November 2021

# The Scroll

Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org



# Important Dates for Ticket Sales and Distribution

All events are for Dorsey's Search Residents only except for the Luncheon! There will be a limited amount of tickets available.

Bring your ID showing your address

Storytime and Breakfast with Santa (Dinner and Breakfast) ticket distribution begins Tuesday, November 2 at 7am. See page 8 for details.

<u>Open House</u> ticket distribution begins Tuesday, Nov 9 (Bring in non-perishable food donation for tickets)
Ticket **distribution ends** on Monday, December 6 at noon (firm). See page 9.

Senior Luncheon (ages 60+) ticket distribution begins Nov. 16 at 7am.

Non-CA lien paying guests will be charged \$10. Ticket distribution ends on Tuesday, December 7 at 3pm.

See page 9



# **Beautification Grant**

The Dorsey's Search Community Association has decided to grant money towards the beautification of 4 more cul-de-sacs in the Village. If you would like to receive this grant, complete the attached application and return it to the Village office. Once the Village reviews and approves the plan, the application will be sent to the County for their consideration. The applicant will be notified once the County approves the plan. Only then can items be purchased for the project. The Village will reimburse the applicant for up to \$250.00. All items must be purchased by April 30, 2022. To receive the reimbursement, submit all original receipts to the Village office by May 20, 2022. No exceptions. Applications are also available at the Village office. The Village will start accepting applications on January 3, 2022.

Application on page 5. More detailed information on page 4.

# Reminders

Santa Ticket sales begin Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7am

> Daylight Savings Sunday, Nov. 7 Fall Back an hour

> > Veterans Day November 11 Office Closed

Village Office will be open on Wed., Nov 24 from 9—noon Santa tickets end

Office Closed Thanksgiving Day (Nov 25) Day After Thanksgiving (Nov 26)

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### Dorsey's Search Community Association Information

# **Village Board Meeting Schedule**

All village board meetings are usually held at Linden Hall,. 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. The Board has decided to hold the meetings using the Zoom tele-conferencing app and not in-person. A link is posted on our website under the Village Board-Meeting, Minutes and Agenda and our facebook page. Please email Ingrid Hatz if you have any questions, see email below.

- Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.

# Village Office Staff

Phone: 410-730-4005

Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager ihatz@dorseyssearch.org

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor amckissick@dorseyssearch.org

Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager—nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org

Bitsy Furr	Facility Assistant
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Charles Treger	Facility Assistant
Will Meredith	Set-up Tech

### Village Board Members

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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 Open for rental; no village office hours Sunday Open for rental; no village office hours

Linden Hall is available for rental.

Website: www.dorsevssearch.org

### **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.

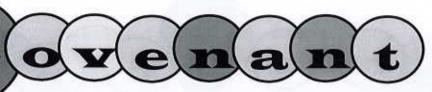
# Village Board Notes October 2021

⇒ Appointed Norman Wright to the RAC



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!





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.

### Sept 23-Oct 21

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

4900 Dorsey Hall D1—windows, sliders, patio door

5006 Dorsey Hall A3-HVAC unit

4762 Leyden—front landscaping

4669 Hallowed Stream-slider door

4582 Kingscup—radon unit

4094 Fragile Sail—stone steps; lower patio with firepit

4731 Hallowed Stream—patio; underdeck roof

5336 Chase Lions-roof

4233 Scarlet Sage-patio; landscaping

4280 Coattail—roof

4633 Old Dragon-roof

4036 Wildwood—composite deck

5061 Columbia—stain deck

4634 Learned Sage—lights

4762 Leyden—ring doorbe	Ш
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4049 Larkspring-fence

4633 Willowgrove—number sign

5213 Columbia—light

4716 Dorsey Hall #508—window

4850 Dorsey Hall #11—window, front door, sliders

5161 Columbia—stain deck

4085 Fragile Sail—landscaping stone

# **Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates**

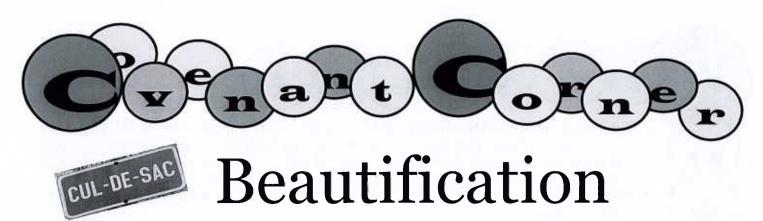
4 p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Nov 2	Nov 17
Nov 16	Dec 1
Nov 30	Dec 15
Dec 14	Jan 5
Jan 4	Jan 19

