

The Scroll

August 2025

Village website: www.dorseysearch.org

Family BBQ - Saturday, August 23; 5pm—8pm At Linden Hall

Tickets are still available for the Family BBQ. It's a great night to enjoy a few familiar games or sit and chat with fellow residents. Hot dog, Hamburgers, side salads, dessert, and soft drinks will be available. Families, it is the Saturday before school. Give yourself a break and leave the cooking to us.

Tickets:

\$10/adult (CA lien paying resident)

\$6/child (12 years or younger CA lien resident)

\$15/person (Non-CA)

Say Good-bye to Summer.



Archery hunting in Dorsey Hall Open Space.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, Natural Resources is submitting an application for archery hunting to occur on Howard County Open Space located in Dorsey Hall. The County Open Space runs along the Little Patuxent River between Leyden Way and Willowgrove Drive and a smaller area between Hal-lowed Stream and Dorsey Hall Drive.

We do not know the status of the application at the State. Please keep reading the newsletter for more information regarding archery hunting in our area.

According to the meetings held with Howard County officials, the managed hunt could start as soon as October.

Reminders

Back to school on
Monday, August 25

Office Closed
Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 1

Plant pickup
Friday, Sept 5 from
4pm—8:30pm

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Find out what perennials will be offered at the Giveaway

**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.

- No August Board Meeting
- Wednesday, September 10, 2025
- Wednesday, October 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

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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

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

July 2025

No meeting

Report from Delilah Holmes, Dorsey's Search Columbia Council Rep, from the June 26th Columbia Association Board Meeting

- Dan Burns gave us an update on CA's before and after care and why staffing is such a challenge.
 - Childcare is one of the top 5 jobs with outward mobility
 - Increase in behavior challenges
 - Split shift makes it difficult to recruit
 - MSDE has strict rules for how these programs need to be staffed and the training that staff needs to have
 - CA pays for all of the training!
 - New hire for running the program and she has some innovative ideas to improve recruitment
- Old Business
 - Distribution of grants— we discussed the possible guidelines we will give to organizations that will award grants.
 - Transition of board policies to staff policies—the board voted to approve the resolution, excluding policy 7 “self-insurance reserve policy,” “Policy 14: “policy statements related to membership rates and fees,” and policy 13: “sport & fitness budget policies.”
- New business—
 - Shawn introduced his draft Organizational Goals & Objectives to the board. The board discussed preferences and options for moving forward.
 - Budget schedule—Stephanie (Director of Finance/Treasurer) & Shawn introduced the draft budget schedule for FY2027
 - Ethics policy discussion—General Counsel Judge John Kuchno summarized the key themes and recommendations in his memorandum (can be found in packet). We discussed the proposed changes to the ethics policy at length. This discussion will continue in the July meeting.

I'd love to hear more from Dorsey's residents! Would you be interested in discussing any CA issues via virtual office hours? Let me know! Shoot me an email & let's discuss! (Delilah.holmes@ca-board.org)

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!



Covenant

Corner

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.

Approved/Denied Applications: Jun19-Jul21 (descriptions are abbreviated)	
Application Approvals:	
4618 Smokey Wreath—solar panels	
4094 Fragile Sail—Solar panels	
4024 Huckleberry Row—playset	
4314 Snowdrop—front porch	
4074 Fragile Sail—windows	
4245 Lilac—deck, tree removal, fire pit, front walk	
4227 Purple Twilight—reinforcing flower bed	
4605 Manorhill—walkway, landscaping	
5291 Columbia—porch	
5006 Dorsey Hall Dr. C4—Ring doorbell	
4221 Eagles Wing—solar panels	
4602 Somerset—shutters	
4308 Sweet Bell—fencing	
4213 Eagles Wing—tree removal	
4062 Fragile Sail—siding, shutters, front door, gutters, downspouts, French door, lights, foundation color	
4950 Dorsey Hall Dr. 7—deck	
4312 Oxbow—driveway, widen walk, landscaping	
4017 Starwreath—windows	
4602 Somerset—convert 2 door garage to one	
5637 April Journey—vinyl siding	
4290 Bright Bay—roof	
952 Liverpool—roof	
4715 Columbia—roof	
4506 Mustering Drum—rebuild house	
4245 Lilac—deck, patio, firepit	
4723 Rams Horn—composite deck, color change	
Approved as amended	
4613 Smokey Wreath—patio, deck, pergola, landscaping	
Denied	
4702 Leyden—deck, composite	

