

## Action Required

One last chance to submit your answers for the deer survey.

The Dorsey Hall Deer Management Task Force has put together information and a survey regarding archery hunting on the County Open Space located next to the Village of Dorsey's Search. This survey will help determine if archery hunting on Howard County Open Space could be a possibility here.

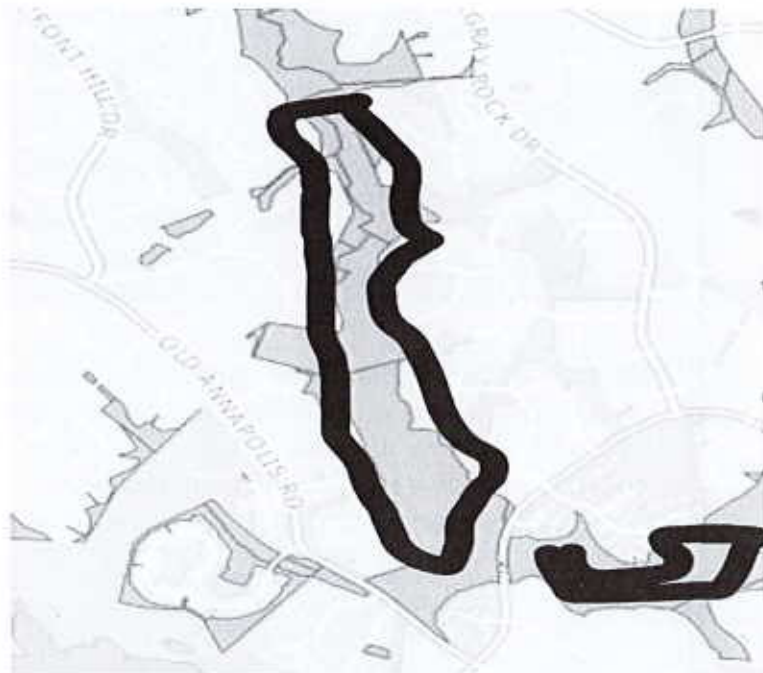
The editorial and Deer Task Force information/survey from last month's newsletter starts on page 4 and ends on page 6. The editorial, information about archery hunting, and survey are also posted on the Village website. Please print or use a PDF editor to mark the survey and make comments if using the website. The Village office collects the surveys and will tally them. The Task Force volunteers will tally the surveys the first couple of days in December. You may visit the Village website to view information online: [www.dorseyssearch.org/applications-forms/deer-survey-2024/](http://www.dorseyssearch.org/applications-forms/deer-survey-2024/)

**ABSOLUTE LAST DAY, Tuesday, December 3, 2024 by noon.**

The Dorsey Hall Deer Management Task Force is a group of residents interested in culling the deer population in our Village area. The Dorsey's Search Board of Directors and the office staff do not have a specific stance on archery hunting. We are acting as an unbiased source for dissemination, collection, and tabulation.

If you submitted a survey, thank you. We have received less than 10% of the properties listed in our Village for survey submission. Please spread the word.

*The area outlined below shows the County property where the archery hunt is proposed.*



### Reminders

#### **Office Closed**

Annual Shutdown

Mon. Dec. 23—Wed. Jan 1

Reopen on Thu. Jan 2 at 8am

If you are planning to sell your home, please remember to pick up your resale packets prior to our shutdown. No compliance visits will be made during the shutdown.

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**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, December, 11, 2024
- Wednesday, January 8, 2025
- Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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

**Village Office Staff**

**Phone: 410-730-4005**

Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager—[ihatz@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org)

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Mary Hesse	Facility Assistant
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Charlie Treger	Facility Assistant
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James Petit	Set-up Tech

**Village Board Members**

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
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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.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**

**November 2024**

A Quorum was not met at the November Board Meeting

No business was acted upon at that time. The Board reviewed donation requests. An email vote was taken and:

\$150 will be given to the Wilde Lake Middle School Performing Art Booster

\$100 will be given to the Wilde Lake Middle School PTSA

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

## 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](http://www.dorseyssearch.org) in the Covenant section. If you are looking for deadlines online, please go to our calendar of events. Click on the RAC meeting date to view the application deadline date for the meeting.

