



# The Scroll

April 2025

Village website: [www.dorseyssearch.org](http://www.dorseyssearch.org)

## Candidate's Night at Linden Hall Thursday, April 10 starting at 7pm

Location address: 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

### Columbia Council Representative Candidates:

Delilah M. Holmes, Elizabeth T. Ressler

### Dorsey's Search Community Association (Village) Board Candidates:

Eric Miller, Christine Simpson, Laurie Liskin, Derek Carey, Richard Boulton

Residents may submit questions to the Village Manager who will forward the questions to all candidates for a response. The moderator will ask each candidate a set number of questions and then the floor will be opened to questions from Residents. Residents will be allowed to ask a question with one follow up question before the moderator moves on.

Please email questions to Ingrid Hatz at [ihatz@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org) and Nancy Meredith at [nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org). In your email, please include your name and address. You may also submit questions in person prior to Candidate's Night. Please write your name and address on the paper and submit to Linden Hall.

## Village Election

**Saturday, April 26 from 8am—1pm**

Absentee ballots will be available from  
Tuesday, April 1—Thursday, April 24, 2025

Candidate statements can be found on page 8 & 9.

Information about how to vote and who is eligible to vote can be found on page 8.

## Plant giveaway on Election Day

more information on page 10.

First come, first serve.

100 plants will be available for residents who come to vote on  
Saturday, April 26 from 8am—1pm

Donuts and coffee will be served.

### Reminders

Office will be closed on  
Friday & Saturday,  
April 18 and 19

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**Dorsey's Search  
Community Association  
Information**

**Village Board Meeting Schedule**

All village board meetings are held at Linden Hall unless otherwise noted on our website. 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. A link is posted on our website under the Village Board-Meeting, Minutes and Agenda and our facebook page. Please email Ingrid Hatz if you have any questions, see email below.

- Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025
- Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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

**Village Office Staff**

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Bitsy Furr	Facility Assistant
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Carole Ball	Facility Assistant
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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

*Note: Please check our website for updated closings or delays. Inclement weather or staffing issues may affect these hours.*

Please call in advance for rental availability.

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**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**

March 2025

- ⇒ Election Committee Co-Chairs: Ellen Mackey & Russell Stephenson
- ⇒ Letter sent to Howard County regarding archery hunting on Howard County Open Space in Dorsey Hall
- ⇒ Accepted 3rd Quarter report



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# Covenant

## Coordinator

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

### Approved/Denied Applications: Feb 21-Mar25

(descriptions are abbreviated)

#### Application Approvals:

- 4620 Oakview—windows
- 4990 Dorsey Hall Drive C-1—windows, trim
- 4756 Leyden-front door, storm door
- 4201 Eagles Wing—roof, roof vents
- 4026 Starwreath—garage doors
- 4517 Alpine Rose—paint deck railing
- 4702 Rams Horn—tree removal
- 5325 Tarkington—garage door
- Heatherfield Condominium—free little library

#### Approved as amended

- 4241 Lilac—siding, trim, downspout, gutters

#### Approved as an exception as amended

- 4510 Mustering Drum—fence

### Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Apr 1	Apr 16
Apr 15	May 7
May 6	May 21
May 20	Jun 4
Jun 3	Jun 18
Jun 17	Jul 1*

\*date change due to a conflict on the calendar



## Looking for a RAC Member

The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) is looking for a resident volunteer to fill an open seat on this Board appointed Committee. The Committee members review applications and make suggestions to update the Village Guidelines in keeping with the Dorsey's Search Covenants. The Committee members meet twice a month. Committee members are required to visit properties in which owners submitted applications for RAC review. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the Covenant Advisor, Anne McKissick at [amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

Anne will review the process of being a Volunteer on the Committee. You will have a chance to experience a couple of RAC meetings and do some property visits with current RAC members and/or the Covenant Advisor. Your property should be in compliance with the Dorsey's Search Covenants and Guidelines. If you have experience in architecture, home repair, landscape design, construction, we highly covet those skills. Please consider joining the RAC.

## Garbage, Recycling, and Food Scrap Cans—Oh, My

The Village Office is beginning to receive complaints about cans being stored in front of the garage or on the side of homes amongst the landscaping. We ask that residents store the cans behind your house in the most inconspicuous location on your property. If you are thinking about erecting an enclosure, please contact the Anne McKissick regarding the guidelines. Her typical office hours are: Tuesday—Thursday from 8am—3pm.

