

CROWN PRINTS

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WELCOME TED BAUER!

Welcome and *thank you* to Kings Contrivance resident Ted Bauer for volunteering to represent Kings Contrivance. Ted's name will be put forward as the Kings Contrivance Council Representative at a future Columbia Association Board meeting.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION TUESDAY, SEPT. 22 @10:30AM AMHERST HOUSE

"Recycling in Howard County"



Join us at Amherst House for a presentation by Howard County Bureau of Environmental Services. Learn about the recycling process in Howard County, from curbside collection to final processing. Hear about recycling misconceptions and the many benefits the recycling program provides to our county. To register, please call 410-381-9600 or email Events@VillageofKC.org

Coffee and pastries will be served.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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**. 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 Merchants!



UPCOMING EVENTS @ AMHERST HOUSE

Nov. 6: Ladies Night Bingo @ 7:30pm
(registration begins Sept. 28)

Nov. 17: Poetry Reading @ 10:30am
(registration begins Oct. 5)

Nov. 20: Family Fun Bingo! @ 7:30pm
(no registration necessary)

Dec. 5: Lunch with Santa @ 11:30am
(tickets available October 19)

Dec. 12: Cookies with Santa @ 2:00pm
(tickets available October 19)

FALL YARD SALE SCARECROW MAKING PUMPKIN DECORATING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 9AM-NOON

Time to clean out your garage! The Annual **Fall Yard Sale** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House on September 26. CA resident rate: one space for \$20, two for \$30. Non-resident rate: \$25 each. No vendors please!

**Call 410-381-9600 or visit
Amherst House to sign up today!**

Rain date: October 3.



Make a Scarecrow
(free hay - bring old clothes)
Decorate Pumpkins
(\$4 each—all supplies included)



Stop by the **KC CARES** table for free native plants - while supplies last! These deer-resistant native plants are vigorous growers that support wildlife and help suppress weeds.

FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP FREE SHREDDING AMHERST HOUSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 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 31.

- *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.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Planting Trees for Tomorrow



Columbia's mature trees provide shade, food for wildlife, stormwater management, and majestic beauty. But many are reaching the end of their lifespan, and many others have fallen to increasingly severe storms. A dense tree canopy takes decades to mature, so plan ahead by planting now!

Choose native species suited to your soil, sun, and moisture conditions. Plant beneath or near existing canopy, giving them time to establish before mature trees decline. Avoid planting too close to buildings, utilities, or other trees. Care for your new trees by watering them deeply and regularly for their first two years, mulching around but not against the trunk, and installing wire cages to protect the tender trunks from deer antler rubbing.

Fall is the best time to plant trees in Maryland. This fall, take action to help ensure the future of Columbia's ecosystem by planting trees! Learn more about Maryland trees and tree programs at **HowardCounty.md.gov/forestry**

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



Please Consider Serving! The 55+ Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee needs you!

The mission of the Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee (AWCAC), is to identify to the Columbia Association ("CA") the special needs of Columbia's seniors, herein defined as Columbia residents who are 55 years of age or older (55+).

Goals

1. Inform and advocate to CA on community issues and opportunities as they relate to Columbia's 55+ population.
2. Review CA policies and programs related to the mission of this Committee and recommend changes as appropriate.
3. Assist CA in disseminating information about the needs and concerns of Columbia's 55+ population.
4. Encourage a broad range of businesses, organizations and associations to contribute to the richness of the quality of life of Columbia's 55+ population.
5. Increase public awareness of Columbia's 55+ population as a distinct and active population within the Columbia community.

For more information, to volunteer, or to share concerns, please contact Janet Moye Cornick at janetmoyecornick@gmail.com or 240-461-4616.

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER EVENTS



Our annual pool party on August 6 was a huge success! Over 120 KC residents enjoyed free music, food, games and prizes. Thanks to all of our volunteers: Barb

Seely, Madeleine Borowski, and our grill-master Jeff Meyers.

On July 14 we hosted a fun summer event! Over **40 residents of all ages** spent an afternoon at Amherst House making ice cream sundaes to enjoy as they showed off their creativity by painting rocks!

Never miss an event!



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

Free Movies in the Park Merriweather District

The Merriweather District, in partnership with the Merriweather Arts and Culture Center, is hosting Movie Nights in the Park on Fridays Sept. 18-Oct. 9.

Family-friendly pre-movie events from 6:30-7pm at Color Burst Park include a variety of games, trivia and music with complimentary popcorn and candy concessions. Movies start at 7:15pm.

Sept. 18 - Super Mario Galaxy

Sept. 25 - Moana – Live Action

Oct. 2 - The Wizard of Oz

Oct. 9 - Toy Story 5

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and/or blankets. The movies are free and open to the public.

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.

CA OPEN SPACE: ISSUES? QUESTIONS?

Contact them directly by call 410-312-6330 or email **Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org**

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 September 23, 2026. Please submit complete applications by September 14, 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**

CUL-DE-SAC MAINTENANCE



"Who is responsible for maintenance of the cul-de-sac islands?"

Although the cul-de-sac islands are owned by the county, the regular mowing of the center islands is the responsibility of all residents whose homes face or driveways open onto the island. If your cul-de-sac hasn't formalized a maintenance plan, now is the time to do so! We encourage you to work together to find one that works.

BLOCK PARTY GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE!



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. to be reimbursed up to \$50.

LABOR DAY AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE

The village office will be closed on Saturday, September 5 and Monday September 7. We will reopen at 10am on Tuesday, September 8.

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

All scheduled trash, recycling, compost and yard trim collections will "slide" the week of Sept. 7 and be made one day later that week. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7.

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**

HOCO CABLE ADMINISTRATOR

The Howard County Office of Cable Administration investigates cable related complaints and negotiates corrective action with the cable providers. To report a cable issue or complaint concerning cable providers in Howard County, please call

410-313-3318

or visit

HowardCountyMD.gov/cable-administration

Outdoor cable boxes in your neighborhood in need of repair? You can also report them to the Howard County Cable Administrator.

AUTUMN LEAVES

REMINDER: please do not blow or rake leaves into the street where they will clog storm drains and pollute waterways. Instead, paper bag them or put them in reusable containers (no plastic bags are allowed) and place them curbside on your regular recycling day.

⇒ Howard County does not pick up leaves from roadways.



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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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."

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New Hope Lutheran Church

8575 Guilford Road, Columbia MD - newhopelutheran.org

Worship with us in person or online on Sundays at 10 am

Sunday School for all ages begins Sunday, September 13 at 9 am

**Please Join New Hope Lutheran Church at Our Annual
God's Work Our Hands Day of Service on Saturday, September 12**

Activities include:

International Flavors Community Potluck Meal - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

All are welcome – bring a favorite dish from your cultural heritage to share
Service activities will begin at 10 am - *All ages are welcome for all activities*

Narcarn training will be offered at 11:30 am on Sunday, September 13.



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Contact them directly by calling 410-312-6330 or emailing:

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Report issues in Open Space such as trees across a CA
pathway or tot lot problems.

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.



LOOKING TO TAKE A HIKE?

Are you interested in joining other fellow senior
male neighbors as they embark on a monthly
Saturday morning 6-mile, round-trip hike from
the Iron Truss Bridge in Huntington to Savage
Mill including a stop for lunch? For more info,
contact Hal Sommers at **Sommershal@gmail.com**

EXPLORE COLUMBIA

Enjoy the outdoors! Learn to navigate CA's 94 miles of
pathways, as well as their facilities, lakes, & village centers.
Come by Amherst House to purchase a Columbia pathway or
street map for just \$1.25 each.