Santa Dinner and Breakfast tickets will be available on Thursday, November 5.

Holiday Dinner tickets will be available on Tuesday, November 10.

Tickets must be purchased at Linden Hall located at 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042. The building is marked as Linden Hall in the Dorsey's Search Village Shopping Center. Our typical office hours are on page 2. Questions?, please call 410-730-4005.

Please bring ID when purchasing tickets.

Watershed Wise from the WRAP*: Keep Leaves Out of Storm Drain

Fallen leaves are great for improving your soil, but leaves that wash into streets can clog storm drains and contribute to localized flooding. Storm drains also carry water—and anything in it—directly to our streams, lakes, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

As leaves break down in waterways, they release nutrients that can contribute to algae blooms, reducing oxygen levels and harming aquatic life.

Instead of letting leaves wash into the street, use them as mulch beneath trees

Reminders

Archery dates in November
9 & 24

Office closed:
Thanksgiving Day & Friday after Thanksgiving

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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.

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Office Hours

of Directors Meeting

-Delilah Holmes

On September 24th we had a town hall where staff presented on several topics, including the natural resources stewardship plan, the budget development process, and the potential purchase of CA's HQ.

Some key takeaways:

- budget for FY 28 will use 8 months of actuals plus a full-year forecast. This will give us a more current, transparent, and strategically aligned plan.
- in addition to board meetings, community members can provide input at the next townhall on January 28th.
- CA is completing its due diligence re: the purchase of 6315 and 6310 Hillside Court
- the current owner's bankruptcy presented an opportunity for CA to purchase these buildings for the price asked for one over a year ago
- one concept is to convert 6315 to an early learning center. This would absolutely fill a need in our com-

Thursday from 8am—5pm. You may email Bill at: covenants@dorseyssearch.org

Approved/Denied Applications: Sep 23-Oct26

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

4529 Kingscup—roof, skylights
5365 Tarkington—siding, gutters
4765 Hallowed Stream—roof and gutters
5363 Tarkington—front door and sidelites
4760 Leyden—roof & gutters
4360 Wild Filly—HVAC
4622 Smokey Wreath—roof
4615 Brentwood—windows
4026 Starwreath—trees & yard debris
4920 Dorsey Hall #1—deck
4770 Dorsey Hall #1—deck
4770 Dorsey Hall #2—deck
4526 Mustering Drum—driveway front porch
4244 Lilac—shutters, front door, garage door
4360 Wild Filly—landscaping drainage plan
4030 Starwreath—walkway, patio area, landscaping
4229 Red Bandana—patio
5358 Tarkington—windows
4809 Portsmouth—storm door
5373 Tarkington—front door
4870 Dorsey Hall #7—deck
4018 Bright Rocket—bistro lights

Holiday Decorations

It's that time of year again! Halloween is behind us, Thanksgiving is approaching, and several religious holidays will be celebrated in November and December. The leaves are past their peak, and colorful lights are beginning to brighten our neighborhoods with a beautiful holiday display.

A friendly reminder about Village Guideline #23:

Holiday decorations do not require an application for individual homes. However, decorations may only be displayed **21 days before and 21 days after the holiday.**

That's right! If you leave your Halloween decorations up for 21 days after Halloween, you'll miss the opportunity to decorate for Thanksgiving. And if your Thanksgiving decorations stay up for another 21 days after the holiday, you may miss the chance to enjoy your lights for the December holidays. Santa certainly wouldn't be happy about that!

As we've mentioned in previous years, this guideline gives you **43 days to celebrate your special holiday**, which includes the holiday itself.

WHAT ABOUT LIGHTS THAT STAY UP ALL YEAR?

If you have string lights permanently installed on your house

Dates book quickly! If you're thinking about a graduation party, wedding, or other special celebration, **don't wait to reserve your date.**

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Ever wonder—What does my CA annual assessment

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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

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.

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evaporation. This limits the stress on a plant caused by dryer and hotter conditions that can come in spring and summer. When spring rolls around your fall planted tree already has a more robust root system, preparing them for dryer conditions.

