

CROWN PRINTS

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IS ALMOST HERE!

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**. Be sure to 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 too!

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.

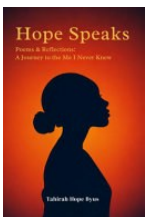


Here's your chance to safely get rid of personal papers. **FREE Shredding** will be offered in the Amherst House parking lot from 10am-1pm on October 31.

- *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.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 10:30AM @ AMHERST HOUSE "Poetry Reading: Hope Speaks"



Join us for our next Coffee & Conversation at Amherst House on November 17. Kings Contrivance resident, Tahira Hope Byus, will read poems from her book, ***Hope Speaks***, an intimate journey through layers of healing, becoming, and faith.

To register, call 410-381-9600 or email Events@VillageofKC.org

Coffee and pastries will be served.

LET'S WALK TOGETHER! MONDAYS IN OCTOBER 10:30AM @ AMHERST HOUSE

Did you know that walking is Maryland's official exercise? Walk to a healthier you during "Walktober". Come to Amherst House and meet up with neighbors for a self-guided walk along the pathways in Kings Contrivance.

No registration needed!

Questions? Call 410-381-9600



LADIES' NIGHT BINGO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 7:30PM @ AMHERST HOUSE

Bring your friends and join us for this adult-only evening of BINGO! Win fun prizes and gift cards!! Tickets are \$20 per person & include 12 BINGO cards; 12 games will be played. Extra cards will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served; this is an adult event.

⇒ Register by calling 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.

⇒ Seats are limited! Get your tickets by Oct. 16 for a chance to win a \$25 Corner Stable gift card.



FAMILY FUN BINGO AMHERST HOUSE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 7:30-9PM

Family Fun Bingo is back! Bring your family and friends to Amherst House on Friday, November 20, from 7:30-9:00pm. Join us for a night of fun and prizes! No registration needed!

Bingo cards are just \$2 for 6 cards.

Drinks are \$1 & snacks are free!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE

Lunch with Santa: Sat., December 5
11:30am-1:30pm

Enjoy pizza, making a craft, decorating cookies and a visit and photo with Santa!
\$8.00 CA assessed/\$8.50 non-assessed

Cookies with Santa: Sat., December 12
2-4pm

Enjoy making a craft, cookie decorating and a visit and photo with Santa!
\$7.00 CA assessed/\$7.50 non-assessed

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning October 19 @ Amherst House.



A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Life in the Leaves



This fall, let's protect the leaves—and their many inhabitants—rather than bagging them up and sending them away. Fallen leaves are not yard waste—they are habitat.

Fireflies spend most of their lives in leaf litter. Many butterflies and moths shelter there as eggs, caterpillars, or pupae. Robins, juncos, and other birds depend on the insects living among the leaves for food.

Rake autumn leaves into landscaped beds, especially beneath trees and shrubs. A layer of leaves protects the roots by moderating temperature fluctuations, provides shelter for wildlife, and improves the soil as the leaves break down. If there are too many leaves, mowing them will break them into smaller pieces, so they decompose quickly and return nutrients to the soil.

Leave the leaves, and you leave a winter home for a whole community of next spring's pollinators and fireflies.

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



PLEASE REMEMBER

Howard County *does not* pick up leaves from roadways; please do not blow or rake leaves into the street.

5,038 Students Started School Ready!

Thanks to the continued generosity of our KC residents, Prepare for Success was able to give 5,038 Howard county students the supplies, and confidence, to begin this school year ready to learn! Thank you for your considerate donations.

DEER MANAGEMENT

This fall, Columbia Association will conduct five controlled archery hunts in select areas of Columbia to help address the overpopulation of white-tailed deer and protect the health of our natural areas. The hunts, scheduled to begin in October, are the first step in a measured approach to managing Columbia's deer population. The plan follows extensive community feedback and evaluation of different management. Find dates, locations & more info: ColumbiaAssociation.org/blog/open-space or email:

Sustainability@columbiaassociation.org



SPOOKY FUN FROM COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

Haunted Trail at Hobbit's Glen

October 23 from 5:30-9pm

Stroll through a self-guided walking trail with lights, decorations and spooky sounds.

