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## MVF begins 28<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling over \$51,000.

Scholarships are awarded to Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in community or civic activities. Applicants are screened by a committee at each high school, with the Foundation's Scholarship Committee making the final selections in May. As established by the MVF Board of Directors, all contributions are voluntary,

and no assessment dollars are used to fund the program.

The scholarship fund was originally launched by the MVF Board of Directors to coincide with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Montgomery Village and MVF. This year's fund totals and recipient names will be announced in late spring at school ceremonies and in the *Montgomery Village News*.

Donations by check must be made out directly to either Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or to the Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund. To

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Montgomery Village Foundation's 3rd Annual Family Bingo Night is right around the corner on Saturday, Jan. 26. Be sure to reserve your seats by purchasing discounted Bingo card booklets for \$8/booklet — call 301-948-0110. Booklets are also available at the door for \$10/booklet. Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win one of many awesome prizes.

## 2019 Architectural Standards Community Inspections

Every year, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Architectural Standards Department performs scheduled community inspections. In 2019, Architectural Standards will be completing the inspections in Patton Ridge and Whetstone that began in 2018, specifically focusing on Partridge Place, Arrowhead, and Greentee I and II in Patton Ridge and on Lakeside

and the Courts of Whetstone in Whetstone. They will also be inspecting all the subdivisions in Eastgate, Poplar Spring, Middle Village and Horizon Run Condominiums, and will begin inspections in East Village, which will continue into 2020.

In addition to conducting scheduled inspections in the

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**BINGO NIGHT**  
**Saturday, Jan. 26**  
 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 (cash only) by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25! Each booklet contains 12 cards. Prices at the door are \$10/booklet or \$1/board (cash only).  
 Lake Manor Community Center, 3421 East Village Square  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother-Son Valentine's Dance**  
 For ages 5 to 12  
**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
 7 to 9 p.m.  
 By Friday, Jan. 25  
 \$17/per person (Resident)  
 \$22/per person (Non-resident)  
 North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road  
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**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance**  
 For ages 5 to 12  
**Friday, Feb. 8**  
 7 to 9 p.m.  
 By Friday, Jan. 25  
 \$17/per person (Resident)  
 \$22/per person (Non-resident)  
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**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

Get to know the candidates running for the MVF Board of Directors

**MVF Candidates' Forum**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.**

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road  
 Snow Date, Thursday, Jan. 31

If you have a question for a MVF Board candidate but are unable to attend the Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 29, you may e-mail your question to [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org) no later than Friday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. Please note that all questions submitted in writing prior to the Candidates' Forum must be authenticated as to resident names and addresses.

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## MVF MEETING AGENDAS

### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

### MVF CANDIDATES' FORUM

The MVF Candidates' Forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Snow date for the forum is Thursday, Jan. 31 in the same location.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

### COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. The agenda includes review of the 2018 Fourth Quarter MVF Investment Portfolio.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. The committee will set the slate of candidates for the MVF Board of Directors election.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Items on the agenda include information and updates to pool policies and operating procedures, activity cards and the summer concert series in South Valley Park.

*Note: All meeting agendas listed in this section are current as of the deadline date for this publication. The listings do not include every agenda item. This information is also available on the MVF website at www.montgomeryvillage.com.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

### CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

### CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Lake Association (CCLA) meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

### HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

### NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road, #3.

### NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NEXT  
ISSUE

Friday, Feb. 8

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The MVF Office  
will be closed

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Monday, Jan. 21  
for Martin Luther  
King, Jr Day.

I have a dream...

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Looking forward to 2019



by Glenn Gargan  
 MVF President

A very Happy New Year to you all. I trust that many enjoyed time with family, or just relaxed and prepared for 2019.

With the new year comes changes, as always. In addition to three Montgomery Village Foundation Board seats open for election, many communities in Montgomery Village are preparing for their annual elections as well. I certainly encourage those of you interested in volunteering in your community to submit yourselves for nomination. I emphasized volunteering, as it is (as I always state in my closing remarks within my column) "the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village."

Speaking of volunteerism, are you aware that MVF has many committees, which (like all MVF and community boards of directors) are comprised fully of volunteers? As such, we are always encouraging our residents to volunteer for these committees as well. MVF committees include:

- Architectural Review Board (ARB)
- Audit Committee
- Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC)
- Committee on the Environment
- Communications Committee
- Election Committee
- Investment Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Recreation Committee

These are not just committees in name only; much of what eventually comes before the MVF Board for consideration or vote comes from our committees. We are extremely fortunate to have very passionate residents on our committees, and we can always use both more residents and more passion.

While some of our committees require professional experience (such as ARB, Audit, CARC and Investment), all are comprised of residents representing all spectrums of our community, from elected officials, to working residents, to retired residents. Committees are "voting independent" from the MVF Board, in that while each committee has an MVF Board Liaison, that liaison is not a voting member of that

committee. All committees also have MVF staff who attend and support the committee.

Full information on all committees, including what the committee purview is, who is on the committee (including chairperson), and location/dates/times of the committee meetings, can be found at [www.montgomeryvillage.com/mvff/committees](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com/mvff/committees). I encourage every resident to have a look...you might be surprised at how your neighbors are contributing.

Some of the upcoming activities scheduled in Montgomery Village include those below. Please visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com/events](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com/events) for more detail, including registration information (where applicable):

**Saturday, Jan. 26:** Bingo Night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Don't miss this great night of family bingo fun!

**Tuesday, Jan. 29:** MVF Board of Directors Candidates' Forum, 7 to 8:30 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Meet the candidates for the MVF Board, and ask questions about their opinions on issues that matter to you (snow date Thursday, Jan. 31).

**Friday, Feb. 1:** Valentine's Wine & Paint, 7 to 9 p.m., Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. My wife Lynda and I can't wait to see what Valentine-themed art we will be painting this year!

**Friday, Feb. 8:** Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Get ready to dance the night away!

**Saturday, Feb. 9:** Mother-Son Valentine's Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Moms and sons can get in on the dancing action, now too!

**Saturday, Feb. 23:** Indoor Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Free admission for shoppers!

**Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10:** Art, Craft, & Photography Show, 1 to 5 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Join the artists at a special Artist's Reception from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

As is tradition, I invite you to get involved. Volunteerism is the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village, and the plethora of skills and talents present in our community can only ensure our continued improvement if you and your neighbors volunteer.

Your input and feedback to me at [garganmvf@gmail.com](mailto:garganmvf@gmail.com) is welcome.

Best regards,  
 Glenn

### MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
 Thursday, January 24, 2019  
 North Creek Community Center - 7:30 p.m.  
 TENTATIVE AGENDA

7 to 7:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates - a time for residents to meet candidates for the upcoming MVF election.

Residents Time - As a courtesy to fellow residents and the board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 6, 2018
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Information Items
  - A. Receive 2019 Slate of candidates for the MVF Election
  - B. Receive evaluation of the 2018 pool season
7. Acceptance of Action List  
 ACTION LIST  
 Decision Items:
  - A. Consider Approval of Proposed 2019 Pool Schedule
  - B. Consider Proposal of MVF Facilitating Pool Party Rentals
  - C. Consider Revisions to the Pool Operating Policy
  - D. Consider Revisions to the MVF Activity Card Distribution Policy and Annual Pool Membership Pricing
  - E. Consider Modifications to the Lawn Theater Music Series
  - F. Consider Bid to Purchase a New Copier for MVF Office
8. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
  - A. Executive Committee
  - B. Audit
  - C. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
  - D. Committee on Environment (COE)
  - E. Communications
  - F. Election
  - G. Nominating
  - H. Personnel
  - I. Recreation
  - J. Investment Committee
8. Board Member Issues
9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to -  
 (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts
10. Adjournment

