



REPRESENT YOUR VILLAGE

John West is leaving CA's Senior Advisory Committee after 11 years of tremendous service representing Kings Contrivance Village. If you are 60 years or older and interested in taking over John's position as our village representative, please contact Anne Brinker at Amherst House.



SWEET HOURS WAY DAM REPAIR

Late summer 2011, the Howard County Department of Public Works will undertake the repair of a stormwater pond embankment located on Sweet Hours Way between Weather Worn Way and Moon Portrait Way. Howard County will replace the existing corrugated metal pipe principal spillway with one of concrete. The existing metal pipe, which was constructed in the early-80's, is deteriorating due to corrosion, and must be replaced in order to ensure the continued integrity of the dam. Removal of the embankment will require removal of the Sweet Hours Way road surface across the top of the embankment. While construction is ongoing, a temporary single-lane bridge will be constructed to maintain access to the residences at the east end of Sweet Hours Way. All utilities will also be maintained to those residences during this time. The temporary bridge is to be constructed in such a way that there will always be at least one lane of traffic open on Sweet Hours, even while the bridge is under construction. The load capacity of the bridge will meet normal vehicular needs of the community, including emergency vehicles, moving vans or school buses. The temporary bridge will also provide a pedestrian walkway to allow maintenance of foot traffic along Sweet Hours Way.

For more information, visit

www.kingscontrivancecommunityassociation.org/./node/1637

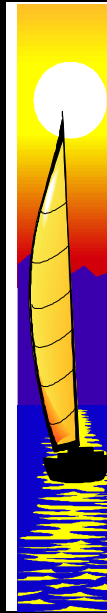
CA'S LAKEFRONT WEDNESDAYS Noon - 2pm

at Town Center Lake Kittamaqundi

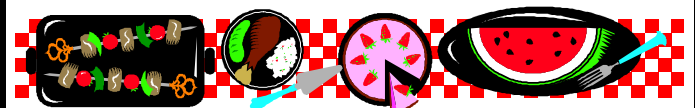
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| June 1 | ♣Diane Daly Trio (Jazz) |
| June 8 | ♣Andrew McKnight (Folk) |
| June 15 | ♣Project Natale (Jazz) |

Sign in at the event for a free cold beverage and restaurant discounts.

Concerts in the KC Village Center begin Friday, June 17. Look for more details in the next issue.



WONDERING WHAT YOU GET FOR THE CA ASSESSMENT YOU PAY? VISIT: WHY I PAY.ORG



PLAN A SUMMER BLOCK PARTY & BE REIMBURSED \$25!

The Kings Contrivance Village Board has made it easier than ever to get out and meet your neighbors. Just come into Amherst House and ask for a Block Party registration form. Give us your name, address, and phone number as well as the date, time and location of the party and be sure to invite everyone on your street. After the party, bring in receipts for food, soft drinks, paper products, charcoal, ice and other like items and you will be reimbursed up to \$25. No reimbursement for alcoholic beverages.

COLUMBIA HOME TOUR
Sunday June 5
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tickets on sale
at Amherst House \$20 each.

Visit 5 distinct homes,
a restored historic mansion in
Kings Contrivance,
a contemporary single family home
in Hickory Ridge,
a unique, redesigned town home
in Town Center,
a colonial with beautiful landscaping
in Dorsey's Search,
a lakeside town home in Owen Brown
plus enjoy refreshments and
displays by Columbia Archives
at the newly renovated
Owen Brown Community Ctr.

Sponsored by the Villages of Columbia
and Columbia Archives
Volunteer Docents still needed
Join us on Facebook:
Columbia Home Tour 2011

Proceeds benefit One Month's Rent, a charity that
assists Howard County residents threatened with
losing their housing.

FREE SOIL TESTING

In an effort to cut back on water
pollution in Columbia, the
Sustainability and Community
Development Service Bureau will be
helping Columbia residents test their
soil to analyze the nutrients in the soil and
determine the amount of fertilizer they need.
By not applying unneeded fertilizer, residents
will save money and help protect Columbia's
streams, ponds and lakes. CA has partnered
with the Columbia Villages, Maryland
Association of Soil Conservation Districts,
Howard Soil Conservation District and Keith
Campbell Foundation to conduct the soil
tests. Residents can pick up a bag and return
the sample at Amherst House. CA will then
send the samples to a lab for analysis. When
the results return, CA will host brief
workshops in the village centers with the
University of Maryland Extension Service and
the Howard Soil Conservation District to
interpret the results.

