The Scroll Village website: www.dorseyssearch.org

Shredding & Computer Collection by the Boy Scouts

At Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City) March 25 from 9am-noon

Please see page 11 for Computer Collection information

Volunteers for Village Elections (still accepting)

Please consider volunteering for our Election Committee. As a volunteer Committee member, you will ensure that our By-Laws are followed during our Election period such as verify Candidates and votes. Our Village Election Day is Saturday, April 22 from 8am-1pm.

Eligibility for membership on the Election Committee—By-Laws Article VIII Section 8.02. "Any member of the Association eligible to vote in the next forthcoming election of Directors and Council Representative shall be eligible for membership to the Election Committee, but in no event shall a member be a candidate for any Association office. No member of the Election Committee may actively campaign for or against any candidate."

Whether you have a lot of time or a little time, consider volunteering. We will know if we have a contested election after March 21, 2023

Please email Nancy Meredith at nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org and Ingrid Hatz at ihatz@dorseyssearch.org

Hello I Am The Best Candidate

Village Election—Saturday, April 22

3 Board Seats and the Columbia Council Representative are open for election

If you are interested in running for a Board seat or for the Columbia Council Representative seat, you will need to pick up a Candidate packet for that seat. The packet contains information about the Dorsey's Search Village as well as information about being a Candidate. You must be a member of the Association (Dorsey's Search Community Association) to be eligible to run for a seat. A member is defined as an owner or renter on CA lien holding property located in Dorsey's Search. In addition, the Directors shall not be in violation of the Dorsey's Search Restrictions (e.g. Dorsey's Search Covenants) or in violation of any dues or assessments established by the Columbia Association (By-Laws Section 2.03-Qualifications of Directors).

Candidate packets are available

The Village office is open:

Monday and Friday from 8am-3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am-7pm

Saturday from 9am-11am

Please view page 8 & 9 for more information about Village Elections.

Reminders

Sharpshooting

County Open Space in Dorsey Hall Tuesday, Mar 7 & Thursday, Mar 9

County pathways will be closed from 3pm to midnight

Signs posted by County pathways. See page 4 for contact information.

Candidate Packets are available at the village office. Consider running!

> SHREDDING & COMPUTER COLLECTION March 25 9am-noon

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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, March 8, 2023
- Wednesday, April 12, 2023
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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
Patricia Jones	Facility Assistant
Kathy Ralston	Facility Assistant
Charles Treger	Facility Assistant
Eudora Ezirike	Facility Assistant
Will Meredith	Set-up Tech
Bill Salciccioli	Set-up Tech

Village Board Members

Ellen Mackey	410-730-4005
Derek Carey	410-730-4005
Crissy Simpson	410-730-4005
Chris Fuchs	410-730-4005
Luke Menefee	410-730-4005

Columbia Council Representative

Dick Boulton 410-884-2964

Office Hours

Monday, Friday
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Saturday
Sunday

Please call in advance for rental availability.

Website: www.dorsevssearch.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

February 2023

⇒ Board did not vote on any actions.



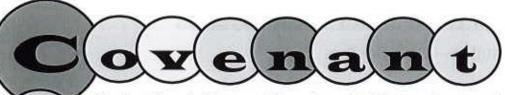
Classified Ad:

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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.

Approved/Denied Applications: Jan21 –Feb 16

(descriptions are abbreviated)

Application Approvals:

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5263 Columbia Rd—windows

4697 Hallowed Stream-roof

4033 Larkspring-roof

4276 Coattail—siding, trim, soffits, vents, shutters

4569 Kingscup—windows, slider, window trim

4627 Hallowed Stream-roof

4612 Oakview-siding, roof

4204 Purple Twilight—tree removal

Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Feb 28	Mar 15
Mar 14	Apr 5
Apr 4	Apr 19
Apr 18	May 3
May 2	May 17

Be proactive!!! Please call the Village office to let the Covenant Advisor know that a POD, dumpster, or trailer will be placed on your property. If the village office receives a complaint and are not aware of the structure, the Covenant Advisor will investigate and write a violation letter to the owner.

Mowing grass-it's that time of year

Remember to mow your lawn with the frequency of good property management. Please remember that adjacent property owners must maintain the grassy areas on both sides of the sidewalk (mowing, watering, seeding, etc.) on portions parallel to one's property. Howard County Code of Ordinances 18.402 Public Works—Sidewalks: a) It shall be the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a public right-of-way to maintain the abutting sidewalk, driveway apron and sod or grass within the public right-of-way in such condition as to be safe for public use.

