



December 2020/January 2021

The Scroll

Village website: www.dorseysearch.org

Accepting Letters for Santa



We are sad that Santa won't be able to visit with our children this year. Santa believes that it would be safer for everyone since the cases have been rising and we need to adhere to safety regulations implemented by state and local officials. Don't be upset because he will see you (asleep) as he makes his trip around the world.

In the movie Elf, Buddy says, "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." Don't be a "Cotton-headed ninny muggins!" Christmas is not cancelled. It just looks a little different this year.

The special mailbox, that the Elves made for our Village, will be available for children dropping off letters to Santa starting Tuesday, December 1 ending on December 22. It will be placed in our glass enclosed entrance by our parking lot during our regular business hours which are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7am—3pm. Can't make it during that time? We have an exterior mailbox which accepts mail too.

See page 6.

Can't write? No problem. I can tell you that Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer love pictures too! Listening to letters and viewing pictures, from children around the world, is a wonderful break from baking cookies, making toys, and playing reindeer games. Every letter and picture is very much appreciated and builds on the Christmas cheer.

Make sure you have a return address. Santa might know where you live, but the Elves need a little help with addressing letters. It is their busiest time of year in the North Pole.

A famous Christmas tradition: Visit the NORAD Santa Tracker website at:

<https://www.noradsanta.org/> or you can call them at 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723). If you call you might get a recording or you might get a live person.

Get your letters in soon! Everyone in the North Pole will be excited to hear from you. The earlier we receive a letter, the better chances of receiving a return letter before Christmas.

REMEMBER: THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERYONE ON THE NICE LIST!



The **Village Office** located at Linden Hall will be **closed** for our Annual Shutdown from:

Friday, December 25, 2020—Friday, January 1, 2021

Modified Office hours will resume on Monday, January 4.

See page 2 for office hours.

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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.

- Wednesday, December 9
- Wednesday, January 13
- Wednesday, February 10

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

Village Office Staff

Phone: 410-730-4005

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Patricia Jones	Facility Assistant
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Will Meredith	Set-up Tech

Village Board Members

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
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Crissy Simpson	410-730-4005
Rob Sims	410-730-4005

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

Holiday Closure: Friday, December 25—Friday, January 4
modified operational hours resume on Monday, January 4

Website: www.dorseyssearch.org

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

Twitter: 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

⇒ Accept the Audit Report, Governance letter, and Management letter for the FY21 Audit

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

Remember

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:

<p>Oct 26—Nov 19 (descriptions are abbreviated)</p> <p>4716 Dorsey Hall Dre#507—window, trim</p> <p>4703 Columbia—roof</p> <p>4237 Red Bandana—window</p> <p>4001 Chariots Flight—tree removal</p> <p>4249 Lilac—deck rails</p> <p>4513 Alpine Rose—garage doors, lights, retaining wall, door</p> <p>4982 Dorsey Hall A1—windows, trim</p> <p>4221 Blue Barrow—lamppost, garage door light, remove grids on windows</p> <p>5293 Columbia—light</p> <p>4225 Bright Bay—roof, gutters, downspouts</p> <p>4506 Mustering Drum—deck railing, lights, lamppost, front porch railing, fence by stairwell</p> <p>4600 Willowgrove—front door, sliders</p> <p>4540 Kingsup—windows</p> <p>4633 Willowgrove—tree removal</p> <p>4625 Willowgrove—heat pump, sunroom</p> <p>5099 Columbia—stain deck & front steps</p> <p>4237 Bright Bay—3rail split fence</p> <p>4029 Larkspring—railing for front steps</p>	<p>4237 Red Bandana—lights</p> <p>4097 Fragile Sail—tree removal</p> <p>4649 Old Dragaon—front door, storm door, tree removal, slider</p> <p>4140 Henhawk—3 rail property line fencing</p> <p>4805 Portsmouth—roof</p> <p>4254 Bright Bay—roof</p> <p>4301 Sweet Bell—split rail fence, patio, drainage</p> <p>Approved as an exception:</p> <p>4725 Leyden—off property line fence</p>
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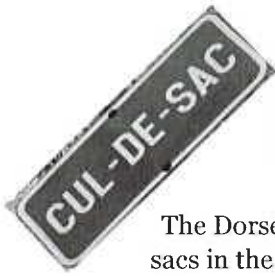
Remember to apply for exterior changes

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

4 p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Dec 1	Dec 16
Dec 15	Jan 6
Jan 5	Jan 20
Jan 19	Feb 3

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.

