

The Scroll

October 2025

Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org

Document Shredding for Dorsey's Search Residents

Information containing important personal information need to be destroyed due to identity theft.

Saturday, October 4; 9am—noon

Parking lot located at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Dive, Ellicott City)

Documents need to be removed from notebooks, no paper clips or metal binders, no microfilm, no already shredded paper. Containers such as plastic bags, cardboard boxes, or any kind of container which cannot be shredded will be returned to you.

DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL DOCUMENTS AT THE DOOR!

Please feel free to contact the Village office if you have any questions. There is no limit. **This is for residential use, not for business.** Please bring ID, as we will be checking for residential status. You may email: nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org or call us at 410-730-4005.

Can't make it to Dorsey's Search shredding event? Howard County will be hosting a shredding event on Saturday, October 11 at Long Gate Park & Ride (4951 Meadowbrook Lane) from 9am—1pm.



Archery hunting in Dorsey Hall & Gray Rock Open Space

State has approved the managed hunt dates. Signs should be posted by the pathways. 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 dates listed above from **5:15am to noon.**

You may visit the Howard County website for information regarding the Archery Program at:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/natural-resources#living-with-beaver>

Scroll to "Deer Management" to view information.

Reminders

Fall Festival Dinner tickets
Sat. October 18 on sale now.

Shredding
Saturday, October 4 from 9am—noon

Ticket distribution for the **Open House Dinner** starts on
Monday, October 27

Santa ticket sales begin
Wednesday, October 29

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

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

Village Office Staff

Phone: 410-730-4005

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Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—amckissick@dorseyssearch.org

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Columbia Council Representative

Delilah Holmes 410-730-4005

Delilah.holmes@ca-board.org

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/>

X: 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 September 2025

- Accepted 1st Quarter financial report for FY'26
- Recommend to removed flag on 4025 Fragile Sail Way and restore CA facility access
- Donation request denied

Delilah Holmes, CCR for Dorsey's Search, found that this amenity was unknown by a lot of participants at Columbia Association's Board of Directors Meeting/Town Hall on September 11. Here is a little insight.

Columbia Card

What's a Columbia Card?

The Columbia Card gives residents access to CA facilities at a discounted, pay-as-you-go rate. Here is an example:

Visit the pool for non-residents and residents without a Columbia Card is \$24 for an adult Monday—Friday. If you have a Columbia Card, it is only \$8.

Who can get one?

Anyone who lives on CA-assessed property can get one. They are completely free!

How do you get it?

You can fill out the application online (must upload documentation proving residency) or call customer care at 410-730-1801, option 6 and they'll talk you through it.

Don't get caught paying the non-resident rate for CA facilities! You pay your CPRA; you are entitled to discounts! Get your Columbia Card!

Online request form can be found at:

<https://columbiaassociation.org/sports-recreation/membership/columbia-card/>

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 enforcement

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: Aug21-Sep 22 (descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

4890 Dorsey Hall #3—ring camera front and back
5589 April Journey—windows
4692 Smokey Wreath—roof, flood lights
4045 Firefly—composite deck
4665 Hallowed Stream—roof
4731 Ram's Horn—light
4707 Columbia—2 sliders
4245 Brigh Bay—2 new bay windows
4093 Fragile Sail—radon system
4741 Ram's Horn— tree
4646 Smokey Wreath—siding, trim, shutters, soffits, downspouts, light fixtures, windows
4990 Dorsey Hall C-1—ring door bell
4312 Sweet Bell—sliding glass door
4053 Fragile Sail—railing on front step
4282 Bright Bay—paint foundation
4086 Fragile Sail—windows
4890 Dorsey Hall #3—new slider
4516 Alpine Rose—tree removal
5317 Chase Lions—light fixtures, garden beds, landscape edging

Approved as amended

5314 Chase Lions—deck

Approved as an exception

4722 Hallowed Steam—windows (no grids)

Denied

4605 Learned Sage—deck (white)

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Sep 30	Oct 15
Oct 14	Nov 5
Nov 4	Nov 19
Nov 18	Dec 3
Dec 2	Dec 17
Dec 16	Jan 7
Jan 6	Jan 21
Jan 20	Feb 4

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

Guidelines

In the Village of Dorsey's Search, we have Guidelines and Covenants. These are two different documents. Don't be confused. Let's focus on the Guidelines.

