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The Twice-Monthly Newsletter of the Village of Kings Contrivance

ROOTS OF HOWARD COUNTY IN CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PRESENTS "WOMEN OF DISTINCTION"

Sunday, February 21, 2010

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FREE

(no snow date)

Historic Oakland 5430 Vantage Point Road

3:00 to 4:00pm

Visit the The Howard County Center of African American Culture, see a display of the "Images of Freedom" poster entries created by Howard County students. Enjoy musical entertainment by the Ellington-Adderley Jazz Ensemble.

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The program will feature a panel of "Women of Distinction".

Scheduled speakers include

**Diane Brown (Columnist, Patuxent Publishing),
Wylene Burch**

**(Director, Howard County Center
of African American Culture),**

**Alice P. Clark
(Judge, District Court of Maryland),
Dottie Moore**

(former Head, Community Action Council).

**Malynda Madzel, who has served on various
community boards and foundations, will serve as
discussion facilitator.**

Light refreshments will be served

Co-sponsored by the Villages of Columbia, The Columbia Association and The Howard County Center of African American Culture

MAGGIE BROWN

It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news that Maggie Brown, former President of Columbia Association and long time Columbia resident, passed away on January 28. We are grateful for her many years of service and mourn the loss of a strong, outgoing, and unique leader that did so much for our community. If you are interested in a sending a memorial tribute, her family has asked that donations be made to the Maggie J. Brown Endowment Fund at the Columbia Foundation in lieu of flowers. Contributions may be sent to the Columbia Foundation, 10227 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044. (Checks should be made payable to the Columbia Foundation; please designate the Maggie Brown Endowment Fund on the memo line.)

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SURVEY ON THE SELLING OF BEER AND WINE AT THE HUNTINGTON DELI AND MART

At the regularly scheduled March 3rd Kings Contrivance Village Board Meeting at 7:30 pm, the board will meet with Mr. Kim, owner of the Huntington Deli and Mart, to discuss possible sales of beer and wine at his store. The board will review the results of the community survey at this time. Please come to Amherst House and be a part of the discussion.

*Mark
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in
your
calendar*

Columbia Cleans Day

Saturday March 27

raindate April 17

The Kings Contrivance Community Association has a new website! Find information on board meetings, covenant guidelines, special events, classes, tot lots, community resources, and much more at www.kingscontrivancecommunityassociation.org



Dear Kings Contrivance Board and KC Community,
 I'd like to take a moment and thank all who participated in the recent efforts to send gifts and personalized cards to the soldiers in my unit. I would have liked to send you each a personalized thank you, however the response was so overwhelming that even the shortest note would have entailed me doing nothing but writing letters for the rest of this deployment! Sadly, I do have some official duties that preclude such an extensive letter writing campaign.
 What I will tell you is how appreciated your gesture was by the soldiers in this Task Force. Mail is a big deal over here. It marks time, and it gives troopers a tangible reminder that someone back home is thinking about them in a way that e-mail or online chat can't hope to replicate. It takes effort to address a letter or assemble a package, and that effort is appreciated by anyone receiving such a parcel. Like anywhere else, some soldiers get a lot of mail while some don't. For a troubled few, the unit they deploy with may be the only real family they have. It was my pleasure then to see how during mail call on Christmas Eve every Paratrooper, Military Policeman, and National Guard Soldier operating within Task Force "Gun Devil" had their name called. No one went without. Even today I see Christmas cards taped to desks and soldiers playing with balls and games sent by the people who participated in this drive. Thank you for keeping us in mind this holiday season. Best wishes for you and your families in the year ahead.

V/r,
 Andrew Kelly
 Captain, Field Artillery
 Task Force Gun Devil
 Al Asad Air Base, Iraq

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Village elections are fast 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 23 from 5 to 7 pm and Saturday, April 24 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Elections this year will fill four village board seats. If you are interested in running for office, please contact Anne Brinker at (410) 381-9600



CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Cell Phones for Soldiers collects *USED* cellphones (working or not) and sells them to a company that refurbishes them. For collecting phones, Cell Phones for Soldiers receives money from the refurbishing company and (along with partner AT&T, who provides the phone cards at greatly reduced rates) buys phone cards and sends them, free of charge, to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a collection box at Amherst House if you would like to donate your old phone and give the precious opportunity for soldiers to call their loved ones back home. Please donate by Feb 25.



FREE GARDENING SEMINAR:

**GROW IT, EAT IT -
 VEGETABLE GARDENING
 THURSDAY, MARCH 4
 7:00p.m. at Amherst House**

BINGO

A GREAT SUCCESS

We had our largest crowd ever for family fun bingo on Friday, January 29. Thank you to board member, Fred Niziol for being our bingo caller.



COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee usually meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. The next deadline is Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 9 p.m. for the meeting on Wednesday, February 24.

RAC REVIEW January 27, 2010.

The meeting on January 27 was canceled due to lack of applications. Only one application was submitted by the deadline and it was reviewed by the speedy process:

Approved with Provisions
9606 Clocktower Lane Color Change of Deck and Fence

RAC MEMBER NEEDED

We are in need of a resident to serve on the Resident Architectural Committee. The committee meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30p.m. If interested, please contact the covenant advisor, Stephanie Moore for more information.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a board meeting. They are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Amherst House.

At the board meeting held January 20, the board

- discussed CA Budget testimony, voting to support a request for 3 to 4 full-time Community Organizer positions
- met with CA President, Philip Nelson
- met with Ron Vance, KC Representative on the Watershed Advisory Committee
- discussed testimony for Council Bills 58 and 59

Please stop by Amherst House if you would like to review a copy of the proposed CA FY11 and FY12 Operating and Capital Budgets.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

March 3 - Review of community survey on Huntington Deli and Mart selling beers and wine

OFFICE CLOSED

The village office will be closed Saturday, February 13 and Monday, February 15 for President's Day weekend.



TO RESIDENTS OF SPRING WATER PATH AND HUNTINGTON EAST

OUR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED REPORTS OF TRASH/RECYCLING CONTAINERS BEING STORED IN THE FRONT OF HOMES. WHEN SITE VISITS WERE MADE, IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THIS IS A WIDESPREAD ISSUE SO IT WAS DECIDED TO PLACE A REMINDER IN THE NEWSLETTER BEFORE SENDING LETTERS.

PLEASE DO NOT STORE YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS ANYWHERE IN THE FRONT OF YOUR HOME. The Preferred location would be inside a garage (if you have one), in the rear of your property, or in the least visible location.

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Anne Brinker, Village Manager
Stephanie Moore, Covenant Advisor
Beverley Meyers, Events and Info. Coordinator
Jill Bartos, Operations Coordinator
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