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Join us *TONIGHT* at our annual
KC POOL PARTY
AUGUST 9th
6:30-9:00PM

SOLD OUT

Enjoy the fun music and games!
Free tickets available at Amherst House.
Call 410-381-9600 for availability.
KC Village residents only.


 **VILLAGE POOL HOURS** 
August 13-August 26

Dickinson Closed for the season on **August 12**

Huntington (closed Mondays)
Saturday-Thursday: noon-7:00pm
Friday: noon-8pm
Huntington last day: **August 26**

Macgill's Common (closed Tuesday)
Sunday-Thursday: noon-7:00pm
Friday & Saturday: noon-8pm
Macgill's Common last day: **Sept. 3**

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

 Here's your chance to nominate someone who has done an outstanding job improving life in the Kings Contrivance community! Forms are available at Amherst House.

NEW! **TODDLER MUSIC CLASS** 
SEPTEMBER 14-OCTOBER 26
10:00-10:40AM @ AMHERST HOUSE

Allegretto Studio is offering Friday morning classes for toddlers aged **2 to 5 years** and their caregivers. Toddlers will gain musical experience through songs, chants, movement & exploration. Call or stop by Amherst House for more information: 410-381-9600.
Seven-week session: \$140 CA assessed/\$154 non-assessed

SMART SENIOR LIVING
FREE PRESENTATION
SEPTEMBER 7th FROM 10AM-NOON
AMHERST HOUSE

 15 Ways to Use Technology for Safety, Convenience and Savings





Want to learn how to use your smart phone for more than making phone calls, taking pictures & surfing the web? Then this class is perfect for you! Come and learn basic ways to use the technology in your smartphone and computer to enhance your safety and daily activities. Refreshments will be served.
Please bring your smartphone.
Presented by KC resident Scrib Messenger.
This is a FREE event but space is limited.
Call Amherst House to register today: 410-381-9600

 **FALL FLEA MARKET**
SCARECROW MAKING
PUMPKIN DECORATING
FREE VIN ETCHING
SEPTEMBER 22 FROM 9AM-NOON

Time to clean out your garage! The Annual **Fall Flea Market** will be held in the parking lot behind Amherst House on September 22. Spaces are available now! KC resident rate: one space for \$10, two for \$15. Non-resident rate: \$15 each. Spaces go quickly; **sign up at Amherst House today!** Rain date: Sept 29. No vendors please.

The HoCo Police Department will offer free **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching**. You can also register for the **Watch Your Car Program**, which allows a police officer to stop your car between 1-5am to verify that the owner is driving.

 Bring the whole family! Have fun **Building a Scarecrow** and **Decorating Pumpkins.**

  **AMHERST HOUSE CLASSES**  

PILATES ON THE BALL
All levels. Bring a mat & ball.
MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM
Session Starts 9/10

ZUMBA
Bring water & a towel. Women only.
THURSDAYS 7:15-8:15PM
SATURDAYS 10:15-11:15AM
Join our current session!

RESTORATIVE YOGA
Bring a mat.
MONDAYS 5:30-6:30PM
Join our current session!

END OF THE YEAR REPORT FY 2018

This annual report highlights the activities accomplished by the Kings Contrivance Village Board and staff between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018. April marked our village's 41st as a village of Columbia. We are continuing our advocacy work for our community as well as offering programs, classes, and meeting space in Amherst House.

WHO WE ARE

Every year, in April, all village residents are encouraged to participate in the election of Village Board members (every other year for Columbia Council Representative). Last year, there were five seats on the Village Board and one Columbia Council Representative. Board members serve two-year terms and elections are staggered. During the past year the following residents served on the Village Board: Chair: Barbara Seely; 1st Vice-chair: Christiana Rigby; 2nd Vice-chair: Lilah Haxton; and members: Fred Niziol and Melissa Hogle. Shari Zaret served as our Columbia Council Representative. The Board is responsible for determining how village funds are budgeted and spent. Funding is received from two sources: a Columbia Association Assessment Share, and association activities/building rentals.

The Board employs a village manager who oversees the day to day operation of the village and acts as advisor to the Board. The manager hires a covenant advisor who processes forms for architectural alteration and acts as a resource person to the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) and residents. The manager also hires any other necessary staff, staying within the financial parameters set by the Board. The current village staff is comprised of the following: Beverley Meyers, Village Manager; Laura Parrish, Covenant Advisor; Luz Borrero, Events & Information Coordinator; Erika Cheney, Operations Coordinator and Bookkeeper; Patricia Hricko and Julie Steffanoff, Head Facility Assistants; Darshana Dave, Kelly Dutcher, Grace Cheney and Shaneyka Hollis, Facility Assistants.

THE VILLAGE BOARD

The Village Board acts as an advocate for residents. During the past year, the board dealt with a number of issues. The board: elected board and Architectural Committee (AC) officers; appointed the Election Committee, RAC members and KC representative to the CA Senior Advisory Committee and CA Watershed Advisory Committee; approved board goals; approved capital and operating budgets; approved changes to the Architectural Guidelines; issued 15-day violation notices for covenant violations; reviewed and approved quarterly financial reports; funded and supported the Environmental Committee to include Fall and Spring Clean Ups; offered cul-de-sac beautification and block party

grants; recognized Ed Gordon as Volunteer of the Year; donated funds to Howard County Police Department and Hands Around Howard County; donated a free use of Amherst House to Hammond High School Casino Night for their fundraiser and The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew for their silent auction; collected items for Girl Scout Troop 1009's "Operation Christmas Child" and school supplies for the "Prepare for Success" program; attended county meetings for development issues in and around the village; met with various agencies including, State representatives Guy Guzzone, Frank Turner, Shane Pendergrass and Vanessa Atterbeary for a legislative session review, Howard County Executive and County representatives to discuss village issues, Howard County Police, Hammond High School Principal, Dr. John DiPaula, CA Board Chair, Andy Stack to overview CA projects and CA Aquatics department to introduce the neighborhood pool managers.