The guidelines "guide" the residents with exterior changes or maintenance issues pertaining to the property. It's always a good idea to review the guidelines before making changes to your property. This will help formulate how to apply for the exterior alteration or how to proceed with maintaining your property. The guidelines can be found on our website:

www.dorseyssearch.org/covenants

Besides information about individual exterior alterations, it explains the application procedure, appeal procedures for denial of an application, letter of compliance procedures, the covenant enforcement process, general guidelines, important numbers before you need to dig, and the Howard County Animal Control phone number for any type of animal complaint.

Each property is unique, so you may find that some guidelines might not apply to your property. Our Covenant Advisor will help you with any questions you might have about exterior alteration changes. Anne is here to guide our residents, as well as, our Residential Architectural Committee (RAC).

Things to remember:

Provide a sample or drawing of your alteration; plat plan with location of alteration; fill out the description page; and sign your application. Again, please contact Anne if you have questions. Email—anne@dorseyssearch.org or call 410-730-4005



Over the summer, while I was in Maine, I was able to visit a friend's lavender patch. In her backyard, behind the barn and under the bright, blue sky of summer, were a dozen rows of purple blooming lavender. We walked along the paths between the rows and marveled at the scent that waffled in the air and commented on the number of docile bees that went plant to plant, ignoring our presence.

During our walk together, she revealed some interesting facts about this herbal plant.

Lavender has been a staple in gardens for eons. The plant seems to have originated in the middle east and India. From the beginning, it has always been used for fragrant, medicinal and religious purposes. Ancient Romans used it to scent their communal baths. It has been used for embalming, cosmetics, as an insecticide as well as an additive to foods. Lavender is a natural repellent for mosquitoes, flies and even deer. The name is derived from the Latin word '*larva*' meaning to wash or cleanse. During the medieval period, it was deemed the 'herb of love' and used as an aphrodisiac but not before it was used to ward off disease, like the *bubonic plague*. Queen Victoria, loved this herb so much that throughout her reign, she was instrumental in promoting London as a major city for the production of lavender products. Publicity helped to boost the *Yardley of London* brand during that time and even today Yardley remains a popular trademark for lavender soaps and fragrances.

If you're considering growing lavender and are trying to determine which variety is right for you, it can be a bit overwhelming to find that there are over 47 species of lavender. To bring this large number down to size, there are basically 3 types to consider; *English Lavender*, which has the stronger scent, *French Lavender*, which is used in oils and *Spanish Lavender*, which is noted for their unique form.

While walking along the lavender rows I thought about what I would need to successfully grow lavender here in Maryland. My friend told me that lavender needs sun and a lot of it; 6 to 8 hours a day. It likes drier conditions and prefers an alkaline soil mix. Alkaline soil is high in mineral content and not suitable for most garden plants, but lavender is an exception. You can improve soil by mixing in sand, gravel and perlite to ensure good drainage. Most important is that lavender does well when they are planted in raised mounds. This creates less water retention around the roots.

So, if you have a sunny, dry area in your yard with a Ph level of 7 or above, lavender might be the plant for you.

Joan Oliver, Dorsey Hall Garden Club

Things to do around the county...

Native Plant Palooza, 9/21/25, 12:30-2:30pm, Robinson Nature Center, Cedar Lane, Columbia, Md.

Fall Equinox Campfire, Howard County Conservancy, 9/24/25, 5pm. Fee. Walk along Conservancy trails to the woodland campfire ring as the birds sing their evening songs. Gather round the crackling fire, hear legend-stories and sing old-time songs, participate in an equinox activity, roast marshmallows and enjoy s'mores. Stroll back to the Conservancy's front meadow in time to watch the sun set due west over the horizon and hear other interesting astronomical facts about the fall equinox.

