The Scroll

July 2026

Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org

Newly Added Event for our 65+ age group

Senior Breakfast

Wednesday, August 12 from 8am—11am

Dorsey's Search Resident

Get your free tickets at the Village office located at Linden Hall—4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City

For more information regarding this breakfast, please go to page 9

POOL PARTY

Thursday
August 6,
starting at 6pm

Please go to page 9 to view more information

No tickets sold at the door.

Howard County Deer Management slide presentation

The slide presentation is posted on our website as a PDF. For questions regarding archery hunting on HOWARD COUNTY open space, contact Timothy Maynard. His email is tmaynard@howardcountymd.gov or you may call at 410-313-1675.

The dates listed in the presentation await final approval from the state. If approved, there will be 6 archery hunts spanning from October to January. Signs will be posted at the entrances listing the dates the area will be closed. Hunting only occurs from sunrise to 11am. According to County officials, there is an overpopulation of white-tail deer in this area of Open Space next to our Village neighborhood of Dorsey Hall. There is no hunting on CA open space in our Village.

Reminders

Office Closed

July 3 for the observation of July 4

Fireworks at the Lakefront

Information regarding fireworks for the celebration of July 4 can be found on the County & Columbia Association websites.

https://www.howardcountymd.gov/july-4th-fireworks -or-

https://columbiaassociation.org/events/calendar/#event=78352145;instance=20260704170000?popup=1&lang=en-US

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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, July, 8, 2026 Tentative
- ~~Wednesday, August 12, 2026~~ canceled
- Wednesday, September 9, 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

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Village Board Members

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Columbia Council Representative

Delilah Holmes 410-730-4005
Delilah.holmes@ca-board.org

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8am– 3pm
Tuesday, 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
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
June 2026

- Kevin Donohue appointed to RAC
- July Board meeting is tentatively scheduled, but if there are no agenda items, the meeting will be canceled. The August Board meeting is canceled.
- 4th Quarter Report was accepted.

CCR Report

—Delilah Holmes

May 14th Organizational meetings:

- Elected the chair and vice chair for fiscal year (FY) 27
  - Collin Sullivan will continue as chair
  - Michael Golibersuch will continue as vice chair
- Directors were assigned to committees
  - I will be serving on the audit committee this FY.
- Signed our ethics and conflict of interest paperwork
- Reviewed the Board of Directors meetings schedule for this FY.

Our next meeting is on June 25th at 7pm!

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: Apr28-May19

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

4277 Coattail—screened-in porch
4517 Hemlock Cone—portable basketball hoop
4262 Bright Bay—patio with pavers
4312 Sweet Bell—fencing
4081 Fragile Sail—deck, screened-in porch
4217 Scarlet Sage—driveway expansion
4612 Manorhill—driveway expansion, Patio/deck
4293 Red Bandana—addition
5549 April Journey—garage door
4606 Learned Sage—roof replacement
4065 Fragile Sail—patio
4909 Yarmouth—roof
4934 Dorsey Hall #5—windows
4200 Eagles Wing—windows
5308 Chase Lions—deck
4644 Old Dragon—deck, windows
4765 Hallowed Stream—window, sliding door
4040 Firefly—tree removal
9415 Aston Villa—roof
4201 Blue Barrow—shed
4360 Wild Filly—landscaping-rock
4743 Hallowed Stream—roof
4736 Hallowed Stream—roof
4010 Chariots Flight—screen door
4741 Hallowed Stream—screened door
4741 Hallowed stream—roof
4152 Henhawk—tree replacement
4707 Columbia—fence
4731 Columbia—roof and siding eplaeen
4052 Firefly-, basketball hoop
4041 Fragile Say—roof

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Jun 16	Jul 1
Jul 14	Aug 5
Aug 4	Aug 19
Aug 18	Sep 2
Sep 1	Sep 16

Tree giveaway form on page 6. The Village and Columbia Association are able to supply trees to our residents. Here is the guideline on how you can protect your trees from the deer and not be in violation of the guideline.

Guideline No. 18A– Gardens: Flower and/or Vegetable, Deer Fencing

DEER/ANIMAL FENCING – A system of webbing and posts manufactured specifically for the protection of plants from deer and to have minimal visual impact. The webbing is stranded plastic mesh and black. This material is used to protect larger permanent plants/landscaping, such as evergreens. This is intended to be temporary to allow plants to establish or to recover. This is not intended as a permanent solution for damage caused by deer. Other species of plants may need to be considered if substantial damage continues. Deer/animal fencing is prohibited as property line fencing or sectioning off areas of the property. It is to be used as a protective barrier for plants only.