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# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



| Sunday   | Monday           | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |                  |
|--|------------------|--|--|--|---|--|------------------|
|  |                  |  | <p><b>Don't Miss It!</b></p> <p>Jan. 11 MVF Board Apps Due<br/>                 21 MLK Jr. Birthday – MVF Office Closed<br/>                 24 MVF Board of Directors Meeting<br/>                 26 Family Bingo Night<br/>                 29 MVF Candidates' Forum</p> <p>Feb. 1 MVF Board Student Rep Apps Due<br/>                 Valentine's Wine and Paint</p> |  | <p><b>Village News 11</b><br/>                 MVF Board application<br/>                 Deadline 5 pm – MVF Office</p>  |  | <p><b>12</b></p> |
| <p><b>13</b></p> <p>Investment Committee<br/>                 7 pm – MVF Office</p> <p>Thomas Choice Condo<br/>                 7 pm – NCBR</p> <p>MV Garden Club<br/>                 7:15 pm – WCC</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>East Village HC<br/>                 7:30 pm – LMCC</p> <p>Thomas Choice Gardens Condo<br/>                 6:30 pm – TCPR</p> | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Seniors in Action<br/>                 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>Maryland Place HC<br/>                 7 pm – WCC</p> <p>MV Community Band<br/>                 7 pm – WMHS</p> <p>Nominating Committee<br/>                 7 pm – MVF Office</p>   | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>NOL I Condominium<br/>                 7 pm – NOLI Office</p> <p>North Village HC<br/>                 7 pm – NCBR</p> <p>Stedwick HC<br/>                 7:30 pm – SCC</p> | <p><b>18</b></p>  | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Camera Club<br/>                 10 am to noon – NCBR<br/>                 (Registration required)</p>   |                  |
| <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday<br/>                 MVF Office closed</p>  | <p><b>21</b></p> | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Patton Ridge HC<br/>                 7 pm – NCBR</p> <p>Center Court Condo<br/>                 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office</p> | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Seniors in Action<br/>                 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>CCLA<br/>                 4:30 pm – MVF Office</p> <p>MV Community Band<br/>                 7 pm – SCC</p> <p>South Village HC<br/>                 7 pm – NCBR</p>   | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>MVF Board of Directors<br/>                 7:30 pm – NCBR<br/>                 (Meet the Candidates 7 pm)</p>   | <p><b>25</b></p>  | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Bingo Night<br/>                 6:30 to 8:30 pm – NCCC<br/>                 (Snow date – Saturday, Feb. 2)</p>  |                  |
| <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Horizon Run Condo<br/>                 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>  | <p><b>28</b></p> | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>MVF Candidates' Forum<br/>                 7 pm – NCCC</p>   | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Seniors in Action<br/>                 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>MV Community Band<br/>                 7 pm – SCC</p>  | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>Snow Date for MVF Candidates' Forum<br/>                 7 pm – NCCC</p>   | <p><b>February 1</b></p> <p>CARC<br/>                 9:15 am – NCBR</p> <p>MVF Board Student Rep applications deadline<br/>                 5 pm – MVF Office</p> <p>Valentine's Wine &amp; Paint<br/>                 7 to 9 pm – SCC<br/>                 (21 &amp; older)</p> | <p><b>2</b></p>  |                  |
| <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Recreation Committee<br/>                 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>  | <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>5</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Seniors in Action<br/>                 10 am to 1 pm - SCC</p> <p>ARB<br/>                 5 pm – NCBR</p> <p>Communications Committee<br/>                 7 pm – MVF Office</p> <p>MV Community Band<br/>                 7 pm – SCC</p>  | <p><b>7</b></p>  | <p><b>Village News 8</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Guide</p> <p>MVF Ballots mailed</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance<br/>                 7 to 9 pm – NCCC<br/>                 (Registration closes 3 pm – Thursday, Feb. 7)</p>                           | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother-Son Valentine's Dance<br/>                 7 to 9 pm – NCCC<br/>                 (Registration closes 3 pm – Thursday, Feb. 7)</p> |                  |

**KEY:**  
 BMP..... Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)  
 CTS..... Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.  
 LMCC..... Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.  
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.  
 NCBR..... North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.  
 NCCC..... North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.  
 SCC..... Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.  
 SVP..... South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.  
 TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.  
 WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.  
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

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## MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

1. The *Montgomery Village News* Letters to the Editor section is a community forum for Montgomery Village residents and/or property owners in the printed version of the *Village News*. In addition, at the Editor's discretion, the *Montgomery Village News* may print letters of appropriate interest to residents from others, including representatives of local schools, governments and businesses. Campaign letters are prohibited, except for Montgomery Village Foundation and Village homes corporation elections. The views expressed in the Letters to the Editor section are those of the authors of the letters and not necessarily those of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) or its Board of Directors.

2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters

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3. All letters (typed, handwritten or e-mailed) must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution. When a holiday occurs on a deadline Monday, Letters to the Editor must be received no later than noon on the subsequent Tuesday prior to the Friday publication and distribution.

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6. **All letters may not exceed 350 words. Longer letters will be eliminated from consideration for publication in the *Village News*. As time permits, the writers may be notified and given the opportunity to shorten the letter for future publication.**

7. The *Village News* respects the privacy of individuals and residents; letters should not contain references to specific persons, except when endorsing candidates for MVF or Village homes corporation elections or referencing

a previously published article with a byline.

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9. Letters should be in reference to or contain information about topics relatable to all Montgomery Village residents. Letters addressed to or specifically about homes corporation or condominium association business and affairs will not be printed and may be directed to those association boards of directors when appropriate.

10. The Letters to the Editor section is not a forum for extensive debates; MVF encourages residents to use other avenues such as facebook and twitter for timely discussion.

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E-mail letters to [mvnews@mvf.org](mailto:mvnews@mvf.org).

IN THE NEWS

# Last call for MVF Board Student Rep position

Calling all high school juniors who have an interest in serving their community and school and representing the youth in Montgomery Village! The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors invites you to apply for the position of Student Representative. This collaborative program is intended to encourage more youth involvement and input into Montgomery Village activities and the community as a whole; to help bring a new perspective to Board decisions affecting the community; and to help build on the MVF Board's Strategic Goal of continuing partnership opportunities with Village schools.

All high school juniors who live in Montgomery Village are eligible to apply. Selection will be made based on applicants' GPA, interest in government/political science/organization management/business, extracurricular activities, a letter of recommendation and availability for scheduled Board meetings. The position will also include a summer internship (June to August) in the MVF Office.

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submit-

ted applications in early February and recommend no more than three candidates to the Board for final selection. The selected candidate will be installed as a non-voting member at the Board's Annual Meeting in March. The chosen candidate will participate in Board discussions and initiatives; work with staff on projects; and gain a clearer understanding of policy decisions in the community.

Applications and full program details can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), or with the Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high school counselors. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org). **Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, Friday, February 1, 2019.**

For more information or questions, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org).

# Scholarship

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# Lidl finalizes purchase of Professional Center site

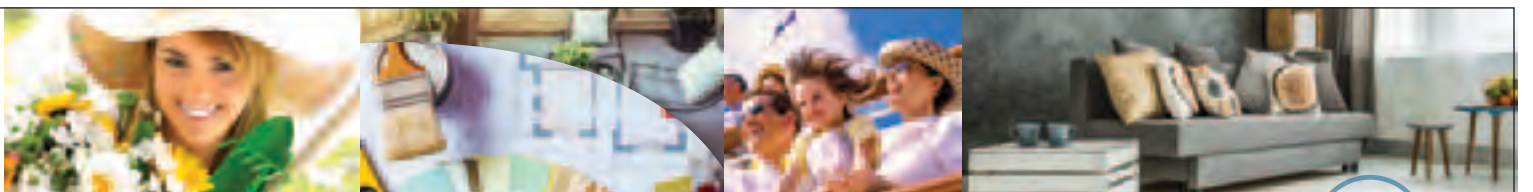
According to the Montgomery Newsletter, it has been confirmed that German grocer, Lidl, has finalized a purchase of the Professional Center property. Lidl representatives have noted that they are working on a site plan and will be working with the community before submitting anything to Montgomery County. Any development will be within the limits of the covenant on the property.

