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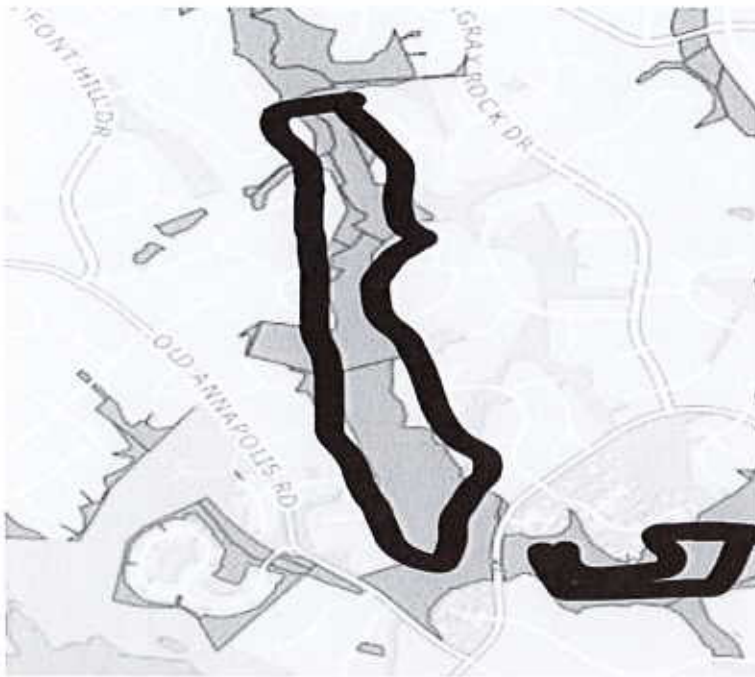
Please read about Deer Archery Hunting on pages 4 through 6.  
Survey on page 6.

The Dorsey Hall Deer Management Task Force has put together information and a survey regarding archery hunting . This survey will help determine if archery hunting on Howard County Open Space located in our Village would be a possibility.

There is an editorial piece about archery hunting on page 4.

Howard County would like to see what our residents have to say. It is very important to read all of the information and take the survey. **We need to hear from you.** Your opinion matters!

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



### Reminders

#### **Office Closed**

Thursday, November 28 &  
Friday, November 29

#### **Senior Holiday Lunch**

specifically for our 65+ residents

Thursday, December 19

Starting at noon.

Tickets distribution begins

**Tuesday, November 5**

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## **Holiday Open House Dinner**—December 7, 2024

Sold Out

We are taking names for the waitlist. Dorsey's Search residents only!

Residents who acquired tickets and cannot make the event due to unforeseen circumstances, please call us at 410-730-4005 or bring the tickets back to the office. We will call people on the waitlist.

DO NOT GIVE the tickets to someone else.

The ticket will not be honored.

**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, November 13, 2024
- Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- Wednesday, January 8, 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)

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—[amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager—[nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org)

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James Petit	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

**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**

**October 2024**

The scheduled Board of Directors meeting on October 9 was cancelled .

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 h 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.

### Approved/Denied Applications: Aug22-Sep23

(descriptions are abbreviated)

#### Application Approvals:

4608 Old Dragon—garage door, paint shutter and doors  
 4625 Smokey Wreath—siding, roof, landscape rocks  
 4802 Portsmouth—roof  
 9523 Liverpool—roof  
 4503 Mustering Drum—tree removal  
 4706 Hallowed Stream—windows  
 5341 Tarkington—paver patio, windows, siding, gutters, downspouts, roof  
 4045 Firefly—roof  
 4732 Hallowed Stream—tree removal  
 4711 Rams Horn—swing, garden beds, string lights  
 4700 Dorsey Hall Drive #105—windows  
 4031 Huckleberry—windows  
 4009 Willow Bend—roof  
 5358 Chase Lions—Solar Panels  
 Heatherfield Condominium—tree removal  
 4722 Hallowed Stream—deck stain

#### Denied

4503 Mustering Drum—Shed  
 4709 Rams Horn—patio landscaping

### Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

<u>7p.m. Deadline</u>	<u>Review Date</u>
Nov 5	Nov 20
Nov 19	Dec 4
Dec 3	Dec 18
Dec 17	Jan 2*
Jan 2	Jan 15

\*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.



## Leaves

Every autumn leaves change colors and fall off the trees. Do we bag them or leave them on the ground? According to the National Wildlife Federation, *"A light scattering of leaves is fine, but allowing a thick layer of leaves to blanket the turfgrass will smother lawn and keeping leaves on sidewalks and driveways can present hazards while also making your gardening choice look messy rather than intentional. Avoid hazards and neighbor complaints by moving the leaves to more beneficial areas of the garden!"*

Leaving leaves on your property is beneficial, but it still takes work. That means raking the leaves or mulching them down into areas where they will be the most beneficial to your garden and the environment.