COMMITTEES

The Village Board appoints residents to committees. Ad hoc committees are appointed from time to time as warranted. The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) is the only standing committee and the most active committee. This team of dedicated volunteer residents currently includes Ed Gordon, Chair; Nick Fessenden Vice-Chair; Greg Dickman, Bruce Altschuler, Jason Protheroe, Joe Haugh and Michele Mercer. The RAC meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday, to review architectural alteration requests. 121 letters of compliance/non compliance were issued in FY18. 119 inquiries were logged in and dealt with by the covenant advisor, 90 were successfully resolved in FY18. 22 were found not to be village covenant violations. 7 complaints remained unresolved at the end of the fiscal year. 199 applications for 258 alterations were processed. 194 applications were approved, 7 were approved with provisions, 2 were approved as an exception, 0 were withdrawn, 1 was tabled, and 5 were denied. 51 applications were approved through the *Speedy Process*. These numbers illustrate the extent to which the committee members spent time and energy working with residents to reach optimum results. The most popular alteration approval request was for color change (32 applications), fences (26 applications), decks (23 applications), lighting (22 applications), landscaping (18 applications), front door (14 applications) and sheds (14 applications).

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Programs and special events sponsored by the Village Board over the past year included: Celebration of our 40th Birthday in the village center, Block Party and Cul-De-Sac Grants, Ladies' Night Bingo and Paint Night, A Wine Tasting event, Hands only CPR and AED training, Solar Co-op talks, a Combatting Mosquitoes and Ticks seminar, 50+ Luncheon, the Exploring Columbia on Foot walk,

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PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS, cont.

Community Clean Up Days in the Fall and Spring, two Family Fun Bingo nights, Scarecrow Making, Halloween Happenings, Lunch with Santa, Cookies and Craft with Santa, two Document Shredding Events and electronic recycling, two Community Flea Markets, registration in the Watch Your Car Program & Free VIN Etching, three gardening seminars, a talk on Avoiding Fraud and Scams and the Annual Volunteer Dinner.

CLASSES

We offered 18 class sessions at Amherst House this year. They include Pilates, Zumba, Yoga, and Refit® Dance Fitness. While we expect to continue most of our current class offerings of Pilates, Zumba and Yoga, we are always looking for new ideas. If you would like to see a particular class offered or are able to teach a course, please call Amherst House. All teachers must secure liability insurance.

AMHERST HOUSE

We also rent Amherst House for functions. If you are interested in hosting a wedding, party or business meeting, please call for our very reasonable rates. We are open to CA residents and non-residents for rentals. A strong emphasis is placed on maintenance of our facilities and a large part of the interior of Amherst House is painted annually. The Neighborhood Center at Meeting Room in Macgill's Common, which was the former long term home for Children's Time Preschool is now being leased by Columbia Association.

THE VILLAGE OFFICE

The village office is located at Amherst House and is open from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm on Friday, and 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday. The office offers many services such as information and referrals, copying, notary, faxing and bus ticket sales. The village newsletter, *The Crown Prints*, is distributed to residents through the *Columbia Flier* on the second and fourth Thursday of each month or send us your email and we'll send it to you directly. Please drop by anytime you need information or visit our web page at:

www.KingsContrivanceCommunityAssociation.org; our Facebook at Kings Contrivance Village or Twitter @Village of KC.

With warm regards,

Beverley Meyers
Village Manager
June 20, 2018

FY18 End of Year Financial Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Columbia Association Allocation	\$263,364	Staff Salaries & Benefits - 12 employees	\$268,266
Facility Leases & Rentals	\$105,643	Janitorial Expenses	\$21,001
Classes	\$14,280	Instructors' Fees	\$9,033
Special Events	\$3,704	Fees/Mileage/ Food	\$10,422
Interest	\$271	Operating Supplies & Products, postage & printing	\$10,016
Fees	\$144	Utilities	\$15,904
Sales/Other	\$2,080	Insurance & Taxes	\$8,309
Newsletter Ads	\$8,110	Special Events	\$10,586
Gain on disposal of assets	(\$96)	Donations	\$200
Misc. Other	(\$0)	Building & Equipment Maint. & Improvements	\$13,748
Returned to Village Wide Contingency Fund	(\$0)	Newsletter	\$21,766
		Furniture & Fixtures	\$2,699
		Advertising	\$1,064
TOTAL	\$397,500	TOTAL	\$393,014

Depreciation: \$5,076

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Drop off school supplies in the Amherst House lobby until August 24. The *Prepare For Success* program collects and distributes school supplies to Howard County students in need. Donate **new** school supplies such as backpacks, highlighters, pencils, glue sticks, notebooks, lined paper, folders, colored pencil, pencil boxes or binders. For info, visit: **PrepareForSuccess.org**

COVENANT CORNER

JULY 25, 2018

APPROVED

6722 Bushranger Path	Deck, patio
9527 Sea Shadow	Gable-end siding
10137 Cape Ann Drive	Color change: front door, shutters
10084 Shaker Drive	Addition, roof
9328 Spring Water Path	Fence

Applications for the August 22nd meeting are due to Amherst House by 9pm on August 13th.

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 May 16th meeting, the Board:

- Approved a \$100 donation for the Howard County Police Foundation's 27th Annual Police Pace event.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM: At the Sept 5th meeting, CA Aquatics will present ideas for Macgill's Common wading pool improvements.

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- McDonald's - 410-381-7938
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