<u>Approved/Denied Applications: Oct 24-Nov 19</u>
(descriptions are abbreviated)
<u>Application Approvals:</u>
4745 Columbia—roof
4525 Hemlock Cone—roof, deck, patio, lighting, garage doors
4237 Scarlet Sage—foundation plants, nature based play area, new tree
4728 Dorsey Hall #801—string lights under deck
4736 Hallowed Stream—garage door
4612 Willowgrove—windows
4645 Smokey Wreath—garage doors
4353 Wild Filly—front steps, walkway, and landscaping wall for front bed
4013 Willow Bend—exterior lights, new windows, stone pavers and path rubber landscape edging, metal
4045 Larkspring—paint front door
5365 Chase Lions—remove deck stairs
<u>Approval with Conditions</u>
4138 Red Bandana—In ground pool
<u>Approved as amended</u>
4709 Rams Horn—patio landscaping

## Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

<u>7p.m. Deadline</u>	<u>Review Date</u>
Dec 3	Dec 18
Dec 17	Jan 2*
Jan 2*	Jan 15
Jan 14	Feb 5
Feb 4	Feb 19
Feb 18	Mar 5
*date change	

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.

## Holiday Decorations

*I'd write a Haiku, but the spirit of the holidays has taken a cue.*

As our guidelines state: "Holiday decorations are allowed to be placed on your property 21 days before the day of the holiday. The decorations should be removed 21 days after the holiday". If you calculate the number of days, that is 43 days of holiday joy.

If you are keeping string lights up all year round, please submit an application. Applications may be found at our website: [www.dorseyssearch.org/covenants](http://www.dorseyssearch.org/covenants); please click on the button that says "Exterior Alteration Application 3.2024".

You may print and fill out the application or use a PDF editor to type in your information. Bring the completed application to the Village office, drop it off in our black exterior mailbox located by the parking lot entrance, or email the completed application to Anne McKissick at: [amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org). Please have any samples or supporting information included with the description page on the application. Supporting information would be color, style, drawings, physical sample or print out of the product, and/or any other information that would help the Committee members make a decision.

## Submitted Editorial

If you haven't heard, there has been a lot of discussion over the past 12 months about deer management in the Dorsey's Search community. A lot of information has been shared through meetings, social media posts, petitions, and websites. While there are a lot of different opinions, as with much of our world views these days, it is clear that people in Dorsey's Search care about our community. I continue to be thankful that I live in an area where people are passionate about what is happening in our neighborhoods and are generally able to share their thoughts in a respectful and professional manner.

Within this month's scroll you will find a survey asking our residents to provide feedback on potential options for deer management. The main topic which has been the focus of concern is that of archery hunting within the open space adjacent to Dorsey Hall. This is the area between homes in Grey Rock and Dorsey Hall, where we have beautiful paths to enjoy the natural environment.

I'm not going to try and convince you to lean one direction or the other. I am keeping an open mind and think it is extremely important that each person complete the survey and share their opinion based on what they feel should be executed. I would however strongly urge you to share your opinion! This decision should be based on how the majority of our residents feel we should proceed. Given there has been a lot of discussion and confusion around this topic, it's important that our voice as a community is heard in terms of providing clear direction for Howard County Rec & Parks as they determine actions for 2025 and moving forward.

While I greatly appreciate the efforts from the deer management taskforce and the survey provides a lot of information, I personally still have some questions. A few that I would love to have answered include:

With past sharp shooting events the park was cleared with signage posted and county representatives both conducting and monitoring the hunts. In this case, while hunters would be permitted and screened, would a county representative be on site when hunting is occurring? If no county representatives will be at site when hunting is occurring in our community, how would the open archery hunting be managed? Would hunters be on the honor code method to sign in/sign out on paper or digital forms?

Has the county executed other similar archery programs? If so, how has this gone and was it effective in curbing the deer population while still providing the community with access? I think this is really important to understand given the area will be open to both hunters and community members while hunting is taking place.

Where will the hunters be positioned within the open space? How close to the paths will they be? Will community members walking the paths be able to see the hunters? How will the hunters know which directions they can or can't shoot?

I would encourage you to use the comments/recommendations section of the survey to ask your questions as well. The more information we provide as a community, the better chance we have of finding a solution. Please participate in the survey and have your voice heard to help support our community and the topic of deer management for 2025 and beyond.

- Jason Budden  
resident of Dorsey's Search

*This editorial is not representative of the Dorsey's Search Board of Directors stance on archery hunting. We need to hear from all of the residents. Whether it is for or against archery hunting, please complete the survey.*

## Deer Management Information & Resident Survey

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Howard County Recreation & Parks (HCRP), and the Columbia Association recognize that the growing number of deer is a serious problem. As a community, Dorsey's Search must address this issue logically and legally. HCRP provided the Dorsey Hall Deer Management Task Force with data and recommendations to manage the deer population safely and effectively. The decision on whether or not to conduct managed archery hunting as a control measure in the County's open space adjacent to Dorsey Hall in 2025 depends on us.