The office phone number is 410-730-4005 or email her at: [amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

This happens every year as we are outside more often. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

# Upcoming Events



## Looking for Election Committee Volunteers

### Qualifications for Committee members are:

- 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

We can use your help on Election Day, Saturday, April 26 from 8am—1pm. A volunteer does not have to attend the entire time. You may work a timeframe that works for you. Please submit your name so the Board can vote you on to the Election Committee. Please contact Nancy Meredith at 410-730-4005 or email at [nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org)

The Election Committee will be here to consult and help with any questions regarding election procedures on election day.

## Village Election on Saturday, April 26

Absentee Balloting will take place from Tuesday, April 1—Thursday, April 24, 2024. You may come to the Village Office to cast your Absentee Ballot or you may call the Village office to have one mailed to you. The resident must mail the ballot back or return it to Linden Hall by Thursday, April 24 before close of business which is 7pm. Your sealed ballot may be placed in the black exterior mailbox located at the parking lot entrance door. The sealed ballot will be collected by staff and transferred to the ballot box. Only Election Committee members may open the ballot to verify voting qualifications and vote counting.

## Columbia Cleans

Every year the Columbia Villages and Columbia Association select a date for a Columbia Wide Clean Up. This year, the date is **Saturday, April 5 from 9am—noon**. We ask that volunteers sign up and help keep the public use areas of our village clean. We have two routes which will take our volunteers onto County and CA pathways. Each route will have one tot lot area which is apart of the cleanup.

I am proud to say that our Village does a good job with keeping litter/trash off of our public use spaces, but trash can still be found in the wooded areas just off of the pathways. To help with litter/trash out of our public use spaces, have secure, tight fitting lids on your cans. If you leave a trash bag with food scraps in it and it is NOT placed in a can, the birds or other type of animals can rip open the bag and make a mess by the curb. Stormwater will take that garbage down the storm drain which leads into our beautiful wooded areas in our neighborhood. Please clean up the mess as soon as you can.

Consider volunteering to help keep our area litter and trash free. You may email Nancy Meredith at [nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org) to sign up.

We meet at the Dorsey Hall pool parking lot at 9am. Donuts, Coffee, and water will be available, along with a map of the routes, instructions, garbage bags, gloves, and trash grabbers.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PET WASTE AND THROW IT IN A TRASH CAN!**

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.

Continued upcoming events

## Community Meeting regarding Deer Management Wednesday, April 23 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Linden Hall

(4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City)

As a result of the village-wide survey on deer management, the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks would like to present its plan to initiate managed archery hunting in Dorsey Hall.

A community meeting will be held at Linden Hall on April 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. The survey results will be presented and Tim Maynard, Wildlife Program Manager II, will discuss the deer management plan for 2025.

## Family BBQ

Saturday, May 31, 2025; 5pm–8pm

Tickets will be available starting Tuesday, April 22.

Adults: \$10/adult    Children (12 yrs and younger): \$6/child

Non-resident: \$15/person

Kick off your summer with a BBQ. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, soft drinks, and dessert. Fun lawn games: corn hole; Giant size Connect 4; Jumbo Jenga, hatchet throwing; dual shot basketball game; and more.

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Save the Date:

Pool Party is scheduled for  
Friday, August 1

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# Candidate Statements

Candidate statements are listed in order of position on the ballot. By-law Section 8.05 Preparation of Ballots

## Columbia Council Representative (CA Board of Directors) Candidates:

### Delilah M. Holmes

I'm running for the Dorsey's Search seat on the Columbia Council to serve our community with reasonable, reliable, and solutions-based leadership that our residents deserve. As your representative, I commit to listening, researching, and responding to the issues that our residents face: finding solutions that address inadequate access to CA before- and after-school care, maintaining a below-maximum assessment fee rate, ensuring equitable access to CA benefits for all members, and collaborating with others to ensure that the needs of our community are heard.

Through my experiences as a Baltimore City educator and my doctoral work, I have developed a track record of advocacy, problem-solving, engaging stakeholders, and conducting and analyzing research: all skills needed on the CA Board. I look forward to advocating for the future of Dorsey's Search and contributing to a more vibrant, accessible, and sustainable Columbia. Please cast your ballot for Dr. Delilah Holmes!

