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LADIES' NIGHT BINGO AMHERST HOUSE FEBRUARY 22 @ 7:30PM

- * Gather your girlfriends and join us for a fun night of BINGO! Adults only!
- * Enjoy free wine, cheese and snacks.
- * \$5.00 for 6 cards. Twelve games will be played.
- * Buy your BINGO cards at Amherst House by February 21st for a chance to win a \$25 Corner Stable gift card!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BEER TASTING AMHERST HOUSE MARCH 15 7:30-9:30PM

Wear your **GREEN** and enjoy a fun night out with friends and neighbors. Please join us at Amherst House as a representative from local brewery, Sapwood Cellars, presents six different beers for you to taste and compare. Snacks will be served! This is an over-21, adult only event and space is limited. Tickets are \$15; purchase yours at Amherst House by March 5th to be entered into a raffle!



AMHERST HOUSE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY



The office will be closed from Saturday, February 16th through Monday, February 18th. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 19th at 9:00AM. Trash and recycling pick up will be on a normal schedule.

FREE GARDENING SEMINAR AT AMHERST HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 19 7:00-8:30PM

PERENNIAL GARDENING



Master Gardener Paul Beares from the Howard County Extension Service will provide an in-depth discussion on creating and maintaining a beautiful perennial garden. Learn about design concepts, plant selection, soil preparation and sustainable practices. Recommendations of native plants, trees and shrubs will be provided. Call Amherst House at 410-381-9600 to register for this **free gardening seminar**.

GET FIT AT AMHERST HOUSE

PILATES ON THE BALL

All levels. Bring a mat & ball.

9-week session

MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

January 28 -April 1

(no class February 18)

CA: \$144/non-CA: \$153



AMHERST HOUSE IS HIRING FACILITY ASSISTANT



We are looking for a responsible facility assistant. Duties are setting up tables and chairs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for events. This position is part-time, approx. 3 hours per week. Applications are available at the front desk of Amherst House.

LOOKING FOR SPACE TO...

- ⇒ **TEACH A CLASS?**
- ⇒ **HOLD A SEMINAR?**
- ⇒ **GIVE A PRESENTATION?**



Amherst House is available daytime & evenings and is the perfect place for you and your students or clients. Call 410-381-9600 for more info. Liability insurance may be required.



SAVE THE DATE SPRING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE



- March 30: Columbia Cleans Day in the Village Shredding/Recycling @ Amherst House
- April 5: KC Watershed Talk & Walk 10:30AM-Noon @ Amherst House
- April 17: Candidate's Night 7PM @ Amherst House (only if race is contested)
- April 26: Village Elections 5-7PM @ Amherst House
- April 27: Village Elections 9AM-1PM
Flea Market, VIN Etching and Watch Your Car Program 9AM-Noon @ Amherst House

Columbia Villages Event

- April 6: Searching for Spring Egg Hunt @ Columbia SportsPark
(free tickets available March 4 @ Amherst House)



CA LEARN, FIX, SWAP MARCH 2 FROM 1-4PM THE BARN



OAKLAND MILLS VILLAGE CENTER

- ⇒ *Learn a skill* at the Skill Share Fair. Free tips for do-it-yourself tasks will be presented by CA's Community Exchange Time Bank. For info, visit: ColumbiaAssociation.org/timebank
Or call **410-884-6121**
- ⇒ *Free, simple fixes* will be available for items in disrepair through Transition Howard County's **Repair Café!** You must register your item at: TransitionHoCo.org

TAX TIPS

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/
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.



FREE TAX PREP!

- Low and moderate income taxpayers can obtain **free** tax prep from:
- ⇒ AARP - locations around the county. Visit AARP.org/taxaide for more info.
 - ⇒ Making Change—a HoCo non-profit. For info, visit: MakingChangeCenter.org or call 443-518-7649.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Make a difference! **A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring** needs adult volunteers to help enhance the academic and social development of Howard County students. Volunteers work with students during the school day and in after-school programs. An info session will be held March 4th @ 11am at Hawthorne Center: 6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia. For more info, please email: Susan@aokmentor.org or call: **443-895-2457**.

COLUMBIA SOLAR COOP INFO SESSION FEBRUARY 28 FROM 7-8PM OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER



CA is sponsoring an information session at The Owen Brown Community Center (6800 Cradlerock Way.) Learn how to save approximately 25% off the cost of solar panels, lower your electricity bill and increase your property value! RSVP: 410-715-3000 x2525.

SPIRIT OF COLUMBIA 2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 **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 exhibited exceptional efforts in providing community service to benefit residents in the Columbia area. Applications are available online at:

ColumbiaAssociation.com/Scholarship

For more info, please call 410-715-3161.

The deadline is March 15, 2019.

NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER FEBRUARY 28 @ 6:30PM

Join U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen and MD Attorney General Brian Frosh along with the HoCo Office of Consumer Protection for a **Consumer Protection Forum** focusing on your rights as a consumer. There will be a Q & A period as well. Questions? Call 202-224-4654.

PROTECTING YOUR CONSUMER RIGHTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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.*



COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30PM. You are welcome to attend. Be sure to submit applications by **Tuesday, February 19th at 9:00PM for the February 27th meeting.**

RAC REVIEW JANUARY 23, 2019

APPROVED

9463 Clocktower Lane	Color change: roof
9502 Sweet Grass Ridge	Deck, color change
9656 Golden Rod Path	Fence
7474 Weather Worn Way	Siding

To those neighbors listed above, we thank you for complying with the architectural process, improving your homes and helping to keep Kings Contrivance looking beautiful.

FREE HOME REPAIRS

Rebuilding Together Howard County was formed to mobilize volunteers and to provide free home repairs to low-income families in Howard County. The program is committed to improving the lives of the elderly, individuals with disabilities, veterans, families with children and all Howard County homeowners who have worked hard but can no longer afford to keep up with repairs. For more info or to apply, call 410-381-3338 or visit:

RebuildingTogetherHowardCounty.org

Rebuilding Together is always in need of **Skilled Trades Professional Volunteers.**



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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD?

Anyone who is interested in running for a seat on the **KC Village Board** 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? Please 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 one of the information sessions for potential candidates. They are scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00pm and Saturday, February 23 at 10am. The sessions will be held at CA Headquarters located at 6310 Hillside Court, Columbia, MD 21046.

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.

Mission statement: The association represents the community of Kings Contrivance by advocating for residents, enforcing covenants, and building a sense of community.

Staff/Village Office

Beverley Meyers, Village Manager
Laura Parrish, Covenant Advisor
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Luz Elena Borrero, Events & Info Coordinator
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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday	9AM—9PM
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