

The Scroll

September 2025

Village website: www.dorseysearch.org

Free plants and tree pick up
Friday, September 5 from 4pm—8:30pm

Plants must be picked up by 8pm on Friday, September 5

Tables with our special guests: Dorsey Hall Garden Club; Maryland Extension Master Gardeners; and Columbia Association Sustainability team will meet with our residents until 8:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to ask experts about some gardening tips or about sustainability.

If you have signed up for free trees and plants, please look for a confirmation email from Anne McKissick. Any unclaimed plants will be given away to those on the wait-list starting at 8pm.

Informational flyers for the different trees and plants will be available on the day of pick up. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



Archery hunting in Dorsey Hall & Gray Rock Open Space

State has approved the managed hunt dates. Hunting signs will go up 2 weeks prior to the approved dates. Any resident abutting County Open Space will be sent a letter regarding the managed hunt. The hunts will take place on the weekdays from 5:15am to noon on the dates noted and the parks and pathways will be closed. If you have any questions, please contact Howard County Natural Resource Program Manager II, Timothy Maynard. He may be reached at 410-313-1675. Information will also be posted on the County website under the Department of Recreation and Parks, Natural Resources, Wildlife. Here are the listed days:

October 8; November 5, November 19 and December 8.

If you use the parks in the morning hours, the pathways will be closed on those dates listed from 5:15am to noon.

Reminders

Office Closed
Labor Day
Monday, Sep. 1

Start Fall Festival Dinner tickets on
Tuesday, Sep 2

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

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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, September 10, 2025
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

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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.dorseysearch.org

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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

August 2025

No meeting

Report from Delilah Holmes, Dorsey's Search Columbia Council Rep, from the July 24th Columbia Association Board Meeting

- Columbia Update-some awesome programming has been going on this summer! We celebrated:
 - CNSL and got to see what lifeguard training looks like
 - CA points party-more than 660 students earned memberships for their families
 - Art class with ARC of Howard County
 - Teen night-CA is working hard to better serve teens in our community. The event was successful and we're looking forward to having more teen events
 - Fourth of July on the lakefront. We got to see the interactive guide that went live to help folks access the event
 - GIS tool has been well-utilized this summer!
- Shon McCollum is our new Senior VP/CFO
- We voted on our budget schedule for FY27
 - CA is seeking more high-quality feedback and engagement. This includes a town hall in September. Details forthcoming!
- We voted on our goals and objectives for the year. They are:
 1. Increase community engagement through improved user interfaces with website and Geographic Information System (GIS) including using multicultural programs events opportunities to learn, survey, and engage participants in CA programming and CA & village elections
 2. Develop natural resource stewardship plan by combining and building upon aspects of Columbia Watershed Management plan, Forest Stewardship Plan, and Energy Management Plan
 3. Membership Rate Study-identify membership trends, identify areas for improvement, optimize membership strategies and evaluate opportunities to maximize value and access to CA facilities for residents
 4. Long Term Capital Plan Initiation-Assess current and future facility needs, including major renovations, potential expansions and/or consolidation, and develop financial plan to support capital needs
- Board policies and governance discussion
 - Staff are in the process of organizing documents and developing the numbering and indexing systems
- Ethics policy discussion
 - We voted to table voting on 5 of the policies
 - We discussed the proposed changes at length
- Financial Reports
 - Audit report-CA received the highest possible opinion for the audit results
 - We reviewed the fourth quarter financial report
 - CFO Shon highlighted the need to think long term and what needs to be done for our aging infrastructure
- Questions only
 - MOU with county-formalizes collaboration and strategic planning with county around sustainability initiatives
 - Transparency policy
 - Deer population update-in coordination with the county, an infrared survey was completed in the spring. CA has received those results and is coordinating a plan with the county. More information is forthcoming.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

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 or r 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 in the Covenant section.