Dorsey's Search residents must demonstrate sufficient support for the managed archery hunting program to proceed in 2025. HCRP must then apply to DNR for approval. The archery program must be widespread, prolonged, and continued every year to be effective.

### The Problem

- Over the last 3 years, surveys show the deer population on County land along the Little Patuxent stream adjacent to the Dorsey Hall neighborhood ranges from 62-109 deer/square mile. This is 3-5 times the number of deer the natural environment can support. This number does not include the deer in the neighborhood's residential area.
- Healthy forests can support, at most, 15-20 deer/square mile.
- Uncounted numbers of deer freely roam the Dorsey Hall neighborhood. Only deer on County property along the Gwynn Acres stream can be managed by HCRP programs.
- Each female deer typically produces 1-3 fawns annually, dramatically increasing the population.
- The Sharpshooting Program alone has had virtually no impact on the deer population.

Since the late 1990s, the population of white-tailed deer has exploded in Howard County resulting in catastrophic environmental damage to our forests with a parallel explosion in the incidence of Lyme Disease and automobile-deer collisions. Our woods which once supported a healthy understory of shrubs, young trees, and wildflowers have been decimated and replaced with foreign invasive weeds. Loss of the understory has resulted in serious soil erosion, habitat loss for countless birds and animals, and an absence of young trees to replace those that decline or die. The risk of Lyme Disease which had been relatively unknown 50 years ago is now rampant in Howard County and throughout Maryland. Annual collisions of deer with vehicles are now in the thousands. Left unchecked the deer population will continue to increase making them more susceptible to starvation and disease. Managed bow hunting is one tool that can reduce the deer population and the associated risks to health and the environment.

### Deer Control

According to HCRP, lethal removal is the only feasible and legally permissible means of reducing the deer population on Howard County property and the only method approved by DNR.

Sharpshooting Program	Managed Hunt Program
Conducted by Howard County staff	Conducted by DNR-licensed archers and overseen by HCRP staff
January 15 through the end of March	On select days from October through December
Only 9 deer harvested in 2024	No Managed Hunt Program in the Dorsey Hall area in 2023 or 2024

### Safety Measures for Managed Archery Hunting

The safety of residents and program participants is a priority.

- Hunters are screened and selected by DNR and Howard County staff for participation.
- Participants undergo extensive training, including safety courses, shooter proficiency qualifications, and yearly background checks.
- Archers are stationed in dedicated zones and do not roam beyond the approved managed hunt areas.
- Archers can be in the assigned area of the County's open space adjacent to Dorsey Hall from 5 am to 11 am.
- No hunting will take place on weekends or days when the schools are closed.
- Hunters are required to discreetly remove the killed deer.
- No safety incidents have occurred in Howard County since this program began early 2000s.

### Notifications

- Notices would be placed by County staff at all entrances to open space at least 2 weeks before the scheduled hunts. Notification would also be published in The Scroll.
- With ample notification by the County and the Village, residents should be able to exercise restraint from accessing open space from 5 am to 11 am on the days of the posted hunts.

- Upon the community's request, Howard County can restrict the number of days archers are allowed to hunt. However, the fewer days they hunt, the fewer deer are harvested. If the number of days offered for archery is severely restricted, archers may choose to hunt elsewhere.

**Summary**

- The growing deer population is unhealthy for people, property, and the environment.
- The Sharpshooting Program alone is not sufficient to reduce the deer population.
- The proposed Managed Hunting Program with certified archers is safe, more effective, and less expensive than the Sharpshooting Program.
- Since 1998, Howard County has utilized these programs effectively and safely.
- Notices would be placed at all entrances to open space at least 2 weeks in advance.
- This pilot program would be evaluated and adjusted after the first year.

**Resources**

Maryland DNR

Howard County

Hunting in Maryland <a href="https://tinyurl.com/huntingMD">https://tinyurl.com/huntingMD</a>	Natural Resources <a href="https://tinyurl.com/hocoresources">https://tinyurl.com/hocoresources</a>
eHunting Regulations PDF <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ehuntingregs">https://tinyurl.com/ehuntingregs</a>	NRC Deer Management <a href="https://tinyurl.com/nrcdeer">https://tinyurl.com/nrcdeer</a>
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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BELOW**  
**\*ONE PER HOUSEHOLD\***  
**RETURN TO LINDEN HALL BY NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

Hunting will only occur on County property, not near Columbia Association Open Space & pathways, and not within Dorsey Hall's residential area.

