The Scroll

May 2025

Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org

We appreciated all the residents that volunteered for the Election Committee and those that came out to attend Candidate's Night.

Our Candidates took the time to answer pre-submitted questions and questions that cropped up during the Candidate's Night forum. It was great to see the enthusiastic ideas that some of our residents spoke about while questioning our Candidates. It was a great time to get to know your fellow residents and Candidates.

Although the Village **did not have an election this year**, we are happy that we have members that volunteer to serve the Village at different capacities.

Our Board of Directors for 2025-2026 are:

Ellen Mackey*

Russell Stephenson*

Eric Miller**

Dick Boulton**

Derek Carey**

Reminders

Office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day

> Family Picnic/BBQ on Saturday, May 31; 5—8pm at Linden Hall see pg. 4

Columbia Council Representative:

Delilah Holmes**

A very special thank you to:

Luke Menefee serving on the Village Board from 2022—2025 and

Crissy Simpson serving on the Village Board from 2018–2025

The value you added to our community is immeasurable.

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^{*}Term ends April 30, 2026

^{**}Term ends April 30, 2027

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

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—amckissick@dorseyssearch.org

Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager—nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

Patricia Jones	Head Facility Assistant
Bitsy Furr	Facility Assistant
Mary Hesse	Facility Assistant
Carole Ball	Facility Assistant
Bill Salciccioli	Set-up Tech
James Petit	Set-up Tech

Village Board Members

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
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Russell Stephenson	410-730-4005
Eric Miller	410-730-4005
Dick Boulton	410-884-2964

Columbia Council Representative

Delilah Holmes 410-730-4005

Office Hours

Monday, Friday
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Saturday
Open for rental; no Village Office hours
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.

Website: 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 April 2025

- ⇒ No Election
- ⇒ FY'26 Budget was accepted



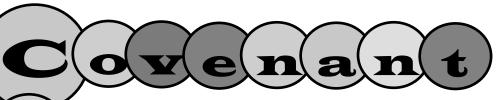
Free Tree and perennials

The Village is working with Columbia Association to giveaway trees and perennials on Friday, September 5. from 4 –8:30pm. For more information, please read the June newsletter. This is a fantastic opportunity for our residents and for the environment.

STAY TUNED!

Want to join our Constant Contact group? Use your phone to scan this QR code. Type in your email address and name, press Sign up. It is that simple. We send out Crime Bulletins and other pertinent information regarding the happenings of our Village. Be in the know!





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

www.dorseyssearch.org in the Covenant section.

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

ľ	7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
1	May 6	May 21
	May 20	Jun 4
	Jun 3	Jun 18
1	Jun 17	Jul 1*
	Jul1*	Jul 16
	Jul 15	Aug 6
	Aug 5	Aug 20
	*date change due to a conflict on the calendar	

Approved/Denied Applications: Mar26-Apr23 (descriptions are abbreviated
Application Approvals:
4618 Smokey Wreath—landscaping
4555 Kingscup—concrete pad, French door, landscape pavers, light fixtures
4284 Red Bandana—siding

4611 Somerset—paver patio, wire mesh on deck railing, solar lights on house and deck

5353 Tarkington—tree removal

4709 Arsenal—roof, gutters

4042 Larkspring—siding, rrim, gutters

4268 Coattail-roof

4228 Blue Barrow—paint house different colors, solar panels

4736 Rams Horn—siding

4506 Mustering Drum-tree removal

4505 Alpine Rose—front porch

4041 Chariots Flight—deck, underdecking, paver patio, landscaping

4014 Starwreath—new shutters and style

5326 Tarkington—garage door

4619 Learned Sage-siding on chimney

4005 Wildwood—fence

4578 KIngscup-roof

4900 Dorsey Hall #3-garden edging

Approved with conditions

4611 Somerset-deck, patio wall work & fence, window

Trash cans-Recycling bins

With the warmer weather, complaints about trashcans/recycling bins have multiplied since winter. Trashcans and recycling bins need to be stored out of sight after they have been emptied by the County collectors. Hiding them between your car and garage door makes it even more noticeable. Please remember to store them out of sight after collection. Please contact Anne McKissick at 410-730-4005 or email her at amckissick@dorseyssearch.org with questions and concerns. Anne's office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8am—3pm.



