

The Scroll

September 2026

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DORSEY HALL TOT LOT UPDATE

Playground located across from Fragile Sail Way in the Dorsey Hall neighborhood

Signs have been placed at the tot lot regarding the upcoming plans for the playground.

The **Columbia Association (CA) Capital Improvements Division** will attend the **Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Linden Hall, 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City.**

CA will give a brief presentation about the play area and the proposed improvements. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts. Following the presentation, CA will allow time for residents to consider the information presented.

The CA Capital Improvements Division will return for the **October Board of Directors meeting** to hear residents' thoughts and feedback regarding the tot lot plans.

We hope residents will take this opportunity to **listen, ask questions, and speak up about what they would like to see, as well as what they may not want to see, in the future plans for this playground.**

Other than the playground at Dorsey Hall Pool, this is one of the most visible and frequently used playgrounds in the neighborhood. **Your input is important!**

Reminders

Tree pick up on Saturday,
September 26 from 8am
11am

Please go to page 9 to view
our special events. Our
Fall Dinner tickets will be
on sale in September

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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, September 9, 2026
- Wednesday, October 7, 2026
- Wednesday, November 11

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

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Eric Miller		410-730-4005
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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

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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

Aug 2026

special meeting called

- Approved June 2026 Board of Directors meeting minutes
- Accepted the 2026 Audit Report
- Held an executive closed meeting to discuss personnel matters



National Nitrate Pollution Awareness Week was July 26 through August 1st.

Nitrate is a naturally occurring compound made up of nitrogen and oxygen, which is essential for plants.

Unfortunately, human activities (e.g., lawn and plant fertilization, pet waste, poorly maintained septic systems) add more nitrogen than plants and soils can use or retain. Since nitrate is soluble in water, rain and irrigation can wash nitrate into our waterways or allow it to soak into groundwater.

Excess nitrate not only impacts our environment (algal blooms, fish kills, and “dead zones” like the one in our Chesapeake Bay), it also poses a serious risk to human health. Cancer, thyroid disease, and birth defects can all be caused by consumption of drinking water containing high nitrate levels.

For more information and to learn what you can do, please use the link below: <https://iwla.org/wp-content/uploads/Reducing-Nitrate-Pollution-At-Home-fact-sheet.pdf>



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.dorseysearch.org in the Covenant section. William Wright is the Covenant Advisor and his office hours are typically Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am—3pm. You may email Bill at: covenants@dorseysearch.org

Approved/Denied Applications: Jul16-Aug25

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

4204 Purple Twilight—4 trees
 4031 Huckleberry—playset
 4221 Blue Barrow Ride—screened in porch
 4609 Broken Lute—painting of brick on house and driveway
 4585 Kingscup—windows
 4501 Hemlock Cone—trees
 5334 Tarkington—paint deck, solar lights
 4217 Bright Bay—roof
 9511 Liverpool—roof
 4745 Rams Horn—sliding door
 4081 Fragile Sail—vinyl trim around front & garage door
 5313 Tarkington—windows
 4630 Smokey Wreath—Egress window
 5504 April Journy—window
 4006 Chariots Flight—tree removal
 4285 Coattail—handrail
 4046 Chariots Flight—garage door
 4627 Hallowed Stream—landscaping under deck
 4241 Blue Barrow—siding & windows
 4048 Firefly—roof
 4202 Blue Barrow Ride—deck

Approved as amended

4024 Huckleberry—bistro string lights

Denied

4606 Maydew Mews—fence
 4152 Henhawk—firepit, mulch pathway

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Sep 1	Sep 16
Sep 15	Oct 7
Oct 6	Oct 21
Oct 20	Nov 4
Nov 3	Nov 18

Proposed Dates for Managed Archery Hunts in Howard County Open Space

Please visit the Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks; Natural Resources & Park Rangers webpage at www.howardcountymd.gov/natural-resources#living-with-beaver. Scroll down to Deer Management for dates and additional information regarding managed hunts and archery program.

Archery hunting will occur on Howard County property that is adjacent to our Village. The hunt will simultaneously occur on the neighboring property of Gray Rock Open Space on the listed dates. The County will post signs at the entrances of their pathway system. Hunting will occur 30 minutes prior to sunrise and will end at 11am. The pathway will be closed to the public. There is no hunting on CA Open Space in our Village.

Proposed Dates for Archery 2026

Thursday, October 8

Thursday, November 5

Thursday, November 19

Tuesday, December 8

This will also be posted the Village website calendar. Any questions regarding the managed hunt should be directed to Timothy Maynard. His contact information:

Phone: 410-313-1675
 email: tmaynard@howardcountymd.gov

**Please remember
 to apply for any
 exterior alteration!**

Snow Shovelers

It's not hard to think about cooler weather when we begin to feel the soaring temperatures of summer. We received several calls from residents last winter about a snow shoveler list. Please submit your name, phone number or an email address for possible work to remove snow this upcoming winter.

Email your information to Nancy Meredith at:

nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org



Summer isn't finished yet!

Dancing Under the People Tree &
Movie Night "How to Train your Dragon"

Friday, September 4

Dancing at 7pm; Movie 8pm

Lakefront Concert
Saturday, September 5 at 7:30pm
"Leonardo Garcia y San Horizonte"

Movie Night
Friday, September 11 at 8pm
"Marvel's Shang-Chi & The Legend of the 10 Rings"

Family Fun Day
Saturday, 12 at 4:30pm
Headliner: Making Moves

Activities and performances all occur at Lake Kittamaquandi by the newly constructed band stage. New to Columbia? Look up Whole Foods in Columbia and you will find the Lakefront.



