

The Scroll

June 2024

Village website: www.dorseysearch.org

Pool Party Tickets Sale starts—June 11, 2024

purchase tickets at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive; located in the Village Center; building marked Linden Hall)

Last day for tickets sales is July 19

Pool Party is being held at the Dorsey Hall Pool on Saturday, August 3 from 6pm—9pm.

You must purchase tickets prior to the event. No rain date. If the pool closes for inclement weather, the pizza and ice cream will be at Linden Hall

Ticket prices: \$6 for Adult \$4 for child (13 years old or younger) *please have exact amount of money for cash.*

No Columbia Association membership to the pool or health clubs is required to attend. The only requirement is to be a **Dorsey's Search Village resident**. The ticket 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!

Pizza is from: Trattoria Amore located in our Village Center.

Plant Giveaway

There are two opportunities to receive free plants in this newsletter.

The 1st opportunity was mentioned in the May newsletter. The Dorsey Hall Garden Club article on page 11 goes into detail about invasive shrubs in our woods and landscaping. There is a link to sign up for a free shrub as long as you remove an invasive shrub from your property. The program is co-sponsored by Columbia Association and Chesapeake Bay Trust. Please go to page 11 to read more about the program and about invasive shrubs and plants. Contact information is in the article.

Our 2nd opportunity is a free one gallon size native flowering perennial. The Village will be working with Columbia Association to provide 200 free plants to **DORSEY'S SEARCH RESIDENTS ONLY!**

Complete the reservation form located on page 4 to receive a free plant.

One plant per address; first 200 residents will receive a free plant.

You must pick up your plant on Saturday, September 14 from 9am—noon. The Village office will not be able to store you plant. If you are unable to pick up your plant, please designate a person for you or it will be forfeited.

Please continue to read the newsletter for further information regarding the type of plant we will be offering to our residents.

Reminders

Office Closed on
Thursday, July 4 &
Friday July 5

Village Office located at Linden Hall has ended Saturday morning hours.

If you need assistance, please email staff or leave a message on voicemail.

Looking for newsletter carriers
see page 9 for more info.

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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, June 12, 2024
- Wednesday, July 10, 2024
- Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

Village Office Staff

Phone: 410-730-4005

Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager—ihatz@dorseysearch.org

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—amckissick@dorseysearch.org

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Patricia Jones	Head Facility Assistant
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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	Open for rental; no village office hours
Sunday	Open for rental; no village office hours

Please call in advance for rental availability.

Website: www.dorseysearch.org

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

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

May 2024

- ⇒ Elected Ellen Mackey as Chair and Derek Carey as Vice-Chair of the Dorsey's Search Community Association Board of Directors
- ⇒ Ingrid Hatz appointed Village Manager

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



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Covenant

o r n e r

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: Apr18-May17

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

- 4614 Smokey Wreath—tree removal
- 4021 Starwreath— roof, gutters, downspouts
- 4695 Columbia—front door
- 4536 Hemlock Cone—patio
- 4637 Hallowed Stream—roof
- 5291 Columbia—deck
- 4220 Eagles Wing—garage doors
- 4018 Seabird—fence
- 4237 Red Bandana—front door
- 4265 Lilac—enlarge deck, trex, new raing and stairs
- 4312 Oxbow—paint siding
- 4282 Bright Bay—security light
- 4228 Scarlet Sage—deck expansion; new material
- 4663 Willowgrove—front door and sidelites
- 4716 Leyden— removal of one set of patio doors, new patio door with grids, exterior light, storm door
- 4633 Hallowed Stream—roof replacement
- 4292 Red Bandana—roof replacement
- 4228 Purple Twilight—stain siding
- 4534 Musteing Drum—garage doors, walkway, steps, landscape rocks
- 4049 Firefly—exterior lights, side door
- 5201 Columbia—deck

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
May 14	Jun 5
Jun 4	Jun 19
Jun 18	Jul 2*
Jul 2	Jul 17
July 16	Aug 7
Aug 6	Aug 21

*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.

