

# CROWN PRINTS



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



### 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 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 today.**

*For KC residents living on CA Assessed property.*

### NEW SUMMER CURBSIDE COLLECTION TIME - 5:00AM Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste & Food Scraps

In compliance with Maryland heat stress regulations, curbside collections will begin 1 hour earlier to beat the summer heat.

Please make sure all items for recycling, yard trim, food scraps and trash are at the curb by 5:00am, or the night before to ensure collection.

Trucks cannot return for items that are set out after the truck has serviced the area.

### COLUMBIA COUNCIL REP WANTED FOR KC



Are you interested in being appointed as the Kings Contrivance Representative to the Columbia Council (Columbia Association Board of Directors)? The appointment will be for the current term, which runs until April 30, 2027.

As CA Rep, you will prepare for and attend both Village Board meetings and CA Board meetings. Members of the CA Board should have skills and abilities that help them advise on and provide oversight to CA's operations, budget and policies, and be leaders in efforts driving CA's mission.

For more info, including a summary of CA Board member responsibilities, visit [VillageofKC.org](http://VillageofKC.org). Questions? Contact Beverley Meyers at [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org). Letters of interest and resumes must be received by Sunday, July 12, 2026. Candidates will be interviewed on the evening of Wednesday, July 15, 2026.



### 40th BIRTHDAY FUN!

Kings Contrivance Village Center celebrated its 40th Birthday on June 14 in the courtyard. Over 100 residents enjoyed live music, hula hoops, crafts & cupcakes.

We were joined by several KC Board members, as well as several state and county representatives.

The County Executive's office proclaimed June 14, 2026 "Kings Contrivance Village Center Day".

**2026 SUMMER COURTYARD CONCERTS  
Sunday July 12 & August 9 from 4-7PM**

### VILLAGE CENTER UPDATE

At the June 17th Village Board meeting, Kimco's Director of Development, Ryan McCoy, and Kimco's VP of Leasing, Gordon Ashby, gave an update on Kings Contrivance Village Center. Kimco has procured four leases in recent months and has several possible merchants for storefronts in the courtyard area.

In addition to the major renovation in the upstairs office area, Kimco is improving the Village Center Courtyard. Recently, a cut through was made in the courtyard, providing easier access to all merchants. Pending county permits, sun sails will be installed to provide shade to the courtyard area. Look for new signage going up around the Village Center as well! After listening to comments and answering residents' questions, Kimco assured the Board that their goals align with those of the village residents.

### Never miss an event!

Do you receive two issues of our newsletter each month? Visit [VillageofKC.org](http://VillageofKC.org) and scroll to the bottom to sign up to receive both issues of the *Crown Prints* via email each month.

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

### **Feeding Foxes**



A fox running through our neighborhood yards is a charming – and common – sight in Kings Contrivance. But deliberately attracting foxes and other animals to our yards with food can harm them, their habitat, us and our neighbors.

Our leftovers don't have the nutrients foxes, raccoons and other wildlife require for good health. Eating human food can result in poor body condition, dental decay, and decreased disease resistance. Feeding wild animals also interferes with development of their survival skills. They must learn to find their natural foods and they need an appropriate fear of predators.

Sharing our leftovers with one adorable creature attracts many other animals – increasing the spread of disease. Foxes and other wildlife can carry rabies and serious diseases that are highly transmissible. This may affect all species in the area, including humans.

Handouts don't help wild animals. Enjoy them in their natural habitats. Learn more at:

[DNR.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants\\_wildlife/Feeding-Wildlife.aspx](http://DNR.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/Feeding-Wildlife.aspx)

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)



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

The HCPSS is offering free meals this summer for all children 18 & under. 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**.

### **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, etc. & be reimbursed up to \$50.

### **COMING THIS FALL**

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**



Amherst House — Coffee & Conversation  
Come learn about recycling in the county.



#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Amherst House — Fall Flea Market,  
Pumpkin Decorating & Scarecrow Making!

