

# CROWN PRINTS



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## SHREDDING EVENT AT AMHERST HOUSE



Thank you to the 85 residents that came out for our first shredding event and disposed of over 5,000 lbs of paper! We are thrilled that you took advantage of this opportunity to dispose of personal documents in a way that will protect you from identity theft and is environmentally friendly. As you requested, we will bring this event back next year.

## LAST CHANCE TO GIVE YOUR INPUT ON TOT LOT CLOSINGS

In an effort to reduce escalating expenses, CA has asked each village of Columbia to recommend 2 tot lots for closure or repurposing. The Kings Contrivance Village Board has identified KC 12 off of Wild Grass Court and KC 27 off of Rawhide Ridge as the least utilized tot lots in the village. The amount of utilization was determined by displaced mulch around the equipment, amount of trash in cans and by toys left at the tot lot. The two proposed tot lots are only proposed-before taking a vote, the board wants to hear from you whether you are you in favor of closing either or opposed. **The board will vote on this at the December 7 board meeting.** Please attend the board meeting to voice your thoughts on the possibility of closing these tot lots or contact Amherst House before the board meeting.



Want to receive Police Press Releases and crime statistics for our village?  
Send an email to [kingscontrivance@columbiavillages.org](mailto:kingscontrivance@columbiavillages.org) and ask to be put on our Police Press release email list.

## SANTA EVENTS AT AMHERST HOUSE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

**LUNCH WITH SANTA**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Our annual Lunch with Santa is almost here! Come to lunch, meet Santa and tell him all your wishes for Christmas. Tickets are \$5.00 for residents living on Columbia assessed property and \$5.50 for all others. Everyone planning to attend must purchase a ticket in advance. The price includes a craft, pizza lunch and dessert. Each child will also have a photo taken with Santa. Limited tickets available.



## COOKIES AND CRAFT WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 17**  
**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$3.50 for residents living on Columbia assessed property and \$4.00 for all others. Everyone planning to attend must purchase a ticket in advance. The price includes a craft and cookie decorating. Each child will also have a photo taken with Santa. Limited tickets available.

## WATCH OUT FOR DRIVEWAY PAVING SCAMS

Be wary of solicitors coming door-to-door and offering to repair driveways or to perform other home improvement or handyman services.

The County's Office of Consumer Affairs has received reports of unlicensed contractors selling driveway paving services for thousands of dollars without having the proper State or County licenses. The company reportedly offers same-day paving service at a discount price. Once the company completes their work, they bump the price up by thousands of dollars.

Before hiring or paying anyone to perform home repairs homeowners should contact The Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC) at (410) 230-6309 or visit them online at [www.dllr.maryland.gov/license/](http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/license/) to check the license status of the individual and company.

Anyone offering goods or services door-to-door in Ho Co must have a Solicitor's Permit issued by the Office of Consumer Affairs. You can verify whether solicitors are properly licensed or report unlicensed solicitors to the Office of Consumer Affairs at (410) 313-6420 or e-mail [consumer@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:consumer@howardcountymd.gov).

Consumers should also remember the following if they find a contractor at their door:

- In Maryland, home improvement contractors may not require you to pay more than one-third of the contract price up front.
- While all door-to-door solicitors are required to give you a 3-day right to cancel your contract in writing, remember that you won't be able to exercise that right if you (or local or state authorities) cannot find the contractor. Once you pay your money, it may be impossible to get it back.
- If you ever feel threatened or intimidated by door-to-door solicitors, call the police.

## FALL CLASSES

### PILATES

**Saturdays Nov 5 - Dec 3**

**4 wks CA \$52, Non CA \$56**

**Mondays: Nov 7 - Dec 19**

**7wks CA \$91, Non CA \$98**

**Intermediate Mon. 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Beginners Mon. 7:45 - 8:45 p.m.**

**All Levels Sat. 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**

### **NEW BELLY DANCE FUSION**

**Mondays 7:30 - 8:30p.m.**

**Nov 14 - Dec 19**

### **NEW BEGINNER BELLY DANCE**

**Mondays 6:00 - 7:00p.m.**

**Nov 28 - Dec 19**

### **NEW BLIS MOVES**

**Wednesdays 10 - 11a.m.**

**Oct 19 - Dec 7 7wk CA \$84, Non CA \$98**

Yoga, martial arts, African and Latin dance with a period of meditation.

### **NEW PARENT AND ME SPANISH IMMERSION CLASSES**

**5 Weeks starting Nov 14 CA \$50, Non CA \$55**

Mon 9:30 - 10:00am (ages 2-3)

Mon 10:15 - 10:45am (ages 4-6)

Tues 9:30 - 10:00am (ages 4-6)

Tues 10:15 - 10:45am (ages 2-3)

Wed 9:30 - 10:00am (ages 2-3)

Wed 10:15 - 10:45am (ages 4-6)

Expose your child to spanish language with singing, dancing, art and toys to create an educational and fun spanish adventure

*Winter time is snow time ... "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)*





## 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, December 6, 2011 at 9 p.m. for the meeting on Wednesday, December 14. **THERE IS ONLY ONE MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

### RAC REVIEW November 9, 2011

#### APPROVED

9444 White Spring Way	Deck Color Change
8822 Sandrope Court	Deck, Addition, Under Deck Cover
7317 Farthest Thunder	Window/Siding Replacement, Color Change, Awning Window
9750 Summer Park	Sliding/Garden Window Replacement
7468 Weatherworn Way	Roof Replacement
7468 Weatherworn Way	Siding/Trim/Gutter Replacement

#### APPROVED WITH PROVISIONS

9459 Vollmerhausen Drive Split Rail Fence

The following applications were approved through the speedy process:  
10025 Shaker Drive/ Columbia Association Lighting Replacement  
8812 Stonebrook /Stonebrook Association Landscaping, Retaining Wall  
8038 Red Jacket Way Tree Removal  
7324 Kindler Road Front Door Replacement  
9504 Gray Mouse Deck

## 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 November 2 board meeting, the board

- discussed school redistricting proposals for Dickinson
- approved 2012 holiday schedule

## OFFICE CLOSED

The village office will close at 9 p.m. Wednesday, November 23 and will reopen on Monday, November 28 at 9 a.m. for Thanksgiving.

The village office will also close at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 23 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3. HOA Documents will be available at The UPS Store in the village center during our winter break.



## THANKSGIVING SLIDE SCHEDULE

For the Thanksgiving holiday, trash and recycling schedule will slide. If your collection day is Thursday it is moved to Friday, November 25th. if your collection is Friday it is moved to Saturday, November 26th.

Please remember, all items must be out by 6a.m. on the day of collection.

**For more information call (410) 313 6444 or visit**

[www.howardcountymd.gov/DPW/recycling.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPW/recycling.htm)

### Staff/Village Office

Anne Brinker, Village Manager  
Stephanie Moore, Covenant Advisor  
Beverley Meyers, Events and Info. Coordinator  
Jill Bartos, Operations Coordinator  
Aimee Jennings, Bookkeeper  
Julie Steffanoff, Head Facility Assistant

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	9am - 9pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm

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