Townhouse and Condominium Associations

The Village is approximately 44 years old. As we move closer to our 50 year mark, updated guidelines are very important to your residents. There are new materials introduced into the construction market every year. Many of these products may be ideal for your residents to use on their property.

To keep your community up to date with property standards, Townhouse and Condo Boards need to decide what is allowed and/or not allowed in their specific development. The Village asks that communities apply for the changes that will affect their entire community. Here are a few examples: deck colors and materials; roofing style (3 tab or architectural shingles); exterior lights at the front and rear of the house; awning color and style. By having these items approved as a whole community leads to less confusion for your residents. Each individual homeowner will need to apply, but you will have a base product for your residents to select from. Your community will look more homogenous as a whole and the Village will have this information on file. This will lead to less confusion.

Please feel free to contact Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor. You may find her contact information and office hours right below the application deadlines. She can help you through this process.

Plant Giveaway

Please use the form below to reserve a free 1 gallon plant. The Village (Dorsey's Search Community Association) will be giving away 200 one gallon native flowering perennials to Dorsey's Search RESIDENTS ONLY! **One free plant per address. Pick up** will be on **Saturday, September 14 from 9am—noon at the Village Office**, located at Linden Hall

(4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City). You must pick up your plant. The Village cannot keep your plant at the community center. If you cannot pick up your plant please make arrangements for someone to get your plant. Email the name of the designated person to Anne McKissick prior to Saturday, September 14.

If you participated in the previous plant giveaway, this plant will be larger. At our last giveaway, the plants were a quart size. We hope those quart size plants are flourishing. We look forward to offering a one gallon size for this event.

We are working with Columbia Association (CA) and the Dorsey Hall Garden Club to determine the best native plants for our Village.

In addition to the plant giveaway on Saturday, September 14, the Dorsey Hall Garden Club will be on hand to answer gardening questions and membership inquires. Maryland Master Gardeners will have a table during this event to further assist our residents with any questions.

We encourage interested residents to fill out and return a completed form to the Village Office *immediately*.

We only have 200 plants. First 200 residents will receive a free plant.

Please continue to read the newsletter as we finalize the type of plant we will receive.

There is no deadline. Once the Village receives 200 forms, we will not accept anymore.

Forms will be accepted during Village office hours or dropped in our black exterior mailbox located on the brick wall by the parking lot entrance into the building.

An email will be sent to you confirming the receipt of this form. If you do not receive an email, please contact Anne McKissick by email—amckissick@dorseyssearch.org or by calling 410-730-4005.

Cut here and save the above information for future reference. Submit form below to the Village office/Linden Hall

Please reserve a free 1 gallon native flowering plant for me. By filling out this form, I understand that I will need to pick up my plant on Saturday, September 14 between 9am—noon. If I cannot pick up my plant in person, I will make arrangements for a designated person to pick up my plant. I will provide the name of the person to Anne McKissick prior to Saturday, September 14 via email or phone call. If the plant is not picked up, I forfeit my free plant. My information is as follows:

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

Summer Event Series

2024 Calendar

Dorsey's Search	River Hill	Wilde Lake	Harpers Choice	Kings Contrivance	Hickory Ridge
MOVIE NIGHT (WEDNESDAYS, ALL MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK*)					
<small>*Around 6:30-7:00pm in early summer and 8-8:15pm in late summer</small>					
JULY 17TH Frozen	JULY 24TH Encanto	JULY 24TH Cars	JULY 24TH Coco	JULY 10TH Madagascar	JULY 10TH Moana

