

The Scroll

May 2024

Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org

Shredding

May 11 from 9am—noon

At the Dorsey's Search Community Association/Linden Hall
Parking Lot.

Address: 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042



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Our Board of Directors for 2024-2025

There was no election. There were two open Board of Directors seats and only 2 nomination petitions submitted.

Thank you for serving our community! At our May Board meeting, the newly elected members will take their term seats. Our Board of Directors meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Board meetings have been held virtually, but will begin in-person meetings starting with the May 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. Feel free to join us at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042). If you are a resident of Dorsey's Search, "Resident Speak Out" is always on the agenda. We welcome our residents to voice any concerns or questions during this time. In May, the Board members will elect a Board Chair and a Vice-Chair. We thank the Board members for giving up their precious time to serve our community and we look forward to a new year.

Board of Directors

Ellen Mackey

Russell Stephenson

Derek Carey

Christine Simpson

Luke Menefee

Columbia Council Representative

Christopher Fuchs

Reminders

Shredding
May 11
9am—noon

Memorial Day
Office Closed
Monday, May 27

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**Dorsey's Search
Community Association
Information**

Village Board Meeting Schedule

Village board meetings are held at Linden Hall located at 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Each regular meeting has a scheduled resident speak-out for residents to voice their opinion on issues of concern. Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please email Ingrid Hatz if you have any questions, see email below.

- Wednesday, May 8, 2024
- Wednesday, June 12, 2024
- Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

Village Office Staff

Phone: 410-730-4005

Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager—ihatz@dorseyssearch.org

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—amckissick@dorseyssearch.org

Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager—
nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

Patricia Jones	Head Facility Assistant
Bitsy Furr	Facility Assistant
Mary Hesse	Facility Assistant
Charles Treger	Facility Assistant
Bill Salciccioli	Set-up Tech

Village Board Members

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
Derek Carey	410-730-4005
Crissy Simpson	410-730-4005
Luke Menefee	410-730-4005
Russell Stephenson	410-730-4005

Columbia Council Representative

Chris Fuchs	410-730-4005
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Office Hours

Monday, Friday	8am—3pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8am—7pm
Saturday	varies; please check website
Sunday	Open for rental; no village office hours

Please call in advance for rental availability.

Website: www.dorseyssearch.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dorseyssearch/>

Twitter: Dorsey's Search C.A. @dorseyssearch

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Dorsey's Search Community Association mission shall promote the health, safety, common good and social welfare of Dorsey's Search residents. The Board's mission is not for pecuniary gain or profit. The Village will sponsor, engage in, conduct and encourage cultural, educational, social, civic and other beneficial activities.

Village Board Notes

April 2024

- ⇒ Accepted the FY'25 Village Budget
- ⇒ Donated \$300 to Wilde Lake High School PTSA
- ⇒ Donation to Bright Minds Foundation of \$250 for the Wilde Lake High School Family who experienced a tragic house fire.

To view our Columbia Council Representative's (Chris Fuchs) report to the Dorsey's Search Board of Directors, please visit our website at:
<https://dorseyssearch.org/village-board/council-rep-report/>



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Covenant

Coordinator

The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) is a village board appointed volunteer committee that meets twice a month to review exterior alteration applications. Property owners must apply for **ALL** exterior changes to their property/home. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please feel free to contact the Covenant Advisor at 410-730-4005, ext. 11. The Exterior Alteration Application can be found at our web site. www.dorseyssearch.org in the Covenant section.