Remember to mow your lawn with the frequency of good property management. Please remember property owners adjacent to sidewalks must maintain the grassy areas on both sides of the sidewalk (mowing, watering, seeding, etc.) on portions parallel to one's property. Howard County Code of Ordinances 18.402 Public Works—Sidewalks:

a) It shall be the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a public right-of-way to maintain the abutting sidewalk, driveway apron and sod or grass within the public right-of-way in such condition as to be safe for public use.

To make this a bit clearer.... if your property touches any county sidewalk (front, side, rear), you must mow the strip of grass between the roadway and the sidewalk.

Our **Resident Architectural Committee (RAC)** members are volunteers who reside in our Village

They typically meet twice a month to review Exterior Alteration applications. They visit each property prior to the meeting. Each member brings their unique work experience to the table and they always strive to work with the residents.

Thank you for your dedication to the Community.

Jpcoming Events Columbia Cleans Wrap-up

Thank you to all the participants at the Columbia Cleans event held on Saturday, April 5. We had over 20 volunteers sign up.

We were able to fill the back of a Columbia Association pick up truck.

Columbia Association has a sponsored clean up every year with Village support. The clean ups usually occur at the end of March or the beginning of April.

Keep this in mind next year. We would love to see you!

Family BBQ

Saturday, May 31, 2025; 5pm—8pm Tickets are available at Linden Hall

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.

Bring your neighbors and have fun.



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.

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To view our **Columbia Council Representative's (CCR) report** to the Dorsey's Search Board of Directors, please visit our website at:

https://dorseyssearch.org/village-board/council-rep-report/

Chris Fuchs' term ends on April 30, 2025. Past reports will remain on the website for review.

Delilah Holmes will be submitting reports when her term begins. Here is a short message from our newly elected CCR.

Hello neighbors! My name is Delilah, and I'm honored to serve as the Columbia Council representative for Dorsey's Search. I'm excited to represent our community and be your voice on the Council. Until I receive an official Columbia Association email, you can reach me at <u>DelilahforCA@gmail.com</u> with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I'll be attending orientation on May 1, and I'd love to hear from you beforehand—please don't hesitate to reach out so I know what matters most to you and your family. Looking forward to working together!

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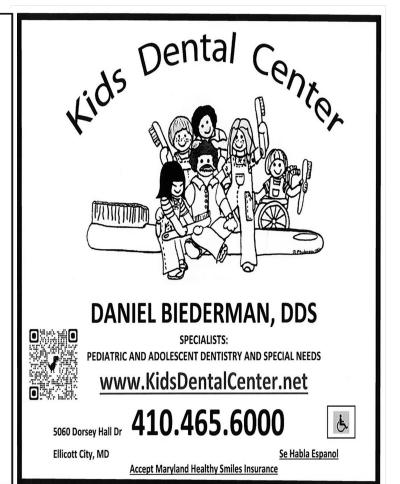
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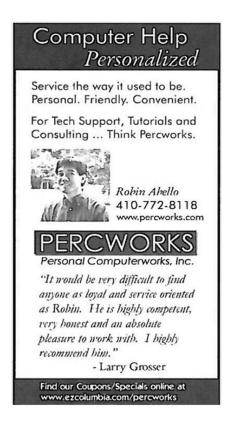
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Important Numbers

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. TellHoCo may also be accessed by visiting the County website at www.howardcountymd.gov

<u>Traffic Engineering Division</u>...This division is responsible for traffic signals, streetlight installation, street signs, and traffic calming and safety. 410-313-2430.

<u>Street Signs</u>...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.

