

November 2020
The Scroll

Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org



We need to hear from you....

Parents of children ages 2– 10.



Santa has contacted the Village about meeting the children of Dorsey's Search. He wants to make it as safe as possible for families during his time with us. He apologizes for all the changes that need to be made to our usual Santa events, but keeping the Elves, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and yourselves healthy is a major concern.

The plan would be an outside event. If the weather is bad, Santa would stand in the glass foyer located by our parking lot. You would be able to speak with Santa from a distance. You will be able to give him your letter. He highly encourages letter writing. Instead of bed time stories during the holiday season, Santa reads letters from children all over the world to the Elves, the reindeer, and Mrs. Claus. Letter reading is one of the favorite activities for everyone in the North Pole.

So Parents, we need to hear from you. Would you be interested in coming to visit Santa if it were outside, socially distanced, and everyone wore masks? There would be no hugs or close contact with Santa, but pictures with Santa waving in the background counts as a picture with Santa.

Please contact us and let us know if you would bring your children here to see Santa? Depending on the response, Santa could bring other safe surprises with him. Santa left the staff in charge of listening to your response. Please call 410-730-4005 or email Nancy Meredith at nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

**Deadline for responses is:
Tuesday, November 17 by 3pm.**

The Village office will continue with Modified Office Hours

To view email addresses and hours of operations, please see page 2.

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Dorsey's Search Community Association Information

Village Board Meeting Schedule

All village board meetings are usually held at Linden Hall, but have been meeting virtually using Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. To join a Board Meeting, the meeting link will be posted on the website the day of the meeting.

- Tuesday, November 10—date change
- Wednesday, December 9
- Wednesday, January 13

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

Village Office Staff

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Village Board Members

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
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Columbia Council Representative

Dick Boulton 410-884-2964

Office Hours

Monday & Friday	Closed; staff remote
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Until further notice

Website: www.dorseysearch.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dorseysearch/>

Twitter: Dorsey's Search C.A. @dorseysearch

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

- ⇒ \$100 donation made to Helping Up Mission for Blankets for the homeless
- ⇒ \$50 donation to Open Space employee funeral fund
- ⇒ Accept 4th Quarter revision and 1st Quarter report

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!



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Covenant Order

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 mckissick@dorseyssearch.org. The Exterior Alteration Application can be found at our web site. www.dorseyssearch.org in the Covenant section. **Email completed applications** to: amckissick@dorseyssearch.org and nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org. Below are approved and denied applications:

Sept 29—Oct 22 (descriptions are abbreviated)
 4625 Willowgrove—garage doors
 4673 Columbia—composite deck
 5081 Columbia—reinforce deck
 5586 April Journey—patio
 5336 Chase Lions—siding and trim
 4592 Kingscup—storage closet, deck gate
 4810 Dorsey Hall #9—patio, light fixture
 4280 Coattail—windows
 4273 Coattail—windows
 4608 Oakview—lamppost, patio, light fixture, gravel, radon
 4001 Wildwood—siding, wrapped trim
 4637 Hallowed Stream—radon
 4301 Sweet Bell—tree removal
 4737 Ram’s Horn—patio, landscaping rock/edging, lights
 5257 Columbia—fixure
 4209 Purple Twilight—light, garage door, wrapped trim, rear & front door, lamppost

4654 Smokey Wreath—radon, satellite dish
 4017 Star Wreath—front porch, garage trim
 5365 Chase Lions—paver patio
 4645 Old Dragon—front portico , window
 4023 Huckleberry—basketball hoop
 4201 Blue Barrow—gutters, walkway

Denied
 4592 Kingscup—downspout extender
 4654 Smokey Wreath—fence
 4719 Leyden—fence

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

4 p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Nov 3	Nov 18
Nov 17	Dec 2
Dec 1	Dec 16
Dec 15	Jan 4

♪ Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign ♪

Please remove candidate signs 7 days after the final elections. If you still have 2020 graduation signs in your yard, please remove and store them in your house.

Holiday decorations

Holiday decorations do not require an application for individual houses; however, they may only be in place 21 days prior to and 21 days following a holiday.

Leaves

It is that time of year again.

The leaves look beautiful as they change colors, but on the ground they become a nuisance.

DO NOT rake or blow leaves onto the roadway.

It clogs the storm drains causing localized flooding.

Wet roads and leaves are extremely dangerous conditions for our motor vehicles.

Make it safer in our neighborhoods.

**Howard County picks up leaves that are bagged in PAPER.
NO PLASTIC BAGS!**

Yard Trim is collected during your scheduled recycling day.

Place bags at the curbside by 6 a.m. the morning of collection day and a truck will come and pick them up. Where do I place the bags?