Approved/Denied Applications: Mar23-Apr18

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

- 4745 Rams Horn—light; deck stain; deck lattice
- 4606 Smokey Wreath—change house colors; front door; remove shutters; remove weathervane
- 4029 Larkspring—string lights over patio
- 4065 Fragile Sail—paver walkway; lamppost topper; exterior lights; garage doors; propane tank; lattice under deck; up-lights; landscape rock; garden window; Awning
- 4228 Purple Twilight—front door and sidelights
- 4982 Dorsey Hall Dr B1—sliders; 3 windows
- 4036 Fragile Sail—solar panels
- 4018 Larkspring—roof replacement; gutters; downspouts
- 5359 Chase Lions—tree removal
- 4018 Larkspring—trash enclosure
- 5313 Tarkington—mulch under deck
- 5356 Tarkington—windows
- 4743 Ram's Horn—gutters
- 4224 Purple Twilight—deck, lights
- 4022 Larkspring—fence
- 4625 Willowgrove—screened in porch; patio; walkway
- 4144 Red Bandana—garden & fencing
- 4528 Kingscup—composite deck

Approve w/conditions

- 4009 Willow Bend—raised garden beds; fence
- 4612 Broken Lute—raised garden beds; spigot; netting

Denied

- 4620 Oakview—driveway extension

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Apr 16	May 1
Apr 30	May 15
May 14	Jun 5
Jun 4	Jun 19
Jun 18	Jul 2*
Jul 2	Jul 17

*Date change. RAC meeting will be Tuesday, July 2 instead of the typical Wednesday evening meeting.

Please remember to **apply for exterior changes to the property**. Email Anne McKissick with any questions or give her a call. Her office hours are normally Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am—3pm.

Her email is: amckissick@dorseyssearch.org
Village office phone#: 410-730-4005

Although Anne has specific office hours, please feel free to call during Village office hours. Day-time staff is here to help our residents also.

Resident Architectural Committee (RAC)

If you have applied for an exterior alteration on your property, you might have met our 5 Board appointed members of the RAC. These dedicated volunteers not only meet twice a month to review applications for our community, but they are required to visit each property. They listen to the residents and recommend a decision for each application. These volunteers have lived in the Village for a number of years and continue to keep our Village standards inline with our Covenants and Guidelines.



John Ingalls, Marc Volkmann, John Slater, Dick Hesse, Norman Wright



Siding

We are almost finished with spring. Air temperatures usually do not go below freezing around this time of year. It is a great time to clean or paint the siding on your house. Please walk around your house to see if you have any brown, black, green discoloration or chipped paint. Do your research if you plan on using any type of cleaning product. Don't let the beautiful color of your house be dimmed by having dirty or poorly maintained siding. Your neighbors and you will be happy with the results.

Although this is not in color, it is a green patch of algae.

Deer Fencing

What is deer fencing? It is defined in our guideline #18A: *"A system of webbing and posts manufactured specifically for the protection of plants from deer..."* Most deer fencing will require an application.

Please review our Guidelines regarding Deer fencing. Call Anne McKissick, the Covenant Advisor, if you have any questions regarding this type of protection from deer destruction. Her email is amckissick@dorseyssearch.org. Or you may call at 410-730-4005. Her normal office hours are Tuesday–Thursday from 8am–3pm.

Concerned about the deer? **Howard County's Department of Recreation and Parks** oversees the Office of Natural Resources. The Department of Recreation and Parks' Advisory Board holds a meeting every month. It switches from in-person to virtual every other month. Please visit the Howard County website to view information regarding these meetings.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/recreation-parks-advisory-board>

Questions and comments may be sent to the email listed on the above webpage. A draft copy of the Deer presentation given at the April Advisory Board meeting may be sent to you. Please contact Nancy Meredith for a copy at: nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org. A link can be found on our website at www.dorseyssearch.org



Remember to mow your lawn with the frequency of good property management. Please remember property owners adjacent to sidewalks must maintain the grassy areas on both sides of the sidewalk (mowing, watering, seeding, etc.) on portions parallel to one's property. Howard County Code of Ordinances 18.402 Public Works—Sidewalks: a) It shall be the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a public right-of-way to maintain the abutting sidewalk, driveway apron and sod or grass within the public right-of-way in such condition as to be safe for public use.

