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FAMILY FUN BINGO JANUARY 26 @AMHERST HOUSE 7:30-9:00PM

Join us for our next Family Fun BINGO! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come have tons of fun and win cool prizes! What a great way to spend a cold winter evening.

Bingo Cards:
6 for \$1
Drinks are \$.75
Snacks are free!



AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED



Amherst House will be closed on Saturday, January 13 and Monday, January 15, 2018 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16 @ 9AM.

Trash and recycling pick-up will be on a regular schedule the week of January 15th.

BAMBOO REMOVAL MACGILL'S COMMON



Columbia Association has developed a multi-year plan to remove the large stand of bamboo from the Play Meadow behind Cape Ann Drive in Macgill's Common. Native trees and shrubs will be planted to replace the bamboo. Phase 1, which will include removal of bamboo within 20 feet of the pathway, will begin this winter. Jan Clark, from CA Open Space, will give a presentation at the KC Board Meeting held on February 7 @ 7:30PM at Amherst House. Please plan to attend the board meeting if you would like to hear the details of CA's bamboo removal plan.

**DON'T FORGET...PHOTOS
FROM OUR SANTA EVENTS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
AT AMHERST HOUSE.**

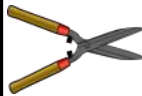


FREE GARDENING SEMINARS AT AMHERST HOUSE!

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. Snacks will be served!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 7:00—8:30PM

Pruning: Presented by Master Gardener Joe DiGiovanni, this program covers the how, when and why of pruning ornamental trees and shrubs. This entertaining program includes techniques and tools used in pruning presented through lecture and demonstration.



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 12, 7:00—8:30PM

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




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 27 from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, April 28 from 9am to 1pm. Are you interested in serving on the committee? 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.

SPIRIT OF COLUMBIA 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

 Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 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 ColumbiaAssociation.com/Scholarship or call 410-715-3161. The deadline is March 15, 2018.

SNOW CLEAN-UP

Don't forget to clear your sidewalk after a snowstorm—it's the law.

"It is the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right of way to remove snow from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow has fallen." *Howard County code, Section 18.402(h)*.

Do not park on streets, especially on or around cul-de-sacs.

Make snow removal easy for highway crews: park your vehicles in driveways. This also allows police and firefighters to respond quickly to public safety tasks.

Where to go for more snow information:

- ◆ Bureau of Highways: 410-313-7450
- ◆ Bureau of Utilities: 410-313-4900
- ◆ Bureau of Environ. Services: 410-313-6444
- ◆ County: **HowardCountyMD.gov**
- ◆ State: **Chart.Maryland.gov**
- ◆ County Snow Tracker:

HoCoSnowPlowTracker.org

Amherst House has lists of people available for different jobs. Please call us if you would like to be added to this list of snow shovelers.

Neighborhood Snow Shovelers:

Mike Friend: 410-290-9728

Harry Hearn: 888-951-3948

Edwin Pineda: 301-573-7722

Nick Trabilisy: 443-510-8760



WINTER CLASSES AT AMHERST HOUSE

PILATES WITH PROPS ALL LEVELS



MONDAYS 6:45-7:45PM

Please bring a resistance band.

9-week session: 1/8-3/19 (no class 1/15 & 2/19)

CA \$128, Non-CA \$136

ZUMBA

Please bring water & a towel. Women only.



THURSDAYS 6:45-7:45PM

6-week session: 1/4-2/8

CA \$48, Non-CA \$54

SATURDAYS 10:15-11:15AM

5-week session: 1/6-2/10 (no class 1/13)

CA \$40, Non-CA \$45

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL WINTER DANCE CONCERT JANUARY 18 & 19 @ 7:30PM

Plan to attend the Hammond High Annual Winter Dance Concerts on **Thursday, January 18th** and **Friday, January 19th** at 7:30 PM in Hammond High's Auditorium. All dance classes will be performing. General admission tickets are \$7.00 and there is no charge for children 5 years and younger. Discounted tickets are available for senior citizens.



A VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS

What fun to decorate cookies, make crafts and share lunch with Santa when he makes his annual visits to



Amherst House! Many thanks to all of our volunteers, especially Board Member Fred Niziol.



Be sure to join us next December for this annual family tradition!



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, January 16th at 9:00PM for the January 24th meeting.

CA SUMMER CAMPS



Early bird registration is now open! When you're looking for great summer camps in Howard County, Columbia Association's (CA) summer camps are the perfect fit. CA's camps are the perfect way for you to make sure your children return home each day with smiles on their faces. CA strives to work with parents to help their children grow into the champions they are meant to be! To access the 2018 Summer Camp Catalogue, please visit:

ColumbiaAssociation.org/Services/Camps
Register by Wednesday, February 28
and save 10%!



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.

PRESCHOOL INFO FAIR JANUARY 20 1:00-4:00PM TEN OAKS BALLROOM



The 2018 Preschool/Child Care Information Fair will provide parents, guardians, grandparents and child care personnel with "one stop shopping" for information on child care, pre-school and summer programs. Admission is free; however, attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or unopened diapers to donate to the Howard County Food/Diaper Bank. Free info sessions on "How to Choose an Early Childhood Program" will be offered each hour. For more information, contact the Howard County Office of Children and Families at **410-313-1940** or email:

Children@HowardCountyMD.gov

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

CA's Time Banking program provides an opportunity for neighbors to help neighbors through the mutual exchange of everyday services. There is a Time Bank Skill Share Fair on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 10am-1pm @ Emmanuel Methodist Church: 10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel. Contact 410-884-6121 to learn how this free program works.

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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