### Elizabeth T. Ressler

I am eager to serve on the Columbia Council Representative because I am passionate about contributing to the betterment of our community. I believe in fostering an environment where residents feel heard, valued, and connected. As a resident of the Dorsey Search neighborhood, I understand the importance of maintaining a strong community, ensuring safety, and addressing issues promptly. I am committed to promoting clear communication and transparency between this board and residents, ensuring that decisions are made in the best interest of all.

Additionally, I have spent the last 15 years as a social worker where I spend my time focusing on problem-solving, conflict resolution, and working collaboratively to support various communities. I want to contribute my time and energy to making our community a place where everyone feels proud to live. Ultimately, my goal is to help create a more unified and thriving community for all residents.

## Election Calendar 2025

**Tue., Apr. 1, 2025—  
Thu., April 24, 2025**

Absentee ballots are available at Village Office/Linden Hall for Dorsey's Search residents. Absentee ballots may also be mailed to you. Please call the Village Office at 410-730-4005 to have one mailed to you.

(Bu-Law; 8.07-Absentee ballots)

**Thu., April 10, 2025**

Candidate's Night 7:00pm, if the election is contested. Candidate's Night will be held at the Village Office located at Linden Hall.

**Sat., April 26, 2025**

Village Election polling at Village Office/Linden Hall from 8am—1pm.

**Who is eligible to vote:** There is **one vote per property** and the property must be in compliance with the covenants. To cast a ballot, the individual must be a property owner or tenant (*tenants must have proof of residency, e.g. drivers license, utility bill, lease*) as of March 1, 2025. Please call the office to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. Your name will be matched to "The List of Members" as is stated in By-Law Section 1.08 List of Members. A completed ballot may be placed in our exterior mailbox, mailed, or brought to the office no later than Thursday, April 24 by close of business.

*No Absentee Ballots may leave the office unless the member requests it to be mailed to them. If you are a tenant, supporting documents must be viewed to ensure membership as stated in Article 6 in the Dorsey's Search Articles of Incorporation.*

*One vote per property: Article 7—Section B, "such members will collectively be entitled to one vote relative to the lot, unit, share, membership or other interest, and if such members cannot jointly agree as to how that vote should be cast, no vote shall be allowed with respect to such lot, unit, ...."*



# Candidate Statements

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## Dorsey's Search Community Association Board of Directors (Village) Candidates:

### **Eric Miller**

I am an 8-year resident homeowner in the Heatherfield complex. I am running to ensure that the Village has representation from the Fairway Hills neighborhood and that communities south of Route 108 can be more informed and involved in Dorsey's Search's activities and decision-making process.

I am committed to being an involved member of the Board that brings in voices that are too often overlooked in Village operations. We have many tenants in our community who need to be part of our conversations, and I will be pro-active in reaching out to those voices for their participation.

Columbia is a wonderful community, but there have been some concerning trends among our current leadership that need greater scrutiny. I hope you will allow me to be a set of eyes and ears for those of us who seek to preserve our fine town and our excellent Village.

### **Christine Simpson**

I have been a consistent Dorsey volunteer to include: Dorsey Dolphins, NES PTA, DMS PTA, WLHS Boosters, and the Village Board. I am proud to have been a Federal employee of over 21 years. I support inclusivity and positive community-building. Aside from a few years in Catonsville, Dorsey has been my home starting in 2000. One of my favorite things is saying hi to dogs on our lovely paths.

### **Laurie Liskin**

I moved to Dorsey Hall more than 30 years ago so my children could benefit from our highly-rated school system. Living in Dorsey's Search has been a wonderful experience for my family-an experience every resident of our village should have.

Since I retired from The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2016, I have been active in the community. I am Vice-President of the Board of Directors for NAMI Howard County (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and a state-certified trainer. I serve as Vice-President of the Ellicott City and Western Howard County Democratic Club and co-facilitator of the Indivisible Howard County Immigration Action Team. I volunteer regularly for Luminus and Columbia Community Care.

I am running for the Village Board to ensure that our community has the support and resources it needs and to encourage local participation in managing our Village.

### **Derek Carey**

I have lived in Howard County for 25 years and been a Dorsey Search resident for 20 years. I'm a husband and father of two boys and one girl. I take pride in serving our community to do what's best for all of our residents. I'm currently a volunteer coach for Howard County Recreation and Parks. I enjoy taking walks with my family and taking bike rides through our villages

### **Richard Boulton**

During the nearly 20 years my family and I have lived in Dorsey's Search, I have always tried to do my part to make our community a better place to live and grow. I have served on my HOA board and also the Columbia Association board.