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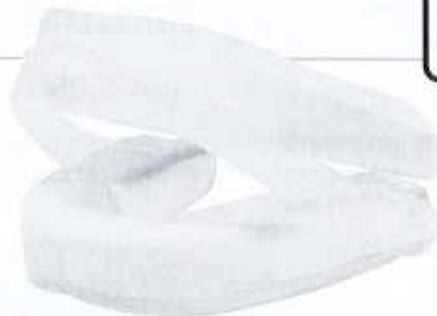
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Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org

A work order will be issued and they will send a staff member to look at the problem. We know of a few tot lots that are owned by townhouse or condominium associations. If you aren't sure about who maintains a tot lot, please call the Village office at 410-730-4005

Pathways & Open Space

In our Village, we have CA and Howard County owned pathways and Open Space. If you definitely know that the issue is on CA open space, please email Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org. Not quite sure who owns what, you may contact the Village office during daytime hours (8am-3pm). We would be happy to help you determine the property owner. If you definitely know it is on Howard County property, please use the TellHoCo App.

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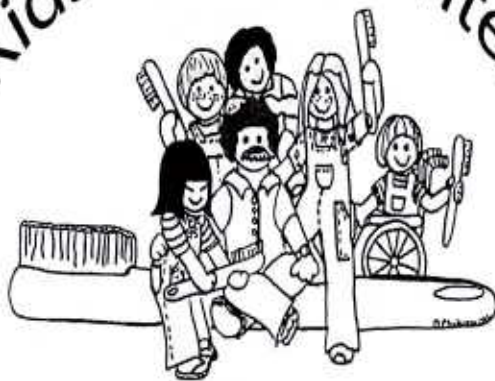
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Traffic Engineering Division...This division is responsible for traffic signals, streetlight installation, street signs, and traffic calming and safety. 410-313-2430.

Street Signs...The Sign and Marking Division is responsible for all existing street signs and pavement markings. To report damaged or down sign, contact 410-313-7450. To inquire about the installation of a new sign, contact 410-313-2430.

To Report a Highway Maintenance concern such as road condition, **sidewalks**, storm drainage or street trees, contact the Highways Operations Division at 410-313-7450 or by email: highways@howardcountymd.gov.

To Report a Traffic Control concerns such as intersection safety, traffic calming, street lights and miss-timed traffic signal or school flasher, contact the Traffic Engineering Division at 410-313-2430 or by email: traffic@howardcountymd.gov.

Street Lights...BGE is responsible for all street light outages and maintenance, ("knocked down", "bulb out" or "on in daylight") - their Customer Service number is 800-685-0123 or online at www.BGE.com

Mailbox Problems: Mailboxes are the property of the US Postal Department please call 410-750-1340 for Ellicott City and 410-381-4373 for Columbia.

County Council Representative for Dorsey's Search (District 1): Liz Walsh can be reached at (410) 313-2001

Street trees need pruning call 410-313-7450.

Animal Control.....	410-313-2780
CA.....	410-715-3000
Trash/Recycling Collection.....	410-313-6444
HC Information.....	410-313-3000
Voter Information.....	410-313-5820
Bus Schedules.....	800-270-9553
Senior Info. & Assist.....	410-313-1234
Police Non-emergency.....	410-313-2200
HC Police General Information.....	410-313-3200
HC Board of ED.....	410-313-6682
Cable Complaints.....	410-313-3318
Columbia Association.....	410-715-3000
HC Citizens Services.....	410-313-6400
HC Licensing & Permits.....	410-313-2455

Bulk Trash Items: Residents receiving County-provided curbside trash collection are eligible for curbside bulk trash and metal collection. Residents in private areas that do not receive County collection are not eligible for bulk pickup. Remember: Bulk trash items collected by the County will be sent to a landfill. Residents may call 410-313-6444. Large trash items (individual items which do not fit in trash cans) such as mattresses, box springs, chairs, sofas, dressers and tables will be collected. Place these items at the curb on your regular trash day. Maximum of 4 large trash items will be collected per pick-up. Items must be able to be lifted by two collection crew members (larger items will be tagged and left for the resident's disposal). Bulk metal items include metal swing sets, file cabinets, appliances, lawn mowers, exercise equipment, etc. must be scheduled. Please remove doors from refrigerators, and drain oil and gas from lawn mowers. Please go to:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/curbsidecollections> for detailed information.