<u>To Report a Highway Maintenance</u> concern such as road condition, <u>sidewalks</u>, storm drainage or street trees, contact the Highways Operations Division at 410-313-7450 or by email: <u>highways@howardcountymd.gov</u>.

<u>To Report a Traffic Control</u> 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.

<u>Street Lights...BGE</u> 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

<u>Mailbox Problems</u>: Mailboxes are the property of the US Postal Department please call 410-750-1340 for Ellicott City and 410-381-4373 for Columbia.

<u>County Council Representative</u> for Dorsey's Search (District 1): Liz Walsh can be reached at (410) 313-2001

Street trees need pruning call 410-313-7450.

Animal Control	410-313-2780
CA	410-715-3000
Trash/Recycling Collection	410-313-6444
HC Information	410-313-3000
Voter Information	410-313-5820
Bus Schedules	800-270-9553
Senior Info. & Assist	410-313-1234
Police Non-emergency	410-313-2200
HC Police General Information	410-313-3200
HC Board of ED	410-313-6682
Cable Complaints	410-313-3318
Columbia Association	410-715-3000
HC Citizens Services	410-313-6400
HC Licensing & Permits	410-313-2455

Bulk Trash Items: Residents receiving County-provided curbside trash collection are eligible for curbside bulk trash and metal collection. Residents in private areas that do not receive County collection are not eligible for bulk pickup. Remember: Bulk trash items collected by the County will be sent to a landfill. Residents may call 410-313-6444. Large trash items (individual items which do not fit in trash cans) such as mattresses, box springs, chairs, sofas, dressers and tables will be collected. Place these items at the curb on your regular trash day. Maximum of 4 large trash items will be collected per pick-up. Items must be able to be lifted by two collection crew members (larger items will be tagged and left for the resident's disposal). Bulk metal items include metal swing sets, file cabinets, appliances, lawn mowers, exercise equipment, etc. must be scheduled. Please remove doors from refrigerators, and drain oil and gas from lawn mowers. Please go to:

https://www.howardcountymd.gov/curbsidecollections for detailed information.

Trash and Recycling Pick-up: there are holidays that the County has moved pick up to a slide schedule. If you have further questions, please Call 410-313-6444 or visit their website at: www.howardcountymd.gov/holidayschedule

All trash and recycling cans should be removed from the street on the pick-up day and stored out of sight.

Yard Trim Collection: Howard County offers yard trim collection on the same day as recycling collection. Do not use plastic bags for your yard trim—it will not be collected. Use paper bags or reusable containers without lids only. Howard County offers the "Feed the Green Bin" program in our Village. Please visit the Howard County website if you are interested in participating. Information and tips can be located on the website.

https://www.howardcountymd.gov/public-works/feed-green-bin

Newsletter Carriers Needed starting August 2025

These positions are geared for Dorsey's Search Village Middle or High School students. The carrier receives a designated route. They will:

- Pick up newsletter from the Village Office
- Prepare them for distribution
- Deliver newsletters according to a list that has Deliver and DO Not Deliver addresses.

Return the poly-fabric bag to the office. We can place your next month's newsletters in them. Please contact: Nancy Meredith by email at

nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

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

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. 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	on must be submitted with the application:
 Picture of cul-de-s Petition signed by Proposed planting List of specific planting 	80% of residents on the cul-de-sac g plan, drawing
Residents agree to the u When designing your pl	responsible for what is planted in the cul-de-sac. upkeep of the cul-de-sac and mulching each year. an, keep in mind that snow plow discharge may be Nothing can be planted that will block visibility row into the roadway.
Village approval:	Date:
County approval:	Date:



Notes on Pollinator Gardens

In recent years, there has been a marked decline in beneficial insect populations worldwide. For example, the rate of decline for the American butterfly population from 2000 to 2020 is 22% according to a recent NYT article. There are several reasons for this, with *habitat loss*, *pesticide use and climate change* being major drivers. It is important to understand, that this phenomenon impacts our ecosystem, affecting food security and biodiversity. You might have noticed this in your own gardens. I know in recent years, in spite of planting native perennials I have observed fewer and fewer butterflies and bees and often wondered what was causing this decline. The reduction in beneficial insects, if continued, will have adverse effects on not only in our individual gardens but on agriculture worldwide. Beneficial insects play an important role in supporting life. Not only do they pollinate plants, but they also break down dead matter, nourishing the soil and providing food for birds and an array of other creatures in the food web, which we are all part of.