I have no agenda other than to work closely with our village staff and fellow board members to ensure that our village has the resources and support needed to safeguard the quality of life that we all have come to expect.

Being retired, I have the time and dedication needed to fulfil the duties of this important office, and I ask for your vote to help me step up to this responsibility.

# Plant Giveaway—Saturday, April 26

First come, first serve. 100 plants will be given away during election day from 8am—1pm.



## Purple Coneflower

*Echinacea purpurea*

This perennial favorite is hardy, drought tolerant and long blooming. The coneflower grows to a height of 3-5' depending on the conditions and attracts birds, bees and butterflies.

Where to plant:

This summer – fall flower loves full sun and well drained soil. Plant in a spot that gets at least 6-8 hours of full sunlight. The plants can tolerate partial shade, but they may flop over and not bloom as prolifically as in full sun

Deer proof:

It is said that Coneflowers are not eaten by the deer, but the deer in Dorsey seem to love the blooms!

Pruning:

Deadheading (removing the dead flowers) is recommended to keep them in bloom all summer. The plant does not need to be cut back in winter for the dried seeds provide food for the birds. Come Spring, the dried plants should be cut to ground level to allow for the new growth.



## Red Columbine

*Aquilegia Canadensis*

A delicate native flower is very easy to grow and loved by hummingbirds. Its main pollinator is the Ruby-Throated hummingbird. The mature columbine is short, under 3 feet in height. They can spread easily when their seeds are allowed to drop.

Where to plant:

This spring flower does best in part sun to full shade and in well drained soil. It can tolerate full sun, but will need some help to get established there. Hillsides, rock garden and sloping gardens are perfect places for this flower. Once it has been established after the first year, this flower requires minimal care and is drought tolerant.

Deer proof:

It is said that Red Columbine are not eaten by the deer! **Beware** it is poisonous. All parts of the plant/flower can cause mild illness if ingested by adults, children and pets. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting and diarrhea.

Pruning:

Once the blooms have left and the plants become brown, cut down to ground level to promote new growth the following Spring.



*A snail can sleep for three years. Ants don't sleep at all!*

The Perennial Plant Association, recently announced that 'Jeana', a new cultivar of the garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), was named its 2024 Plant of the Year. This grand version, stands an impressive five feet tall and four feet wide. With showy lavender-pink flowers, it blooms from midsummer into early fall. The plant is especially attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies, especially the eastern tiger swallowtails and other beneficial pollinators. This variety bridges the gap between early summer and later blooming perennials. However, it performs best with regular deadheading. Another benefit to this variety, is that it is highly resistant to the scourge of powdery mildew that plaques many summer phlox varieties. 'Jeana' has won acclaim in various plant trials, including at the Mt Cuba Center in Delaware. "Phlox paniculate 'Jeana' was hands-down a top performer in Mt. Cuba Centers' trial and continues to be a powerhouse in our gardens," says George Coombs, Mt. Cuba's director of horticulture. Mr. Coombs goes on to say, "Not only does it remain sturdy and disease free in all season long, but the beautiful floral display attracts more butterflies than any other phlox we have ever grown."

In our continuing quest to attract beneficial pollinators to our gardens, this new variety, if you have the space, will be an excellent addition.

-Joan Oliver, Dorsey Hall Garden Club

### **Trees for Bees 2025**

For several years, Howard County has had tree giveaways. This spring they are supporting a spring tree giveaway with a focus on native tree and shrub species that are beneficial to pollinators. Trees for Bees is part of the Howard County Bee City initiative led by the Office of Community Sustainability. Trees for Bees offers non-profit groups trees to plant in their common areas, and also offers a residential tree giveaway. Registration begins on March 24 - 30. Pick up is on April 12. To find out more, go to <https://hocobeecity.weebly.com/trees-for-bees.html>