For more information, contact John McCoy
at John.McCoy@ColumbiaAssociation.com



**POLICE URGE CITIZENS
TO BEWARE OF SCAMS**

Howard County police are urging residents to
be cautious when dealing with door-to-door
salespeople offering home improvements,
alarm systems and other services this spring.
Police typically see increased calls for
suspicious salespeople going door to door as
weather turns warm, and often, these offers
turn out to be scams. In recent years, police
and consumer affairs representatives have
investigated scams for driveway paving and
alarm system installations where criminals
posed as salespeople and targeted residents.
Criminals who prey on residents with these
scams often complete shoddy work or don't
finish the job, charge higher prices than first
discussed or steal from the victim's home.

Police urge citizens to be cautious when
approached by a peddler or solicitor. Peddlers
and solicitors are required by the county to
present an identification card obtained from
the Office of Consumer Affairs. Peddlers who
operate from vehicles are also required to affix
a metal tag issued by the Office of Consumer
Affairs to the right rear side of the vehicle.
Soliciting is only permitted between 9 a.m. and
8 p.m. If you ask a peddler or solicitor to leave,
he or she must do so immediately.

Residents are urged to take the following
precautions:

- If you feel uncomfortable, do not answer the
door, or tell the person to leave literature at
the door for you to retrieve later.
- Ask to see the salesperson's county
identification card and official work ID.
- Be cautious of offers that are only valid for
work performed immediately.
- Verify the company has appropriate licenses.
- If you are approached by an alarm company,
verify it is registered with Howard County
police by calling 410-313-6199.

Tips from the Maryland Office of the Attorney
General Office of Consumer Affairs are
available online.

Home repair scams:

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CA/ca_factsheetsalerts.htm

Home alarm system scams:

<http://www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/tip70.htm>

For more information on peddling and
soliciting in the county, call the Office of
Consumer Affairs at 410-313-6420 or visit
<http://consumer.howardcountymd.gov>.

If you notice a suspicious person or vehicle in
your neighborhood or if you believe you have
been the victim of a scam, call 911.

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, May 31, 2011 at 9 p.m. for the meeting on Wednesday, June 8.

RAC REVIEW MAY 11 2011

APPROVED

9497 Clocktower Lane	Lighting, Exterior, Decorative Object
7535 Summer Leave Ln	Vinyl Privacy Screen
10248 Shaker Drive	Patio, Landscaping, Stoop, Walkway
7233 Kindler Road	Patio, Landscaping, Under Deck Stones
9467 Keepsake Way	Patio, Walkway
9637 Green Moon Path	Color Change
10009 Cape Ann Drive	Fence, Shed, Patio, Landscaping, Pergola, Retaining Wall, Trellis
7326 Little Bird Path	Lighting, Shed

DID YOU KNOW? If your property borders a sidewalk, it is your responsibility to mow the grass between the sidewalk and the street.



ATHOLTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA'S 1ST ANNUAL 5K & 1-Mile FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK

Sunday, June 5th at 9am Atholton Park
There will be a post-race party that will include music, activities for kids and a raffle for great prizes. All proceeds will go towards the AES PTA to provide cultural arts and educational activities for the students of AES. For more information or to register online, go to aes5k.info.

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Anne Brinker, Village Manager
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Beverley Meyers, Events and Info. Coordinator
Jill Bartos, Operations Coordinator
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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 on April 20, the board

- voted to support CB13-2011 Speed Cameras in school zones as long as the funding for the cameras and monitoring does not take funds from higher priority programs
- approved FY12 KC Village budget
- appointed John Howe to Election Committee

CO-REC SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

The Inter-Village Co-Rec Softball League is looking for players (ages 19 and older), especially couples and women. This is slow-pitch, non-competitive softball played on Sunday afternoons at Wilde Lake Middle School fields through August. Athletic skill is not required. The aim is to have fun in a relaxing social setting. Minimal registration fee-the cheapest way to play softball in the area! For more info. call Bill Jones at (410) 499-9918, email billjones3@comcast.net or www.cindylarue.com



DUMPSTER DAYS

Howard County and Columbia Association have come to an agreement regarding a contract for Dumpster Days. This event will return this fall. Look for more information here in the Crown Prints late summer. Before then, bulk waste can be disposed of at the Alpha Ridge Landfill at 2350 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville. For more information on bulk waste disposal, trash or recycling information call (410) 313-6444.

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WEB PAGE <http://www.kingscontrivancecommunityassociation.org>

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