

# The Scroll

November 2023

Village website: [www.dorseysearch.org](http://www.dorseysearch.org)

## Letter from the Village Manager

Dear Residents,

**The Dorsey's Search Meeting Room** which is located next to The Dorsey Hall Pool is not a **Public Building**. The building is leased to a school and is **not** accessible to any resident or non-resident alike. **Only Columbia Association authorized personnel** or **Linden Hall authorized personnel** has access to the building. No one regardless of what they pay in association fees should be under the impression that they can have access to any building at any time or whenever they want.

The Dorsey's Search Meeting Room although owned by Columbia Association is managed by The Dorsey's Search Community Association. The Dorsey's Search Pool is owned and managed by Columbia Association. The Meeting Room building is currently under a long-term lease.

Should you need any further clarification on this matter, please do not hesitate to call the village office and I will be happy to assist you.

Ingrid Hatz  
Dorsey's Search Village Manager

## Event Tickets



Please check the dates for distribution. See page 4 & 5.

Do not give your tickets to another family.  
The tickets are non-transferable and will not be honored.

If you cannot make the event, please call the office at 410-730-4005. The office will have a wait list.

**Santa Events** are for children 10 years and younger with a limit of 2 accompanying adults. Santa wants to meet the children so he can get a good count on all the toys he needs to make this year.

Adults without children are asked to sign up for another event.

**Senior Holiday Luncheon** is geared for our residents and guests who are 60+ years or older.

**Open House Dinner** tickets require guests to be 21 years or older to sign up and be our guest for the event. **Dorsey's Search residents only.** If you have adult children (21 years or older) who live with you, it is their responsibility to bring their ID and get their own tickets. There are specific times when menu items will be served. This gives everyone an opportunity to enjoy the various selections of appetizers, dinner entrees, and desserts. There will be soft music being played in the background, but most importantly, we want you to enjoy a conversation with old and new friends here at our community center. Got new neighbors, tell them about this event.

## Reminders

Office Closed  
Nov 23 & 24

Tickets available for Holiday Open House Dinner starting November 7

Tickets available for Senior Luncheon starting November 8

Santa tickets available  
Storytime and Breakfast  
See page 4

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## Dorsey's Search Community Association Information

### Village Board Meeting Schedule

All village board meetings are currently held via Zoom. 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. 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 8, 2023
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024

*Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the village website.*

### Village Office Staff

Phone: 410-730-4005

Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager—[ihatz@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:ihatz@dorseyssearch.org)

Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor—[amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)

Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager—[nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org)

Bitsy Furr	Facility Assistant
Patricia Jones	Facility Assistant
Kathy Ralston	Facility Assistant
Charles Treger	Facility Assistant
Bill Salciccioli	Set-up Tech

### Village Board Members

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

### Columbia Council Representative

Chris Fuchs 410-730-4005

### Office Hours

Monday, Friday	8am—3pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8am—7pm
Saturday	9am—11am
Sunday	Open for rental; no village office hours

Please call in advance for rental availability.

Website: [www.dorseyssearch.org](http://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

October 2023

- ⇒ 4222 Bright Bay Way—15day letter to be sent to property owner and a resolution letter to be sent CA if owner does not contact the Covenant Advisor
- ⇒ 4620 Broken Lute Way—15day letter to be sent to property owner and a resolution letter to be sent CA if owner does not contact the Covenant Advisor
- ⇒ 4025 Fragile Sail Way—15day letter to be sent to property owner and a resolution letter to be sent CA if owner does not contact the Covenant Advisor



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## *Dorsey Hall Garden Club*

We see them everywhere. At the grocery store and at the hardware store. Along the entrances to neighborhoods and shopping centers. They come in all colors, from pale white to vivid purple and all shades of yellow, orange and red. It's the season for the Chrysanthemum!!

The name Chrysanthemum, comes from the Greek word meaning *gold flower*. It is considered the birth flower for November. Commonly known as *Mum*, they are one of the last flowers that continue to bloom well into November and even into December, in our area. This ancient plant revered through the centuries, started as a simple blooming perennial in East Asia. The Chinese philosopher, *Confucius*, mentions it in his ancient works. Over thousands of years and through the magic of hybridizing, we now have an extensive array of Chrysanthemums. The *National Chrysanthemum Society* lists 13 types. From the common Decorative variety that we see most often at the nurseries and grocery stores to the long-petaled Exotics that are shown in elaborate arrangements and judged at flower shows.