### **STAY COOL IN THE POOL**



For complete pool schedules, information on classes & more, visit:

[ColumbiaAssociation.org/sports-recreation/pools/](http://ColumbiaAssociation.org/sports-recreation/pools/)

#### **Village Pool Hours**

##### **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. Apply online at:

[ColumbiaAssociation.org/sports-recreation/membership/columbia-card/](http://ColumbiaAssociation.org/sports-recreation/membership/columbia-card/)

#### **SUMMER 2026 COLUMBIA CARDHOLDER POOL PERKS**

- Columbia Card holders have the opportunity to visit any of CA's outdoor pools at **no charge** on Sundays **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](mailto:CustomerCare@ColumbiaAssociation.org) or call **410-730-1801**. Address verification 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](http://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 July 22, 2026. Please submit complete applications by July 13, 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**

## JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION!



Howard County Rec & Parks, the Merriweather Arts and Culture Center, and CA are proud to present free festivities and fireworks to celebrate July 4th at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront.

**3pm** - Lakefront opens for blankets and seating  
**5-9pm** - Food trucks serving up local favorites  
**6-9pm** - Live performances  
**9:15pm** - Fireworks hosted by HoCo Rec & Parks start around dusk

For complete schedule visit:  
[HowardCountyMD.gov/july-4th-fireworks](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/july-4th-fireworks)

## JULY FOURTH AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE



The village office will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4. We will reopen at 10am on Monday, July 6.

## TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There is *no "slide" schedule* for the July 4th holiday. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Saturday, July 4th

⇒ 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.

## 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)

## DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES BACKPACKS ESPECIALLY NEEDED!



Drop off school supplies in the Amherst House lobby until August 15. The *Prepare For Success* program collects and distributes school supplies to Howard County students in need. Donate **new** school supplies such as backpacks, highlighters, pencils, glue sticks, notebooks, lined paper, folders, colored pencil, pencil boxes or binders. You can also make a tax-deductible donation for students in need. For info or to donate, visit:

**[PrepareForSuccess.org](http://PrepareForSuccess.org)**

## SUMMERTIME REMINDER TIME TO MOW



If you have a home where the back or side yard borders a street, it is your responsibility to maintain the area between the sidewalk and the street. Even if the area is outside of your fence, it is yours to maintain.

*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

Barbara Seely	410-381-6447	BSeely@comcast.net
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### Columbia Council Representative

### Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee

Janet Cornick

### Watershed Advisory Committee Representative

Kate Reilly [katerei42@gmail.com](mailto:katerei42@gmail.com)

### KC CARES Environmental Group

[KCVillageCares@gmail.com](mailto:KCVillageCares@gmail.com)

### Kings Contrivance Community Association 7251 Eden Brook Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046

Phone: 410-381-9600

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

Facebook: [Kings Contrivance Village](https://www.facebook.com/KingsContrivanceVillage)

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).

## Coverage for the life you want to live

- Home Insurance
- Life Insurance
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### New Hope Lutheran Church

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Sunday worship 10 AM – Nursery available

Join us in person or online at

[www.newhopelutheran.org](http://www.newhopelutheran.org)

ALL ARE WELCOME

### CAREAPP

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.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Here's your chance to nominate a Kings Contrivance resident who has done an outstanding job improving life in Kings Contrivance. Nomination forms are available at Amherst House and on the home page of our website: **VillageofKC.org**. Please email completed forms to [Kings@VillageofKC.org](mailto:Kings@VillageofKC.org) or drop them off at Amherst House.

**HoCo OFFERS FREE CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP!**  
Schedule a pickup by calling 410-313-6444

## YOUR AD HERE!

For only **\$25 per e-issue** and **\$60 per printed issue**, your ad will be sent directly to more than 800 emails and all 1800 of our *Facebook Friends*.



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.**



### CA OPEN SPACE: ISSUES? QUESTIONS?

Contact them directly by calling 410-312-6330 or emailing: **Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org**  
Report issues in Open Space such as trees across a CA pathway or tot lot problems.

### CRIME & TRAFFIC DASHBOARDS



Howard County Police Dept. has two interactive data dashboards. These will increase transparency, awareness, and public safety in our community. The crime report dashboard allows you to search for incidents across the county. The traffic dashboard allows you to search traffic stops.

Both dashboards can be found at:  
**HowardCountyMD.gov/police**

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Visit Howard County Volunteers at the link below to explore the many volunteer opportunities in the county.  
[hocovolunteer.org/custom/501/opp\\_search](http://hocovolunteer.org/custom/501/opp_search)

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

### CABLE BOX REPAIR

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



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