Just a friendly reminder about **frozen gutter prevention**. Remove debris from your gutters. Keep the water flowing. While you are cleaning the debris out of your gutter, remember to clean the exterior of the gutter. Now is the time before the freezing temperatures catch you by surprise. Clogged/Iced up gutters can do a lot a damage to your house. Remember to bury those downspout extenders. It's easier when the ground is not frozen.

# **Holiday Decorations**

Holiday decorations may be put up 21 days prior to the holiday and may remain on display 21 days after the holiday. That is 43 days of beautiful decorations. If you plan on having it out longer, please apply.

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# Dates to remember:

January 3, 2022 - Applications will be accepted at the Village office.

**April 30, 2022** – all plants and materials must be purchased by this date. Receipts dated later than 4/30/22 will not be accepted.

May 20, 2022 – all original receipts must be turned in to the Village office to receive the reimbursement

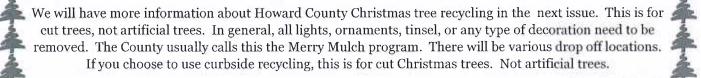
## **Important Notes:**

Only applications for cul-de-sacs that have not received this grant before will be accepted. 4 more applications will be accepted this Fall – stay tuned!



**PARKING** 

The Village office has received several phone calls about parking recently. Most streets in the Village are County roadway. Since they are County roads, they are under the jurisdiction of the County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways. For illegal parking, you will need to call the Howard County Police. Their non-emergency number is 410-313-2200. Try to remember when parking....can an emergency vehicle fit through the parked cars to reach a property in the area. This is especially important when you park in a cul-de-sac.



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

Applicant:	Date received:
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
Signature:	
The following informa	ation must be submitted with the application:
_	by 80% of residents on the cul-de-sacing plan, drawing
Residents agree to the When designing your placed onto the island	e responsible for what is planted in the cul-de-sac. e upkeep of the cul-de-sac and mulching each year. plan, keep in mind that snow plow discharge may be d. Nothing can be planted that will block visibility grow into the roadway.
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	Date: Date:
County approval:	Date:



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If you would like to leave a voicemail for the staff at Linden Hall after hours, please use the following extensions:

- 13-Ingrid Hatz; Village Manager
- 12-Nancy Meredith; Administrative Assistant
- 11-Anne McKissick; Covenant Advisor

Press the extension number after the general message begins.

Our general salutation lists the incorrect business hours, so please ignore the hours mentioned. Our correct hours are posted here and on our website. As always, the best way to get in contact with staff is through email. We appreciate your patience.

# CA membership

If you are looking for membership to the pools or gyms, please contact Columbia Association. They manage the pools and gym facilities.

You may go to their website at:

www.columbiaassociation.org/ membership

You can sign up online, go to the one of the gyms, or visit the Columbia Association's Customer and Member Service Center located at 6310 Hillside Court

phone: 410-730-1801

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# Linden Hall is available for rental

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pandemic. Please email Ingrid Hatz for available dates and information regarding guest limitations. Her email is:

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# Santa Events

# Santa with the Ellicott City Volunteer Firefighters

### Saturday, December 4 from 9-noon

We aren't sure if the fire trucks will be here, but Santa will! Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the fire trucks might not be able to visit with us. Or they might have a call that they need to attend to. Regardless of the situation, Santa will be here. The safety of our community, the Firefighters, and of Santa are very important. Visiting with Santa will look different this year. Please remember to follow directions when you arrive. This is open for the general public. Resident and non-resident.

Let's keep Santa healthy for his trip around the world.

