

## Howard County Recreation and Parks

**Presentation on Deer Management—Tuesday, September 17; Time: 7pm**

At Linden Hall

(4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City)

Tim Maynard, Wildlife Program Manager II for Howard County, will be presenting a deer management slideshow to our residents. This slideshow was originally produced for the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and presented at their April 2024 meeting.

We encourage our residents to attend this meeting to hear what is proposed on the County Open Space in Dorsey Hall. We ask that residents respect other opinions. Finding a solution which everyone can agree upon and which best serves our community is the answer. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

Archery hunting will be discussed that evening. The archery hunt that was scheduled last year was cancelled due to resident concerns. Come listen to program details and possibilities in our area.

Some residents are concerned about the over population of the deer in our Village and have formed a Dorsey Hall Deer Management Task Force. This group studies the different programs to keep the deer population at a manageable size. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Karen Carter at [3carters@verizon.net](mailto:3carters@verizon.net).

The County wants to hear from our residents.

### Reminders

**Office Closed**

Labor Day  
Monday, September 2

**BBQ/Picnic**

Saturday, Sep. 7 at 5pm

**Fall Festival Dinner**

(21 years or older crowd)  
Tickets will go on sale  
Tuesday, Sept. 3 at the Village  
Office located at Linden Hall



## Prepare for Success donations!

Donations have ended and school has begun. Our donation box was full this year. A great heart felt thanks to our residents who donated. Children will be able to start the new school year on a clean slate with materials that will encourage learning and further knowledge. All of these donations help children in our Howard County community. You have made a difference in a student's life and positioned them towards success.

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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, September 11, 2024
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024

*Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.*

**Village Office Staff**

**Phone: 410-730-4005**

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**Village Board Members**

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
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**Columbia Council Representative**

Chris Fuchs 410-730-4005

**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.dorseyssearch.org](http://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**

No August 2024 Meeting

To view our Columbia Council Representative's (Chris Fuchs) reports 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

## reorder

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](http://www.dorseyssearch.org) in the Covenant section.

### Approved/Denied Applications: Jul22-Aug22 (descriptions are abbreviated)

#### Application Approvals:

- 4017 Seabird—tree removal
- 4722 Rams Horn—front rail
- 4221 Blue Barrow—windows
- 4920 Dorsey Hall Dr #6—paver patio
- 4530 Mustering Drum—lights, pathway lights, gutters, garage door with trim, windows and trim, no grids, no window boxes
- 4222 Bright Bay—garage door, front door
- 4582 Kingscup—exterior light
- 4062 Fragile Sail—garage door
- 4227 Purple Twilight—greenhouse
- 4036 Huckleberry—siding, trim
- 4213 Purple Twilight—roof
- 4615 Brentwood—ext. light, garage door, screen door under deck, gate on deck, 3 poles to hang flowers
- 4077 Fragile Sail—garage doors, lattice, roof, deck rails, porch railings, garden wall
- 4710 Rams Horn—light, windows
- 9444 Sunlit Passage—radon unit, remove grids from windows
- 4029 Chariots Flight—patio, roof
- 4265 Red Bandana—roof with ridge vents, gutters, soffits, gutter covers, downspouts
- 4633 Willowgrove—composite deck; white vinyl railings with black balusters, patio beneath deck
- 4625 Broken Lute—composite decking, top rail, exterior lights, rear door, garage door, AC unit
- 4513 Alpine Rose—window, slider door
- 4138 Red Bandana—preliminary pool application

### Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

<b>7p.m. Deadline</b>	<b>Review Date</b>
Aug 20	Sept 4
Sept 3	Sept 18
Sept 17	Oct 2
<b>Oct 1</b>	Oct 16
Oct 15	Nov 6
Nov 5	Nov 20
Nov 19	Dec 4

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](mailto: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.

## House Numbers



House number should be clearly visible and maintained at all times.

No house numbers should be painted on the curb. Scammers are making their rounds stating that painting your house number on the curb is for your safety. Don't fall prey to this. Any vehicle may park along a curb section which will then conceal the number. Emergency personnel do not look at the curb for numbers. They look at the house.

Make sure the numbers are visible because in an emergency, seconds count.

## Plant Giveaway—Saturday, September 14 from 9am—noon at Linden Hall

*for those residents that submitted a form*

### Choose either the Cardinal Flower or the Swamp Milkweed

Confirmation emails have been sent to those that have submitted a request form

An equal amount of each plant has been ordered. Plants will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. If you favor one specific plant over another, please come at the start of the event before supplies run out.

Representatives from: Columbia Association; Dorsey Hall Garden Club; & Master Gardeners will be here from 9am—noon to answer questions. Coffee and donuts will be available.

## Dorsey Hall Garden Club

This summer has been beastly hot and most of us would not venture out on a 90+ degree day to pull weeds. But one longtime member of the Dorsey Hall Garden Club and a retired Master Gardener, decided to do just that and lend her support to the *Weed Warriors* program, sponsored by the Columbia Association.

Frustrated by the rate that invasives are taking over our woods and yards, she endured the unsufferable heat and signed up for a two-day training session, which taught her how to identify and tackle many invasives plants. This program seeks to increase citizen interest in the management of common areas affected by invasives. It also provides opportunities for participation and encourages environmental education through volunteer projects that benefit neighborhoods and communities.

