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## MASTER GARDENER PRESENTATIONS AMHERST HOUSE

Twenty-five residents joined us on January 24 to learn about Vegetable Gardening. Sign up today to join us for our next two informative presentations given by the Howard County Master Gardeners.

Please call us at 410-381-9600 to register.

**February 28 @ 7:30-9:00PM**

### **Deterring Deer & Other Critters**

This presentation, given by Master Gardener Kent Phillips, addresses integrated pest management for deer population control, vegetation control, repellents and fencing.

**March 14 @ 7:30-9:00PM**

### **Pruning**

Learn the how, when and why of pruning shrubs and ornamental trees. Master Gardener Joe Di Giovanni will demonstrate pruning techniques and tools.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD?

Anyone who is interested in running for one of **four Village Board seats** or for the **CA Council Representative seat** for Kings Contrivance must complete a nomination petition. The petitions will be available at Amherst House on **March 1st** and must be filled out and returned by 9pm on March 21st. Questions? Contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.



If you are interested in serving our community by seeking to become King Contrivance's representative to the Columbia Council and a member of CA's Board of Directors, please attend the information session for potential candidates. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10:00am. The session will be held in the Board Room at Columbia Association Headquarters which is located at 6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046.

## COLUMBIA CLEANS DAY SHREDDING/E-CYCLING SATURDAY, MARCH 25 10AM-1PM AMHERST HOUSE

Join us as we pick up litter in the open space and along major roads in our village. Registration begins at 10AM at Amherst House. Refreshments will be served. Safety vests, bags, rubber gloves and bottled water will be provided. Community service certificates will be available.

Stop by our **Shredding/Ecycle Event** in the Amherst House parking lot. For Kings Contrivance residents only (IDs will be checked). Bring personal papers, tapes, CDs, diskettes and VHS tapes for on-site shredding (no commercial/business materials will be accepted). You can also Ecycle home computers, hard drives, video equipment, wireless devices, cell phones, etc. Max 10 boxes or bags.



## LADIES' NIGHT BINGO AMHERST HOUSE FRIDAY, MARCH 31 7:30-9:00PM

- \* Gather your friends for a fun night of BINGO!
- \* Join us for free wine, cheese and snacks.
- \* \$5.00 for 6 cards/12 games will be played.
- \* Buy your BINGO cards at Amherst House by March 30 to be entered into a raffle!

## ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Village Election Committee. Committee members oversee the voting process to include issuing, receiving and counting the ballots cast on election days. This year's elections will be held on Friday, April 28, 5-7pm and on Saturday, April 29, 9am-1pm. If you are interested, contact Bev Meyers at 410-381-9600.

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## WINTER CLASSES AT AMHERST HOUSE



### **VINYASA YOGA**

**FREE trial class for NEW students.**

All levels welcome.  
Please bring a mat.

**MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM**

6-week session 1/30-3/13  
CA \$72, Non-CA \$84



### **ZUMBA**

**SATURDAYS 10:15-11:15AM**

6-week session 1/28-3/11  
CA \$54, Non-CA \$60

### **REFIT@ DANCE FITNESS**

**THURSDAYS 6:30-7:15PM**

One-size fits all cardio dance fitness.  
6-week session 3/2-4/6  
CA \$54, Non-CA \$60

### **PILATES**

**MONDAYS 6:45-7:45PM**

Class is full—next session begins March 27.

## SEARCHING FOR SPRING EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 10:00-11:30AM**

Save the date for the annual Searching for Spring event held at Columbia Sports Park. This event is co-sponsored by all of the villages in Columbia and is designed for you and your children ages 2-8. Free tickets will be available at Amherst House beginning Monday, March 6.



## DONATIONS NEEDED



Girl Scout Troop 1009 is collecting **NEW** items such as: backpacks/duffle bags, small blankets, PJs, stuffed animals, soap, travel-sized toiletries, toothbrushes, deodorant, coloring books, crayons, journals, pens & pencils, large Ziploc bags and Amazon gift cards. Backpacks filled with these items will be given to children in the foster care system. There will be a collection box in Amherst House until March 28. For info, call Barb Caci @ 443-542-9720 or email Jessica Gould: [JGould931@yahoo.com](mailto:JGould931@yahoo.com).