CONCERTS (THURSDAYS, 6-8 PM)					
JUNE 6TH David Bach Consort Jazz	JUNE 6TH Deni Starr Band Classic Rock	JUNE 13TH I&I Riddim Reggae	JUNE 13TH The McBooze Brothers Jazz	JUNE 20TH Damon Foreman & Blue Funk Jazz, Funk & Blues	JUNE 20TH Four Quarters Band R&B/Soul
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 1-3PM Meet, Greet & Eat Festival	JUNE 27TH Bluetrain Bluegrass	JULY 11TH The McBooze Brothers Jazz	JULY 11TH Patty Reese Band Roots Rock	JULY 18TH Starvation Army Band Dixieland Jazz	JULY 18TH Gary & the Groove Goodtime Rock & Roll
JUNE 27TH Patsy's Honky Tonk & Twang Classic Country	JULY 25TH Rachel Hall Band Blues, Soul & Rock	AUGUST 15T Deni Starr Band Classic Rock	AUGUST 5TH CASIO Steel Drum Band Calypso/Reggae	AUGUST 7TH David Bach Consort Jazz	AUGUST 6TH Patsy's Honky Tonk & Twang Classic Country
JULY 25TH The Rockits Classic Rock	AUGUST 15TH Different Sisters Variety, Rock, Country	AUGUST 22ND CASIO Steel Drum Band Calypso/Reggae	AUGUST 22ND I&I Riddim Reggae	AUGUST 29TH Gary & the Groove Goodtime Rock & Roll	AUGUST 29TH The Rockits Classic Rock
AUGUST 15TH Bluetrain Bluegrass	SEPTEMBER 5TH Starvation Army Band Dixieland Jazz			SEPTEMBER 12TH Bluetrain Bluegrass	SEPTEMBER 12TH Four Quarters Band R&B/Soul

All movies subject to change without notice.



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Scan QR Code to check out our Facebook page

The events are sponsored by Kimco Realty and the Dorsey's Search Village merchants. Please contact Kimco Realty for information regarding these events using the QR codes located in the flyer above.



Who ya gonna call?

Most **tot lots and the Dorsey Hall pool** (in our Village) are owned and maintained by Columbia Association (CA). If you have a problem with a tot lot, please contact Columbia Association Open Space division at:

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. If you are 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.

Electronic version of the newsletter

You can sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter. Just email Nancy Meredith at nmere-dith@dorseyssearch.org

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.



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The Howard County Bureau of Highways is responsible for pavement, sidewalks, storm drains, trees, and over 970 miles of county roads for the convenience and safety of the public. If you see a problem within the village please call the appropriate number below or use the TellHoCo App that can be downloaded onto your cell phone. TellHoCo may also be accessed by visiting the County website at www.howardcountymd.gov

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

If there is no number associated with the road, it is a Howard County road. You may report the litter to Howard County using the TellHoCo app or by using this website:

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Upcoming Events

Family BBQ/Picnic
at Linden Hall

Saturday, September 7 5pm—8pm

Tickets will go on sale on July 8. Last day to purchase tickets is: August 16

We have lawn games, food, soft drinks, and hopefully a beautiful day. The public schools will be back in session, so let's celebrate.

Ticket prices:

Adults: \$8 Children (under the age of 12): \$5

Non CA lien guest: \$15 (guests that do not pay the CA annual charge)

You must come to the Village office to purchase tickets. Guests will not be able to purchase tickets at the door.

The Village office is located at 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City. We are in the Village Center and our building is marked as Linden Hall. Let us cook for you after a long week. The food is outstanding! Want to bring friends? No problem. Purchase tickets for them. The price (resident and non-resident) is reasonable for a fun night out.

Fall Festival Dinner

Save the Date: October 19, 2024 from 6pm—9pm.

You must be 21 years of age or older to attend this event.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, September 3

Tickets are all-inclusive. No need to bring money for the bar.

Stay tuned for more information.

Save these dates.....

Document Shredding—Saturday, October 5 at Wilde Lake Village

Holiday Open House Dinner—Saturday, December 7

Holiday Senior Luncheon—Wednesday, December 11

Storytime with Santa—Friday, December 13

Breakfast with Santa—Saturday, December 14

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.