Approved/Denied Applications: Jul21-Aug20 (descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

4870 Dorsey Hall #5 deck
5307 Butler—landscaping and landscape edging
4615 Brentwood—front door, shutter, hardware
4503 Speedwell—solar panels
4048 Fragile Sail—tree removal
5322 Chase Lions—Composite deck
5328 Chase Lions—siding repair
5201 Columbia—windows & doors
4245 Lilac—patio and deck
5351 Tarkington—roof
4634 Smokey Wreath—front door, gravel path, stacked stone walls, arch, gardens
4234 Dancing Sunbeam—replace screens on porch to windows, storm door
4032 Fragile Sail—roof over basement walkout
4609 Old Dragon—roof
4740 Ram's Horn—roof
5033 Columbia—front porch railing
4018 Starwreath—siding, trim, soffits, shutters, & windows
5718 April Journey—Solar Panels
4649 Old Dragon—roof
4663 Hallowed Stream—roof & gutters
4028 Wildwood—windows & arch
5594 April Journey—siding and trim
4714 Ram's Horn—roof
4615 Brentwood—ring doorbell
4093 Fragile Sail—grid removal from rear windows, spotlight at rear door, garage doors
4078 Fragile Sail—concrete front stoop, railing, new steps & railing by patio

Approved as amended w/conditions

4721 Columbia Road—deck

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

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

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Columbia Association and the Dorsey's Search Board of Directors for providing this wonderful event for our residents. Without their support and commitment, we would not be able to provide these "free" plants to our residents. It takes a lot of planning and budgeting to create a program that will benefit our community. Anne McKissick, our Covenant Advisor, has managed this program since the beginning. Without her time and effort, we wouldn't have such a great event planned out for you.

The Dorsey Hall Garden Club, University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners, and Columbia Association's Sustainability group will be on hand to provide expert advice or just to lend an ear to your problems or concerns in all matters of gardening. This will be a room full of subject matter experts.

If you were unable to participate this year, keep a look out for information next year. We would like to continue keeping our Village beautiful by planting more native plants. We encourage our residents to be active participants in all the events that the Village of Dorsey's Search sponsor. Please continue to read our newsletter. If you have never been to our place of business at Linden Hall, stop by for a visit during the weekday. We have extra copies of the newsletter, you may ask questions about exterior alterations, gather information from various organizations who display their information in our vestibule. This is your community center, come and take a look.

Leaves & Trees

We will begin to see the leaves fall off the trees in a few months. It is important that we keep maintaining our property as seasonally appropriate and the fall season is just around the corner.

Leaves must be picked up. Whether you have it professionally done or do it yourself, here are a few reminders:

DO NOT blow/rake leaves out onto the roadway!

- By raking/blowing leaves out onto the roadway, could cause hazardous conditions for our residents who drive or bike on it. It could impair vision or when it rains cause slippery conditions.

DO NOT blow/rake leaves into the street gutters or storm drains!

- By raking/blowing leaves into the curbside gutters or storm drains will cause localized flooding.

Bag leaves in **paper leaf bags**.

The County will not accept leaves in plastic bags not even the biodegradable kind.

Place your bagged leaf bags out by the curb during your designated recycling day. According to the information on the Howard County website, you may place your bags out by the curb at 6pm the day before or before 6 am the day of your collection.

Tree limbs may also be placed out by the curbside. You just need to make sure they are less than 4' in length, less than 18" in diameter, less than 40 pounds in weight, and bundled. Loose small limbs and branches will not be collected.

Dead or Dying trees with the recent storms that have moved into the area, many residents have been proactive in removing trees that might cause property damage. If you have more than one tree that you plan on removing as noted by the arborist, please submit an application. The application will be processed accordingly by the Covenant Advisor.

If you are removing one tree, please contact us, so that we know that work is being done on your property.

You may view collection details at the County website:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services>

Select Curbside Collections under quick links

Complaints

The Village receives calls about various complaints throughout the week. They range from complaints about property concerns to "someone is lurking around my neighbor's house". We welcome any calls you may have about various situations. If it is under the control of the Village, we will investigate. If it is not, we will tell you who would be responsible for taking action.

Any property concerns/complaints are always considered anonymous. Why? We want our residents to get along. Most of the time, complaints are minor enough to fix right way, but sometimes it takes longer. The Village cannot fix, help, or advice the resident with a solution to their property issue. The resident may fix it on their own or find a professional contractor to resolve your issue. The office will work with our residents as the problem gets resolved. Please understand, that we have a process in place. We must follow the process if this problem is constant. The process is not an overnight miracle. It could take several months to resolve.