## **Weed Warriors**

IT TAKES A VILLAGE! A Village like Dorsey Search can make an environmental difference by removing invasive weeds. So, let's gather on Saturday, April 26, to pull the invasive Garlic Mustard along the Little Patuxent River path. Families, Scouts, neighbors, relatives, school groups, etc. are all invited to this event. (We can sign off on volunteer hours; just bring you paperwork). The times can be either **9-11 AM** or **1-3 PM** or both, weather permitting. Columbia Association will provide large plastic bags, tools, gloves and instructions. There are 3 supply points manned by volunteers that we would like to focus on: 1) at the beginning of the path on Columbia Road on the opposite the pool; 2) on Lark-spring Row cul-de-sac, which is the end of the path; 3) the middle of the river path, where another path leads to the tot lot on Columbia Road. Look for flags to locate these spots at the beginning/end and along the path we are weeding. Please bring back what you borrow to a volunteer. Also, please bring water and consider wearing a hat, gloves, long sleeves, pants, and comfortable close-toed shoes for protection from sun, ticks, thorns, poison ivy etc. This event is being organized by Weed Warrior Volunteer Leaders, Sandy Thompson and Megan Gratz. To learn more about CA's Weed Warrior program please visit: <https://columbiaassociation.org/open-space/cas-adopt-a-spot-program-helping-columbias-ecosystem-thrive> Any concerns or questions may be sent to Sandy Thompson: [sandy@thompdale.com](mailto:sandy@thompdale.com)

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 joining the garden club, please email Karen Griffith at [tgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:tgriff@hotmail.com).



Weed Warrior event is on Election Day for our Village.

Come vote before 1pm and pull weeds. Sounds like a great plan on Saturday, April 26.

Perform your civic duty and help the environment all in one day.

# 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.*

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](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>

## Cul—de-Sac Beautification

The Dorsey's Search Community Association has decided to grant money towards the beautification of 2 cul-de-sacs in the Village. Each grant will be \$250. Once the Village reviews and approves the plan, the application will be sent to the County for their consideration. The applicant will be notified once the County approves the plan. Only then can items be purchased for the project. To receive the \$250 reimbursement, submit all original receipts to the Village Office by July 15, 2025. **No exceptions.** An application is on the next page, but will also be available at the Village Office or online at : <https://www.dorseyssearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/CulDeSacApp.pdf>. The Village will start accepting applications on March 3, 2025.

The following items are required by the County:

- Picture of the cul-de-sac
- Petition signed by 80% of residents in the cul-de-sac
- Proposed planting plan, drawing
- List of specific plants to be used

The Village and County will not be responsible for what is planted in the cul-de-sac. Residents must agree to the upkeep of the cul-de-sac which may include mulching every year. As a reminder, you may NOT have plants that will grow and block the visibility through the island and you may NOT have plants that will grow into the roadway.

If you have further questions about this program, please contact the Covenant Advisor, Anne McKissick at 410-730-4005 or by email at [amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

Anne's office hours are: Tuesday—Thursday from 8am—3pm and Wednesday evening if there is a RAC meeting.

### Dates to remember:

March 3, 2025 - The Village will begin accepting applications for processing

July 15, 2025 - All original receipts must be turned in.

You may submit the application in-person during business hours, using the exterior mailbox located at our parking lot entrance or by email. If you place an application in the exterior mailbox, please email Anne McKissick to let her know you placed one there. You may email an application and all the supporting documentation for the application to Anne McKissick at [amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org). Grant money will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Only complete applications will be counted as being received. Receipts must be submitted by the deadline. Please contact Anne if you have any questions.

Dorsey's Search Community Association  
Cul-de-Sac Beautification Grant  
Application Form

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The following information must be submitted with the application:

- Picture of cul-de-sac island
- Petition signed by 80% of residents on the cul-de-sac
- Proposed planting plan, drawing
- List of specific plants to be used

The County will not be responsible for what is planted in the cul-de-sac. Residents agree to the upkeep of the cul-de-sac and mulching each year. When designing your plan, keep in mind that snow plow discharge may be placed onto the island. Nothing can be planted that will block visibility through the island, or grow into the roadway.