Lidl is building a presence in Maryland, and the store coming to this site will be the first in Montgomery County. The 6-acre site was purchased for just under \$4 million.

As community meetings and other feedback opportunities arise, they will be announced in the Village News and online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



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IN THE NEWS

# MVF Board finishes 2018 with focus on volunteerism

by Mike Conroy

Before the December 6 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, volunteers on local association boards and committees were thanked for their service during the year. Volunteers were invited to a reception where MVF Board President Glenn Gargan spoke about their involvement in the community. Gargan noted that the community runs on volunteers, and their support and dedication to keeping things moving forward was the key to collective success.

Gargan also thanked MVF staff, state and county elected officials, county police and other members of the larger community for their support and commitment to keeping Montgomery Village at its best.

During the Board meeting appreciation for volunteers continued. Each Board member took time to thank those who spend hours of their time each month working on boards, committees and in organizations that support the Village. Specifically, they recognized the first Student Representative, Chioma Nwoye, who

exceeded their expectations in the position. Nwoye took on the challenge of working with the Board, attending meetings and completing a summer internship in the MVF Office.

To ensure that the theme of volunteerism is carried into 2019, the Board appointed Village resident Wesley Brown to the Investment Committee. CFO Daniel Salazar noted Brown's interest in the committee and noted that his professional expertise would be a great fit for the committee in maintaining MVF's investment structure.

### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

During the meeting, Nwoye gave a presentation for a portable skatepark concept she worked on during her tenure as the Student Representative. The concept featured skateboard equipment (ramps, rails and boxes) that could be taken to various locations in the community to offer a "pop-up skatepark" experience. A potentially actionable project that impacts youth or schools is a part of the Student Representative position, and a focus of the work produced during the summer internship.

The Board also approved an addendum to the Landscape Service Agreement with BrightView Landscaping that would cover the necessary maintenance for the field renovations in South Valley Park. Because of the new turf and irrigation, the field requires a different schedule of services than those in the current contract.

In preparation for 2019, the Board also approved several personnel-related items including giving the EVP the authority to negotiate and execute contracts for insurance and employee healthcare insurance. Additionally, the 2017 Retirement Plan Audit Report was accepted.

### EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton echoed the earlier remarks about volunteers in the community, thanking them for their service throughout the year. Along the same lines, he noted the election of the new county executive and county councilmembers, saying he was looking forward to working with them on Village issues, and providing a new set of officials

with some background on how Montgomery Village's uniqueness is an asset in the county.

Humpton also mentioned recent staffing successes, noting in particular efficiencies and hard work in the Architectural Standards Department, in processing inspections and Property Improvement Requests. He said under the direction of Katherine Webb, the team has really taken advantage of the SmartWebs software and is taking full advantage of its capabilities in the field.

He finished his report with some holiday cheer, thanking staff and residents for a fun Christmas Tree Lighting event at the end of November. Humpton said even though it was cold, he always enjoys seeing the kids' reaction to Santa Claus arriving on the fire truck, and the start of the holiday season.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Daniel Salazar gave the financial report for the year-to-date (YTD). He noted that overall results through the end of October were favorable to the budget mostly due to the Capital Contribution Fee and camps and classes; he said these are offset by lower than expected investment income and *Village News* advertising.

MVF's YTD Net Income was reported at \$691,897, which is favorable to the budget by over \$233,000. Personnel costs were also favorable to the budget due to vacancies throughout the year. Operating costs were also favorable to the budget mainly due to lower expenses for landscaping and business and service contracts. Overall, Salazar noted that YTD expenses were favorable.

He said that the Balance Sheet continued to show MVF in a solid financial position with \$8.5 million assets in cash and investments. Assessment receivables continue to improve, with delinquencies continually improving. MVF maintains over \$1.9 million in Undesignated Reserves.

### NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) the week of the meeting.



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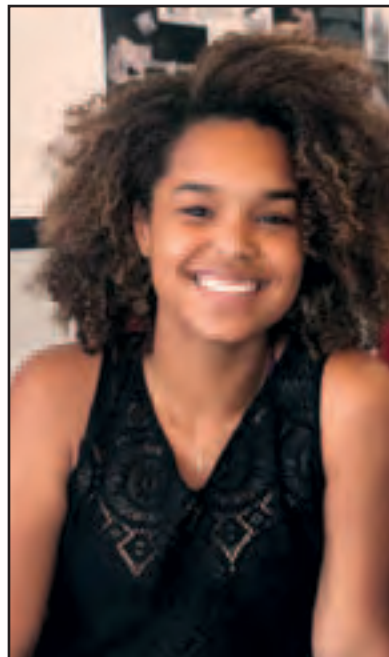
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IN THE NEWS

# First MVF Student Representative reflects on inaugural program

by Chioma Nwoye



Last year, I had the wonderful opportunity to be the first ever Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Student Representative. With this role, I was given the opportunity to be a member of the Montgomery Village Board of Directors, intern in the office over the summer and create a project for our community.

At the Board meetings, I was able to listen to what is happening in our community and give my opinion on topics discussed. Although I didn't always have something to contribute to the discussion, I left each meeting knowing more and more about our delightful community. I gained so much respect for the Board members, having watched as they listened attentively to

residents' concerns and made knowledgeable decisions for our community.

Looking back on the internship, I can honestly say the kind, entertaining and caring staff at MVF made the experience better than I expected. My first stop for the internship was in the Communications Department. This is where I met many dedicated people and got to see firsthand how they produce the *Village News*. I even got to take pictures with Maria and Kiersten, two of the cutest campers ever at Camp Tiny Feet, for the *Village News*.

My next stop was with the Architectural Standards Department to see how they worked diligently to ensure that the Village remains aesthetically beautiful. Next, I visited the "fun department," I mean the Recreation and Parks

Department. It was there that I got to do a little of everything, including drowning a dummy with Petra for lifeguards to find and rescue.

Then, I was on my way to spend time with the Community Management Department—this department has some of the most patient and caring people I have ever met. They do so much for everyone who is lucky enough to call the Village their home.

Finally, my last stop was in the Finance Department. I spent some time with the finance staff, understanding what happens to assessment dollars, and helped put together budget books with Juana. This department does so much hard work and without them, none of the wonderful things that make me happy to call this place my home would be possible.

One of the best parts of my role as Student Representative was the project. I chose to design a skatepark. I have always thought skateboarding was pretty awesome—even if I still can't "ollie." Working on this project was one of the only times when I actually loved doing research. Who wouldn't love getting to visit skateparks and stopping to eat custard? Although it was difficult, I had so much help from Mike and Duncan and others to produce something I could be proud of.

Overall, being the Student Representative was a phenomenal experience. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and so excited to see what the next Student Representative does in this role.

## County schedule for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, on Monday, Jan. 21:

**County Offices** - closed  
**Libraries** - closed  
**Department of Liquor Control Retail Stores** - all stores open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Recreation** - aquatics programs and facilities open; all other classes and programs canceled. Administrative office, senior centers and community centers are closed.

**Montgomery Parks** - for special programs, events and operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks and tennis centers, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org).

**Ride On** - modified holiday schedule: [www.montgomery](http://www.montgomery)

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**Metrorail/Metrobus** - information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**TRIPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center** - open

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**County-provided Recycling Pickup** - recycling collection is cancelled Monday, Jan. 21 and will slide by one day with the last pickup on Saturday, Jan. 26.

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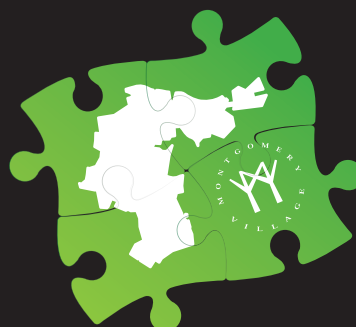
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## Architectural

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above communities, Architectural Standards Department Compliance Specialists conduct inspections throughout the Village that are requested as part of resale disclosure packets, or that are reported to the department by a community member.

