

CROWN PRINTS



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The Twice-Monthly Newsletter of the Village of Kings Contrivance

FAMILY FUN BINGO IS BACK! JANUARY 27 @ AMHERST HOUSE 7:30-9:00PM

Cabin fever? Join us **tomorrow night** for our next Family Fun Bingo! Bring your family and friends to Amherst House for an evening of fun and prizes.



Bingo cards are 6 for \$1, drinks are \$.75 and snacks are free!



MASTER GARDENER PRESENTATIONS AT AMHERST HOUSE!

Join us this winter for a series of **FREE gardening talks** at Amherst House. Enjoy these informative presentations given by members of 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.

WINTER CLASSES AT AMHERST HOUSE



PILATES ALL LEVEL MAT WORK MONDAYS 6:45-7:45PM

Please bring a mat.

8-week session 1/9-3/13 (No class 2/20)
CA \$120, Non-CA \$128

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 (No class 2/20)

THURSDAYS 6:15-7:15PM

6-week session 1/19-2/23

CA—one class/wk, \$72, two classes/wk \$129
Non-CA—one class/wk, \$84, two classes/wk \$149

TAI CHI QIGONG

WEDNESDAYS 10:00-11:00AM

6-week session 1/18-2/22

CA \$84, Non-CA \$93



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SATURDAYS 10:15-11:15AM

6-week session 1/28-3/11 (No class 2/18)
CA \$54, Non-CA \$60

REFIT© DANCE FITNESS

THURSDAYS 7:15-8:15PM

One-size fits all cardio dance fitness.

6-week session 1/19-2/23

CA \$54, Non-CA \$60

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



Village elections are approaching and we need volunteers to serve on the 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 from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, April 29 from 9am to 1pm. Are you interested in serving on the committee or running for office? Please contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600 for details.

RECEIVE THE CROWN PRINTS BY EMAIL! To have your newsletter delivered to your inbox, send a request with your name and email address to kingscontrivance@columbiavillages.org.

DID YOU KNOW?



Columbia Association offers several ways that residents can help contribute to a **healthier watershed**: the Rain Garden Cost Share Program, a free soil testing program and the Weed Warriors program.

- ◆ The **Rain Garden Cost Share Program** offers residents within the Little Patuxent Watershed a cost-effective way to install rain gardens. Rain Gardens slow the flow of stormwater and work to filter out pollutants using native plants, shrubs, grasses and flowers. CA encourages residents throughout the community to plant rain gardens; you'll have a great looking garden that puts water in its place! CA, via a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will pay 75% of the rain garden installation cost, with the remaining 25% paid by the resident. Residents also need to apply to their village Resident Architectural Committee for approval. Once the rain garden application is approved, the resident pays the 25% share to CA. The maintenance agreement is then signed and the installation will be scheduled.
- ◆ CA provides **free soil testing** that helps you know what kind of fertilizer to use on your lawn and how much. This helps prevent people from using too much fertilizer, which then washes in to Columbia's streams, ponds and lakes. It also brings homeowners into compliance with state fertilizer regulations. Soil test bags are available at Amherst House. Place your soil sample in the bag and bring it back to Amherst House. CA will then send it to a lab for analysis and contact you with the results and recommendations.
- ◆ The **Weed Warrior Program** is a cooperative program with HCC, University of Maryland Extension Service and the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area. CA and its partners train volunteers in invasive plant identification and removal and in the leadership skills required to lead groups of volunteers participating in invasive removal activities. CA supports these activities by providing native plants to plant in areas where non-natives have been removed. The program is designed to help improve the appearance of open space and provide a better balance for our ecosystem.

For more info, please contact John McCoy, CA Watershed Manager, at 410-312-6336 or email:

John.McCoy@ColumbiaAssociation.org

BABY SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES HISTORIC OAKLAND IN TOWN CENTER TUESDAYS 10-11AM 6 WEEKS: FEBRUARY 7-MARCH 14 FOR NEWBORN TO 5 YEARS



Little Hands Signing brings the magic of sign language to you and your child through age-appropriate stories, songs, activities, and games. Registration is required. For pricing and to register, visit: **BabySigning.eventbrite.com**

BLOOD DRIVE OWEN BROWN INTERFAITH CENTER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 7:30AM-NOON

Calling all blood donors! Please consider donating blood on February 25 at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center. For more information, contact Karen MacFarland at 410-530-5278 or make your appointment today by visiting:

www.InovaBloodSaves.org and clicking on *Donate Blood* (sponsor code 7048).