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Aug 5	Aug 20
Aug 19	Sep 3
Sep 2	Sep 17
Sep 16	Oct 1
Sep 30	Oct 15
Oct 14	Nov 5
Nov 4	Nov 19
Nov 18	Dec 3

Anne McKissick is our Covenant Advisor. She processes exterior alteration applications. She works on the request for letter of compliance visits, complaint requests, and violation processes associated with legal cases. Her office hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8am—3pm

On the first and third Wednesday of the month, she is present for the Resident Architectural meetings that begin at 7pm. This sounds like a busy schedule, but she is always ready and willing to listen and help our residents with anything associated with the Village Covenants, Guidelines, or general questions. Email: amckissick@dorseyssearch.org

Dorsey's Search Community Association is the official name of the Village.

Many residents will say, "We live in the Village of Dorsey's Search."

The key word is Village. We are made up of single family homes, townhouses, and condominium units.

Our Guidelines and our application can be found online on our website: www.dorseyssearch.org/covenants

If you are a resident interested in applying for an exterior change to the property, we ask that you fill out the application by printing it out or by using Adobe Acrobat. By saving the information you've typed in using Adobe, you may send the application to Anne McKissick at amckissick@dorseyssearch.org. Any supporting documents may be sent via email also. Residents are always welcome to come to the office and drop off paperwork and samples. Don't have a printer and not computer savvy? We have pre-printed applications available for our residents. Stop by during our office hours and pick one up. Our regular office hours are: Monday & Friday 8am—3pm ; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am—7pm.

Please check our website for emergency closings or delays.

Please remember to apply for any exterior alteration.

You can always call us at 410-730-4005

I live in Dorsey.....

In general, that gives a person a general idea of where you live. It could mean that you live in the Village, it could mean you live in the Dorsey Hall neighborhood, or it could mean you live in one of the townhouse or condominium associations.

Here is a quick run down of the Village of Dorsey's Search.

The Village consists of two neighborhoods: Fairway Hills and Dorsey Hall.

Fairway Hills is south of Route 108. The types of homes found in Fairway Hills are Condominiums, Townhouses, and Apartments. What makes Fairway Hills unique is the Golf Course. The Fairway Hills Golf Course, owned by Columbia Association, weaves through this neighborhood. The fairway greens create a relaxing backdrop to the hectic, urban world around us. Fairway Hills is conveniently located to Downtown Columbia and major roadways. Bike lanes on Columbia Road make it a biker's delight. It's a wonderful place to call home.

Dorsey Hall is north of Route 108. It is made-up of single family homes, townhouses, and Condominiums. Dorsey Hall is surrounded by County Open Space. The pathways that make a ring around our neighborhood are County owned. Columbia Association owns the pathways inside of the ring. Tot lots/playgrounds and the Dorsey Hall pool are owned by Columbia Association. With so much open space in Dorsey Hall, you can relax and hear nature all around you. Another wonderful place to call home.

Now for the confusion. Townhouse and Condominium Associations have names. The developers weren't very clever naming these communities. For example, we have a couple of townhouse and Condominium Associations named Dorsey's Search. Each with slightly different wording to make it unique. We have several Townhouse and Condominium Associations named Dorsey Hall! How can this be?! Each name is slightly different as they use the words Townhouse, Townhome, Condo A, Condominium, or Homeowners to make confuse us a bit more. If you are confused, you are not alone. When applying for an exterior alteration at one of the Townhouse or Condominium associations, you will need to fill out two forms. Your condo or townhouse and the Village application. It seems inconvenient, but a process which must be followed all the time.

If you are still confused, the Village office is here to help. This newsletter is from the Village office. The Village Office is located at Linden Hall—4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Unfortunately, we do not house any of the management companies that manage the Condominium or Townhouse Associations at the office. Have I lost you once again. Just call our office and we will help. Our number is 410-730-4005.

One last mention: Dorsey's Search Community Association (Village) is one of the Villages of Columbia. The Dorsey's Search Village Center is managed by Kimco Realty.

WHAT THE HECK!

Our parent company is Columbia Association (CA). CA takes care of CA Open Space and CA Facilities. The Village does not. CA Annual Charge (CPRA lien) is collected by CA. The Village gets a small portion of that lien which is distributed from CA. Want membership to pool or health club, you will need to call membership services at 410-715-3000 (mainline). Ask for membership services or any other department you wish to contact. Don't know who to contact, just contact the Village office at 410-730-4005

You may visit the Columbia Village Centers website at: www.columbiavillagecenters.com or their facebook page at

www.facebook.com/ColumbiaVillageCenters

Plant Giveaway information

Pick up plants on Friday, September 5 from 4–8pm.