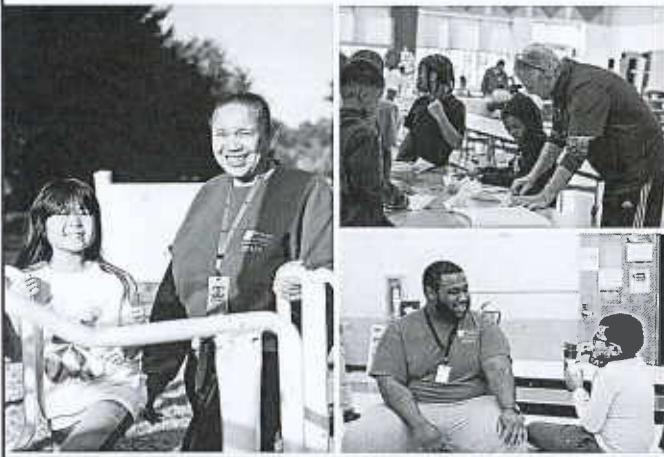
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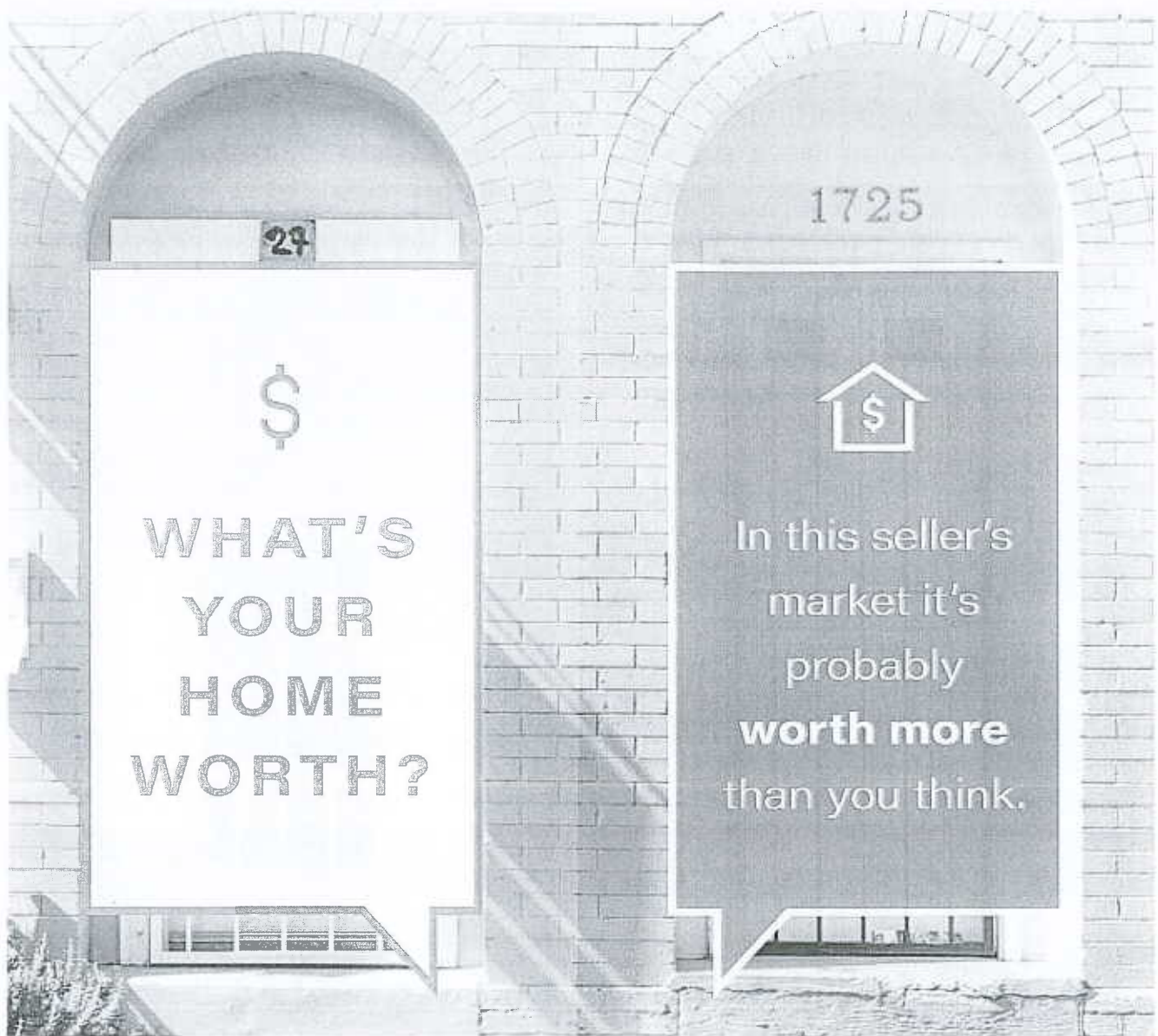
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