If a situation arises that could cause bodily harm to you or another person, please call 911. If you believe there might be a robbery taking place, call 911. Just plain suspicious and you aren't getting a good feeling about something, call 911. Yes, we would like to know at the office what is happening, but your first call should be to the police department. The office staff did not witness the situation, so we would not be able to help.

As mentioned above, we can guide you to help if we can't help you.



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We hope our residents take this opportunity to learn more about Bamboo eradication. Bamboo is very invasive and hard to tame. If you have bamboo on your property or it's growing into your property, please sign up using the QR code. Please take note, that this event will take place at the Village of Oakland Mills Community Center located at The Other Barn.

Taming the Bamboo

Seminar featuring Columbia Association
Natural Resource Specialist Eric Walker

Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.
The Other Barn
5851 Robert Oliver Place

Open to all CA residents

RSVP required. Have questions for the speaker?
Put them in the RSVP form.

RSVP by September 14!



Sponsored by Oakland Mills Community Association
Questions? Contact propertyconcerns@oaklandmills.org.

Upcoming Events

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

Tickets are:

\$20/resident \$25/non-CA guest

Save the date:

Community Open House Dinner

December 6

Santa Events

December 12 & 13

Senior Holiday Luncheon

December 18

Please keep you eye out for information regarding these events in future newsletters. If you have new neighbors, please tell them about our events. We always love to see new faces.

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.



Help wanted!

Looking for a part time job? Most of the work will be on the weekends. Linden Hall is a rental space for various celebrations and occasions. Your job is to make sure that the clients adhere to our building policies and ensure that the building is ready to go for the events. There will be some light office work if it is available, but mostly monitoring our guests. This opportunity will not take up your entire weekend. It may just be a few Saturdays or Sundays a month. If you are interested, please contact the Village Manager, Ingrid Hatz by email.

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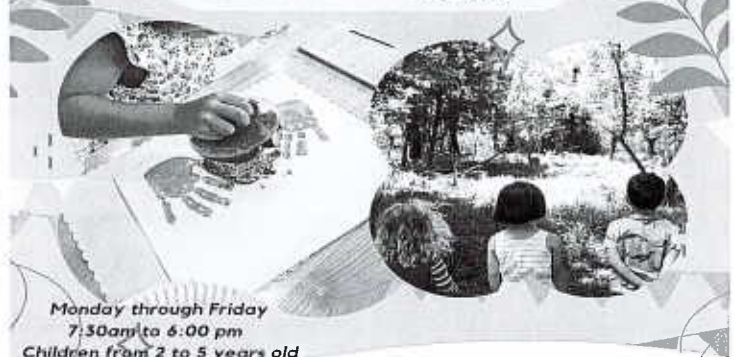
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Important Numbers

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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>



The Dorsey Hall Garden Club will be attending the **Dorsey Hall Plant Giveaway** on September 5 from 4-8pm, at Linden Hall. When you attend, please stop by and visit our table. There you will meet with members of our club and share your gardening experiences. The Dorsey Hall Garden Club, a member of the Federation of Garden Clubs of Maryland, was founded in 1985 by Marilyn Johnson and a group of neighbors who had recently moved to the area. They saw an opportunity to meet and share their love of gardening. Today, the purpose is the same, fulfilling the desire to meet new friends and share gardening interest. Our meetings and many of our activities happen here, in the village. This upcoming year we have some interesting programs and trips planned. We will be joining with the Howard County Bird Group for a discussion on local birding at the Howard County Conservancy. Two of our members will be giving a presentation on their travels to Japan and the gardens they visited. We will also have future discussions, on gardening in a changing climate, wetland preservation, flower arranging, and field trips to Brookside and Surrybrooke Gardens. In addition, we do a community service project with Morningside House, and our ongoing work in recreating the club's 'Butterfly Garden' on Gray Rock Drive. So, if you're an inspiring gardener, novice or experienced, and are looking for ways to meet new people and support your neighborhood through your interest in gardening, please stop by our table, we would love to talk to you!