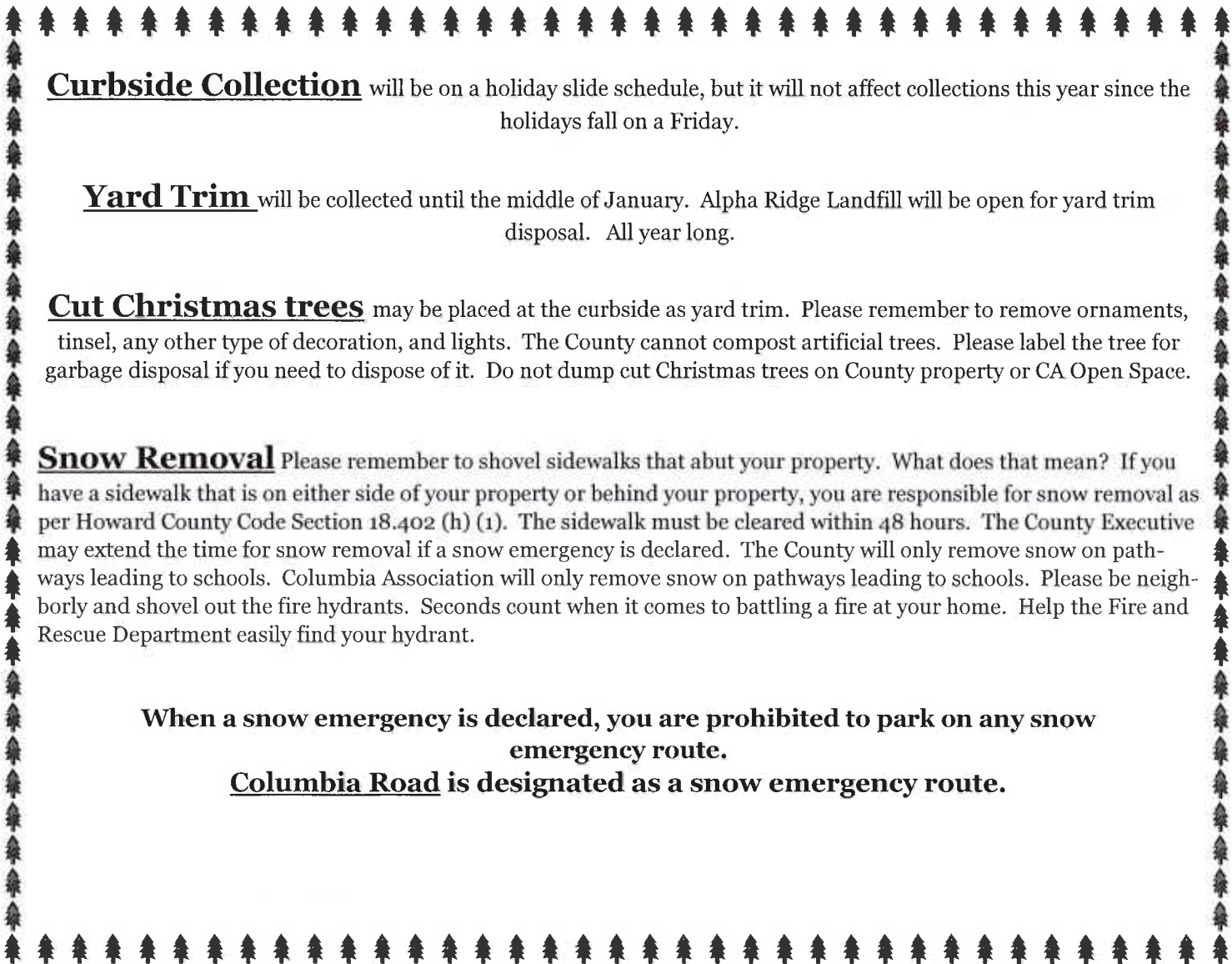


Beautification Information

The Dorsey's Search Community Association is granting money towards the beautification of 10 cul-de-sacs in the Village. If you would like to receive this grant, an application must be submitted to the Village for approval. Only complete applications will be accepted. The Village will then send the application to Howard County for their approval. Once approved, the applicant can purchase what is needed for their cul-de-sac plan. The Village will reimburse the applicant for up to \$250.00. All receipts must be legible and **dated no later than April 30, 2021**. Original receipts must be submitted by May 17, 2021. No electronic receipts. NO EXCEPTIONS. Don't wait too long. This is on a first come, first serve basis.

Please use the the application form on page 5 or you may pick one up at the Village Office at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042)

Start talking with your neighbors!



Curbside Collection will be on a holiday slide schedule, but it will not affect collections this year since the holidays fall on a Friday.

Yard Trim will be collected until the middle of January. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be open for yard trim disposal. All year long.