1. Given the previous information, emphasizing the safety built into this program, are you in favor of archery through the Managed Hunt Program?
  - Yes
  - No
2. If you answered yes to Question 1, are you in favor of daily archery hunting for the first three weeks of November, Monday - Friday excluding the days schools are closed? The County property would remain open for public use.
  - Yes
  - No
3. If you answered yes to Question 1, are you in favor of daily archery hunting for the first two weeks of October, November, and December excluding the days schools are closed? The County property would remain open for public use.
  - Yes
  - No

Please share your ideas, recommendations, or concerns. They will be shared with the HCRP staff. If you need more space, you may submit additional comments on a separate piece of paper.

**Return only one survey per household.**

Please provide your street address: \_\_\_\_\_

You may scan this survey and email it to the Village Association at [nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org), or mail it to:

DSCA

Attn: Deer Task Force

4765 Dorsey Hall Dr

Ellicott City, MD 21042,

or hand deliver it to the Village office located at Linden Hall by ~~November 22, 2024~~

Dec 3 by noon

An exterior mailbox is located at our parking lot entrance on the left hand side of the door on the brick wall. Surveys may be dropped off in the mailbox.

# 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
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
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Columbia Association.....	410-715-3000
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**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)

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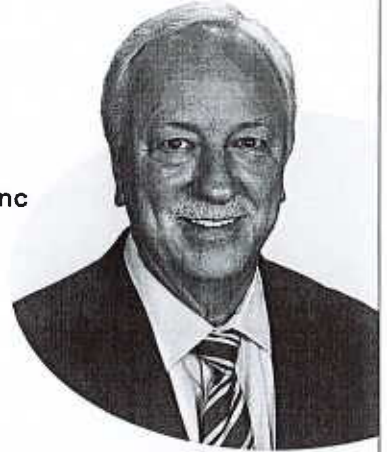
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# Upcoming Events

## Holiday Senior Luncheon

Happening on Thursday, DECEMBER 19 starting at noon

*Specifically geared to our 65+ residents*

**Ticket still available** at the Village Office located at Linden Hall

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.

The Howard County Police Department and Sheriff's Office will be here to answer any questions.

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## 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** per family. Santa wants to see as many children as possible. 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.

### Tickets still available for both events

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

Doors open at 6pm & meal service will begin immediately.

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

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

One of Santa's favorite meals!

Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese; salad; and cookies!! Water and soft drinks will be provided.

Ticket prices:

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, juice, and more.

Perfect way to start your day and then take a nap. **Dorsey's Search RESIDENTS ONLY!**

Ticket price :

\$6/person

Face painter and balloon twister will be here to entertain the children at both events.

Village Office located at Linden Hall, 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City. In the Dorsey's Search Shopping Center.

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.

# The Flowers Home Team

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### 🎉 New Year Promo! 🎉

Cheers to a fresh start as we wrap up 2024 and welcome 2025! To celebrate, we're offering a FREE home warranty on homes purchased or sold to clients who sign with us in December and January.

Don't miss this limited-time offer—let's make your real estate dreams a reality this year! Call us today to get started. Here's to a year of new beginnings and big moves!



Whether you are looking to buy or sell now or in the future, I'm happy to be a resource for all your home-related needs. Feel free to contact me if you'd like a copy of our Home Resource list, trusted contractors with great client feedback.

### The People Have Spoken!

"Working with Kim made the selling process easy. She was patient and thorough. I appreciated her diligence and would definitely work with her again." - Jasmine P.

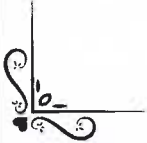
"I was a skeptic as a first time home buyer a few years ago, but I purchased my 1st place with the Flowers team after talking with Kim and getting her expertise on why you can not go wrong with being a homeowner. And now, I am confidently going into my 2nd home purchase, and first home sale..." - Carla B.



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# Village Elections

The Village Elections will occur on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Please continue to read The Scroll for more information regarding open seats and candidacy requirements. At this time, we will begin to accept Volunteers for the Election Committee.

### Qualifications for Committee members:

- You are eligible to vote at the forthcoming Election
- You are not a candidate for any Association office
- You will not actively campaign for or against any candidate

### Duties (Entire list of duties can be found in the Dorsey's Search By-Laws):

- Establish administrative rules and regulations following our By-Laws
- Prepare and make available blank nomination petitions
- Prepare all absentee and regular ballots upon receipt of all nomination petitions
- Issue, receive, and count ballot cast and post results upon closing of the polls
- Certify, in writing, the name of those persons elected and offices to which they were elected, respectively, to the incumbent Board of Directors of the Association

The Village Staff is here to assist volunteers. Please email Ingrid Hatz at [ihatz@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org) if you are interested in volunteering.