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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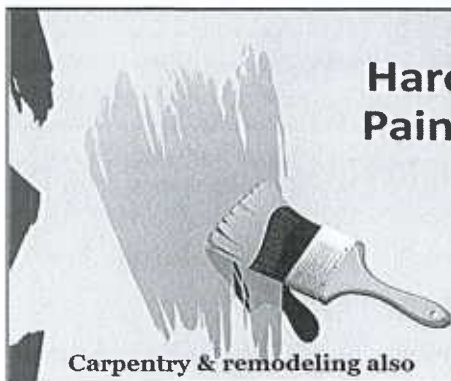


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Mailbox Problems: Mailboxes are the property of the US Postal Department please call 410-750-1340 for Ellicott City and 410-381-4373 for Columbia. You may also use the HoCo App to report a mailbox issue.

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

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

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

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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>

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.

Upcoming Events

Document Shredding

October 4 from 9am—noon at Linden Hall (Dorsey's Search Residents only) Bring ID

Fall Fest Dinner

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

Great food! Fall inspired dishes. Can't beat the price. It includes entrée, side dishes, drinks (non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks), and dessert.

Tickets are:

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

Community Open House Dinner

December 6; from 6—9pm at Linden Hall

Ticket distribution will **begin on Monday, October 27 starting at 8am**

Tickets will be \$20/person

Please come to the Village Office (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City) to get your tickets. Bring your **ID** for proof of residency. You must be 21 years or older to attend event.

This event is a catered dinner for Dorsey's Search residents only. You must have a ticket to attend. Names will be taken for a waitlist if we have reached our capacity. If there are adult children living at your home over the age of 21, they must pick up their own tickets with their own **valid ID**.

This is a popular event, so please come up to the office to get your tickets as soon as possible.
First come, first serve.

Cost: \$20/person

Senior Holiday Luncheon

December 18 from noon—2pm

This event is geared to our 65+ age group. Turkey dinner with the fixin's. We plan on having a Howard County Police Department and Sheriff's Department here to answer any questions you might have for either department. What's the difference between the police and the sheriff department? If you are 65 + years old, sign up for the luncheon and find out. Enjoy a meal with friends.

Free for our CA lien paying residents
\$10 for non-lien guests.

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.



Storytime with Santa

Friday, December 12 ; from 6—9pm

Ticket distribution begins on Wednesday, October 29 starting at 8am. Please come to the Village Office (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City) to purchase your tickets.

This is geared for our younger guests from infant to 10 years old and their adults. Due to the popularity of this event, only 2 adults will be permitted to attend with the children. Come meet Santa and listen to him recite “’Twas the Night Before Christmas”. Enjoy a dinner fit for any elf. Chicken nuggets, Mac-n-cheese, salad, cookies and brownies catered by Chick-fil-A.

To keep the children entertained while waiting to speak with Santa, a face painter and a balloon twister will be here during the event.

Cost: CA lien paying —\$8/guest

Non CA lien paying guest—\$15/guest

Please read fine print below regarding these Santa events.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 13 from 8am—11am

Ticket distribution begins on Wednesday, October 29 starting at 8am

This is geared for our younger guests from infant to 10 years old and their adults. Due to the popularity of the event, only 2 adults will be permitted to attend with children. Come and meet Santa, listen to him recite “’Twas the night before Christmas”. Enjoy a hearty breakfast that Santa would enjoy before taking flight around the world. A face painter and balloon twister will be here to entertain the children. This is just like Storytime with Santa, but the time frame is different.

Cost: CA lien paying guest—\$8/guest

Dorsey’s Search residents only!

Please read additional information regarding Santa events below.

You may only attend one Santa Event. You cannot attend both.
Parents and/or guardians must be in attendance at the event with children.
The Santa Events are geared towards children, so Santa can see as many as possible.

Please come at the designated time. Don’t be too early. Santa loves a GRAND entrance!

Everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy their meal before Santa’s grand entrance. As Santa begins to talk with families and Santa’s helpers begin to entertain the children, food service will be cleared. If you have questions you may always call and speak to Santa’s helpers. 410-730-4005

The Secret to Selling Faster This Fall? Start at the Front Door



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