To make this a bit clearer.... if your property touches any county sidewalk (front, side, rear), you must mow the strip of grass between the roadway and the sidewalk.



We are still receiving phone calls about string lights installed on homes.

Christmas decorations should be removed now. If you keep string lights up year round, **an application is required**. Applications can be found on our Village website at: www.dorseyssearch.org/Covenants
If you have any questions, please contact Anne McKissick at 410-730-4005 or by email:

amckissick@dorseyssearch.org.

Report to Dorsey's Search Village Board - February 2023

Columbia Council Representative—Dick Boulton

- Lakey Boyd, CA's President/CEO, resigned. This was her decision, and she was not pressured to do so. The Board had offered opportunities
 for discussion and resolution, but these were rejected.
- The CA Board held its regularly scheduled open board meeting on the evening of January 26 which began two hours after the announcement of Ms. Boyd's resignation. Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting in person, mostly to criticize the Board for Ms. Boyd's departure. This delayed the start of the business portion of the meeting by over one and one-half hour, making it impossible to conclude all the agenda in a timely manner.
- The board approved a recommendation to obtain mediation to help resolve any remaining conflicts between the board and senior staff.
- The board voted to issue an RFP to retain an executive search firm to conduct a global search for candidates to be the CEO/President position.
- Board seats for Long Reach and King's Contrivance are currently vacant. The King's Contrivance Village Board has selected Keith C. O'Neil to
 the betheir new Columbia Council representative, and Mr. O'Neil's appointment has been scheduled. We are now waiting for Long Reach to
 make an appointment.
- The proposed Board Ethics Code was scheduled to be discussed at this month's work session and voted on at the following meeting. It was reviewed by CA's General Counsel and his input was incorporated in the draft. An accompanying Ethics Enforcement Policy is in the works that will take into consideration recommendations by an outside consultant. The question of conflicts of interest regarding IAT and village boards will require further discussion.
- A policy relating to CA's votes in certain village elections was adopted. CA will submit blank ballots to villages in order to meet quorum requirements but will not support or oppose any particular candidate.
- There was further discussion of the FY24 budget, and the Board directed staff to add allocations for the Inner Arbor Trust and the Community Foundation of Howard County and to provide recommendations on how to compensate for those spending increases.
- The Board discussed the proposed HoCo by Design County General Plan with the goal of protecting Columbia in any upcoming rezoning activity. This discussion is ongoing and will result in a CA policy recommendation to the County.
- The board discussed CA's overall Watershed Plan and the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration Project. We asked CA's Watershed Advisory Committee to provide input on the Watershed Plan and will be inviting relevant county stakeholders to a future CA meeting to discuss stormwater management. We also discussed CA's role in providing oversight of the planning and execution of the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration project.

Dick Boulton can be reached via email at: ddboulton@verizon.net

Want to go Solar, but don't know where to start?



Please join Civic Works and Columbia Association for our upcoming online Solar Information Session via Zoom on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM. Learn about the many energy saving and environmental benefits of going solar - as well as how you can save on the cost of your solar panel system. CA has partnered with Civic Works to provide residents the opportunity to learn about placing solar panels on their homes at a discounted rate.

To RSVP, visit:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/howard-county-solar-info-session-online-32223-tickets-517923181177



Want more information about Sharpshooting? Please visit Howard County's Natural Resources website at https://www.howardcountymd.gov/natural-resources#wildlife

or contact

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Remaining Dates for Sharpshooting on Dorsey Hall Open Space: March 7 & 9

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.

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, <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...BGE</u> 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

<u>Mailbox Problems</u>: 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	
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. 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.

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



Facility Assistant (Still looking)

Part-time position

Customer service oriented and reliable. Duties include greeting guests; ensuring that policies are being followed during a rental event, some light filing, and a little computer work as assigned. Office experience & knowledge of MS Word a plus. Hours will vary due to rental bookings. Rentals usually occur on the weekends, but on occasion, there will be some weekday evenings. Great 2nd job! Please contact Ingrid Hatz at ihatz@dorseyssearch.org

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 frequent basis.

