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WINE TASTING NIGHT @ AMHERST HOUSE FEBRUARY 23 7:30-9:30PM



Come and enjoy a fun night out with friends and neighbors. Please join us at Amherst House as Eric Stein of Decanter Fine Wines presents a variety of wines for you to taste and compare. The qualities of each wine will be discussed. Refreshments will also be served! This is an over-21, adult only event. Space is limited. Tickets are \$15; purchase yours at Amherst House today!

AVOID BEING A VICTIM: FRAUD AND SCAMS FRIDAY, MARCH 2 @ 10AM AMHERST HOUSE

We hear a lot these days about fraud and scams. Join us for an informative session where you will learn ways to identify fraud and scams to **avoid becoming a victim**. Enjoy coffee and pastries as you hear a presentation by the HCPD and the HoCo Office of Consumer Protection. This is a **FREE presentation** but registration is required; please call Amherst House to register: 410-381-9600.



SAVE THE DATE! LADIES' NIGHT BINGO AMHERST HOUSE MARCH 16 @ 7:30PM


FREE GARDENING SEMINARS AT AMHERST HOUSE!

Please call Amherst House at 410-381-9600 to register for one or more of our **free gardening seminars**. Each one is presented by a Master Gardener from the Howard County Cooperative Extension Service.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7:00—8:30PM

 **Growing Small Fruits in the Home Garden:** Master Gardener Kent Phillips will explain how to grow small fruits in the backyard garden. Discussed in depth are: strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, grapes and blueberries.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 7:00—8:30PM

 **Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring:** Master Gardener Paul Beares will provide guidance on best practices for the Spring Season! This is appropriate for beginning and casual home gardeners.

NEW YOGA CLASS @ AMHERST HOUSE FREE TRIAL YOGA CLASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
5:30—6:30PM

Come and try out Restorative-Yin Yoga.

MONDAYS 5:30-6:30PM

4-week session: 2/26-3/19

CA \$40, Non-CA \$48

THURSDAYS 5:30-6:30PM

4-week session: 3/1-3/22

CA \$40, Non-CA \$48

Taught by Ashley Zombro, this restorative practice will help induce relaxation and trigger natural healing abilities along with regulating the flow of energy to stressed and fatigued mind and body. Positions are held for 3-5 minutes to help release underlying stress in our deep connective tissues.



WINTER CLASSES AT AMHERST HOUSE

PILATES WITH MAT

All levels.

Please bring a resistance band.

MONDAYS 6:45-7:45PM

9-week session: 1/22-3/26

(no class 2/19)

CA \$144, Non-CA \$153



ZUMBA

Please bring water & a towel. Women only.

THURSDAYS 6:45-7:45PM

6-week session: 2/22-3/29

CA \$48, Non-CA \$54

SATURDAYS 10:15-11:15AM

6-week session: 2/24-3/31

CA \$48, Non-CA \$54



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AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY



The office will be closed from Saturday, February 17th through Monday, February 19th. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00AM. Trash and recycling pick up will be on a normal schedule.



SAVE THE DATE SPRING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE



- March 24: Columbia Cleans Day in the Village Shredding/Recycling @ Amherst House
- April 18: Candidate's Night 7PM @ Amherst House (only if race is contested)
- April 27: Village Elections 5-7PM @ Amherst House
- April 28: Village Elections 9AM-1PM
Flea Market, VIN Etching and Watch Your Car Program 9AM-Noon @ Amherst House

Columbia Villages Event

- April 14: Searching for Spring Egg Hunt @ Columbia SportsPark
(free tickets available March 19th @ Amherst House)

TAX TIPS

- File early** to avoid identity thieves who use stolen social security numbers to file tax returns.
- Check out your preparer.** Make sure your preparer is properly licensed by going to DLLR's website: DLLR.State.MD.US/PQ/
- Avoid refund anticipation loans.** Fees and interest will be deducted from your refund.
- Stay alert for IRS imposters.** The IRS does not call taxpayers who owe back taxes. Hang up if the caller asks for immediate payment.

Get free tax prep: Low and moderate income taxpayers can obtain free tax prep from:

- ⇒ AARP - locations around the county. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide for more info.
- ⇒ Making Change—a HoCo non-profit. For info, visit: MakingChangeCenter.org or call 410-313-0220.



EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING! FEBRUARY 10, 2018 @ 9:45AM

Ribbon cutting followed by classes, demos and tours of the newly renovated library!

THANK YOU!



The Village of Kings Contrivance would like to thank resident Gail Holm for volunteering to be our Columbia Association Watershed Advisory Committee Representative. Gail is a recent graduate of the Watershed Stewards' Academy and would like to raise awareness of residential watershed problems and remediation options in our village. Thank you and WELCOME!



GO HAMMOND BEARS!

Congratulations to Hammond High School which has been designated a **School of Opportunity** by the National Education Policy Center. Hammond was recognized for demonstrating extraordinary commitment to equity and excellence by engaging in proven practices that close opportunity gaps and give all students the opportunity to succeed. Hammond is one of only *eight schools in the country* to earn this national recognition this year.

AN EVENING OF IRISH MUSIC AND POETRY FEBRUARY 9 @ 7:30PM SMITH THEATRE



Howard County Poetry and Literature Society's annual Irish celebration will feature a reading by award-winning writer Mike McCormack. The evening also showcases Irish music by Narrowbacks and step dancing. Scones, beer, cocktails, Irish coffee, book sales and signing round out the night. For additional information and tickets please visit:

HoCoPoLitSo.org/irish-evening

HAMMOND HIGH THEATRE DEPT. PRESENTS:



THE WEDDING SINGER

MARCH 1 & 2 @ 7:00PM

MARCH 3rd @ 2:00PM & 7:00PM

Tickets are available for \$10 online at

HammondHighTheatre.org

Tickets at the door: \$12 (cash/check only)

RATED PG-13



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 **Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00PM for the February 28th meeting.**

The RAC meeting scheduled for January 24, 2018 was cancelled.

THINKING AHEAD TO SPRING?



Don't forget to apply before making any changes or improvements to the outside of your home. Find our **Exterior Alteration Application** on our website under "Covenants" or stop by Amherst house and pick one up.



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 3rd, the Board:

- voted to approve the FY2018 Second Quarter Financial Reports.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD?



Anyone who is interested in running for one of **three Village Board seats** must complete a nomination petition. The petitions will be available at Amherst House on March 1st and must be returned by 9pm on March 21st. Elections will be held at Amherst House on April 27 & 28, 2018. Questions? Call Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.



POLICE IMPLEMENT "TRANSACTION SAFE PLACE"

With online sale sites becoming more and more popular, HCPD is offering places to facilitate exchanges as safely as possible. NEVER use your home as a meeting location. Two designated parking spaces, marked with yellow signs, are available for this purpose at the following facilities:

- ⇒ **Northern District Station** (3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City)
- ⇒ **Southern District Station** (11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel)
- ⇒ **Community Outreach Facility** (10471 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia)

The lobbies of all police stations in Howard County are also available for use as meetup spots.

Please use common sense when buying, selling and meeting people whom you do not know.

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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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
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Worship with Us this Easter Season!

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13th
5:00 PM

Palm Sunday · March 25th

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Ash Wednesday

February 14th
Noon & 7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday

March 29th · 7:30 PM

Good Friday · March 30th

Noon & 7:30 PM

Midweek Meditations

February 21st thru March 21st
Wednesdays · 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday · April 1st

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

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