

# The Scroll

December 2025

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



## Last Archery hunt in Dorsey Hall & Gray Rock Open Space

Howard County signs are posted by the pathway entrances. The Howard County managed hunts take place on the weekdays from 5:15am to noon on the dates noted. Howard County Open Space and pathways that border Howard County Open Space will be closed to the public during these hours. 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 is posted on the County website under the Department of Recreation and Parks, Natural Resources, Wildlife. Website links to the Howard County can be found on our Village website. Last day for Archery Hunting:

**December 8**

Howard County Open Space and pathways will be closed on dates listed above from **5:15am to noon**.

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

Howard County will not have any sharpshooting events this year.

If you would like to follow up with more information regarding the archery hunts, you may visit the Village website or call us at 410-730-4005.

# Village Elections

The Village Elections will occur on Saturday, April 25, 2025. Please continue to read The Scroll for more information regarding open seats and candidacy requirements. At this time, we will begin to accept Volunteers for the Election Committee.

### Qualifications for Committee members:

- You are eligible to vote at the forthcoming Election
- You are not a candidate for any Association office
- You will not actively campaign for or against any candidate

### Duties (Entire list of duties can be found in the Dorsey's Search By-Laws):

- Establish administrative rules and regulations following our By-Laws
- Prepare and make available blank nomination petitions
- Prepare all absentee and regular ballots upon receipt of all nomination petitions
- Issue, receive, and count ballot cast and post results upon closing of the polls
- Certify, in writing, the name of those persons elected and offices to which they were elected, respectively, to the incumbent Board of Directors of the Association

The Village Staff is here to assist volunteers. Please email Ingrid Hatz at: [ihatz@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

## Reminders

Tickets still available for **Santa Events and Senior Holiday Lunch**.

The Village Office will close on Tuesday, December 23 at noon through Friday, January 2. We will reopen on Monday, January 5 at 8am and resume regular office hours.

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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. Please email Ingrid Hatz if you have any questions, see email below.

- Wednesday, December 10, 2025
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026

*Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website. Please visit our website or facebook page for up-to-date status information regarding Board meetings and/or office hours.*

### Village Office Staff

**Phone:** 410-730-4005

Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager—[ihatz@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org)

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—[amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager—[nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org)

Patricia Jones Head Facility Assistant

Facility Assistants: Michael Piños; LaRish Tracerider; Bitsy Furr, Mary Hesse

### Village Board Members

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

### Columbia Council Representative

Delilah Holmes 410-730-4005  
[Delilah.holmes@ca-board.org](mailto: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 and viewings.

Website: [www.dorseyssearch.org](http://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 November 2025

Howard County Police Department Outreach Division visited the Board of Directors



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**Carpentry & remodeling also**

CCR Dec/Jan 2026 Report —Delilah Holmes

### We heard an update from the Howard County Library System & Calvin Ball's office on the Lakefront Library

- Construction is expected to start in 2028
- This will replace the Central Branch which is in rough shape
- The current plan is for parking to be build over the Whole Foods parking lot and add approximately 225 parking spots
- The library will also be home to 320 mixed income housing units
- The County has purchased the land that the library will occupy and engage in competitive bidding and procurement

### Columbia Update

- Great fall programming thanks to CA!

### Village grants

- Villages are each separate independent nonprofit community associations
- Formed to promote good and for the welfare of residents and property owners of each village
- Have 24 buildings that CA owns
- Villages can generate revenue by leasing these spaces
- There is a formula to decide how the total grant funds are split among the Villages. CA has created one. Some villages expressed wanting to change the formula and all 10 must agree on any changes
- Some villages do not use all of their grant funds and have to return them to CA

### Budget Assumptions

- Annual charge rate at \$0.68—no change from recent years
- Annual cap at 3.5 % - no change from recent years
- 3% average membership rate increase for residents
- 5-6% membership rate increase for non-residents
- \$15 million Capital improvement Plan (includes existing & new projects)
- 4% merit increase for CA staff

Next Board Meeting is December 11! Deadline to sign up for resident speak out is December 10th at 5pm

# Covenant Reborn

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

## Approved/Denied Applications: Oct23-Nov20

(descriptions are abbreviated)

### Application Approvals:

- 4629 Old Dragon Path—solar panels
- 4904 Columbia Rd #2—windows
- 5257 Columbia Rd—sliders
- 4756 Leyden Way—stone retaining wall
- 4752 Leyden Way—stone retaining wall
- 4629 Willowgrove—composite deck & rails
- 4022 Starwreath—capping house trim to match existing gutter color
- 4609 Morning Ride—gutters
- 4880 Dorsey Hall #8—deck
- 4634 Learned Sage—flood light at rear of home
- 4615 Brentwood—tree removals; rear light
- 4609 Morning Ride—front & storm door
- 4671 Hallowed Stream—storm door
- 5718 April Journey—French door on upper and lower deck
- 4750 Dorsey Hall #4—deck & railing
- 4225 Blue Barrow—front steps
- 5031 Columbia—door
- 4309 Snowdrop—new deck and Sunroom
- 5313 Tarkington—deck

## Approved as amended

- 4028 Wildwood—fencing
- 4025 Twilight Grove—different fence style & not on property line

## **Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates**

<b>7p.m. Deadline</b>	<b>Review Date</b>
Dec 2	Dec 17
Dec 16	Jan 7
Jan 6	Jan 21
Jan 20	Feb 4
Feb 3	Feb 18

**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](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

## Guideline on Security Lighting

Floodlights and various types of high-output lights fall under this group. Exterior lighting of this type must be considered more carefully because of the impact on neighboring properties. Light fixtures of this type should be carefully aimed so that they illuminate only a specific area. Some high light fixtures may have to be shielded in a manner similar to some street light installations to prevent unwanted or excessive intrusion of light from one property to another. Security lighting under eaves is recommended. Toro lights and landscaping lights need an application to ascertain that the proposed lights are not too numerous nor overpowering for the requested area. Be sure to apply.