CHOCOLATE & JEWELRY SHOW FEBRUARY 5, 2017 3:00-5:00PM

Shop at Historic Oakland in Town Center. Find exquisite jewelry, chocolatiers, spas and florists. Gifts for men and women. Call 410-730-4744 or visit **www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org** for info.

SPIRIT OF COLUMBIA 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



CA

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 Maggie J. Brown Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Award. Up to six \$2500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors from local high schools who have shown a history of providing community service to benefit residents in the Columbia area. Applications are available online at ColumbiaAsssocation.com/Scholarship or call 410-715-3161 for more information. The deadline is March 15, 2017.



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, January 30th at 9:00PM for the February 8th meeting.

RAC REVIEW JANUARY 11, 2017

APPROVED

9421 Book Row	Solar Collectors
10182 Cape Ann Drive	Fence, tree removal
9525 Clocktower Lane	Front door
7209 Kindler Road	Siding
9870 Softwater Way	Patio, lighting, enclosures
9503 Gray Mouse Way	Roof, enclosed porch
7541 Broadcloth Way	Shed

 Planning home improvements this Spring? Amherst House has a **list of recommended contractors**. Stop by or call for contact information. Don't forget to submit an Exterior Alteration Application for any changes you would like to make to the outside of your home or property! Find it on our website: AmherstHouse.org under Covenants.

 Don't forget to pick up your pictures with Santa! Stop by Amherst House today!



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.

SNOW SHOVELING

Do you need help with snow shoveling or other odd jobs? Amherst House has lists of people available for snow shoveling, raking leaves and more. Stop by to pick up a list. If you are available to shovel snow, rake leaves or perform other odd jobs, let us know so we can add you to our list!

Neighborhood Snow Shovelers:

- Mike Friend: 410-290-9728
- Yoni Gomez: 443-542-7029
- Harry Hearn: 888-951-3948
- David Hazel: 301-675-1468
- Jon Michael: 443-275-8923



BIKE HOWARD OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 28, 2017 3:00-5:00PM



Come to the Miller Branch Library in Ellicott City for the First Annual **BikeHoward** Open House. Learn about the county's Bicycle Master Plan. For info, contact Chris Eatough at 410-313-0567 or visit BikeHoward.com.

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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Featuring Harris Teeter
—Your Neighborhood
Food Market

Best Hunan	410-381-9798	K.C. Liquor & Smoke Shop	410-290-7860
Corner Stable	240-755-0188	M & T Bank	410-740-1512
CVS	410-381-1660	Master Barber	410-290-6960
Exon	410-381-5577	McDonald's	410-381-7938
Glamour Salon	410-381-3242	Rita's Ices	443-864-5509
Harris Teeter	410-290-5902	State Farm Insurance	410-381-7386
Kings Cobbler	410-381-9690 or 301-596-2100	
K.C. Cleaners	410-290-6909	Subway	410-290-7730
K.C. Formal Wear	410-381-0619	Trattoria E Pizzeria	410-381-1255
K.C. Jewelers	443-542-9811	The UPS Store	410-290-6900
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Looking for a space for a **business event** from a small meeting to a large seminar or training session? We can accommodate your company's event during the business day. Visit www.amhersthouse.org for photos and rates. Call 410-381-9600 for availability.



ADVERTISE IN THE CROWN PRINTS!

Does your business need a way to reach Kings Contrivance residents? Place an advertisement in the **Crown Prints!** You see this ad, and so will your customers. This newsletter reaches more than 4200 households in and around the village of Kings Contrivance. The cost is \$30 for a single space ad, \$55 for a double space ad. That's a bargain for a publication that targets your local market! In addition to the printed version, the newsletter is distributed via email and is also available on the Kings Contrivance Village Facebook page and on our website, www.amhersthouse.org. Contact us at kccovenants@columbiavillages.org or call 410-381-9600 to place an ad in one of our upcoming issues.