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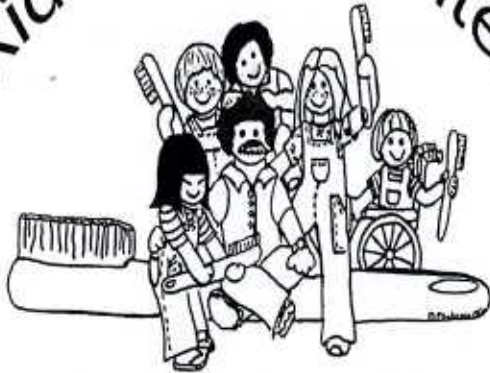
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Electronic version of the newsletter

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/>

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 day-light") - 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.



Upcoming Events

Tree pick up - Saturday, September 26; 8am—11am

If you placed an order for a free tree, please come to the Village Office on the date and time noted above. Only residents who submitted forms for trees will be able to receive their free tree/bush.

We are hoping to have a couple of sustainability groups helping residents with any questions about gardening, plants, and sustainability. We hope you take this time to speak to these representatives. Their knowledge will help you be a better gardener.

Fall Dinner

Saturday, October 17; starting at 6pm
at Linden Hall

Come celebrate the change of season with a Fall inspired meal. This is a chance for our adult (21+ years old) residents to get out and enjoy a delicious meal and meet old and new friends. Sharing a meal with people is just the beginning of creating a sense of belonging and community.

You can't beat the price for a meal which includes: salad, entrée choices of a chicken and/or beef, beer, wine, and dessert. The caterer used for the Fall Dinner is the same caterer we use for our Holiday Dinner.

Ticket sales begin Tuesday, September 8

Tickets are sold at the Village Office located at Linden Hall
(4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City) We are in the Village Center

Pricing: CA Lien paying resident—\$15

Non lien guest—\$20

Hope to see some new and old faces. If you haven't had an evening out, this would be a good time to try our special event.

Document Shredding

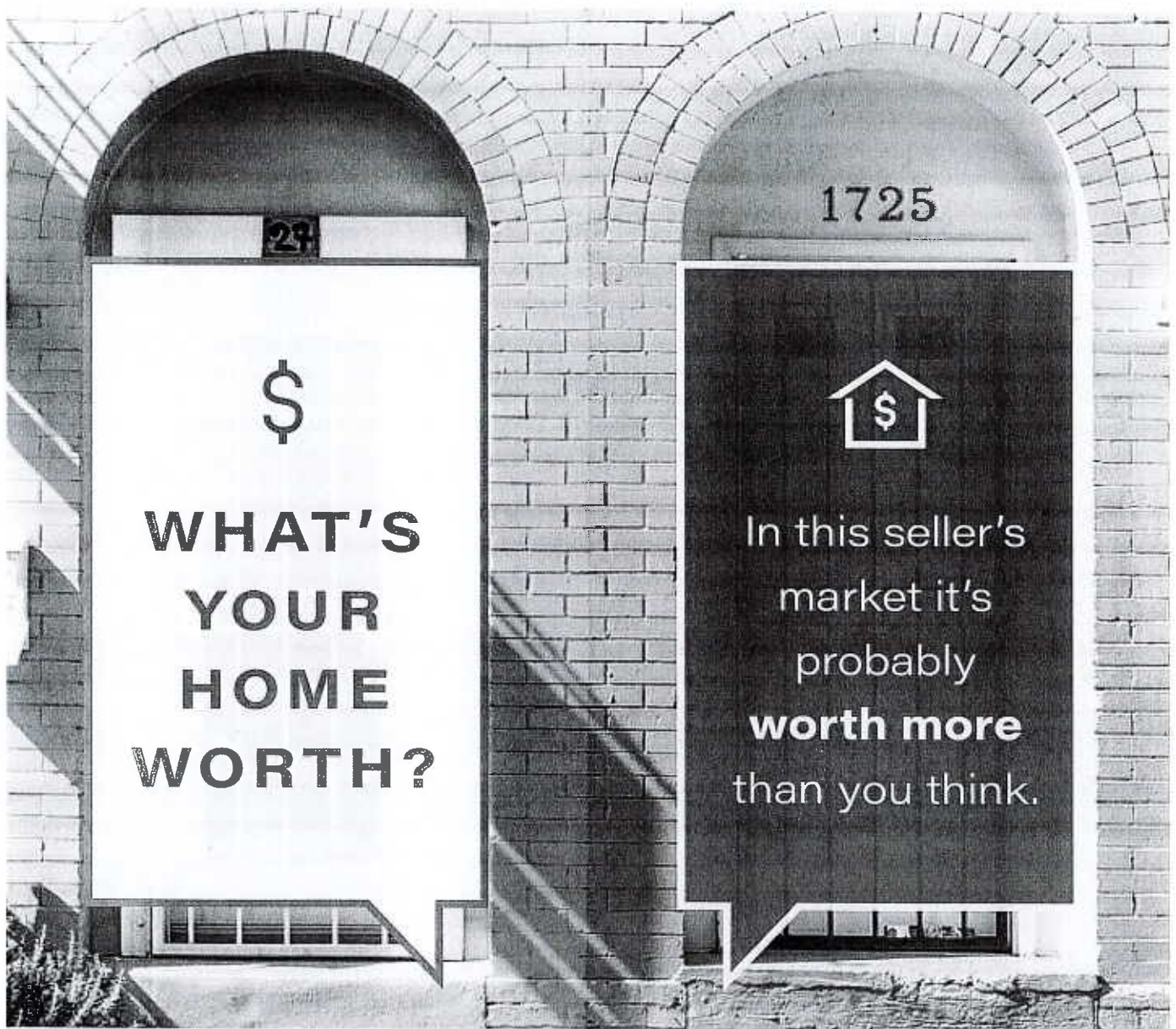
Saturday, October 10 from 9—noon.

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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