFRONT JUNE 12-14

**COLUMBIA festival of the arts** The **FREE** LakeFest Weekend includes three days of live music, a juried arts and crafts show, kids' entertainment & crafts, food trucks & specialty foods, interactive art activities, performances for all ages and more. For the complete LakeFest schedule, visit:

**ColumbiaFestival.org**

## STAY INFORMED, PREPARED & CONNECTED



Howard County has announced the exciting expansion of GovDelivery text alerts. Through a partnership with GovDelivery, residents can now opt in to receive critical updates directly to their phones, including weather preparedness alerts, water outages, boil water advisories, trash and recycling schedule changes, and snow removal updates. These alerts ensure residents stay informed, prepared, and connected. Sign up for alerts by visiting:

[HowardCountyMD.gov/county-executive/text-alerts](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/county-executive/text-alerts)

*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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### Columbia Council Representative

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### Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee

Janet Cornick

### Watershed Advisory Committee Representative

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### Kings Contrivance Community Association

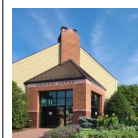
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**Email: [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org)**

**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).

