CROWN PRINTS

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO AMHERST HOUSE!

Tickets are available now at Amherst House.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, 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
Everyone in attendance needs a ticket.

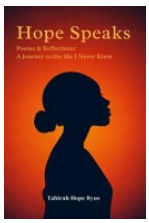
COOKIES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
2:00PM-4:00PM

Enjoy making a craft, cookie decorating and a visit and photo with Santa!

$7.00 CA assessed/$7.50 non-assessed
Everyone in attendance needs a ticket.

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

Coffee and pastries will be served.

VETERANS DAY PARADE
DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 @ 9:30AM



Honor our community's veterans at the 12th Annual Veterans Day Parade & Celebration! The parade begins at 9:30am on Merriweather Drive and travels down Little Patuxent Parkway, ending at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. A ceremony will follow at the lakefront. Parking is available at the Mall. For more information, please visit HowardCountyVeterans.org/parade

PLEASE REMEMBER

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

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!

AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will close at 1PM on Wednesday, November 25 and will remain closed through Saturday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen at 10AM on Monday, November 30.

HOLIDAY SLIDE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week is on a "slide" schedule. All trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled on or after Thanksgiving will "slide" and be made one day later that week. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be closed on Thanksgiving.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER FUN!

- Three **free gardening talks** presented by the Howard County Master Gardeners. Gardening talks will be held in January, February & March via Zoom. Look for details in upcoming issues of the Crown Prints.
- Family Fun BINGO - January 24 @ 7:30pm
- Movie night - January 28 @ 7pm
  KC CARES presents *The Extraordinary Caterpillar*

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES

KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Winter Watering



Summer may be over, but dry spells can also strike in fall and winter and they can quietly harm the plants we've worked so hard to establish. Newly planted shrubs, perennials, and trees have small, shallow roots. As long as the ground isn't frozen, those roots are active and need moisture to grow strong before spring. Evergreens are especially at risk, since they lose water through their leaves or needles all winter long.

If the soil is dry a few inches down, it's time to water. Water slowly and deeply on a day when temperatures are above freezing, and make sure there is a layer of autumn leaves or mulch to hold in moisture and protect roots.

A little winter care means healthier plants come spring. Let's look out for our green neighbors by keeping an eye on the weather and the soil this winter!

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

ROBINSON NATURE CENTER HOLIDAY FUN

Check out all of the exciting activities available at Robinson Nature Center this holiday season - from films in the digital planetarium to guided nature walks; from a maker's mart to "Frozen Fest." Lots of programs for kids and/or adults! For more info, please call 410-313-0400 or visit:

HowardCountyMD.gov/Robinson

REFERENCE NUMBERS

Howard County Police Non-Emergency
(noise complaints, non-licensed cars on the street)
- **410-313-2200**

Howard County Highways: Maintenance
(sidewalks, street signs, trees, ponds, grass cutting)
- **410-313-7450**

HoCo Cable TV Authority (questions/complaints)
- **410-313-3318**

Howard County Senior Assistance
- **410-313-7212**

Howard County Rec and Parks
- **410-313-4640**

Howard County Bulk Pickup/Trash/Recycle
- **410-313-6444**

COVENANT REMINDER
POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs may only be displayed for seven days after an election; please remove all political signs by November 10.

⇒ Political signs are defined as signs endorsing candidates for public office or signs promoting support or defeat of any proposition that will appear on the election ballot. Signs should be no larger that two feet by three feet and should be placed at least 15 feet from the nearest edge of the pavement.

SCAM ALERTS FROM HoCo OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

♦ Always be wary of unexpected calls claiming to be the FBI, IRS, MVA, Police, or other government agency - especially if money is at issue. Don't give information or money over the phone or in person, even if they know your name, address, or other personal details. They may even provide a badge number, case number, or employee ID number.

♦ AI is removing most of the red flags of scams. Here are the signs that still remain:

Urgency & pressure to act "right now"
Unusual payment method (gift card, wire, payment app, cash, crypto)
Unexpected contact (call, email or text)
Amazing offers
Generic salutation or greeting
Requests for personal information

When facing these signs, Pause. Question its truthfulness. Protect your money and your information.

To learn how to spot scams & avoid fraud, visit:
HowardCountymd.gov/consumer-protection/scam-squad

DEVELOPMENT IN KINGS CONTRIVANCE

Cottage Cluster at 9310 Vollmerhausen

A Design Advisory Panel (DAP) meeting was held on October 14. To view the latest design, visit:

HowardCountymd.gov/boards-commissions/design-advisory-panel

Eden Brook Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge

View the concepts created for the feasibility study, visit:

HowardCountymd.gov/transportation/kindler-bridge-study

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 December 9, 2026. Please submit complete applications by November 30, 2026 @ 10am. This will be the only RAC meeting in December.

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 SEPTEMBER 23

APPROVED

8866 Blue Sea Drive Railing
9545 Clocktower Lane Gazebo
9734 Polished Stone Trampoline
7309 Farthest Thunder Jungle gym
9525 White Spring Way Driveway Expansion

RAC MEETING OCTOBER 14

APPROVED

8865 Stonebrook Fence, deck
10142 Cape Ann Drive Siding, shutters, soffits
6756 Flapjack Lane Addition
7924 Red Jacket Way Decks, lattice

APPROVED W/PROVISION

9851 Softwater Way Solar collectors
10018 Herding Row Deck, screened porch, door, privacy screen, lighting

WITHDRAWN

9826 Softwater Way Roof, gutters

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 September 2, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board:

- Heard an update on CA projects and events from Jason Heath of CA's Capital Improvements.
- Heard an update from KC CARES about upcoming events.
- Heard a community update form HCPD.
- Voted to approve the revised End of Year Financial Reports for FY26.
- Voted to approve the revised Annual Review of Financial Statements for FY26.

At the September 16, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board:

- Reviewed the Kings Contrivance Community Association Policies and Procedures.

NOVEMBER 18 BOARD MEETING: UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM

Janine Pollack, CA's Watershed Manager, will present information about ***Ripple Effect,*** a new Columbia Association project that invites residents to monitor local streams and ponds for two important pollutants: **chloride from winter road salt and nitrate from fertilizers and other sources.** By collecting and testing water samples, volunteers will help CA better understand local water-quality conditions and identify where education and outreach could make a difference. If you are unable to attend, and would like more info or to volunteer, email:

Sustainability@columbiaassociation.org

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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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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Call 410-381-9600 for more information

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New Hope Lutheran Church
8575 Guilford Road
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Join us in person or online at
www.newhopelutheran.org

Sunday School for ages 3 ½ through Adults
9 – 9:45 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

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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.



CRIME & TRAFFIC DASHBOARDS

Howard County Police Dept. has two interactive data dashboards. These 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

Never miss an event!

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