Single family homeowners must place items within five (5) feet of the nearest public road fronting their homes. • Place cans, bags, etc. away from mail boxes on the opposite side of the driveway, if possible. • Residents in townhome communities with head-in parking areas are required to group items in designated areas.

Do not block mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Howard County **will collect:**

Grass • Leaves • Hedge clippings/light brush • Small limbs or branches less than 4" in diameter and 4' in length • Seed pods (pine cones, sour gum balls, etc) • Straw/hay • Bamboo.
Please bundle and tie (string or twine) branches.

Remember the 40 pound weight limit for cans, bags and bundles.

WILL NOT COLLECT:

Yard trim placed in plastic bags, recycling carts, or cardboard boxes • Logs over 4" and longer than 4' • Bushes with root bases attached • Yard trim mixed with trash or miscellaneous materials, such as: Plastic/clay pots Fruits, vegetables or nuts Dirt, rocks, sod or sand Metal wire or fencing Glass, pottery or stone

Next month:
Christmas trees

Upcoming Events

Possible Santa event depending on response from the community.

See front page of newsletter.

Deadline for responses: Tuesday, November 17 at 3pm.

Call 410-730-4005 or email nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

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. Children must be accompanied by an adult to all events. Tickets are still available when issue is being printed, but may be sold out before you receive your issue. Thank you.



Exterior mailbox installed at Linden Hall

If you have an application that you would like to drop off during non-business hours, you may use our exterior mailbox. Staff members have a key and will retrieve the applications during scheduled office hours. The mailbox is located to the left of our entrance off of the parking lot. See picture to the left for location of the mailbox.

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Cluster mailboxes in the Village are owned by the United States Postal Service. If you have problems with your mail, mailbox, or lost your keys, you will need to contact your home post office. Your home post office depends on where you live.

Dorsey Hall neighborhood (21042)

Home Post Office, 3375 Ellicott Center Dr,
Ellicott City, MD 21043
phone: 410-750-1340

Fairway Hills (21044)

Home Post Office, 6801 Oak Hall Ln,
Columbia, MD 21045
phone: (410) 381-0265

Please do not let your pet urinate on the base or column. This will hasten the deterioration.



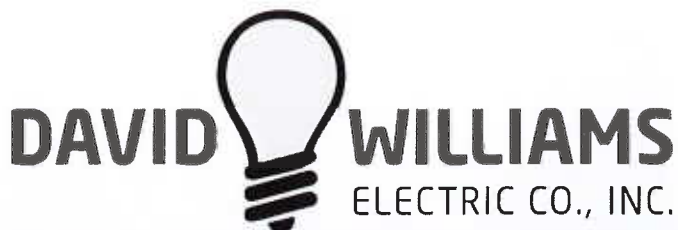
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Important Numbers

The Howard County Bureau of Highways is responsible for pavement, sidewalks, storm drains, trees, and over 970 miles of county roads for the convenience and safety of the public. If you see a problem within the village please call the appropriate number below or use the Tell-HoCo App that can be downloaded onto your cell phone. TellHoCo may also be accessed by visiting the County website at www.howardcountymd.gov

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 410-381-0265 for Columbia.

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

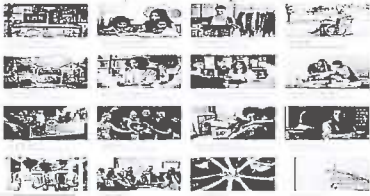
Street trees need pruning call 410-313-7450.

Animal Control.....	410-313-2780
Columbia Association (CA) Main.....	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 Open Space.....	410-312-6330
HC Citizens Services.....	410-313-6400
HC Licensing & Permits.....	410-313-2455

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. **Collections must be scheduled.** Residents may call 410-313-6444 or **schedule collection online.** 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. Please remove doors from refrigerators, and drain oil and gas from lawn mowers.

Trash and Recycling Pick-up: During inclement weather, every effort will be made to continue to provide for scheduled collections. If collections are cancelled due to snow, ice, or other severe weather, the County has moved to a slide schedule. If you have further questions, please Call 410-313-6444. **All trash and recycling cans should be removed from the street on the pick-up day and stored out of sight.**

Howard County Virtual Assistance Portal



If you need assistance, the County has set up a Virtual Assistance Portal to search based on your need. This is for personal or business.

Please visit the County website:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/ArticleID/2022/News061120b>

Please visit the County website at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates> for a list of Closures and Cancellations, Operational Services and Resources towards the middle of the page. Food distribution sites are also listed on this page.



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CA offers members who are 60+ a time frame specifically for you. Visit their website for hours and the location. If you do not fit the 60+ group, the other gym facilities are open for your use. Remember to visit the Columbia Association website.

Website: www.ColumbiaAssociation.org

Open Space/pathway concerns email:

Open.Space@columbiaassociation.org