Cut Christmas trees may be placed at the curbside as yard trim. Please remember to remove ornaments, tinsel, any other type of decoration, and lights. The County cannot compost artificial trees. Please label the tree for garbage disposal if you need to dispose of it. Do not dump cut Christmas trees on County property or CA Open Space.

Snow Removal Please remember to shovel sidewalks that abut your property. What does that mean? If you have a sidewalk that is on either side of your property or behind your property, you are responsible for snow removal as per Howard County Code Section 18.402 (h) (1). The sidewalk must be cleared within 48 hours. The County Executive may extend the time for snow removal if a snow emergency is declared. The County will only remove snow on pathways leading to schools. Columbia Association will only remove snow on pathways leading to schools. Please be neighborly and shovel out the fire hydrants. Seconds count when it comes to battling a fire at your home. Help the Fire and Rescue Department easily find your hydrant.

When a snow emergency is declared, you are prohibited to park on any snow emergency route.

Columbia Road is designated as a snow emergency route.

Dorsey's Search Community Association
Cul-de-Sac Beautification Grant
Application Form

Applicant: _____ Date received: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

The following information must be submitted with the application:

- Picture of cul-de-sac island
- Petition signed by 80% of residents on the cul-de-sac
- Proposed planting plan, drawing
- List of specific plants to be used

The County will not be responsible for what is planted in the cul-de-sac. Residents agree to the upkeep of the cul-de-sac and mulching each year. When designing your plan, keep in mind that snow plow discharge may be placed onto the island. Nothing can be planted that will block visibility through the island, or grow into the roadway.

Village approval: _____ Date: _____

County approval: _____ Date: _____

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Staff members have a key and will retrieve letters and 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.

If you plan on dropping off Santa Letters, please ensure that you have a return address. Last day for Santa letters will be on Tuesday, December 22. Be sure to have your letters in by 3:00pm

Our Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7a.m.—3p.m. Our specially made Santa Letter box will be available in our glassed-in entryway. No need to ring the doorbell, just drop the letter off. Santa's Elves will make sure the big guy gets it.

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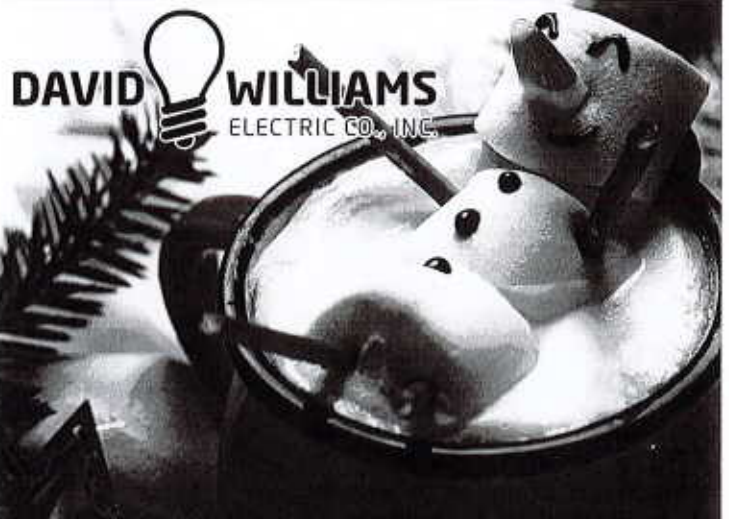
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Important Numbers

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 TellHoCo 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

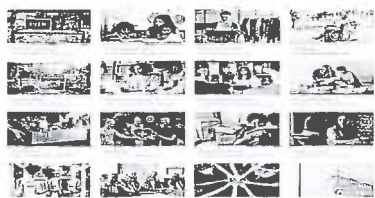
Bulk Trash Items: Residents receiving County-provided curbside trash collection are eligible for curbside bulk trash and metal collection. Residents in private areas that do not receive County collection are not eligible for bulk pickup. Remember: Bulk trash items collected by the County will be sent 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.**

The Board of Directors and the Village Staff would like to wish all of our residents a happy and healthy holiday. We wish for a better and brighter New Year for everyone!

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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.

Ongoing...



If you would like to donate food, but can't make it to the food bank, we would be happy to help you. Please bring non-perishable items to our office during our operating hours detailed on page 2. **Please only bring goods that have NOT been opened and have NOT expired.** There are still many families that are in need. Goods will be brought to the Howard County food bank located at Gerwig Lane in Columbia, MD. The Food Bank will accept diapers, wipes, and baby food.

Please be considerate and only donate goods that have not expired and have not been used. Items that are donated past their expiration date or have been used will be thrown out. The focus is to distribute and get goods out.



Please visit the Columbia Association (CA) website for information about CA facility hours of operation. Please review the rules of etiquette and mandates for use of open CA facilities.

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

