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The Twice-Monthly Newsletter of the Village of Kings Contrivance

FREE CONCERTS

CONCERTS IN THE VILLAGE CENTER

(Sponsored by the Village Merchants)

Fridays 11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.

July 24 ♦Linwood Taylor & The Rude Dogs

July 31 ♦David Bach

Aug 7 ♦Dave Chappell Trio

SUNSET SERENADES

(Sponsored by Howard County Recs and Parks)

(Parking Donation \$3)

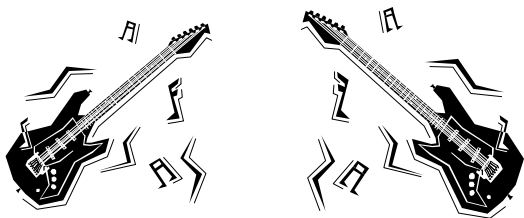
Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00p.m.

July 29 ♦Unity Reggae Band (Reggae)

Aug 5 ♦The Natty Beaux
(Swing, Jump Blues)

Aug 12 ♦The Crowdaddies
(Zydeco, Roots, Rock)

Performances at Centennial Park South on Rt 108.



TRAVELIN' BANDS CONCERTS

(Sponsored by Howard County Recs and Parks)

Fridays 7:00 - 8:00p.m.

Ju.ly 24 ♦David Bach Consort (Jazz)

*Patapsco Female Institute,
Ellicott City*

Aug 7 ♦Sons of Pirates
(Buffett Tribute Band)

Schooley Mill Park, Fulton

For more information on the Howard County Recs and Parks concerts, call (410) 313 7275

ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR REPORT INSIDE ➔

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

21st ANNUAL POOL PARTY THURSDAY AUGUST 6

6:30 - 9:00p.m. DICKINSON POOL

FREE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Open to KC Residents Only

Free food, drinks, music and fun for the whole family provided by the Kings Contrivance Community Association. **Limited tickets available.**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Prepare for Success is a community sponsored program that collects school supplies for children in need in Howard County. The sponsors include Howard County Public Schools, The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, Howard County Government, Columbia Association, and the Howard County PTA Council. Boxes will be at Amherst House until August 28 to collect items. Please donate school supplies and support this great program!

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, August 4 for the meeting on Wednesday, August 12.



End of the Year Report- For Fiscal Year 2009

Each year at this time, I report the previous year's activities. This annual report will highlight the activities accomplished by the Kings Contrivance Village Board and staff between May 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. April marked our village's 32nd year. 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 seven 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: Lorraine Kelly; 2nd Vice-chair: Marguerite Walsh; and members: Shari Zaret, Shaun Lane, Fred Niziol, and Sara Dillier (the latter two were appointed). Evan Coren served as 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 village staff for this fiscal year was comprised of the following: Anne Brinker, village manager; Stephanie Moore, covenant advisor; Beverley Meyers, events & information coordinator; Jill Bartos, operations coordinator; Aimee Jennings bookkeeper; Hollie Mlynarczyk, head facility assistant; Darshana Dave, Julie Steffanoff, Mort Rumac, Michael Walsh, Naana Eyeson, and Michael Fields, 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 AC officers; offered cul-de-sac beautification and block party grants; recognized Janet Riggins with the Volunteer of the Year Award; approved board goals; issued 15-day violation notices for covenant violations, referred unresolved covenant violations to CA for legal action and approved lot file flagging and denial of access to CA facilities; reviewed and approved quarterly financial reports; appointed the Election Committee and RAC members; donated funds to Hammond High School chemical-free after prom party, the local co-rec softball team; funded and supported the Environmental Committee to include Earth Day and Trash Mountain; collected school supplies for "Prepare for Success" program; approved capital and operating budgets; met with pool managers; worked with the community, the County, police, and Howard Transit to address residents' concerns about illegal activity at the Clocktower bus stop; met with representatives from Kimco and GGP to discuss zoning changes; participated in Howard County Planning Board hearings for ZRA 102 and ZRA 113; appointed Fred Niziol and Sara Dillier

to the board in August; designed a new KCCA website (to be launched in FY10); supported and participated in a reforestation effort next to Amherst House; and worked with the County on plans for a new Huntington Park playground.

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 (Janet Riggins, chair; Jim Moore, vice chair; Kathleen Farrand; Mike Green; Bernie Finn; and Ed Gordon) meet twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday, to review architectural alteration requests. 128 letters of compliance / non compliance were issued in FY 09. 72 complaints were logged in and dealt with by the covenant advisor, 63 were successfully resolved in FY09 including 6 that were found not to be village covenant violations. 9 complaints remained unresolved at the end of the fiscal year. 223 applications for 330 alterations were processed. 187 applications were approved, 33 were approved with provisions, 0 were approved with waivers, 0 were withdrawn, 0 were tabled, and 3 were denied. 2 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 alterations were for decks (29) and color changes (26).

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Programs and special events sponsored by the Village Board over the past year included: Block Party and Cul-De-Sac Grants, Senior Luncheon, Gardening Seminars, Yard Sales in each neighborhood, Community Clean-Up Days & Columbia Cleans Day (including Earth Day), Bingo, Family Pool Party (for which CA generously donates a free pool use), Annual Scarecrow Making and Hayride Event, Annual Halloween Happenings, Lunch with Santa, Cookies and Crafts with Santa, Community Flea Market, Watch Your Car Program & VIN Etching, Book Swap, Sundae Making, and the Annual Volunteer Party. Sponsored with citywide community associations: International Day, Searching for Spring, and Roots of Howard County in Celebration of African American History.

CLASSES

We offer classes for children as well as adults at Amherst House. Children's classes this year included Wee Friends. Adult classes included Yoga and Pilates. While we expect to continue most of our current class offerings, 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, which is generally available through home-contents insurance.

AMHERST HOUSE

We also rent Amherst House for functions. If you are interested in hosting a party or meeting, please call for our rates. A strong emphasis is placed on maintenance of our facilities and a large part of the interior of Amherst House is painted annually. The Meeting Room on Shaker Drive has been thriving as home to

Children's Time Pre-School for many years now. It is also rented to residents for scout meetings and other small non-profit groups.

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, etc. The village newsletter, *The Crown Prints*, is distributed to residents through the *Columbia Flier*. Please drop by anytime you need information or visit our new web page at

www.kingscontrivancecommunityassociation.org

With warm regards,

Anne Brinker
Village Manager
June 17, 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Summer Sundae Making

Sept 4 7-8p.m.

Tickets \$2 per person.

Neighborhood Yard Sales

Macgill's Common Sept 26

Dickinson Oct 3

Huntington Oct 10

Sat 9am-1pm,

raindate Sun.

Community Clean Up Day

Oct 3 10am-1pm

raindate Oct 17

Dumpster Weekends

Sept/Oct Dates TBD