

# CROWN PRINTS



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The Twice-Monthly Newsletter of the Village of Kings Contrivance



## **SANTA EVENTS AT AMHERST HOUSE**

**CALL US FOR TICKET INFORMATION**

### **LUNCH WITH SANTA**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM**

### **COOKIES WITH SANTA**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2:00—3:30 PM**

## **CRAFT WORKSHOP CREATE A BRACELET!**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 7:00—9:00 PM**

Join us for food, fun, and a craft for adults! The Columbia Art Center will be here to help you make a lovely wire wrap bracelet—a festive holiday gift for yourself or someone else.



\$15 per person. **Register by today, December 10**, by calling Amherst House at 410-381-9600.

## **AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED**

Amherst House will close on Wednesday, December 23 at 7 PM and will remain closed through January 2 for the Holiday season. We will reopen on Monday, January 4 at 9 AM. Homeowner's documents will be available for sale at the UPS Store in the Kings Contrivance Village Center during this time for \$15 payable by cash or check.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Fitness Classes:** Yoga and Pilates classes continue at Amherst House in January. Call 410-381-9600 or visit our website, [www.amhersthouse.org](http://www.amhersthouse.org) for more information.

Jan. 14: **Environmental Committee** meets at 7:30 PM at Amherst House to discuss surface upgrades on the Patuxent Branch Trail.

Jan. 21: **Master Gardener on Native Plants**, 7:30-9pm at Amherst House

Jan. 22: **Family Bingo** at Amherst House

## **FUN WITH BINGO**

What an enjoyable night for families! Nearly 30 people attended our Fall Bingo event in November for an evening of prizes and fun. Save the date for our next Winter Bingo on January 22 at 7:30 PM.



## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SLIDE SCHEDULE**

Please note that Christmas week is on a "slide" schedule. All the trash, recycling and yard trim collections scheduled on or after Christmas will "slide" and be made one day later that week.

## SNOW PLOW TRACKER



When there is a big snow, follow the plows on Howard County's snow plow tracker to see what roads have been treated and/or plowed. The map is updated every 15 minutes, so you can follow the plows as they work their way to your street! Visit [www.howardcountymdpublic.eroadtrack.com](http://www.howardcountymdpublic.eroadtrack.com).

## THE NUTCRACKER ON ICE 25TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION Sat., Dec. 12, 4:30, 6:15 & 8:00 PM Sun., Dec. 13, 4:30 & 6:15 PM

The Columbia Figure Skating Club presents the classic tale of a young girl's holiday dreams. Almost 90 performers, pre-school through high school ages including many advanced-level skaters who have competed in regional and national-level competitions, will perform during the skating club's 25th annual production at the Columbia Ice Rink. For tickets and more information, [www.columbiafsc.com](http://www.columbiafsc.com).



## WORLD LANGUAGES CAFÉ

World Languages Cafe is a place to speak a language you know or one you are learning, converse in a friendly atmosphere, increase your fluency by speaking and listening, pick up useful phrases to use when traveling and recall your childhood language.

Sponsored by the Columbia Association, World Language Cafes are held on monthly on the fourth Wednesday from 7-9 PM at Wegmans Cafe (8855 McGaw Rd, Columbia).

Go upstairs and join the language of your choice. Language tables are hosted by a native speaker who will facilitate conversation. Languages include Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, Farsi, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Contact Laura Smit at 410-715-3162 or email [Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org) for more information.



## COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM. You are welcome to attend. The RAC will not meet on December 23. Please submit applications by January 4 for the January 13 meeting.

## GUIDE TO GIVING SHARING YOUR TIME & TREASURE

The Howard County Annual Guide to Giving offers opportunities for you and your family to make a difference in our community. By volunteering your time and your talent and by donating money, food and gifts too, you'll be sharing the spirit of the season with local adults and children. This alphabetical list is derived from nonprofit and public agencies that serve Howard County and the region. Visit [www.volunteerhoward.org](http://www.volunteerhoward.org) to download the guide.

## REGISTER YOUR BIKE

You can register your bike with the Howard County Police Department. This is a free service for Howard County residents allowing you to manage your bike information and file a report if it is stolen. Upon registration, an assigned serial number will be mailed to you. Register online at [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://www.howardcountymd.gov) and then search for bike registration system.

Be safe while enjoying your bicycle!

- \*Wear a helmet. It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury.
- \*Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and stay as far to the right as possible.
- \*Use appropriate hand signals.
- \*Obey stop signs and stoplights.
- \*When riding at dusk or after dark, use lights



and make sure your bike has reflectors. Light colored clothing and reflective accessories are smart too.

Enjoy the ride!

## SNOW SHOVELING & MORE

If you are available to shovel snow, rake leaves or perform other odd jobs, let us know and we'll add your contact information to our lists. Amherst House also has lists of general contractors and other professionals who have been recommended by residents. There's a babysitter list too. Come by Amherst House and request a copy.



## VILLAGE BOARD

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a Board meeting. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM. The Board will not meet on December 16.

At the November 4 meeting, the Board met with the Kings Contrivance Resident Architectural Committee to share ideas and discuss various building issues.

## MERRY MULCH YOUR HOLIDAY TREE

The festive tree that brightens your holidays can be turned into useful mulch for someone's garden. Prepare your tree for recycling by removing all ornaments, garlands, tree stands, lights, tinsel, plastic bags, or any other artificial materials. You can recycle your tree on your normal recycling day from December 26 through January 16. Trees will not be collected on trash days. After January 16, your tree can be recycled at the Alpha Ridge Wood Waste Area. For details, visit [www.HowardCountyRecycles.org](http://www.HowardCountyRecycles.org).



## RAKING AUTUMN LEAVES

Howard County's Department of Public Works is asking for help in keeping our storm drains clear of debris. Residents can help protect their property and the Chesapeake Bay by keeping leaves and other yard debris out of our roadways. Leaves can clog a storm drain. That can cause a road to flood during heavy rain.

When leaves and yard debris decompose, that causes nutrients to leech into our waterways, which causes algae and can kill fish and other marine life. Rake and collect your leaves (including leaves in the streets that border your property) in paper bags or reusable containers for yard trim curbside collection. You can also mulch your leaves with your mower; they can help nourish your lawn.

*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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