## HAMMOND HS BOOSTERS GOLDEN BEAR CASINO NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 7-11PM**



What a fun way to support all Hammond High School clubs, activities and sports! Enjoy casino games, live and silent auctions, raffles, a Sweets and Treats Wheel and delicious food and drink! Tickets for this adult-only event are \$60 per person. Tickets sell out early, so buy yours soon at [HammondBoosters.org](http://HammondBoosters.org).

## WELCOME



As we say goodbye and good luck to Nick Kyritsopoulos upon his retirement, we welcome the **new owner** of Kings Contrivance Formal Wear, Mr. Lee. We are glad to have him as part of the KC Village Center.

## FAMILY FUN BINGO

Thirty-three residents of all ages had a fantastic Friday night at our Family Fun Bingo! Many thanks to Board Member Fred Niziol for volunteering to be our BINGO caller. Hope we see you at our next BINGO in November.



## TAX TIPS FROM HoCo

1. **File early** to avoid identity thieves who use stolen social security numbers to file tax returns.
2. **Check out your preparer.** Make sure your preparer is properly licensed by going to DLLR's website: [DLLR.State.MD.US/PQ/](http://DLLR.State.MD.US/PQ/)
3. **Avoid refund anticipation loans.** Fees and interest will be deducted from your refund.
4. **Stay alert for IRS imposters.** The IRS does not call taxpayers who owe back taxes. Hang up if the caller asks for immediate payment.
5. **Get free tax prep.** If you made less than \$54,000 in 2016 you can obtain free tax prep from:
  - ⇒ AARP - locations around the county. Visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) for more info.
  - ⇒ Making Change—a HoCo non-profit. For info, please visit: [MakingChangeCenter.org](http://MakingChangeCenter.org) or call 410-313-0220.



## COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30PM. You are welcome to attend. Please be sure to submit applications by Monday, February 27th at 9:00PM for the March 8th meeting.

**The RAC meeting scheduled for February 8th was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The applications were reviewed and approved by the Architectural Committee.**

### APPROVED

10038 Cambric Court	Color change
9468 Hundred Drums Row	Deck, screened porch
7205 Kindler Road	Solar collectors
7564 Rain Flower Way	Fence
9012 Moving Water Lane	Color change



## VILLAGE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a Board meeting. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

At the January 18th meeting, the Board:

- voted to approve the FY2017 Second Quarter Financial Reports.

## PROPOSED GUIDELINE CHANGES



The Kings Contrivance Village Board, sitting as the Architectural Committee, is proposing updates to the Architectural Guidelines. The goal of the Guidelines is to keep our community an attractive and desirable place to live. The Guidelines do not have the legal force of the covenants. They are an interpretation of the covenants and guide the Resident Architectural Committee in its recommendations to the Architectural Committee. The last time the Guidelines were updated was 2014.

The proposed changes include edits to existing Guidelines and a new Guideline. To review the complete proposed document, visit our website [KingsContrivanceCommunityAssociation.org](http://KingsContrivanceCommunityAssociation.org) and click on "Covenants." On the document, the proposed changes are marked in red. If you would like to review a hard copy, one is available at the front desk of Amherst House. The Village Board wants to know what residents think of the proposed changes. Written comments can be emailed to [KCCovenants@columbiavillages.org](mailto:KCCovenants@columbiavillages.org) or submitted to the village office. Comments must be received by Friday, March 31, 2017 and the proposed changes will be discussed by the Board at the meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30pm.

*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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**Palm Sunday • April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 13<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM

**Midweek Meditations**  
March 8<sup>th</sup> thru April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday • 7:30 PM


**Good Friday • April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Noon & 7:30 PM  
(Soup lunch following noon worship)

**Growing In Faith Together Dinner**  
March 10<sup>th</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday • April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM  
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