David Wagner, entomologist at the University of Connecticut says it best. "Nature collapses without them." Although such news can make gardeners feel helpless, there are things that we can do on our own 'patch' that encourage beneficial insects which are so vital to promoting pollination. Beneficial pollinators include not only bees and butterflies, but also moths, beetles, certain flies, like the flower flies, certain parasitic wasps, bats and birds.

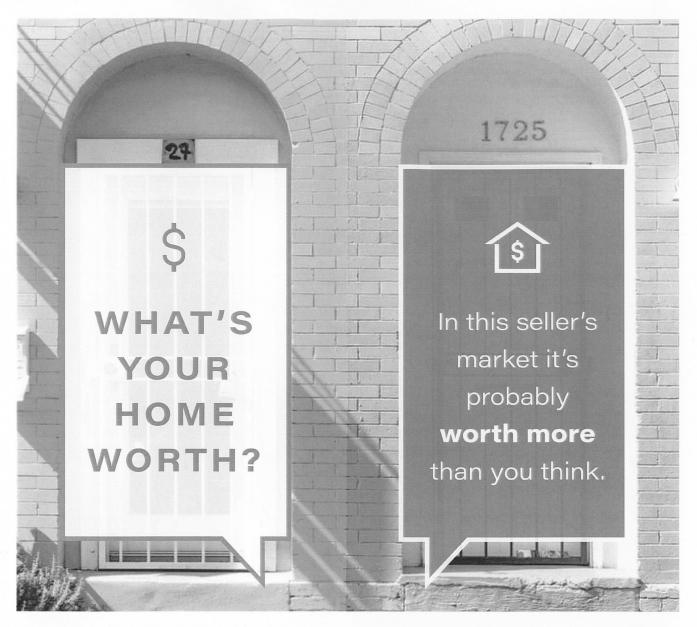
- Food sources are an obvious necessity for pollinators. Flowers provide nectar which is high in sugar and amino acids. When you are planting natives remember to plant more than one plant. A good rule of thumb is to plant in groups of at least three. This allows pollinators to visit the same type of flower, making pollination more effective and using less energy.
- Plant with *bloom seasons* in mind. This is important, because it will provide food from early spring to late fall, supporting pollinators throughout the growing seasons.
- Plant a variety of plants to support a variety of pollinators. Keep in mind that flowers of different colors, fragrance, blooms and heights will attract different pollinator species. Diversity is key to a good pollinator garden.
- Many herbs and some annuals, are also good pollinators. Mint, oregano, garlic, chives, parsley and lavender can be planted throughout your pollinator garden spot, along with annuals like cosmos and zinnias (look for the flat blooms that show the yellow center.)
- Pollinators need protection from severe weather and predators, as well as protected sites for nesting. Small twigs and branch along
 with leaf litter can shelter these beneficial insects. Incorporate a bee box to encourage solitary, non-aggressive bees to nest on your
 property.
- Water access is another requirement. Pools, ponds and clean birdbaths can accommodate this need.
- Most importantly limit or eliminate pesticides. These chemical compounds are toxic to pollinators. In an attempt to eradicate one insect, you will be eradicating many more. For example, mosquito spraying is especially harmful to beneficial insects, like bees and butterflies. Pesticides applied to lawns and gardens move through the soil and cannot be designed to kill only one type of pest. As an alternative, look for natural predators and environmentally safe ways to combat specific pest. And remember, 'what effects one, effects all'.

More information on pollinators can be found at the University of Maryland Extension website.

http://extention.umd.edu

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 joining the garden club, please email Karen Griffith at tgriff@hotmail.com



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