MVF is obligated, through each homes corporation's governing documents, to enforce architectural standards Village-wide in order to maintain the harmony of our residential properties. These inspections are an important service that allows MVF to fulfill that obligation.

If you receive a violation letter, please read the letter carefully and contact the Compliance Specialist who sent it with any questions. Homeowners should notify the Architectural Standards Department once a violation is corrected so that the department can close the case. This year, Compliance Specialists will be conducting follow-up inspections on homes with open violations to determine if the violations have been corrected or if further enforcement actions are needed.

Properties are inspected to determine if they comply with the architectural criteria and guidelines for each community. Criteria and guidelines can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). The guidelines are available on the Architectural Standards Department page of the website, while homeowners will need to be logged into their account to see their specific community criteria. Homeowners can also contact the Architectural Standards Department to receive a copy of their community's criteria or any of the Village-wide guidelines if they don't have access to a computer.

Inspections include the exterior of homes, decks, fences, patios, walkways, sheds and any other structures or additions. All inspections will be performed from common areas; Compliance Specialists will not enter your property to conduct inspections.

One way to ensure that your home remains violation-free is to apply for any exterior modifications you plan to make to your home. It is free to apply, and routine requests that have clear criteria, guidelines or

precedents supporting them are reviewed in-house on a weekly basis. House additions and other more complex requests are reviewed at the monthly Architectural Review Board meeting.

You can also submit an application for a change that you have already made; just state clearly in the application that the modification is existing. If it is noted during an inspection that a modification was made to a property without approval, a review fee of \$25 will be automatically added to your assessment account. Applications can be completed online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir) or by visiting the MVF Office to pick up a hard copy.

Architectural inspections do not include general maintenance of private residences, which are addressed by the individual homes corporations and their Private Property Maintenance Inspections.

For more information, contact the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.



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IN THE NEWS

# County education budget meeting

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith and President of Montgomery College Dr. DeRionne Pollard invite residents to attend the Fifth Annual Education Budget Meeting to discuss education funding in Montgomery County.

Topics at the meeting will include: preschool, school safety, career technical education and more.

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county on several days at different locations. Locations convenient to Montgomery Village residents include:

Wednesday, Feb. 20  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Neelsville Middle School,  
11700 Neelsville Church Road,  
Germantown  
Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 6  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Rockville High School,  
2100 Baltimore Road,  
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Other dates and locations are available. For more information, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or e-mail [Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov).

# Let's keep our recyclables clean!

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services has seen an increase in the amount of non-recyclable items being erroneously placed in curbside recycling bins and carts. These materials can contaminate recyclable materials, rendering them no longer recyclable, and can also impact sorting operations at Montgomery County's Recycling Center. While some of these items can be recycled through other recycling opportunities, they should not be placed in your blue recycling bin or blue wheeled cart for curbside recycling collection.

Also, please empty and rinse all bottles, jars, cans and containers before placing these items in the re-

cycling bin. Caps and lids should be left off the bottles, jars and containers, before placing them in the blue bin as well.

For materials that are not acceptable through the county's curbside recycling program, there may be other opportunities to recycle those materials. To learn how to properly recycle or properly dispose of these materials, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling), or call 311.

**The follow items should not be placed in the mixed paper recycling cart or the blue recycling bin:**

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- Home healthcare/medical supplies (needles, syringes, plastic intravenous (IV) fluid bags, plastic respirator and medical equipment tubing, CPAP masks, gloves, etc.)
- Empty hazardous or toxic product containers (herbicides, pesticides, insecticides and automotive fluids)
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# MVF is now on Instagram!

As part of our ongoing efforts to expand our digital outreach, MVF has added a few new social media platforms to increase our visibility and bring you the most up-to-date information on what's going on around the Village. In addition to Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, residents can now find us on Instagram!

We invite you to follow us at [www.instagram.com/montgomeryvillagemd](http://www.instagram.com/montgomeryvillagemd), and encourage residents to submit pictures from around their neighborhoods that they would like to see featured.



Instagram

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# Clubsid Park playground replacement

The MVF Department of Recreation and Parks is in the process of developing plans for the replacement of the playground at Clubside Park located at 19500 Montgomery Village Avenue.

MVF staff is looking for residents who use the playground or are interested in offering input on the new equipment. The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. At this meeting staff will be collecting ideas from residents about what type of play equipment they

would like to see in the new playground. The information gathered at this meeting will be used to assist in the creation of the formal bid. Once contractors have submitted designs, another meeting will be held to gather resident input on the proposed designs.

If you are interested in attending upcoming meetings, offering input or need more information, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail [aroswurm@mof.org](mailto:aroswurm@mof.org) with your name, phone number and e-mail address.



**IN THE NEWS**

## Rent MVF facilities for your next function

Do you need a space to hold your next party, celebration or sports practice? Village residents are able to rent a number of MVF facilities, now including Whetstone Community Center. North Creek, Lake Marion and Whetstone community centers are available for indoor functions, including renting the gymnasium at Lake Marion.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, has a wood floor activity room capable of holding 85 guests as well as a kitchenette with a sink, microwave and refrigerator. The room fits 12 6-foot banquet tables and 85 chairs, and has a deck that overlooks Lake Marion. The gymnasium is set up with a standard basketball court with goals, and volleyball

nets. A maximum of 125 attendees can view games from the bleachers.

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, is a tile floor activity room with a capacity of 125. Rentals include 15 6-foot banquet tables and 125 chairs; the L-shaped room may be subdivided. The large kitchen features a sink, microwave, refrigerator and 2 ovens (licensed for warming only).

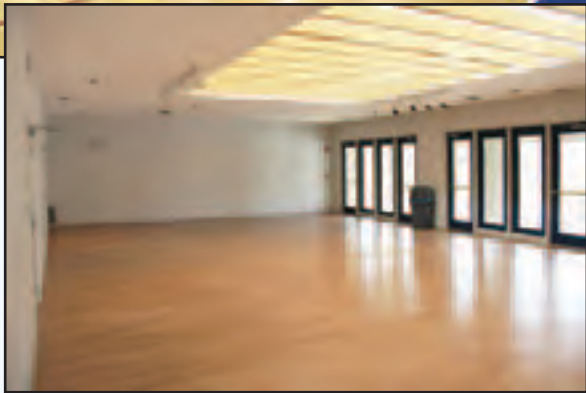
Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, is also now available to rent. This tile floor activity room can hold up to 60 people and rentals come with 10 6-foot banquet tables and 60 chairs. The small kitchen has a sink, microwave, refrigerator and an oven (licensed for warming only).

All centers are air conditioned, and restrooms (including handicap accessible) are available at each location.

Rental requests must be submitted to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Use of Private Rentals" and the "Private Rental Request Form" at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple

Ridge Road, or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Alcohol is not permitted at any function.

For more information or to rent a facility, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org).



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## IN THE NEWS

## Staying Aware in the Village

*The following is information taken from the Recent News Summaries of the Montgomery County Police Department and is not a complete listing of every incident.*

### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 9900 block of Stedwick Road at approximately 10:31 a.m. on December 18. The suspect displayed a weapon. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: Timothy Richard Winans, age 24; of Gaithersburg

### ARMED BANK ROBBERY

An armed bank robbery occurred at the Citibank located at 6 Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 2:17 p.m. on December 6. The suspect attempted to take cash. Victim/Witness described suspect as: B/M, age unknown.

### ARREST OF ARMED SUSPECT

A suspect armed with a knife was arrested at the Wendy's located 18350 Contour Road at approximately 4:52 p.m. on December 3. For more information, visit [www.mymcpnews.com/2018/12/05/suspect-armed-withknife-arrested-at-gaithersburg-restaurant-investigators-seek-additional-witnesses](http://www.mymcpnews.com/2018/12/05/suspect-armed-withknife-arrested-at-gaithersburg-restaurant-investigators-seek-additional-witnesses).

### THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between December 3 and December 5. Affected streets included Quill Place, Watkins Mill Drive, Mills Choice Road and Hoffstead Lane. No force; cash and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9200 block of Chadburn Place between approximately 1 and 5 p.m. on December 4. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

### STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 9600 block of Lost Knife Road at approximately 9 p.m. on December 15. The suspect assaulted the adult male victim and took his property. Victim/witness described suspect as: B/M, age unknown.

A strong-arm robbery occurred on Walkers Choice Road at approximately 5:08 p.m. on December 19. Two suspects were arrested.

For more information, please visit: [www.mymcpnews.com/2018/12/28/two-suspects-charged-in-montgomery-village-robbery-police-ask-for-publics-help-to-identify-third-suspect/](http://www.mymcpnews.com/2018/12/28/two-suspects-charged-in-montgomery-village-robbery-police-ask-for-publics-help-to-identify-third-suspect/)

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 18700 block of Walkers Choice Road at approximately 3 p.m. on December 20. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his property. Victim/witness described suspects as: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown.

### THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Three thefts from vehicles occurred between December 17 and December 19. Affected streets included Capehart Drive, Colfield Court, and Cove Ledge Court. No force; cash and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available

### VEHICLE THEFT

A vehicle theft occurred in the 19300 block of Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 2:50 p.m. on December 4. No force; the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked with the keys inside the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered nearby on December 4.

A vehicle theft occurred in the 8800 block of Welbeck Way between approximately 8 p.m. on December 13 and approximately 6 a.m. on December 14. No force; the victim had reported losing the vehicle key. The vehicle was recovered on December 18. No suspect(s) information available.

## Holiday tree recycling

As soon as holiday celebrations end, one of the main needs of many families is how to dispose of their holiday tree. Montgomery County's recycling program collects live trees as part of its regularly-scheduled recycling service.

Although the county's recycling program does not have a deadline for collecting trees, it is highly recommended that trees be recycled soon after the holiday. Cut trees can become dry and then pose a threat as a fire hazard.

Residents need to place their trees for recycling curbside by 7 a.m. on their regularly-scheduled recycling collection day. Trees must be free of decorations, including lights, tinsel and garland.

Collected trees are taken to the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station, 16105 Frederick Road, Derwood, where they are shredded and chipped for mulch. Residents also can drop off their trees for recycling at the yard trim recycling area during normal operating hours of the transfer station.



Wreaths, roping and other decorations with live branches and needles are only accepted for recycling if they are separated from wire and metal used to bind them. They also must be free from decorations. Live trees with root balls, or that have their roots intact, cannot be accepted for recycling.

Residents who live in apartments and condominiums should check with their property manager or representative for specific Christmas tree recycling instructions. Property managers of apartments and condominiums must arrange

to recycle their residents' trees.

Artificial trees are not recyclable in Montgomery County's recycling program. Residents who want to dispose of their artificial trees are encouraged to post listings on their neighborhood list serve, local Freecycle group or similar reuse network. Otherwise, residents may request a bulk trash pickup for their artificial tree.

For more information about Christmas tree recycling, visit the Christmas Tree Recycling website at <https://tinyurl.com/y8ud9l79>.

## We want you to know about the Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities

Montgomery County recognizes that a large proportion of all its citizens now live in condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations, generally called "common ownership communities." In order to better serve the special needs of these communities and to act as their advocate, the county created the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) by enacting Chapter 10B of the County Code.

### THE COMMISSION HAS THREE BASIC DUTIES:

Education: the commission provides free information to both members and to governing

bodies about their rights and duties under Maryland law, as well as advice on how to properly operate the association. Among other tools, it offers a "Manual and Resource Guide," as well as an online training program for boards of directors.

Legislation: the commission advocates for common ownership communities concerning proposed laws and regulations at the local and State level.

Dispute resolution: the commission can hear and resolve certain disputes between members of the communities and their governing bodies, and its decisions are legally binding on the parties.

For more information on the commission and the services it offers, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/housing/commonownership/ccoc\\_index.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/housing/commonownership/ccoc_index.html). For information or advice, contact the CCOC by e-mailing [ConsumerProtection@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@montgomerycountymd.gov).



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**ARB DECISIONS**



**Architectural Standards**

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Martha Cruz at 240-243-2306 or e-mail [mcruz@mvf.org](mailto:mcruz@mvf.org) or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail [ehottinger@mvf.org](mailto:ehottinger@mvf.org). Questions may also be mailed to Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or faxed to 301-990-7071. Specific architectural standards criteria for each community in Montgomery Village are available at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

**MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
Jan. 9, 2019**

**KEY**  
**A** .....Approved  
**AWM** .....Approved w/modifications  
**D** .....Denied  
**PEND** .....Pending

**EASTGATE**  
 8029 HARBOR TREE WAY - Solar Systems, AWM  
 7506 OYSTER BAY WAY - Roof, AWM

**EAST VILLAGE**  
 8105 DRY RIDGE RD - Exterior Light, A  
 8651 HAWK RUN TER - Roof, AWM  
 8651 HAWK RUN TER - Miscellaneous, AWM  
 8551 HAWK RUN TER - Roof, A  
 8709 DELCRIS DR - Roof, AWM  
 8709 DELCRIS DR - Trim, AWM  
 8852 THOMAS LEA TER - Roof, A  
 20422 DAVENCROFT CT - Patio, A  
 20422 DAVENCROFT CT - Downspout, A  
 20306 MARKETREE PL - Storm Door, AWM  
 20303 MARKETREE PL - Storm Door, A

**MARYLAND PLACE**  
 9505 MARSTON LN - Front Door Replacement, D  
 9505 MARSTON LN - Replacement Patio Door, A  
 9505 MARSTON LN - Front Door Replacement, AWM  
 9505 MARSTON LN - Replacement Windows, A

19525 TRANSHIRE RD - Fence, A

**MIDDLE VILLAGE**  
 10260 RIDGELINE DR - Security Camera, AWM  
 9623 BRASSIE WAY - Replacement Windows, AWM  
 9623 BRASSIE WAY - Replacement Patio Door, A

**NORTHGATE**  
 20204 LEA POND PL - Egress Window, A  
 9525 ASH HOLLOW PL - Replacement Windows, A  
 9508 ASH HOLLOW PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 9508 ASH HOLLOW PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM  
 9921 FOREST VIEW PL - Roof, A  
 20237 DARLINGTON DR - Miscellaneous, AWM  
 20237 DARLINGTON DR - Replacement Patio Door, A  
 20231 MAPLE LEAF CT - Shutters, A  
 20104 TORREY POND PL - Fence and Gate, AWM  
 10047 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 10047 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Patio Door, A  
 10047 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Windows, AWM

20309 SWALLOW POINT RD - Storm Door, A  
 9606 SWALLOW POINT WAY - Roof, A

**NORTH VILLAGE**  
 20609 DUBOIS CT - Roof, A  
 20328 PLEASANT RIDGE DR - Roof, A  
 8831 WELBECK WAY - Front Door Replacement and Color Change, AWM  
 20100 WELBECK TER - Front Door Replacement, A  
 20100 WELBECK TER - Storm Door, A

**PATTON RIDGE**  
 19834 BILLINGS CT - Deck, A  
 19871 BAZZELLTON PL - Deck, A  
 19871 BAZZELLTON PL - Deck Stain, A  
 19824 BAZZELLTON PL - Gutter Guard, A  
 9435 HICKORY VIEW PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 9529 FERNHOLLOW WAY - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 20010 HOB HILL WAY - Heat Pump, A  
 9404 QUILL PL - Replacement Windows, AWM  
 9417 EAGLETON LN - Exterior Light, A  
 9417 EAGLETON LN - Exterior Light, A