Dorsey Hall Garden Club

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 Columbia Association, are now giving away \$10,000 in native shrubs to Columbia residents who remove invasive shrubs from their landscape. This program is for residents of Columbia. Read more on this link. You can receive up to 2 replacement shrubs per person. Let me know if you have any questions. You may contact Joan Oliver at: joanfoliver@gmail.com

<https://forms.gle/wR33LedSmTNEzXDA>

The CARES (Community Action and Resources for Environmental Sustainability) grant brings attention to the problem of invasive species in our woods and landscapes. If you are a backyard gardener, you might not realize that even your garden relies on local native pollinators. The native plants that draw the bees and insects necessary for pollination, come from the woods and yards around you. Due to the influx of invasive plants and shrubs, we have seen a dramatic loss of native plants that could in effect contribute to the success or failure of your garden. For example, this spring you may have noticed a blanket of beautiful bright yellow flowers, caressing the banks of the streambeds and low-lying areas as you walked the paths of Dorsey Search. But don't be fooled! These attractive plants are actually a major contributor to the decline of native species in our area. It is known as *Lesser Celandine*, a spring ephemeral, (*Ficaria verna*) also called fig buttercup. It can also grow in drier habitats and is often found in suburban landscapes. Its aggressive habit has diminished the population of the local may apple, the woodland orchid, buttercups, violets, and other native species necessary for pollination.

In addition, shrubs, such as the Autumn Olive, Burning Bush, Hardy Orange, Japanese Multiflora Rose, Bamboo and others have also taken over as deer, trampling and devouring the established understory, have worked to contribute to the spread of these shrubs. It is estimated that there are now, 10 times the number of deer that the environment can adequately sustain. Consequently, these hungry animals have devoured much of the understory and displaced many native species as well as the ornamentals in your yards.

Invasive vines, noticeable in our area, such as Porcelain Berry, Wisteria, Japanese Honeysuckle and English Ivy left to grow, will eventually kill trees and shrubs if not removed. These vines block out the sunlight necessary for photosynthesis. The loss of trees, or 'canopy' cover, either caused from vines or unnecessary cutting, eventually changes the landscape and opens up the woodland floor, paving the way for more invasive species to move in and take over the understory. These plants do not support the nutritional needs of our songbirds and other species that rely on natives for their food and shelter. Experts claim that in our area, the songbird population is in steep decline due to habitat loss.

So, what can we do as individuals?

- It is important that we accept the danger to our environment that invasive species cause and when possible, remove them from our landscape and replace with native species. Educate yourself to invasives and choose wisely when buying new plants. Stay away from plants that are 'self-sowing' as well as plants hybridized to not produce pollen. I recently came across a packet of seeds for a sunflower variety that stated it was pollen free. These plants provide nothing for insects' pollination and should be avoided.
- **Support environmental legislation that support best practices:** The State of Maryland recently approved HB979, *The Biodiversity and Agriculture Protection Act* which will enact changes to the regulation of invasive species in Maryland. It will create a list of prohibited invasive plants by October 2024.
- **Volunteer with organizations in your area:**

The Columbia Association's (CA) **Weed Warrior Program** was established in 2013. They supplement CA's efforts to remove non-native, invasive plant species on designated CA open space properties. The program trains and certifies interested residents who wish to lead volunteer groups to remove non-native invasive plants in open space. The program is working cooperatively with the *University of Maryland Extension Services and Howard Community College* to provide in-class and outdoor field training to certify leaders. The training involves a 4-hour class room session and a 4-hour field session.

The Conservation Stewardship Project: This joint program of the *Howard County Master Gardeners and Howard Co Recreation and Parks*, targets the problem of controlling invasive exotic species in the Middle Patuxent Environment area, Master Gardeners and the Howard County Recreation & Parks, target the problem of controlling invasive exotic species in the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA).

Joan Oliver, Dorsey Hall Garden Club

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