Do NOT rake leaves into the street gutters or down storm drains. The County does not pick up leaves. Raking leaves into the street gutters and storm drains, may lead to localized flooding due to clogged drains. Please remember that Howard County will only accept leaves in reusable open-top containers (no County-issued recycling carts or bins) or paper bags. Reusable containers should be lid-less at set-out. **No plastic bags.** Cans, containers, paper bags and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds. Please visit the Howard County's Bureau of Environmental Services at: [www.howardcountymd.gov/bureau-environmental-services/curbside-collections](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/bureau-environmental-services/curbside-collections) for more information regarding yard trim collection.

## 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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MD Hunting resources <a href="https://tinyurl.com/huntresources">https://tinyurl.com/huntresources</a>	The Importance of Deer Management <a href="https://tinyurl.com/impctrl">https://tinyurl.com/impctrl</a>

**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**.

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
Trash/Recycling Collection.....	410-313-6444
HC Information.....	410-313-3000
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Police Non-emergency.....	410-313-2200
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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)

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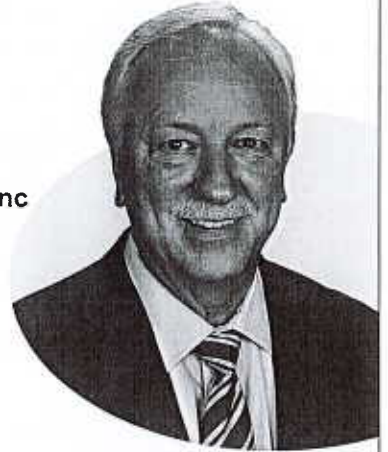
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# Upcoming Events

Ticket sales and distribution timeline

## Holiday Senior Luncheon—DATE CHANGE!!!!

Happening on Thursday, DECEMBER 19 starting at noon

*Specifically geared to our 65+ residents*

**Ticket sales begin Tuesday, November 5** 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.

## 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 or get your fill and 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.

**Tickets for both events go on sale Friday, November 1** at Village Office located at Linden Hall.

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.



This past year brought new interest and energy to the Dorsey Hall Garden Club. Our club's neighborhood garden, established many years ago, had become overrun with garlic chives and other invasives. As we all have experienced, gardens need constant attention and can often quickly spiral into garden chaos. The effects of the pandemic as well as the act of an overenthusiastic landscape crew who by mistake mowed the entire garden down, set us on a new path and we decided to take action and recreate the once beautiful flower garden into a new pollinator hub. Interested members came up with a design and small groups were assigned specific areas to weed and clear for replanting. It has proven to be quite a challenge. Last fall and throughout this season, we have removed many of the garlic chives, although as realist, we know that they will always be with us!

This project has galvanized our club and brought many members together. We developed schedules for weekly watering and weeding. Members who live close by contributed by setting up and maintaining a birdbath to accommodate butterflies. Others came with deer deterrent sprays to help in our constant struggle to keep our tender plants alive. A generous neighbor has let us fill our rain barrel, at no charge, from her garden hose.

What once seemed an insurmountable task is now showing improvement. Through the spring we scheduled dates to meet and members brought plants from their gardens. But it has not been an easy summer. Oppressive heat this season has threatened our efforts just at the time our tender plants were beginning to thrive and no amount of water seemed enough. Deer now come daily to investigate and picnic in the area.

We applied for grants, spoke to our homeowner's association for concurrence, talked to Master Gardeners for suggestions on what to plant. Most of all we have persevered and more and more, the garden is taking shape. But more than the reconstruction of the garden, we noticed renewed interest from the community. They are taking notice of our efforts. The garden is located along a neighborhood walking path, off of Gray Rock Drive, that is frequented by many neighborhood residents. When our members are at the garden, many residents have stopped by to ask questions or just to say hello. They tell us how much they appreciate our efforts and have expressed interest in joining our garden club.

All of this speaks to how a simple garden can bring people together. Whether you are an avid gardener who loves to play in the dirt or just an interested bystander curious about a particular plant. A garden can facilitate our connection to nature and help make for a better community.

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

### Join Us for Cranksgiving 2024

**What:** Cranksgiving is a fun, family-friendly charity cycling event in Downtown Columbia, MD, combining biking with community service! Ride with us, raise awareness about Howard County's bike paths, and donate food for those in need.

**When:** Saturday, November 2nd, from 10 AM to 1 PM

**Where:** The Plaza at The Mall in Columbia

**New This Year:** Compete with your Columbia Village to see who can donate the most food!



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