**SOUTH VILLAGE**  
 18722 PIER POINT PL - Walkway, D  
 18507 LOCUST POINT CT - Railing, D  
 13 DOCENA CT - Roof, A  
 11 FIFESHIRE CT - Replacement Windows, A  
 11 FIFESHIRE CT - Trim, AWM  
 9961 LAKE LANDING RD - Front Door Replacement, AWM  
 9961 LAKE LANDING RD - Storm Door, AWM  
 18070 ROYAL BONNET CIR - Garage Door, A

**STEDWICK**  
 19135 STEDWICK DR - Exterior Paint, AWM  
 19014 COLTFIELD CT - Replacement Windows, AWM  
 10334 WATKINS MILL DR - Egress Window, A  
 10334 WATKINS MILL DR - Miscellaneous, A  
 10334 WATKINS MILL DR - Walkway, AWM  
 10334 WATKINS MILL DR - Miscellaneous, D  
 10336 WATKINS MILL DR - Storm Door, A  
 10569 CAMBRIDGE CT - Replacement Windows, AWM  
 19200 DRUMRIDGE CIR - Storm Door, A  
 19200 DRUMRIDGE CIR - Exterior Light, AWM  
 19204 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Attic Fan, A  
 19204 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Roof, AWM  
 10728 WAYRIDGE DR - Front Door Replacement, A  
 10736 WAYRIDGE DR - Roof, AWM

10736 WAYRIDGE DR - Miscellaneous, AWM  
 19644 CLUB LAKE RD - Solar Systems, AWM  
 10354 ROYAL WOODS CT - Fence and Gate, AWM  
 10354 ROYAL WOODS CT - Shed, AWM  
 10354 ROYAL WOODS CT - Walkway, AWM  
 10354 ROYAL WOODS CT - Security Camera, AWM  
 10354 ROYAL WOODS CT - Fence, AWM  
 10254 WILD APPLE CIR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 10254 WILD APPLE CIR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM  
 10227 COVE LEDGE CT - Roof, AWM

**WHETSTONE**  
 9845 CANAL RD - Roof, A  
 9840 CANAL RD - Railing, A  
 9832 CANAL RD - Replacement Windows, AWM  
 18901 CHIMNEY PL - Replacement Door, A  
 18901 CHIMNEY PL - Storm Door, A  
 9501 WHETSTONE DR - Roof, A  
 9501 WHETSTONE DR - Miscellaneous, A  
 19001 SOUSA WAY - Roof, A  
 19025 THRESHING PL - Window Addition, AWM  
 19000 S PIKE CREEK PL - Security Light, AWM  
 9304 JUDGE PL - Front Door Replacement, A



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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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## STEDWICK SIGNALS

## Is spring around the corner?

by Keith Silliman

Spring bulbs are starting to sprout with our mild December and early January weather. The days are getting longer, and we can hope that we are finished with the cold. However, snow and the problems it brings can still happen. If snow is predicted, please park cars in designated parking areas to allow the snow plows to clear our streets efficiently and to avoid having your car "plowed in" with a bank of snow around it.

The election of three members to the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is underway. Nominations for those positions closed at 5 p.m. on January 4. The current board of directors will review the candidacy statements at the Wednesday, Jan. 16 meeting. The Stedwick Homes Corporation ballots and notice of the annual meeting will then be mailed on Friday, Jan. 25. Please vote and then return the ballot by the 5 p.m. Friday, March 8 deadline. Results will be announced at the annual meeting on Wednesday, March 20.

The Stedwick Homes Corporation's preliminary financial results for the 2018 year end appear to be favorable, with lower than budgeted

snow removal and storm damage costs. The audited financial statements for 2018 should be available at the annual meeting.

The next maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12. If you know of any items, situations or conditions that need the maintenance committee's attention, please let us know prior to that date.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. The first item on the agenda is residents time which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions.

In the meantime, if you have an issue, please contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, e-mail [stedwickhc@mvmf.org](mailto:stedwickhc@mvmf.org) or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

**Stedwick Signals: for residents of Club Hill, Clusters of Stedwick I, II, III, Forest Brooke, Frenchton Place, Ridges of Stedwick and The Heights.**

## EAST VILLAGE ECHO

## What do we get for our assessments?

by David Cline

A resident recently asked the East Village Board of Directors what we are getting for our assessments, especially since the fees are going up in 2019. A fair question. So, for this column and future columns, let's look at our budget and try to answer that question. Let's talk trash. Trash pickup, that is.

In East Village, we have trash pickup twice a week with one company. However, on a recent trip to California to visit one of my brothers, I noticed they do things a little differently with trash pickup day in his community. On trash pickup day, garbage trucks would come banging into the quiet of the morning to do their job. As we were sitting outside on his front patio with our coffee, I couldn't help notice a significant number of trucks driving through the neighborhood.

What I noticed was when a garbage truck would drive up to the houses, they'd pick up some trash, and skip other homes. A few minutes later, another truck by another company would come by and pick up trash at other homes. Then a third and fourth company would repeat the process until all the trash was collected.

I asked my brother about the process. He said each homeowner selects their own trash company and pays that company's fee.

When compared to East Village, I saw several negatives

to that process. First, the neighborhood streets will wear out more quickly with an increase in truck traffic. Then there's the noise and air pollution. Plus, if one company doesn't do such a good job, it's up to that individual homeowner to take care of the problem.

In East Village, we put out bids, negotiate and select one company. We try to get what we believe to be the best price and service for everyone. If there's a problem with any part of the service, our community manager can take care of things quickly and efficiently. For instance, a couple years ago, the crews were piling up trash bags, and we wrote a letter to the president of the company. The problem was fixed immediately. The company expressed how they appreciated our business and wanted to do whatever it would take to keep our business.

In addition to the fee we pay for the trash service, we also recognize the times the contractor hauls discarded furniture and other items, usually without charging a fee or with a minimal charge. If we went to the practice of having each homeowner select their own trash company, it wouldn't take much imagination to see trucks coming through our neighborhoods tearing up our streets and increasing the possibility of accidents.

In looking to the future, the East Village assessment went

up about \$10 for the year. The trash portion went up \$76 for the year for each housing unit. It averages out to about \$8 per month. This increase was due to the mandated Montgomery County minimum wage increase to \$15/hr. While the East Village board has been satisfied with the service we've been receiving from the trash and refuse company, we do have a policy of putting out bids when contracts up for renewal.

So, to help answer the question "What do we get for our assessments?" we think a unified system of selecting one company gives our residents the most efficient system to keep East Village looking good and keeping it clean at the best cost for service. We could get other companies at a lower rate, but we'd have companies that wouldn't serve us as well.

We encourage everyone to abide by the county health laws and put all trash in sealed containers every Tuesday and Friday for pickup.

For the next column, we'll look at snow removal. Until then, be safe when the snow comes.

**East Village Echo: for residents of The Downs, The Reach, The Estates, Essex Place II, Candle Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke, Meadowgate, Ashford, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield.**

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## PATTON RIDGE REPORT

## Hello 2019—and a look back at 2018

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

As we look back at 2018, the board remains steadfast to ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain a healthy reserve fund for future needs.

Mother nature was still relatively kind to us this year as snow removal was \$25,222 compared to \$17,585 in 2017. Hopefully we will not encounter major snow storms like we saw in 2016 that cost \$141,205 when our contractor cleared over 18,000 tons of snow from our roads and parking lots.

Please keep in mind during the winter season that snow removal is much more difficult for our contractor when residents clear snow from their cars and throw it onto the streets and parking lots after they had already been plowed. This requires multiple re-plowings.

A few of the projects that we addressed the past year include: storm drain repairs, concrete work, tree removal and landscaping. We made significant improvements to the Rothbury tot lot with the removal and clean up of the shrubbery overgrowth that existed. Six pet waste stations were installed in the community by Montgomery County. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) was busy in several of our developments replacing aged water pipes.

We continue to press forward with our tree plan for the removal and replacement of 40-plus-year old White Pine trees. If you have not viewed the tree study, you may do so from your Member Dashboard online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Click "Maintenance" from the left menu, and then "Tree Study." If you do not have access to the Member Dashboard, you can sign up for a free account by clicking the "Login/Join" link in the upper right hand corner of the website.