So go ahead- take advantage of those nursery sales and plant a tree this fall!

Information on a wide variety of gardening and environmental topics can be found at the University of Maryland Extension Services. Their website is, ***extension.umd.edu.***

-Joan Oliver, DSGC

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. Visit us on Facebook. New members are welcomed. Please email Karen Griffith at tgriff@hotmail.com

Here are a few gardening related activities opened to the public:

Putting the Garden to Bed. Wednesday, November 4, 2026, Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City, Md. Learn the proper seasonal steps to prepare your home garden beds for winter to protect beneficial insects and enrich soil for next spring. Free

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STILL LOOKING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO CAN HELP REMOVE SNOW

Winter weather can make it difficult to keep up with snow removal, especially for residents who may need a little extra help. We've put together a list of Dorsey's Search residents who are available to help with snow shoveling.

If you need assistance after a snowfall, please reach out directly to one of the residents listed below. **You and the individual you hire can work out the pricing and arrangements together.**

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Ticket distribution will begin on Tuesday, November 3

Holiday Dinner–Saturday, December 19 starting at 6pm

The premier event in our Village during the Holiday season. This event is for our residents **21 years or older**.

This is for **Dorsey's Search residents ONLY!**

Ticket sales begin on: Tuesday, November 10 at 8am.

$20/person

Non-refundable

When purchasing tickets, you must bring a current ID with you.

Enjoy an evening filled with delicious food and good company! Your ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, chicken and beef entrées, a non-meat entrée, vegetable sides, dessert, and drinks, including wine, beer, and soft drinks.

Linden Hall will be beautifully decorated for the season and transformed into a **winter wonderland**. Get into the holiday spirit and join your neighbors for an evening of great food, festive surroundings, and wonderful company.

Come celebrate the season with the people who make our community special, **our neighbors!**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This allows our team to make sure every detail is in place and ready for you. We appreciate your patience and encourage you to arrive at 6:00 p.m. so you can settle in and enjoy the evening from the start.

Please plan accordingly: Dinner service will follow a scheduled timeline. If you arrive late or leave early, you may miss part of the meal service. We encourage you to arrive on time and stay for the full dinner experience.

- Santa's reading of **"'Twas the Night Before Christmas"**
- A **face painter**
- A **balloon twister**
- A chance for children to **talk with Santa**
- A special **Santa mailbox** for letters to the North Pole

Santa will take the children's letters back to the North Pole, where he'll read them to the elves as they prepare all those special toys!

And don't forget your camera or phone! Santa always enjoys a good family portrait, and this is the perfect opportunity to capture a special holiday memory.

Residents may only attend one Santa event!

Storytime with Santa begins at 6pm at Linden Hall. Please be punctual, but not super early. Santa likes making GRAND entrances. Dinner will be from Chick-fil-A and includes nuggets, mac-n-cheese, salad, cookies, brownies, and soft drinks. Please arrive on time, as food service will end once everyone has been served. After all, Santa does not like hangry children and even the Elves love chicken nuggets!

Storytime is open to guests outside of Dorsey's Search, so bring your family and friends! Please bring ID. **Only two adults may accompany each family's children.** A non-CA fee applies to guests living on non-CA lien property, and an address will be required.

Storytime price: $8/guest **Storytime non-CA: $15/guest**

Non-refundable

Breakfast with Santa begins at 8am at Linden Hall. Please be punctual, but not super early. As mentioned above, Santa loves to make a GRAND entrances. Enjoy a festive breakfast of eggs, sausage or bacon, home fries, waffles or pancakes, fruit salad, juice, and coffee for the adults. That's a **HO HO HO lot of breakfast!** Santa says a good breakfast is the perfect way to start the day.
Dress the kids in their favorite Christmas outfits and join us for a morning of great food, fun, and Santa!
Breakfast with Santa tickets are ONLY FOR DORSEY'S SEARCH RESIDENTS! ONLY 2 ADULTS PER FAMILY.
Please arrive on time. Once everyone has been served, the food will be cleared.

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