# Village Santa Events for Dorsey's Search Residents only.

For both events: Children (10 years or younger) and their adult companions. Only two adults per family. Limited Tickets.

Families may only attend one of the Santa events. You cannot attend both. Families will be assigned to one table. We can only fit 8 chairs at a table. If you feel comfortable sharing a table with another Dorsey's Search family, start planning now. Please notify us when signing up for the event. Please be punctual when arriving at the event. Santa has other engagements he needs to make. Please bring your ID showing your address when purchasing tickets. Ticket price is \$5 per person.

No sitting on Santa's lap:'( We might be able to take some pictures with him while staying socially distanced from him. View cover page for sales dates. Last day for ticket sales is Wednesday, November 24at noon (firm). The Elves need the head count. Unfortunately, there will be no magician this year. Our Elf on the Shelf will not be here, but we do have other Elves reporting to Santa. So boys and girls, make sure you are on your best behavior. Santa know whether you've been good or bad.

### Things to remember when signing up.

Will you be sitting with another family? If so, please supply us the name so we can place the families at the same table. Only 8 chairs can be accommodated at a table. Do you want to take pictures with Santa? No strollers will be allowed in the building. We need more information from our attendees when purchasing tickets for the Breakfast with Santa seating. Please be sure to read the Breakfast with Santa event carefully if you plan to come to the Breakfast event.

# Friday, December 10

### Storytime with Santa-starts at 6pm

Dinner with our favorite worldwide traveler. He is known to be notoriously fast. He is also an efficient parcel delivery person. Come join us for a dinner that will be catered by Chick-Fil-A.

# Saturday, December 11

### Breakfast with Santa-starts at 8am

Very similar to our Dinner event, but a catered breakfast. Omelets/scrambled eggs or cereal. There will be fruit salad, waffles, and home fries available for our attendees. Make sure you know what **everyone** wants to eat when purchasing tickets.

The Village Association, Village Merchants, and Kimco sponsor Santa time for our residents.

No ticket sales will be available the day of the event, but we will take names for a waitlist. Remember, Santa has a mailbox at our office. Start thinking about your letters to Santa, kids. The Elves and Santa enjoy getting mail. It helps them with toy making. The Santa mailbox will be open to residents that can't attend either event. Just come and drop off your letter.

# **Holiday Events**

<u>Flu shoot clinic</u> with Giant supermarket pharmacy—we are still working with the pharmacy to find a date for a clinic.

# Holiday Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, December 14 starts at noon

Turkey dinner with the fixin's. If you are 60+ years old, please come join us for this free luncheon for CA lien paying residents. Limited seating. Only 6 chairs per table. Don't want to sit by-yourself. Invite a friend. If they live on Columbia Association assessed property, they are welcome to join us. If they live on non-assessed property, they will need to pay a small fee of \$10. **Bring ID** when you sign up. The Howard County Police Department Community Outreach Officers will be here to visit with our residents. If you have concerns, please bring them with you. They will some brochures and some giveaways to take home.

Ticket distribution ends on Tuesday, December 7 at 3pm.

# Dorsey's Search Annual Holiday Party/Open House

This event is for Dorsey's Search residents only. You must be 21 years or older. BRING ID showing your address.

# Saturday, December 18 from 6-9:30pm

These tickets sell out fast. This event is the perfect time to come see our facility, enjoy the company of fellow residents, and enjoy some food and drinks. Please **bring non-perishable items** for the number of tickets you are getting. If you have more than 2 adults living at a property address, those not listed on the resident list will need to pickup tickets. **ID must show address**. Food will be served from 6 –8pm. If you have questions about this event, please give us a call at 410-730-4005.

Ticket distribution ends on Monday, December 6 at noon (firm).

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.

# 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

<u>Traffic Engineering Division</u>...This division is responsible for traffic signals, streetlight installation, street signs, and traffic calming and safety. 410-313-2430.

<u>Street Signs</u> ...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, <u>sidewalks</u>, storm drainage or street trees, contact the Highways Operations Division at 410-313-7450 or by email: <u>highways@howardcountymd.gov</u>.

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.