Our member said that she learned a lot about how important native plants are to our environment and how invasives displace natives and harm the ecosystem balance that affects both flora and fauna. She points out how Stilt grass, in particular, has occupied our woodland areas and has encroached into our yards. She found out that this plant is an annual and very easy to pull. She encourages the motto, “*If you see it pull it*” before it goes to seed, which is usually by the end of August. This will help to eliminate this invasive from taking hold next year. Another aggressive plant that is predominant in our area is Garlic Mustard, which blooms in the spring. Again, this plant should be pulled in early spring before it goes to seed. In both cases, pulling will result in significantly less reseeding the following year. After a year or two, you will see beneficial results.

The Weed Warriors and the Columbia Association encourage resident participation. Their *Pick a Spot* program, identifies and assigns specific common areas to concentrate on and relies on neighborhood involvement for success. C.A. provides natives to replace the invasives along with tools for participants to use. C.A. even supplies bags for weed removal.

So, if you’re looking for a tangible way to benefit your environment as well as your neighborhood, bring your friends and family and sign up for the Weed Warrior training and then, participate in the *Pick a Spot* program. Work sessions will be announced in the Scroll.

More information on this program can be found on the Columbia Association website, under *Your Guide to C.A.’s Weed Warriors* at [www.columbiaassociation.org](http://www.columbiaassociation.org) Important information on invasives in our area can be found on the University of Maryland Extension website.

*Joan Oliver, Dorsey Search 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. Visit us on Facebook. New members are welcomed. For more information, please email Karen Griffith at [tgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:tgriff@hotmail.com).



# Important Numbers

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. Tell-HoCo may also be accessed by visiting the County website at [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.*

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CA.....	410-715-3000
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HC Information.....	410-313-3000
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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](http://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>

## Electronic version of the newsletter

You can sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter. Just email Nancy Meredith at [nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@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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# Upcoming Events

## Fall Festival Dinner

Date & Time: October 19, 2024 from 6pm—9pm.

Location: Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City)

*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.**

The kids are back at school and you have hopefully fallen into a routine. Don't have kids, then your routine is set.

Take a well deserved date night or come as a single. Dinner is a fall inspired menu.

**Price:**

\$18/CA lien paying guest

\$22/non-lien CA lien guests

*Guests must be 21 years or older to attend.*

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## Document Shredding—Saturday, October 5 from 9am—noon

Location: Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center—10518 Marble Faun Court, Columbia

**Residents from: Dorsey's Search; Harper's Choice; Town Center; and Wilde Lake**  
IDs will be checked

This is an event for paper/document shredding. If you have old statements from the bank, medical insurance, or any kind of personal information on a form, now is the time to have it securely destroyed. This helps with securing your personal information so your identity is not stolen. If it is junk mail that does not display your name and address, place it in your recycling bin. Any container, box, or bag must be taken home with you. We do not have the capability to throw items away.

No Businesses, Only residential.

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## Holiday Senior Luncheon

Happening on Wednesday, December 11 starting at noon

*Specifically geared to our 65+ residents*

**Ticket sales begin Tuesday, November 5** at the Village Office located at Linden Hall  
We open at 8am.

Tickets are free for CA lien paying resident

\$10 for our non-CA lien paying guests

A traditional holiday lunch consisting of Turkey, gravy, stuffing, vegetable, and pie.

We are hoping to have our Howard County Police Department representatives attending this event.



## Ticket sales and distribution timeline

### Holiday Open House Dinner

happening on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 6pm—9:30pm

One of our most popular events. Tickets go quickly, so come to the Village office to pick up your tickets immediately. These are free to **Dorsey's Search residents only**. You must be 21 years of age to attend. You must present ID when picking up your ticket. Residents cannot pick up tickets for adult children. We require any resident living with parents or renting to provide a current ID with a Dorsey's Search address to pick up their own tickets. Meal service ends at 8:30 pm.

**Ticket distribution** will begin on

**Tuesday, October 1**

The Village office opens at 8am

### Santa Events for children ages 10 years and younger

Specifically geared towards our younger residents and their guardians.

Due to the popularity of these events, we will **only** allow **2 adults** to attend with children. Santa wants to hear from our younger residents. You may only purchase tickets for one event, not both.

Please come on time, but not too early for either event. Santa loves making grand entrances.

### Storytime with Santa—Friday, December 13; starting at 6pm

Doors open at 6pm & meal service will be available immediately.

Dinner will be cleared by 7:30 or earlier if the food is consumed.

Open to guests who reside outside of Dorsey's Search.

One of Santa's favorite meals!

Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese; salad; and cookies!! Water and soft drinks will be provided.

CA lien paying resident \$6/person      Non-lien paying \$10/person

### Breakfast with Santa—Saturday, December 14 starting at 8am

Doors open at 8am. Yes, that is early, but it's a satisfying hot breakfast.

Not the usual continental breakfast. We are talking about eggs, potatoes, fruit, and juice. Perfect way to start your day or get your fill and take a nap. **Dorsey's Search RESIDENT ONLY!**

Ticket prices for either event:

\$6/person

There will be additional entertainment. Still being determined, so stay tuned.

**Tickets go on sale Friday, November 1.** Village Office located at Linden Hall opens at 8am.

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.