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

2025 FALL CLASSES & EVENTS



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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: _____

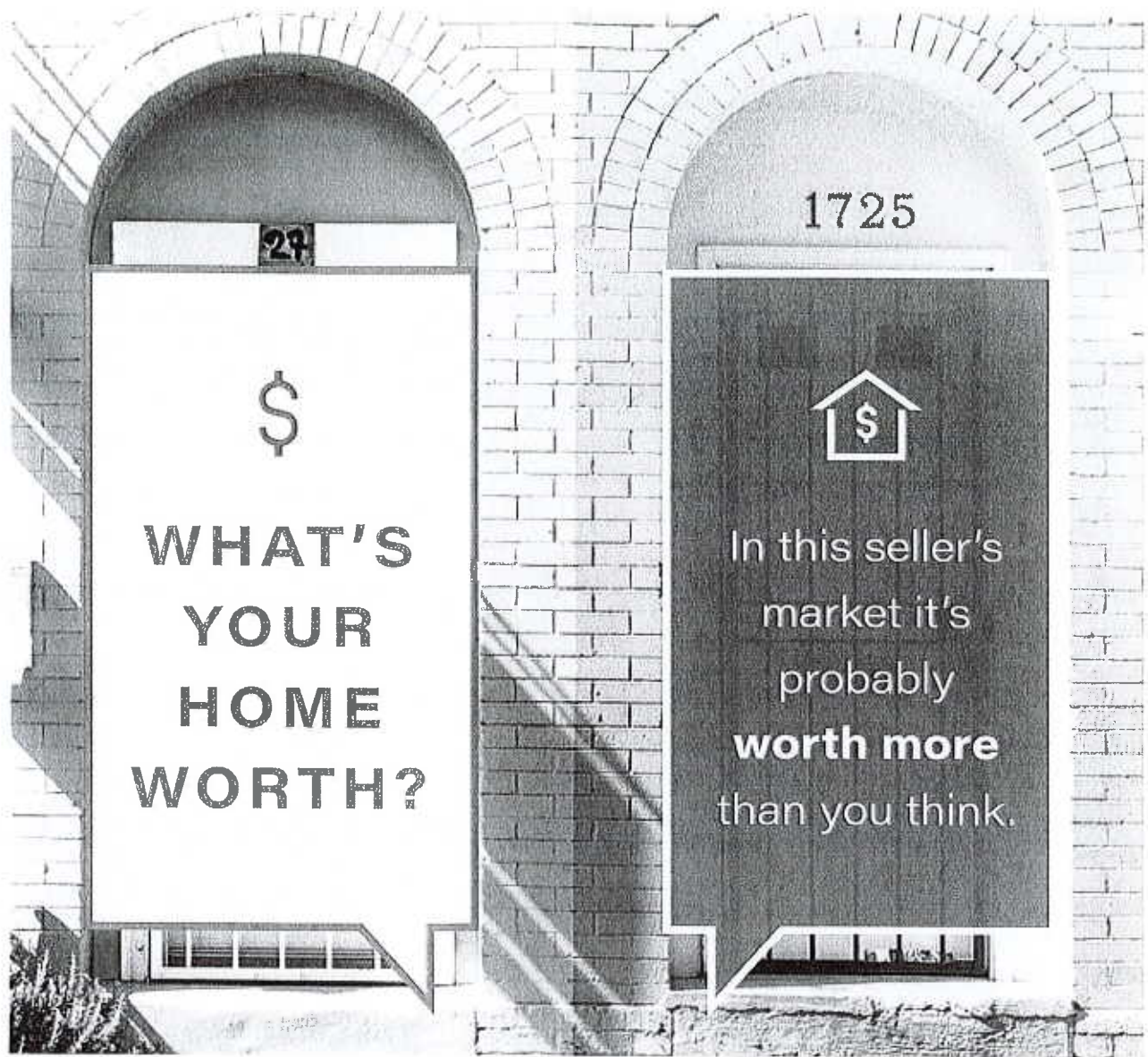
The following information must be submitted with the application:

- 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: _____



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