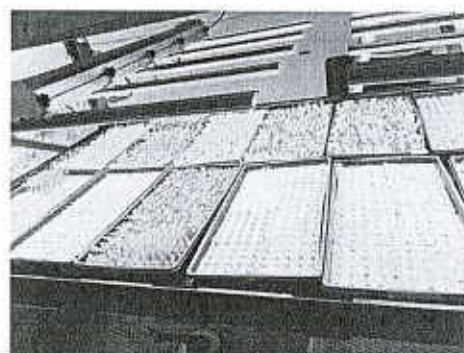
The Dorsey Hall Garden Club recently visited *Alluvion Aeroponics Living Lettuce Company* in Baltimore. Alluvion's owner, Dominic Uccellini began the business in 2017 and developed the first indoor vertical aeroponic facility. They grow 11 types of aeroponic lettuce as well as microgreens and herbs. Aeroponic farming is the practice of growing plants without the use of traditional soil.

Alluvion's facility is approximately 4000 sq feet. The garden club was amazed at the volume of lettuce grown on the towering shelve structures. Uccellini took us through the entire process. It starts with filtering and infusing the water with a rich nurturant mixture. This infused water is then sprayed at timed intervals to the roots of the plants, that trail down like thin stalactites, hanging in the moist air. As they grow, they are moved to larger pods and the process continues until the plant reaches maturity at around 7 weeks. Then they are harvested and ready for market.

This is a time consuming and labor-intensive process that relies on dedicated employees. But the plants produced are high quality and delicious! The Butterhead lettuce is tender and clean, the Oakleaf varieties are rich in hue and flavor. We were even invited to taste the Wasabi arugula, a spicy variety that blends well with other types of lettuce.

Alluvion Lettuce, marketed as *Living Lettuce* is sold to various restaurants in the area. It can also be found at Eddie's and Graul's groceries in Baltimore and at the Olney and Catonsville farmers markets. If you frequent these grocers or markets, pick up a head of one of the varieties. You won't be disappointed.

*Joan Oliver, Dorsey Hall Garden Club*



*Alluvion's Aeroponic*

*The Dorsey Hall Garden Club will be set up for our fundraiser at the Howard County Conservancy's Holiday Mart on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 3pm.. Stop by and say hello. There will be many vendors selling a variety of handmade items. It's a chance to get in the holiday spirit and support local businesses and organizations in our area. Hope to see you there.*

*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](mailto:tgriff@hotmail.com)*



Festive Friday Family Fun Returns to the Downtown Columbia Lakefront!

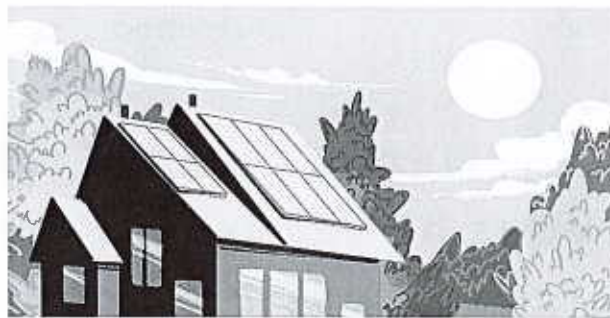
Watch ice sculptures, capture a memory at the holiday-themed photobooth, listen to the live choral music and enjoy arts and activities at the craft tent.

Entry is free, with snacks, drinks and S'mores kits available for purchase. Now in our 10th year, Festive Fridays are a tradition of the Downtown Columbia holiday season. Attendees for Lakefront events are directed to park on the upper or lower levels of the Wincopin Garage, in the parking garage in front of Lakehouse, on the parking lots at Sterrett Place or at The Mall.

**December 6 and December 13 starting at 5:30pm**

The **Cocktail Crawl** is scheduled for December 20. You must be 21 year of age to participate. Please visit the Columbia Association website for more information!

[www.columbiaassociation.org](http://www.columbiaassociation.org)



Please join Civic Works and Columbia Association for our upcoming online Solar Information Session via Zoom on **Tuesday, December 3rd** at 7:00 PM. Learn about the many energy saving and environmental benefits of going solar - as well as how you can save on the cost of your solar panel system. To RSVP, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/howard-county-solar-info-session-online-1232024-tickets-1073160013489?aff=oddtcreator>



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## Recent Sales in Our Neighborhood (Bright MLS)

Dorsey Hall Drive	Condo	\$327,000
April Journey	Condo / Townhome	\$465,000
Kingscup Court	Townhome	\$550,000
Tarkington Place	Townhome	\$561,000
Chase Lions Way	Townhome	\$592,000
Huckleberry Row	Detached	\$700,000
Fragile Sail Way	Detached	\$750,000



Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
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I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for  
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