Ever wonder—What does my CA annual assessment pay for? Go Visit the Columbia Association webpage:

https://www.columbiaassociation.org/annual-charge/

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The **Village Election** will be held on Saturday, April 22, at Village Office/Linden Hall (located in the Dorsey's Search Village Center) with polling from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There will be no election if after the date for which nominations for the Board of Directors are closed, the number of nominees meeting the requirements is less than or equal to the number of vacant director positions, the qualified nominees shall be deemed to have been elected by the members and the Board of Directors shall appoint nominees to available director positions for the term provided for in Article 8 of the Association's Articles of Incorporation.

Offices to be filled: There are three (3) open seats for Village Board of Directors and the Columbia Council Representative for Dorsey's Search which serves on the CA Board of Directors. Candidates must be in compliance with the covenants. Each term will be two years, a term running from May 1, 2023 until April 30, 2025.

Who is eligible to vote: There is one vote per property and the property must be in compliance with the covenants. Must be a property owner (please bring ID) or tenant (tenants must have proof of residency, e.g. drivers license, utility bill, lease) as of March 1, 2023.

If the property owner is Early Voting at the Village office, the Absentee ballot may not leave the office. You must place your ballot in the voter box. If you are a tenant, supporting documents must be viewed to ensure membership as stated in Article 6 of the Dorsey's Search Articles of Incorporation. **One vote per property** as defined in Article 7—Section B, "such members will collectively be entitled to one vote relative to the lot, unit, share, membership or other interest, and if such members cannot jointly agree as to how that vote should be cast, no vote shall be allowed with respect to such lot, unit, ...".

Call the office for an absentee ballot if you prefer to have one mailed to you. Your name will be matched to "The List of Members" as is stated in By-Law Section 1.08 List of Members. Your absentee ballot may be placed in our exterior mailbox located at our parking lot entrance, mailed, or brought to the office no later than Thursday, April 20 at noon. The Village office is not responsible for lost US Postal service mail. All received ballots will be placed in the ballot box for the Election Committee to verify.

Election Calendar 2023

Fri., February 24, 2023 Candidate packets may

be picked up at Village office/

Linden Hall

during operating hours (see page 2 for hours)

Wed., March 1, 2023

Acceptance of signed nomination petitions will be begin on this date during operating

hours.

Tues., March 21, 2023

Nomination petitions must be returned to the Village Office /Linden Hall by noon.

Fri., March 24, 2023

Candidate's Statements are due by noon. Statements must not exceed 150 words.

Fri., March 31, 2023 -Thurs., April 20, 2023 Absentee Ballots are available at Village Office/Linden Hall during operating hours until Tuesday, April 20 at noon. Absentee ballots may also be mailed to you. Absentee ballots must be re turned by Thurs., April 20, 2023 by noon.

Tues., April 11, 2023

Candidate's Night 7:00pm if election is contested. Candi date's Night will be held at the Village Office located at Lin den Hall.

Sat., April 22, 2023

Village Election polling at Linden Hall from 8:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

Becoming a Candidate

Dorsey's Search property owners or renters may run for the Village Board of Directors and for the Columbia Council Representative position. Candidates must be in compliance with the covenants. An Exterior inspection of your property will be made. All candidates must pick up a Candidate Packet and complete the nomination petition, please see election calendar for deadlines. The nomination petition must be signed by at least ten(10) residents and if the resident is a renter, proof of residency must be provided, such as a copy of drivers license, utility bill, or lease showing the address. These documents will be used by the Election Chairman to validate residency. It is a good idea to get more than ten signatures. Petitions must be returned to Linden Hall staff by the deadline that appears in the election calendar. Candidates are responsible for writing and submitting a candidate statement by the deadline.

Responsibilities of the Columbia Council Representative Member:

- ⇒Be informed regarding the missions, policies, and programs of the Columbia Association (CA).
- ⇒Formulate CA policies and follow CA Board/Council conflict of interest and confidentiality policies.
- ⇒Carry out fiduciary responsibilities of CA Board, including oversight and approval of CA budget and review of CA financial statements.
- ⇒Regularly attend Board and Council meetings.
- ⇒Serve on CA Board/Council/Advisory Committees and regularly attend committee meetings.
- ⇒Take responsibility for and follow through on assignments arising from meetings.
- ⇒Review Agenda, supporting materials, and prior meeting minutes before CA Board, Council and committee meetings.
- ⇒Attend special events and functions of CA Board, Council and Villages as well as community-wide CA events.
- ⇒Present reports of CA Board/Council actions at respective village Board meeting.

continued in next column

- ⇒Work with CA's President to establish performance objectives. Evaluate performance of CA's President, while providing the necessary support for the President to further CA's goals
- ⇒Communicate with residents: articulate CA's goals, accomplishments, programs, and policies and obtain input from residents.