Trash and Recycling Pick-up: there are holidays that the County has moved pick up to a slide schedule. If you have further questions, please Call 410-313-6444 or visit their website at: www.howardcountymd.gov/holidayschedule

All trash and recycling cans should be removed from the street on the pick-up day and stored out of sight.

Yard Trim Collection: Howard County offers yard trim collection on the same day as recycling collection. Do not use plastic bags for your yard trim—it will not be collected. Use paper bags or reusable containers without lids only. Howard County offers the “**Feed the Green Bin**” program in our Village. Please visit the Howard County website if you are interested in participating. Information and tips can be located on the website.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/public-works/feed-green-bin>

Operation Clean Sweep Maryland (State)
 If you see litter on any numbered roadway/highway, the State has jurisdiction over removing litter in that area. Please use this link to report litter:

https://mdotsha.my.salesforce-sites.com/customer-care/request_for_service

Or call: 410-545-0300

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Please supply an email address and your property address.

If you have new neighbors, be sure to tell them about the newsletter. We don't receive new owner information on a regular basis.



COLUMBIA NATIVE SHRUB EXCHANGE



Harper's Choice CARES (Community Action and Resources for Environmental Sustainability) has teamed up with other CARES leaders to apply for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Community Engagement and Restoration grant and, with matching funds from the Columbia Association, are now giving away \$10,000 in native shrubs to Columbia Association residents who remove invasive shrubs from their landscape.

This program is for Columbia Association lien paying residents. You can receive up to 2 replacement shrubs per person. Please contact Joan Oliver with the Dorsey Hall Garden Club at: joanfoliver@gmail.com More information is in the link.

Link to apply for free shrubs: <https://forms.gle/wR33LedSmTNEzxXDA>

Invasive plants are reshaping our woods and forests. This has had an adverse effect not only on gardens that rely and interact with native pollinators but on the broader food web. A brief walk along your favorite neighborhood path will show the lack of plant diversity. These invasives, many of which are vines, compete for light and soil nutrients. Although we hear a lot about the loss of flowering pollinators, shrubs are also affected by invasives. Autumn Olive, English Ivy, Wisteria, Porcelain berry, Japanese Barberry and Multiflora Rose are all examples of shrubs that have driven out the native Spicebush, Witch-hazel, Serviceberry and others. The above-mentioned grant is a step toward countering this problem as well as exposing and education the community for the need to pick beneficial plants for their landscape.

Upcoming Events

Shredding at Dorsey's Search

Saturday, May 11 from 9am—noon

Dorsey's Search Community Association/Linden Hall
4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

The Village is sponsoring a paper document shredding event for our residents. You must be a resident of Dorsey's Search and you must show ID before you shred. Paper document shredding is for documents that have personal information. Junk mail which does not contain your name and address can be put in your recycling can. This is for residential use, not for commercial business.

Pool Party—Save the Date

Saturday, August 3, 2024 6pm—9pm

Dorsey Hall Pool

Dorsey's Search Residents ONLY!

Ticket sales will begin on June 11.

\$6 for Adult

\$4 for child (13 years old or younger)

You do not have to have a Columbia Association membership to the pool or health clubs to attend. The only requirement is to be a Dorsey's Search Village resident. The tickets price includes: use of the pool for the time designated for the pool party, Pizza, salad, non-alcoholic beverages, soft serve ice cream from an ice cream truck. Now is the time to break out your floaties because it's allowed! Join us at the Pool. It will be fun!