No Exterior Alteration Application is required if the following criteria are met:

1. The plants to be wrapped are within the rear lines of the house.
2. The deer/animal fencing is low visibility, black, fine mesh
3. Plants are individually wrapped or close groupings of plants are wrapped
4. The fencing does not exceed the height of 7 feet

An annual Exterior Alteration Application is required if:

1. The deer/animal fencing is to be placed in the side/front yard or outside the rear

lines of the house.

2. The chosen fencing is not low visibility, black, fine mesh.

3. The fencing is taller than 7 feet.

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These events are free and everyone is welcome.

Whether you pack a picnic or visit some of the restaurants in the area, enjoy nature by walking around the Lake on the pathway, stop to listen to a band, dance under the People Tree, or enjoy a show on the big screen.

Get out and engage. Camping chairs are welcome.

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Lakefront.columbiaassociation.org

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Discover CA: columbiaassociation.org/discoverca

What can be found on this webpage

Let's start with the right side of the page. All topics and subtopics will display on a map, so you can find them easier:

What's Neaarby? This is Columbia Association's Mapping and GIS Resources Page. It's a map of facilities and CA events in the area.

Events: Check out CA and Lakefront events

Pools: Check pools and status

Indoor Fitness & Recreation: A list of all facilities and offices

Community Centers: The building name is listed. It is not listed by Village. If you click on the building name, the map will display the location.

Docks & Fishing: List of fishing piers and docks on CA property. Pictures of area provided.

Play Areas: Tot lots/playgrounds

Pathways: Popular routes through Columbia. Nicely highlighted for easy viewing.

On the left hand side of the page is information on "**How to use this tool**", "**CA's Residential Info Guide**", "**Project and Access Dashboard**", and "**Memorial Brick and Bench Finder**". Feel free to wander around on the website and to wander around Columbia. This is a great way to explore.

Discover **CA**

Electronic version of the newsletter

You can sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter. Just email Nancy Meredith at nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

Please supply an email address and your property address.

If you have new neighbors, be sure to tell them about the newsletter. We don't receive new owner information on a regular basis.

Ever wonder—What does my CA annual assessment pay for?

Go Visit the Columbia Association webpage:

https://www.columbiaassociation.org/annual-charge/

Ads placed in the Dorsey's Search Scroll are paid advertisements. The appearance of the ads in the village newsletter does not indicate endorsement or recommendation of any advertisement by the community association.

Free Tree

The Village and Columbia Association are working in unison to give away 100 free trees. To reserve your tree fill out the form below and submit the form by **August 19, 2026**

Forms may be returned to the office or email the completed form to **William Wright—Covenants@dorseyssearch.org.** This is a first come first serve basis. Only 1 free tree per property address. Please get your forms in early if you are interested in obtaining a tree. **Deadline** for submission Wednesday **August 19**, 2026.

Why this is important? Planting a tree helps with reducing carbon dioxide, soil health, biodiversity support to wildlife and ecosystems, and temperature moderation.

Trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, September 26 from 8am—11:00am at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City).

Columbia Association– Sustainability Group, Dorsey Hall Garden Club, University of Maryland Extension, Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about their programs. We are looking forward to seeing you. Start jotting down your gardening questions.

Keep this part of the page for your calendar. If you are not in town during pick-up, please email Bill Wright the name of designated person who will pick-up for you. If you do not pick up your plants, we will give the tree away at the end of the event. Unfortunately, we cannot hold them at the office.

Tree & Perennial Sign up Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please circle the tree you would like. **Only one** may be selected. Info on trees are listed on following page

Eastern Red Bud *Dogwood* *Sweetbay Magnolia*

Arrowwood Viburnum (shrub) White Oak

Email this form to William Wright at covenants@dorseyssearch.org or drop the form at the Village Office located at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City). If the office is closed, you may place it in the black mailbox located by the parking lot entrance door.

Quick facts on the Native Trees and shrub for the Giveaway

Native trees and shrubs provide food, shelter, and nesting habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife. They are well adapted to our local climate and generally require less maintenance once established.

EASTERN REDBUD (*CERCIS CANADENSIS*)

One of the first signs of spring, Eastern Redbud produces vibrant pink flowers before its heart-shaped leaves emerge.

Mature Size: 20–30' tall × 25–35' wide
Sun: Full sun to partial shade
Features: Early spring blooms, attractive foliage, small ornamental tree
Wildlife Value: Supports native bees and butterflies; seeds are eaten by songbirds.

FLOWERING DOGWOOD (*CORNUS FLORIDA*)

A beloved native tree known for its showy white spring flowers, brilliant red fall foliage, and bright red berries.