Responsibilities of a Dorsey's Search Board member:

The primary responsibility of a **Board member** is that of an advocate. The following is a list of responsibilities:

- ⇒Oversees the village budget
- ⇒Hires and evaluates the Village Manager
- ⇒Appoints standing and ad hoc committees and oversees their effectiveness
- ⇒Attends one Board meeting per month on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- ⇒Develops and presents testimony to government agencies, e.g. HC Council, Columbia Council, Columbia Association, and state legislators (when needed).
- ⇒Negotiates and complies with the management contract between the village and Columbia Association
- ⇒Offers programs and services which help unite the community

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Dorsey Hall Dorsey Garden Club

Submitted by Sandy Thompson, Dorsey Hall Garden Club

This is a shout-out to our Green Bin Users and future users. Dorsey Search is one of the neighborhoods to have access to one Green Bin per residence. There are three sizes of bins and all are available to Howard County residents that pay a yearly trash and recycling fee (\$325 per year) on their property tax bill.

There is also a free 'smaller' bin to put on your counter top for saving vegetable scraps/coffee grounds, etc. But I found another approach that is easier and cleaner: I just use a *chip clip* to hang a 'compostable' bag on the inside of my kitchen recycle can. The company, *Greener Walker* sells biodegradable bags.

Did you know that...

- 1. All waste picked up in Green Bins is recycled back to our environment for composting. This contributes to 30% less trash sent to the landfill.
- 2. Pizza boxes, paper towels, egg cartons and sticks/leaves/yard trim are also picked up in the Green Bin.
- 3. The Green Bin is collected weekly, year round.
- 4. Your sink disposal will last much longer due to less use (\$ saved). Again, simple to use with no mess.

So let's give our environment a break! "Feed the Green Bin!" Compost bins can be picked up year round at the Bureau of Environmental Services, 9801 Broken Land Parkway and at Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Rd. There are compost demonstrations periodically at Alpha Ridge Landfill. There, you can also purchase HoCoGo compost and mulch.

Recycle in the Blue,

Compost in the Green

Minimize your Trash!"

For more information, contact the Recycling Division Bureau of Environmental Services 410-313-6444

"As the garden grows, so does the gardener." Old Saying



Ranunculus Bulbs—if you haven't planted them, now would be the perfect time.

Recently Ranunculus bulbs were given out in the fall at our plant give a way. Here is some information on this flowering bulb. The Ranunculus are a very versatile bulb that can be planted in the fall for spring flowering or in the spring for summer flowering. Although in colder climate the Ranunculus bulb should be dug up and stored

over winter, in more mild climates they can be left in the ground and will come back for years. There are both annual and perennial varieties. Depending on the variety and size of the tuber, each plant can produce between 5 and 10 flower stems. These plants are grown mainly for cut flowers. They vary in color and petal type. Their rose-like blossoms have multi-layer tissue thin petals in a variety of colors. They can be planted in containers or in the garden. Plant in a sunny spot in rich loam soil and keep the soil moist but not too wet. They should sprout in 10 to 15 days and flower in approximately 90 days. So now is a good time to think about early spring planting for a summer display of beautiful Ranunculus flowers to brighten your summer table. If you need another copy of the planting sheet that was given to you, please email Anne McKissick.



Please send pictures of your flowers! The bulbs should be blooming and the native plants will flower late spring/early summer. We would love to compile a collage as our gardens begin to show off their brilliant colors. The Village is not planning a plant giveaway this year, but is looking at 2024. Please email Anne McKissick at amckissick@dorseyssearch.org with your wonderful garden pictures this spring and summer.

Upcoming Events

Shredding/Boy Scouts computer collection Saturday, March 25 9am—noon at Linden Hall

Dorsey's Search residents only!!! Limit 2 computers per person.

You may bring your sensitive personal documents to the shredding event. You may NOT leave boxes at the door of our building. Please follow the parking lot attendant instructions for traffic flow. The Boy Scouts will have a table set up for the collection of computers. Please read the information below.



Village Elections

Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8am-1pm. If it is contested.

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.





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