Silver Horse Security Services began to service the community, with their primary focus on parking enforcement. The board recognizes the importance of this issue and will be looking into implementing changes to the towing enforcement aspect at its January board meeting. If you are aware of a vehicle in violation,

please e-mail [pattonridgehc@mof.org](mailto:pattonridgehc@mof.org) or contact management at 301-948-0110 with the location, type of vehicle, violation and license plate (when possible).

The public voting was completed and Ralph Bally was elected to three-year term as a director. Also elected were Bill Evans to serve a new one-year term as representative to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). Howard Cohen was elected to a one-year term as the alternate representative to the MVF. The board said farewell to Steven Whitehead, Sue Roth, and longtime treasurer Kim Monnig. We appointed Brandon Coffee-Borden to fill a vacancy until 2020. The board still has several remaining vacancies to fill.

We continued to have an excellent professional Montgomery Village Foundation Community Management Department under the direction of Karen Kodjanian and exceptional and outstanding Community Manager Andrea Mandato, who handle the day-to-day management of our community.

Finally, it's each of us, every Patton Ridge resident, who can make a difference in the community, whether by attending a board meeting to voice your thoughts and concerns on issues that matter to you, or staying vigilant around you and the community.

Last year, nearly 50 residents attended board meetings in an open forum to express themselves, offer input or listen to issues at hand as concerned residents. Regardless of your level of involvement, we value your opinions, new ideas and participation in the process of making Patton Ridge a better and more attractive community to live in.

Plan to start the new year right by attending the next meeting of the Patton Ridge Board of Directors scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes.

#### HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to all our residents who took the time to

install outside holiday decorations. From the smallest lit bush, to the massive displays of lights and characters, each is a pleasure to see as we drive throughout Patton Ridge after dark. This is our first year of providing awards for decorations. We have separate awards for townhomes and single-family homes. Winners are listed below.

#### Townhouses

Best Overall:  
19836 Billings Court

Most Kid Friendly:  
9559 Fern Hollow Way

Most Traditional:  
9520 Duffer Way

#### Single Family Homes

Best Overall:  
9932 Dellcastle Road

Most Kid Friendly:  
9913 Shrewsbury Court

Most Traditional:  
9812 Dellcastle Road

#### CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

##### LARRY NICHOLSON

I'm Larry Nicholson and I have lived in Patton Ridge since the summer of 2004 with my family. I'm a Senior Project Manager for a local CRO, husband and father. I have been a member of the Patton Ridge Board for the last 6 years. I hope to continue the board's successes by helping to ensure that we are doing our best for the community. I seek to champion some long overdue community maintenance in Patton Ridge. I believe that we must maintain the current emphasis placed on resident's safety and seek out innovative alternatives to improving lighting. I bring insight and a unique perspective to the Patton Ridge Board, by helping to navigate the changing times and needs in the Village. As our community ages, I believe it is important to ensure that Patton Ridge continues to thrive beyond its first 45+ years.

**Patton Ridge Report: for residents of Arrowhead, Fairway Islands, Fairridge, Greentee I & II, Highfield and Partridge Place I & II.**

## NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

## North Village candidates' statements

by the North Village Board of Directors

Happy new year! The election is underway for the board of directors. Residents should have received election materials in December. Ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, so check the instructions in the election packet and be sure to vote.

Board members serve a three-year term, and every year we elect three board members to the nine-member board. There are three candidates on the ballot this year. The candidate statements were included in the election packet and are below for your reference. Each year we also elect the North Village representative to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors. This person attends the MVF board meetings and represents the interests of North Village. This position is critical whenever the homes corporations are asked to vote on an issue.

#### COURTNEY HAYNES

I'm a North Village resident of 12 years. I work for Montgomery Village Foundation in the Community Management Dept. and in the Recreation Dept. during special events and the Farmers' Market. I also work with the City of Gaithersburg in the Recreation Dept. I'm also a volunteer with MO-COYOGO at Hampshireview Baptist Church. I have served on the board previously and had too many hats to juggle at the time. I have two daughters at Towson University and my wife is an RN at Walter Reed Medical Center. I hope to bring my community knowledge and experience to the board to keep North Village beautiful!

#### CLAUDETTE LEASE

I am running again for the North Village Homes Corporation Board. I have been a resident of North Village since 1979. I have been a board member for many years and love to serve all the residents of North Village. I started as a board

member, and then became your Vice President and now the active President of North Village. I attend all security meetings; stay in touch with our security guards and call them from time to time for updates; attend some of the Montgomery Village Board of Directors meetings; and I chair the MVF Committee on the Environment, working for all the residents of Montgomery Village.

I am your Neighborhood Watch Captain for North Village. I bring much experience to this board and if you like all the changes you have seen in North Village in the last seven years, please vote to continue my job on the board. These are changes like the drain repairs, the sidewalk repairs, entrance sign repairs, fence repairs and replacement, path repairs, repaving and restriping of Salem's Grant and McRory, trimming trees, adding two more pet stations bringing our total to five in North Village. The strong fight against M-83 and M-83 Alt. 4, working with our neighbors in Goshen and Northgate community, and keeping tabs on all the jobs that our vendors are doing for North Village.

#### MARJORIE LEWIS

My name is Marjorie Lewis and I have been a resident of North Village for 20 years. I have been on the board for two years and participated in the planning of many projects the association has completed in that time. Being a resident of the Picton community, I plant and maintain flowers in my neighborhood as well as work with residents to educate them on the ways to properly store and dispose of trash. I hope to continue to serve the community as a board member.

**North Village View: for residents of Essex Place, Highland Hall, McRory, Perry Place, Picton, Pleasant Ridge and Salem's Grant.**

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

## 2019 parking pass distribution

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The 2018 parking tags expired on December 31. Homeowners/tenants will be towed if they are parked in their reserved space or open space, anytime of the day or night, and displaying an expired parking tag.

Residents can pick up their 2019 parking tags at the ComSource Office, 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney. Parking passes will not be mailed.

You must have a photo ID to receive 2019 parking tags. Homeowners/landlords are responsible to contact ComSource if they do not want renters to obtain the parking tags. If you are a renter, you must verify with the property owner that you are authorized to pick up the parking tags. Parking tags will not be given to renters if the homeowner/landlord has requested that parking tags only be given to the owner.

As a reminder, each household is assigned one reserved parking space and receives two corresponding parking permits. Households with current assessment accounts will receive a third corresponding parking permit at the time of distribution.

If a homeowner is delinquent on their assessment account, they will not receive a third parking tag/permit until they have paid the past due assessment balance, including all outstanding administrative fees, legal fees, fines and interest in full.

All unmarked spaces in the community will continue to be available on a first come, first served basis.

If you are a new resident, and do not know your assigned parking space number or have not picked up your parking tag, call Shirley Umali at 301-924-7355 or e-mail [sumali@comsource.com](mailto:sumali@comsource.com).

## RECYCLING

Recycling is collected in Middle Village on Wednesdays.

What goes in a recycling bin?

- Aluminum foil products

- Cans: aluminum, steel, bi-metal
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles, containers, tubs and lids
- Paper items: break down boxes and bundle your paper items separately

Is your recycle bin overflowing? You can order new recycling bins (limit of five bins per calendar year) free of charge from Montgomery County and they will be delivered to your home by county recycling staff (not the recycling collection crew).

To order a new bin(s), visit [www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/items.aspx?subcatalog\\_id=11](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/items.aspx?subcatalog_id=11). For more information or questions, call the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection using the 311 system.

Remember to place household trash or recycling out after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup or on the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.

Note: If it does not fit into the blue recycling container, it is not recycling. If it does not fit into the 35-gallon trash can previously provided, it is not normal household trash. If it is yard waste, it must be in a paper bag or bundled and placed out with recycling.