We have given a range of meanings to many flowers and the Mum is no exception. Buddhist Monks believe that the Chrysanthemums contain Yang energy and add liveliness to a home. Chinese culture says that the flower relates to a long life and good fortune. Here in the US, we symbolize friendship, happiness and well-being with the hardy plant.

Chrysanthemums are perennials and are hardy in zones 5-9. They can survive the winter months in half of the US. A versatile plant, it is also known to contain *Pyrethrin*, a natural insecticide that is used as an alternate to toxic *Deet*, and is found in many natural and organic mosquito and tick sprays. In addition, white and yellow Chrysanthemums can be steeped for a healthy tea.

Garden Mums can return year after year, if their roots are protected from deep freezes. Be aware that new roots, which are runners that can appear near the surface, are susceptible to freezing. Transplanting to a protected area in your garden for the winter can improve the chances for reblooming the following year. Visit your garden center and pick up some Mums, they will extend your garden blooms well into late fall.

*-Joan Oliver, Dorsey Hall Garden Club*

**5 Million Tree Initiative.** This Maryland state wide program's motto is, "Plant and grow a tree for every Marylander." To find out more information on the benefits of this important Program, go to [WWW.DNR.Maryland.Gov/Forest/Pages/5-Million-Trees.ASPX](http://WWW.DNR.Maryland.Gov/Forest/Pages/5-Million-Trees.ASPX).

The Dorsey Search Garden Club will be participating in this year's **State Holiday Tree Exhibit** at the State House in Annapolis, Md. You can tour this year's trees beginning in December.

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. For more information, please email Karen Griffith at [tgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:tgriff@hotmail.com).

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## Leaves

DO NOT DUMP, RAKE, or BLOW leaves into gutters or storm drains.

This may cause localized flooding which may damage property.

Please feel free to mulch your leaves or use them in your compost bin.

*Please remember to apply for your compost bin.*

A thick layer of fallen leaves on your lawn/ground will smother grass.

If you have a lawn, it must be maintained as seasonally appropriate.

There is a Howard County noise ordinance. Daytime hours are from 7am—10pm. If you have a complaint about noise, due to time or loudness, please contact the Howard County Police Department at 410-313-2200. This is their non-emergency number. You may also file a report online.

[www.howardcountymd.gov/police](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/police)

Any questions about applying for compost bins or any type of landscaping change, please contact Anne McKissick.

Phone number, 410-730-4005 or by email

[amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org)



## Santa Events:

Our Santa events are geared towards children 10 years and younger. To ensure that children get to visit with Santa, we ask that you limit it to 2 adults per family when purchasing tickets. Santa loves to see everyone, but Santa loves to hear and visit with the children the most. Don't forget to write a letter. We'll have a **mailbox** available for your Santa mail. The Elves love when Santa reads the letters to them. It is one of their favorite moments of the day. Ticket sales will begin on Tuesday, October 31 at the Village Office/Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City) Please remember to bring your ID.

### Storytime with Santa

Friday, December 8 from 6—8pm at Linden Hall

This event is open to guests outside of Dorsey's Search.

**Cost:**

CA Lien paying resident—\$5/person

Non-CA lien guests—\$8/person

Catered Chick fil A dinner designed by Santa to be kid friendly. Santa ordered salad so adults and children can be good role models for eating their greens. Last, but not least, cookies for dessert. Don't forget to bring your camera for those special moments with Santa.

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 9 from 8—11am at Linden Hall

This event is **only** for our Dorsey's Search residents.

**Cost:**

\$5/person

A catered hot breakfast that residents of the North Pole would be envious of. Don't like hot food? There will be cereal for you. You will not be disappointed by this fabulous spread. Don't forget to bring your camera to catch those special moments with Santa.

For both of these Santa events, we ask guests to be punctual. Santa has a busy Saturday schedule. Food will be served at the beginning of the event. Food is not out for the entirety of the event. No food is allowed to be removed from the premises. Residents may only purchase tickets for one Santa event. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please call the Village office if you cannot attend. We will have a wait list if the events are sold out.

# Upcoming Events

## Holiday Open House/Dinner

on Saturday, December 16 from 6–9pm at Linden Hall

Dorsey's Search Residents ONLY! Must be 21 years and older.