Mature Size: 15–30' tall × 15–30' wide
Sun: Partial shade to full sun
Features: Spring flowers, fall color, ornamental berries
Wildlife Value: Fruits provide food for numerous bird species and other wildlife.

SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA (*MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA*)

This graceful native tree produces fragrant, creamy-white flowers from late spring into summer and thrives in moist areas.

Mature Size: 10–35' tall × 10–20' wide
Sun: Full sun to partial shade
Features: Lemon-scented flowers, glossy leaves, adaptable to wet soils
Wildlife Value: Attracts pollinators and serves as a host plant for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly.

ARROWWOOD VIBURNUM (*VIBURNUM DENTATUM*) SHURB

A versatile native shrub with clusters of white flowers in spring and blue-black berries in late summer.

Mature Size: 6–10' tall × 6–10' wide
Sun: Full sun to partial shade
Features: Spring blooms, colorful fall foliage, excellent screening plant
Wildlife Value: Berries are highly valued by birds, while flowers attract pollinators.

WHITE OAK (*QUERCUS ALBA*)

One of the most important native trees for wildlife, White Oak provides beauty, shade, and ecological benefits for generations.

Mature Size: 50–80' tall × 50–80' wide
Sun: Full sun
Features: Broad shade canopy, impressive fall color, long lifespan
Wildlife Value: Supports hundreds of insect species and produces acorns that feed birds and mammals.

If you have space, this would be great tree to add to your property.

Why Plant Native?

Native plants help:

- Support pollinators and birds
- Improve biodiversity
- Reduce maintenance needs
- Strengthen local ecosystems
- Create beautiful, sustainable landscapes

Plant native today and help grow a healthier habitat for tomorrow!

Source: Maryland Native Plant Society, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the National Wildlife Federation

Important Numbers

Take a picture of the problem. Use the TellHoCo App which is an app that can be downloaded onto your cell phone. TellHoCo may also be accessed by visiting the County website at: www.howardcountymd.gov. When using the County website, type in the search bar Tell HoCo, select Tell HoCo, this will bring you to the submission page. During the submission process, it will ask if you want to submit a picture. You don't have to have one have to have a picture, but it is always good to pinpoint your issue.

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. 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

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 **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.

Each year, Kimco and the merchants at various Kimco-owned Village Centers host summer activities for residents. This year, you can view all events by scanning the QR code.

We recommend scanning the Facebook QR code, as the website QR code will direct you to the Columbia Village Center Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

Senior Breakfast (geared for our 65+ age group)

Wednesday, August 12 from 8am—11am

A **hot breakfast** of scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes; and breakfast meat will be served. There will be various Columbia Association departments for you to ask questions. Discover new things or reintroduce yourself to old things. The Howard County Police Department and Howard County Outreach Constituent Services will be on hand for any questions regarding County programs. Stay Active; Get Involved; and Embrace Life. We love our residents to live their best life from young to old. Join us for some food and information on how you can stay involved.

Free tickets for Dorsey's Search residents age 65+ years.

Come to the office and pick up your tickets (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City) Bring ID

Dorsey's Search Pool Party

Thursday, August 6 at the Dorsey Hall Pool from 6—9pm.

Dorsey's Search residents ONLY (Bring ID when purchasing tickets)

You must have a ticket *(Tickets available now during office hours)*

We understand this a weekday, but make it a relaxing weekday evening.

Don't worry about dinner we've got it covered.

Food: Pizza; salad; soft drinks; ice cream truck (pizza & salad are from Trattoria Amore located in our Village Center)

A DJ will keep us all entertained by playing songs and if you are up to it, there could be some dancing. Of course, the main focus is the use of the pool. It won't be crowded because the pool will be closed to the public. Bring your own pool flotation device or games. Only Dorsey's Search residents holding tickets will be permitted into the pool that evening. Come join us at the Dorsey Hall Pool Thursday, August 6 from 6pm—9pm. No tickets sold at the door.

The Dorsey Hall pool is located at 4649 Columbia Road, Ellicott City.

Tickets sold at Linden Hall

Adults: $5/adult (13 years or older)

Child: $3/child (12 years or younger)

Dinner, drinks, dessert, and entertainment for that price is a great deal!