<u>Street Lights...</u>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 <u>www.BGE.com</u>

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.

<u>County Council Representative</u> 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
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

Bulk Trash Items: Residents receiving Countyprovided 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: 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. 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 only.



## PART-TIME POSITION

<u>Set-up Technician</u> - Room set-ups assigned during the week or weekend. Must be able to move heavy tables and chairs. Be able to follow floor plans to complete set-ups. Please email Ingrid Hatz at <a href="mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org">ihatz@dorseyssearch.org</a>. Only qualified individuals will be contacted.

# **Dorsey Hall Garden Club**

# The Benefit of Trees...

With the emphasis on improving our environment and fighting the effects of our changing climate, here are a few facts from the Arbor Day Foundation, on the benefits of planting trees.

- Trees help absorb rain and water runoff and combats the effects of erosion.
- Trees fight climate change in a number of ways:
  - Trees purify the air, removing carbon dioxide, and actually storing carbon as well as release oxygen into the atmosphere. Roadside trees have been found to reduce nearby indoor air pollution by more than 50%. During one year, a mature tree will absorb more than 8 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen I exchange,
  - Shade trees can reduce the temperatures underneath by as much as 19 °C. Regarding air temperature, tree shades were far superior than grass surfaces, lowering temperatures 5-7 °C.
- Trees help save on energy cost.
  - Carefully positioned trees can reduce a household's energy consumption for heating and cooling by up to 25%. Computer models devised by the U.S. Department of Energy predict that the proper placement of only three trees can save an average household between \$100 and \$250 in energy costs annually.
- Trees improve our drinking water.
  - Forested watersheds provide quality drinking water to more than 180 million Americans.
- Trees help birds and wildlife.
  - Trees and forests provide important species range. Many animals have a range of hundreds of square miles. The Mountain Lion of North America, for instance, has a range of nearly 400 square miles.
- Trees beautify the community, help birds and wildlife, increase property values and much more.

If you are interested in more information on the benefits of trees, go to the Arbor Day Foundation at arborday.org.

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

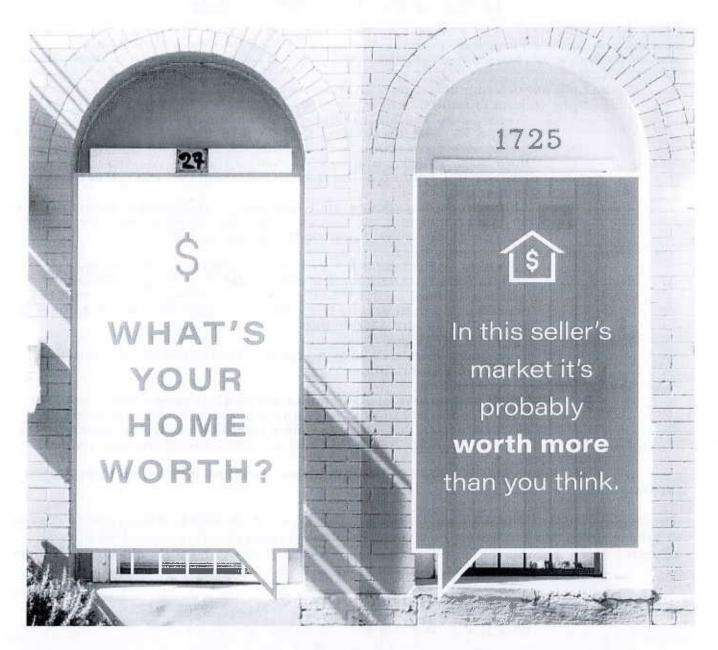
# Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!

Now that fall is here, take steps to manage all those leaves:

- Grasscycle/Mulch leaves
- Compost in your backyard
- Participate in a Rake and Take Program
- Utilize curbside yard trim collection
- Drop-off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste



Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet or a stream. This is both bad for water quality and is considered an illicit discharge and a violation of County Code. Discarding landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet can clog pipes and lead to flooding (even in your own yard). The decaying process of yard trim can also lead to depleted oxygen levels in our streams and water bodies.



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