This holiday season, the *Dorsey Hall Garden Club*, along with the *Howard County* and *Cross County Garden Clubs* will be participating in the annual Maryland State House display of holiday trees. All 23 Maryland counties along with Baltimore City are represented. This event is a cherished tradition for our state. Each tree is decorated to showcase the unique character and history of their respective regions. This year's theme for our county is Parks. Howard County has over 50 parks within our borders. They range from local Columbia parks, to county and state parks. They include access to many recreational activities, from trail hiking to fishing and kayaking and offer many other opportunities to enjoy the benefits of the outdoors.

The tree display is open to the public through December. Garden clubs are invited to a reception with Maryland's First Lady, Dawn Moore, to mark the occasion. All of the garden clubs that participate in this event are members of the *Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (FGCMD)*. They are selected by invitation by Maryland's First Lady.

Annapolis is a wonderful city to visit during the holiday season. If you're planning to visit, please stop by and see some of the creative and unique designs. You won't be disappointed.

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Don't miss this year's Howard County Conservancy's, "Natural Holiday Sale" on Saturday, December 6 from 10am -- 3pm. You will find unique gifts made with nature in mind. Local crafts persons will be on hand to show and talk about their products. There will also be music and raffles. Children are welcomed and encouraged to visit an area set aside where they can create 'critters' using an array of items from nature. The Howard County Conservancy Mt. Pleasant location is: 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD 21163. No plastics here!

The *Dorsey Hall Garden Club* will be selling holiday arrangements and more. We are located on the ground floor. So please be sure to stop by and say hello. Happy Holidays!

-Joan Oliver, DHGC

*The Dorsey Hall Garden Club meets monthly. Our Club is dedicated to encouraging the love of gardening and promoting positive horticultural practices and conservation through education of its members and the broader community. New members are welcomed. If interested in joining the garden club, please email Karen Griffith at [tgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:tgriff@hotmail.com)*

One last note.....Howard County is planning to develop a public garden on the site of the former Longwood property in Glenwood. The property includes 29 acres of woods and 71 acres of fields. The plan calls for herb and vegetable gardens, pollinator gardens, lawn alternatives, container gardens and conservation landscapes. The Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks invites the public to a Public Meeting on **Wednesday, December 4, 2025**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the **Howard County Recreation & Parks Headquarters, Conference Rooms 1 & 2 (7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia)**. There will be a presentation by the consulting team of Michael Graves and EDSA, Inc. on the concept for the public After a presentation, the public is welcome to share their ideas and ask questions.

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  - Howard County **Board of Appeals**
  - Chair of the Howard County **Ethics Commission**

As a **publicly financed candidate**, Jean's campaign is guided by community perspectives, and she would love to **hear from you directly** about the issues that matter most.



**Monday, January 12, 2026, 6:30–8:30 PM**



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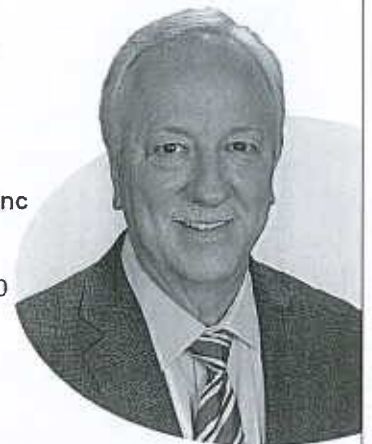
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**Traffic Engineering Division**...This division is responsible for traffic signals, streetlight installation, street signs, and traffic calming and safety. 410-313-2430.

**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](mailto:highways@howardcountymd.gov).

**To Report a Traffic Control** concerns such as intersection safety, traffic calming, street lights and miss-timed traffic signal or school flasher, contact the Traffic Engineering Division at 410-313-2430 or by email: [traffic@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:traffic@howardcountymd.gov).

**Street Lights**...BGE is responsible for all street light outages and maintenance, ("knocked down", "bulb out" or "on in daylight") - their Customer Service number is 800-685-0123 or online at [www.BGE.com](http://www.BGE.com)

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

*Street trees need pruning 410-313-7450*

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CA.....	410-715-3000
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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
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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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/holidayschedule)  
**All trash and recycling cans should be removed from the street on the pick-up day and stored out of sight.**

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

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

**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.

Looking to get **speed cameras or a crossing guard** at a particular intersection? Go to the Howard County's website at: [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://www.howardcountymd.gov)

Department of Public Works; Bureau of Highways; Report Traffic Control, Law Enforcement. Click on the button “File A Traffic Concern”.

Submit a “recurring moving traffic violation”. Type in your concern. Type in the website information in your web browser below:

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Need the link sent to you? email:  
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# Upcoming Events

## Senior Holiday Luncheon at Linden Hall

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. Food service begins at noon. Food will be cleared when guests begin to leave. Please come on time. Everyone will have a chance to eat, socialize, and learn more about our Police and Sheriff's departments.

Food service will be cleared before 2pm.

Event free for CA lien paying residents

\$10 for non-lien guests.

Tickets are available NOW. Please bring ID for residency verification.



## Storytime with Santa

Friday, December 12 ; from 6—9pm

Tickets are on sale now.

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

Tickets are on sale now.

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 with breakfast food.

Cost: \$8/person Dorsey's Search residents only!

**Fine print: 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

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.