PLEASE BRING ID WITH YOU WHEN SIGNING UP FOR TICKETS.

The Village office is located at 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City.

Ticket distribution will begin on Tuesday, November 7 at Linden Hall during our operating hours (see page 2 Office Hours).

Tickets go fast, so make sure you place a reminder on your calendar. This event is always a Village favorite. We will take waitlist reservations if the event is sold out. If you have tickets and cannot attend, Do Not give it to a neighbor, please return the ticket to the office. Names on the waitlist will be called in order.



## Senior Holiday Luncheon

on Wednesday, December 13 at noon

*specifically for our 60+ years old residents*

Please bring ID with you when signing up.

Ticket sign up/purchases begin **Wednesday, November 8** at Linden Hall (4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City)

Ticket prices: CA Lien paying property—Free  
Non-CA lien property—\$3

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or make a friend.

Turkey dinner and the fixins. Two kinds of pie, soft drinks, coffee, and tea all included.

The Howard County Police Department will be here to answer any questions you might have on public safety.

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. Family or Children's events must have an adult accompanying a child. Tickets may still be available when the newsletter is being printed, but may be sold out before you receive your issue. Please feel free to call us to see if there are still tickets available. Thank you.





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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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
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 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](http://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>

## Seeking Newsletter Carriers for Next Year

Seeking school aged students to deliver village newsletters. The Village would like to place your name on the waitlist. Please submit your name, email address, and phone number to

Nancy Meredith at

[nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:nmeredith@dorseyssearch.org) or call at  
410-730-4005.

Her office hours are Monday--Friday  
8am –3pm



# Covenant

## Corner

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](http://www.dorseyssearch.org) in the Covenant section.

### Approved/Denied Applications: Sep20—Oct18

(descriptions are abbreviated)

#### Application Approvals:

- 4503 Mustering Drum—basketball hoop
- 4641 Hallowed Stream—cable brace on chimney
- 4950 Dorsey Hall #4—deck
- 4526 Mustering Drum—cable railing; tiki swing
- 4145 Red Bandana—roof
- 4045 Firefly—roof
- 4748 Ram's Horn—landscape edging, windows, sliders, roof, spotlight
- 4233 Red Bandana—front door; lights
- 4609 Morning Ride—tree removal
- 4144 Henhawk—safety handrails
- 4278 Bright Bay—roof; pipe vents
- 4304 Sweet Bell—patio; stairwell to basement
- 4604 Manorhill—windows, shutters, siding, roof
- 9444 Sunlit Passage—deck; deck stain

#### Approved as amended

- 4141 Henhawk—trash can enclosure

### Application Deadlines and Meeting Dates

7p.m. Deadline	Review Date
Oct 31	Nov 15
Nov 14	Dec 6
Dec 5	Dec 20
Dec 19	Jan 3
Jan 2	Jan 17
Jan 16	Feb 7

### Holiday Decorations

You may display holiday decorations 21 days before and 21 days after a holiday. If you add up the number of days, that is 43 days of recognition.



## Complaints

Complaints always remain anonymous. **Anyone** can make a complaint to the Covenant Advisor. It is the Covenant Advisor's responsibility to investigate and verify the violation on the property. The Village does not police the Village looking for violations or maintenance issues. If the Covenant Advisor is performing an inspection, the Covenant Advisor cannot ignore egregious maintenance issues or unapproved alterations on neighboring properties.

If you see a house unattended for years and have not complained about it, the Covenant Advisor might not know about it. Remember, if it took this many years to reach that condition, it will take a while for the property to become compliant. We must follow our process and procedures. It could be some time before you see any type of work begin on the property. The Village office cannot provide updates to a complaint. We ask our residents to be patient.

Columbia Association and the Village cannot maintain a property. Property owners are responsible for their property. If you have any questions, concerns, or want to make a complaint, please contact Anne McKissick by email, phone, or letter. Her email is [amckissick@dorseyssearch.org](mailto:amckissick@dorseyssearch.org). Office phone number is 410-730-4005. We have an exterior mailbox located on left hand side of the parking lot entrance door. Feel free to drop a note. If you place a note in the exterior mailbox, we ask that you pull out the red flag so we know there is a note in there.



## **Santa is coming to your neighborhood!**

**December 9th & 10th      16th & 17th**

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