Talk to some experts:

Maryland Extension Master Gardeners; Dorsey Hall Garden Club; and CA's Sustainability Group.

Light refreshments will be served as you mingle with other residents and our experts.

We have reached our quota for free plants. Please contact Anne McKissick if you would like to be placed on the waitlist. Her email is amckissick@dorseysearch.org or you may call her at 410-730-4005 Tuesday, - Thursday from 8am–3pm.

Thank you to all that submitted request forms for our tree and perennial giveaway! We have had such a wonderful response and are excited to host you on September 5, 2025. The event will run 4-8:30pm for the plant and tree pickup at Linden Hall. Light snacks and drinks are planned for everyone so I hope you will have time to spend with us, The Dorsey Hall Garden Club, Master Gardeners and Columbia Association to discuss everything gardens.

The perennials available for this event will be 1-quart sized Black Eyed Susans (100) and 1 gallon sized Blue Flag Iris (50) and Heuchera Coral Bells (50). Those that signed up will receive one 1-gallon (your choice) and one 1-quart plant. Plants are first come first serve, so arrive early if you desire one more than the other. For those that reserved trees, they will be in a 3-gallon pot.

I would like to thank Columbia Association for providing the 100 free trees and 100 Black Eyed Susans to our residents. I would also like to thank the Dorsey's Search Board of Directors for purchasing the 1-gallon plants for our Village.

I have sent out emails to everyone that reserved trees and plants. If you turned in a request form and did not receive an email, please contact me. amckissick@dorseysearch.org



Heuchera



Blue Flag Iris

See you in September!

Anne

IMPORTANT

You must pick up your plant by 8pm on Friday, September 5. If you do not come by 8pm, your plants will be given to someone else. We cannot hold plants at the office.

The good neighbor for small business

Call or stop in today



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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. Tell-HoCo may also be accessed by visiting the County website at 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.

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.

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

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

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>

Upcoming Events

RESCHEDULED FAMILY BBQ

New Date—Saturday, August 23; 5– 8pm

Tickets are available for purchase at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive)

\$10/adult for CA lien property residents \$6/child CA lien resident(12 years or younger)

\$15/person for Non-CA lien guests

Join us for burgers, all beef hot dogs, sides, and dessert. Yard games and more.
Say good-bye to summer and start the new school year off with some low key fun.

Tickets available now.

August events at the Lakefront and at the Village Center Courtyard in front of the shops. Grab a meal or pack a meal. Enjoy the free entertainment.

Columbia Association's Lakefront Live:

<https://columbiaassociation.org/lakefront-live>

Courtyard Concerts

<https://dorseyssearch.shopkimco.com>

Please visit these sites for any cancellations due to inclement weather. Take the opportunity to visit the Village shops or establishments down by the Lakefront while enjoying these activities. Information regarding the July 4th activities down at the Lake are on the Lakefront Live website.

Document Shredding

October 4 from 9am—noon at Linden Hall

Fall Fest Dinner

Saturday, October 18 from 6—9pm at Linden Hall

Tickets sales will start on Tuesday, September 2
more information in our September newsletter

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.

Cul—de-Sac Beautification

The Dorsey's Search Community Association has decided to grant money towards the beautification of 1 cul-de-sac in the Village. The 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 November 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 August 1, 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:

August 1, 2025 - The Village will begin accepting applications for processing

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

Receipts must reflect that materials were purchased on or before October 31, 2025.

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 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.

Village approval: _____ Date: _____

County approval: _____ Date: _____



2025 Mid-Year Real Estate Update



YOUR **2025** MID-YEAR
REAL ESTATE UPDATE

We're halfway through 2025, and here's a quick look at the real estate market.

- **Home Price Growth:** Home prices are rising, but at a slower pace. Nationwide, median prices are up just over 1% from last year, with higher growth seen in the Mid-Atlantic.
- **Stable Mortgage Rates:** Mortgage rates have stayed steady. After peaking above 7% in January, 30-year fixed rates are now around 6.8%.
- **Inventory:** While inventory has increased to 4.6 months of supply, it's still below the balanced 5-6 months. This continues to favor sellers, as buyers face limited options and more competition.

Thinking of buying or selling? Let me know! Your local market could have unique trends, and I'm here to help guide you through them. Enjoy the summer, and feel free to reach out anytime!

Cathy Hernandez, Realtor

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