Family BBQ/Picnic

Saturday, September 7 4pm—7pm

Tickets will go on sale in July.

Please keep reading our newsletter for more information.

Special events are sponsored by the Dorsey's Search Community Association and some events may be co-sponsored with the Villages of Columbia and/or Dorsey's Search Village Merchants and Columbia Association. For those events requiring a ticket, tickets can be picked up at Linden Hall during regular business hours. For most events, there are a limited number of tickets available, so tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis. **No telephone reservations can be taken unless otherwise noted.** Tickets must be picked up in advance—there are no tickets available at the door, since caterers need an exact headcount before hand. **If you picked up free tickets and cannot attend an event, please return to the village office as soon as possible so you can be taken off the headcount and allow a wait-listed family to attend.** Staff may require ID in order to verify residency; please do not send children to pick up tickets, since they are not included on the resident list. Family or Children's events must have an adult accompanying a child. Tickets may still be available when the newsletter is being printed, but may be sold out before you receive your issue. Please feel free to call us to see if there are still tickets available. Thank you.

Plant Giveaway—September 14, 2024

Dorsey's Search Resident ONLY!

The Village is looking to giveaway 200-1 gallon container size native plants to our residents. You must register for the plant giveaway. Only 1 plant per household/address. The pick up date is Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 9am—noon. You must pick up your free plant that day or designate someone to pick it up for you. We cannot hold your plant at the office.

The Dorsey Hall Garden Club will be present to speak to residents about their club and gardening. A University of Maryland Master Gardener will be present to answer all gardening questions. Donuts and coffee will be offered.

Please continue to read the newsletter regarding this event. A sign up form will be published in future newsletters for residents to fill out. The plant giveaway will be on a first come, first serve basis, so don't hesitate filling out the form and submitting it.

STAY TUNED!

Dorsey Hall Garden Club

An event held at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center featured Doug Tallamy, the renowned professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. His discussion centered on ways insects interact with plants and how these interactions determine the diversity of our food web. In one example, he warned how we contribute to the decrease of insects by the practice of mosquito spraying. Whether enlisted by community or individual, the decision to spray, alarmingly contributes to the demise of insects. In his recent presentation, he showed a slide that included a picture of handfuls of dead *Monarch* butterflies that were killed in Kent County on the Maryland Eastern shore. These beautiful and beneficial insects were killed as a result of mosquito spraying. Although operators may say that the spray is a 'natural' product, in reality the professional strength pyrethroid based insecticide used indiscriminately kills all insects, not just the mosquito. This type of spraying contributes to weakening our pollinator population and thus effect the delicate balance of our natural food web. It diminishes the insects that birds and other animals rely on for their diets.

Fortunately, there are other less expensive options to control the mosquito population that have proven effective and are not harmful to the insect population. For example, place a five-gallon bucket of water in a sunny place in your yard and add a handful of hay or straw. After a few days in the sun, the resulting brew will attract the egg filled female mosquito. After the mosquito has laid her eggs, add the widely available **mosquito dunk** tablet to the bucket. Commonly available in garden and hardware stores, this dunk contains *Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)*, a natural larvicide. The eggs hatch and the larvae die. This method controls mosquitos and only mosquitos, without the use of harmful insecticides and eliminates the harmful effects to other insects.

—Joan Oliver, DHGC

More information can be found at the *University of Maryland Extension* website.

Factoids.... A ladybug can eat up to 150 aphids a day!

Events:

May 3 & 4, 9-3pm Plant Sale, 1st Evangelical Lutheran, Church 3604 Chatham Rd., Ellicott City

May 29, 3-4pm Master Gardeners, 'Plant This not That. Glenwood 50+ Center, Glenwood

The Dorsey Hall Garden Club meets monthly. Our Club is dedicated to encouraging the love of gardening and promoting positive horticultural practices and conservation through education of its members and the broader community. New members are welcomed. If interested in join the garden club, please email Karen Griffith at tgriff@hotmail.com