Complimentary treats and activities.

Admission is free; everyone is welcome.

Trunk or Treat at Columbia Sports Park

October 24 from 3-6pm

Bring the whole family for Halloween fun, games, and activities.

Admission is free; everyone is welcome.

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24



7:30-9:30AM: Start with a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Hammond High's Cafeteria. Adults: \$10.00/Students & Kids (ages 7-12): \$6.00/Under 6: free.



10:00AM: Homecoming Parade kicks off from Amherst House in the Village Center. **Community groups** are welcome to march too! (Safeties, Scouts, Future Golden Bears, etc.) Please sign up in advance. After the parade, join the Booster's *alcohol-free* tailgate in the Hammond parking lot.



1:00PM: Homecoming Football Game starts in the HHS Stadium.

Bring your parents, kids, friends and neighbors and join us for this autumn tradition!
GO BEARS!

If you have a convertible, soft-top jeep or truck you are willing to drive in the parade, we need you!

Do you have a team, club, group, company, or organization that is interested in walking in the parade?

For more info or to sign up, contact Molly Fieldsend at MollyMcGintyotr@gmail.com

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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 October 28, 2026. Please submit complete applications by October 19, 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**

RAC REVIEW

RAC MEETING AUGUST 26

APPROVED

7501 Waterlily Way Shed

DENIED

8054 Andiron Lane Fence

RAC MEETING SEPTEMBER 9

APPROVED

9808 Softwater Way: Deck

7542 Summer Leave Lane: Landscaping

9500 Nightsong Lane: Front stoop, railings

7215 Single Wheel Path: Tree removal

7675 Sweet Hours Way: Deck, screened porch

9501 Deerfoot Way: Railing

9514 Deerfoot Way: Landscaping

8054 Andiron Lane: Fence

DENIED

9514 Deerfoot Way: Fence

WITHDRAWN

10018 Herding Row: Deck, screened porch

RAC MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be only **one RAC meeting** each month in November and December. Please submit applications by Nov. 2 at 10am for the **Nov. 11 meeting** and by Nov. 30 at 10am for the **Dec. 9 meeting**.

PLANNING & ZONING

Would you like to be notified of pre-submission community meetings from the HoCo Department of Planning and Zoning? Register here:

Data.HowardCountymd.gov/DPZNotify/main_Web.aspx



VILLAGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Let us know what matters to you! If you have concerns or ideas you would like to share with the Village Board, attend a Board meeting or stop by Amherst House; our doors are always open.

Board Meetings are hybrid and are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Join us at Amherst House or request the Zoom link by emailing Kings@VillageofKC.org. The Board Meeting Agenda is posted on our website and our Facebook page on the Monday before the meeting. If you would like to receive the agenda directly, please send your email to Kings@VillageofKC.org.

At the July 15, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board:

- Interviewed candidates for the Kings Contrivance Columbia Council Representative position.
- Heard an update on CA projects and events from Jason Heath of CA's Capital Improvements.
- Voted to approve the Annual Review of Financial Statements FY26.
- Voted to approved End of Year non-financial reports FY26.
- Chose a Kings Contrivance Volunteer of the Year after reviewing several nominations.
- Voted to approve investment options.

There were no Board meetings in August.

Your Village Board works hard to make Kings Contrivance a livable, safe and beautiful place to live. Thanks to their advocacy and tenacity, the Board has championed several projects that have been completed this year, including:

- Wider sidewalks on Guilford Road so that students can safely walk to and from school.
- A new crosswalk and more lighting installed on Eden Brook Drive near Dickinson Park, creating a safer place to play.
- New signage in the Village Center, creating a more welcoming atmosphere. Come take a look!

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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