Document Shredding

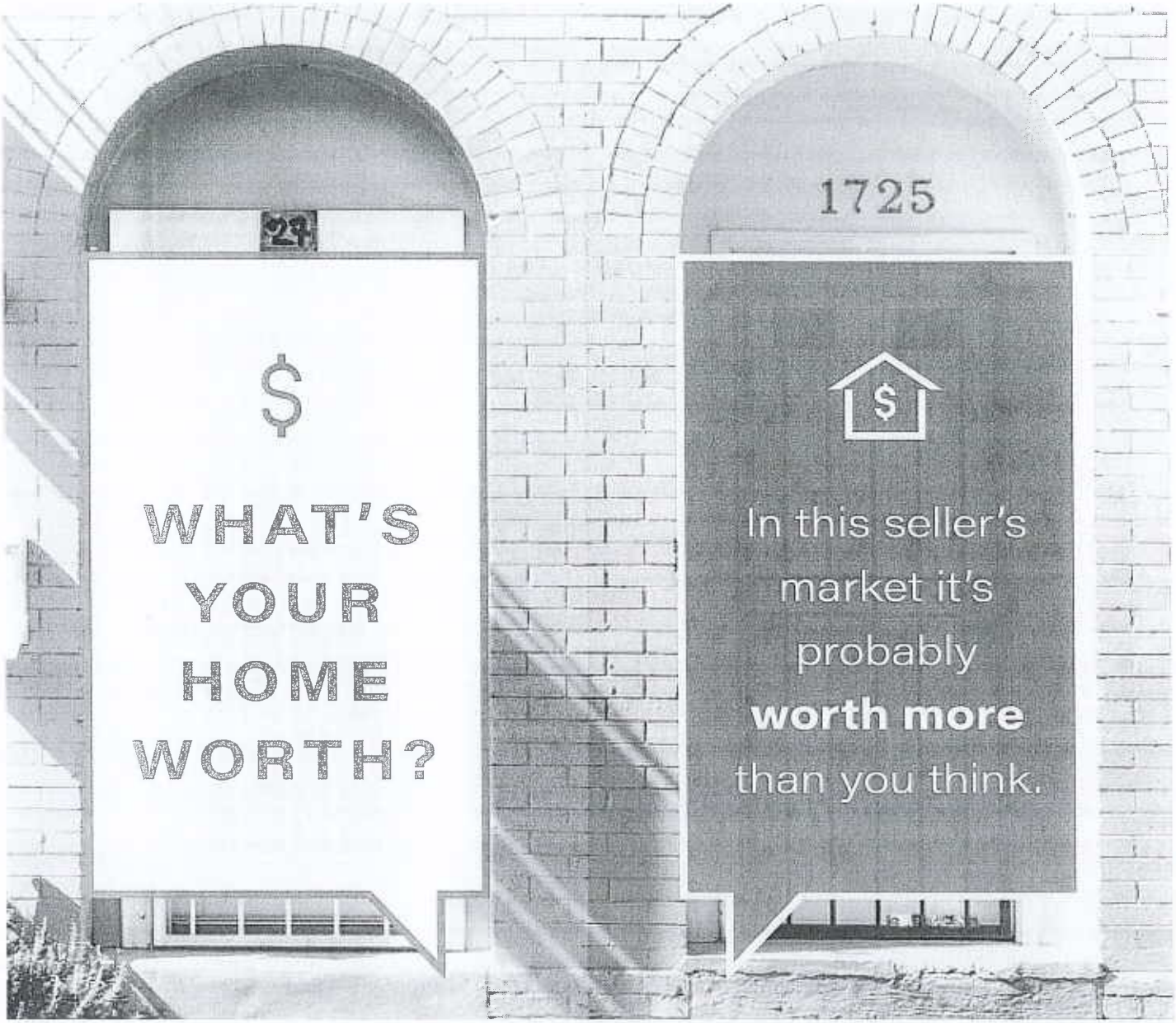
Saturday, October 10 from 9—noon.

Many residents asked about Spring Shredding, but the trucks were booked. We got our date in the Fall and we look forward to seeing our Residents.

Do a google search about what can and cannot be shredded. Your house will feel so much lighter and you know that personal information isn't just laying around in the trash for someone to freely take.

Start saving those old documents.

Special events are sponsored by the Dorsey's Search Community Association and some events may be co-sponsored with the Villages of Columbia and/or Dorsey's Search Village Merchants and Columbia Association. For those events requiring a ticket, tickets can be picked up at Linden Hall during regular business hours. For most events, there are a limited number of tickets available, so tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis. **No telephone reservations can be taken unless otherwise noted.** Tickets must be picked up in advance-there are no tickets available at the door, since caterers need an exact headcount before hand. **If you picked up free tickets and cannot attend an event, please return to the village office as soon as possible so you can be taken off the headcount and allow a wait-listed family to attend.** Staff may require ID in order to verify residency; please do not send children to pick up tickets, since they are not included on the resident list. Family or Children's events must have an adult accompanying a child. Tickets may still be available when the newsletter is being printed, but may be sold out before you receive your issue. Please feel free to call us to see if there are still tickets available. Thank you.



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