## DID YOU KNOW...

All vehicles parked in unreserved parking spaces, whether covered or uncovered, must be moved at least every 30 days. If the vehicle is not relocated, a violation sticker/tag will be attached to the vehicle and the vehicle will be subject to towing—at the vehicle owner's expense—48 to 72 hours after the sticker is attached.

## ASSESSMENTS

We live in a community that requires every homeowner to pay assessment fees. Assessments are used to pay contractors for landscaping, snow removal, trash collection, collection of illegally dumped trash, lighting, repairs on community property, etc. If you are a homeowner, you were provided with

this information during closing. **Reminder:** Assessments are due paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payments allow us to continue providing services to our community.

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is to contact Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com).

## IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand:

877-241-1265

Big Tow: 301-424-4869

Potomac Disposal:

301-294-9700

Montgomery County Police

Non-emergency:

301-279-8000

Emergency: 911

ComSource: 301-924-7355

## CONTACTING COMSOURCE

ComSource is our management company. If you have a comment or complaint, please include your name, address, phone number, location of issue/problem and specific details in your correspondence or when you are leaving a phone message for the property manager. Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com) or [sumali@comsource.com](mailto:sumali@comsource.com).

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Other meeting dates for 2019 are Tuesdays, April 23, June 25, Aug. 27 and Oct. 22. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place, unless otherwise stated.

Middle Village Voice: for residents of Thomas Choice West and Clubside.

## WHETSTONE WATCH

## Holiday wonderland

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

The 2018 Holiday Lights Contest judging results are in. Due the high number and wide range of lighting displays, our esteemed panel divided the winners into the following categories:

Williamsburg:

18929 Whetstone Circle,  
9717 Breckenridge Place and  
9501 Appeals Place

Traditional:

19104 Annapolis Way and  
18813 South Meadow Fence Road

Kid's Delight:

19109 North Pike Creek Place

Winter Wonderland:

19140 Roman Way

Best Street:

Breckenridge Place with  
Honorable Mentions for  
Annapolis Way and  
Five Logs Way

Best Tree:

19109 Brooke Grove Court

Best Decoration Runner-up:  
9849 Canal Road

The rainfall totals in 2018 broke all kinds of records throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Fortunately, community property in Whetstone was relatively un-

damaged from the torrents of water. We repaired storm water drains on Diary Road during the year and will be repairing others in 2019.

Very wet conditions in December did claim one victim; a very large Oak tree has come down crossing the path along Whetstone Lake behind Lowell Place. Please note the path has been cordoned off with caution tape and is unpassable. We are currently working to have the tree removed with as little damage to the path and surrounding area as possible.

The coldest months of winter are yet to come, and snow is inevitable. When snowfall is forecast, please remember to park your vehicles in your garages and/or driveways to give the plows the best chance to clean our streets efficiently.

Watch for your Whetstone ballot to come in the mail. Three incumbent board members, Dennis Barnes, Bill Ott and Deborah Vermillion have indicated their intention to run for re-election.

**Whetstone Watch: for residents of The Courts, Goshenside, Lakeside and the Ridges of Whetstone.**



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## ARB APPLICATIONS

Apply before you buy!

Every exterior modification must meet established ARB application and approval requirements regardless of whether modification or replacement material has been approved in concept in the past.

APPLICATIONS ARE FREE.



Advertise in the  
**2019 Home Improvement Guide**

Ad Deadline:  
Friday, Feb. 22

Call 240-243-2359

**HOMES CORPORATIONS**

**SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES**

**South Village candidate's statements**

*by the South Village board of Directors*

The following candidates' statements are being presented for consideration of election to the South Village Board of Directors:

**JANET ANDRE**

I would like to continue my current position with the board of directors. I am one of the original owners in The Hamptons, having purchased my house on Royal Bonnet Circle in 1997. I have been involved in various community activities, particularly clean-up drives in our neighborhood. As a South Village resident, I am particularly interested in the maintenance of common areas and homes, and in keeping our neighborhoods safe and secure. I am in regular conversation with many of my neighbors in an attempt to understand their needs and vision for an improved neighborhood, and I foresee a number

of further advances that can be made in the area. I have lived in the community more than 13 years, and watched it change. I would like to help guide that change in the future.

I have proved as a Director in South Village my commitment of time and effort and will continue to contribute the same.

**NANCY FARRAR**

I'm Nancy Farrar, a resident of Walker's Choice, one of the seven neighborhoods in South Village and I'm running for re-election to the South Village Board of Directors. I currently serve as Vice President of the board and Chair of the maintenance committee. I am also a member of the finance committee and have previously served as President of the board.

Over the past years, I've made it a priority to work toward the improvement of South Village. My goals for the next term are to continue

to improve South Village, in particular with our physical appearance as a community and the continuing safety of our residents, while ensuring that we remain fiscally sound.

Thank you for considering me for election to your board; your vote would be greatly appreciated.

**LYNN JEROME**

I would like to run for the board of directors of South Village. I am currently on the board and serve as a security liaison and in previous years have served as the Alternate MVF Representative. I am out in the community a lot and talking with people so I feel I will be able to bring some of your concerns to the board.

**South Village Scenes: for residents of Center Stage, Dockside, Grover's Forge, Hamptons, Millrace, Nathan's Hill and Walker's Choice.**

**MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES**

**Happy New Year**

*by the Maryland Place Board of Directors*

We hope that everyone had a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

Not much to report this month. We have not had a board meeting since before the holidays. Look for an update next month after our January board meeting.

We are still seeing a huge amount of speeding on neighborhood streets. We are monitoring this and will install more speed bumps if needed.

Another issue that continues to be a problem is constant dumping of trash on community property. Residents are seen placing bags of trash, recycling, furniture, appliances and more on community property daily! Trash should never be placed on community property.

We have rats and other rodents that are feeding on

this trash and are here because we are providing them with a buffet of food. Not only is this unsightly and unsanitary, it's also against Montgomery County law and the Maryland Place bylaws. All trash and recycling is to be stored on your property in a sealed vermin-proof container.

Trash is to be placed in a vermin-proof container on Sunday and Wednesday nights after dark at the rear of your property for collection on Monday and Thursday morning.

Recycling is to be placed in the front of your property on Wednesday night after dark for collection on Thursday morning. At no time should trash or recycling ever be placed on community property.

**Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.**

**Free Admission**

**Saturday March 23**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New products, fresh ideas, special offers and expert advice to enhance your home's beauty, comfort and value!

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SCHOOL NEWS

# Living Grace soccer team achieves final four in MCST

The Living Grace Christian School Varsity Boys Soccer Team advanced to the final four of the Maryland Christian School Tournament this past soccer season. After a regular season of 10 wins and 0 losses, the team earned a number two seed in the tournament of 12 schools. After a first-round bye, the team beat Grace Christian Academy 4-3 to make it to the semifinals. There they battled Washington Christian Academy to a 3-3 tie before succumbing in overtime on penalty kicks. Washington Christian went on to win the championship. Danny Velis and Nehemiah Switzer were

named to the MCST All-Tournament Team.

Throughout the season, Velis provided inspirational leadership with 22 goals (57 goals for his career). In addition, Santiago Chitiva tallied 12 goals and 12 assists, and Juan Lamy provided excellent work in the midfield, contributing 7 goals and 6 assists. Junior Christiand Valdez anchored a defense that gave up less than 1 goal per game, and Sophomore Nehemiah Switzer helped to control the midfield, gathering 13 goals and 11 assists. Andrew Switzer provided excellent goalkeeping. Living Grace is very grate-

ful for an outstanding season.

Living Grace Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies and other school-administered programs. The school is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

For more information, visit [www.lgcs.northgatecc.org](http://www.lgcs.northgatecc.org).



## Stedwick Elementary Kindergarten Orientation

Village students who will be entering kindergarten at Stedwick Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year and their parents are invited to attend Kindergarten Orientation at the school, 10631 Stedwick Road. Come to meet the teachers, ask questions and begin enrollment. Children must be 5 years old by

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 to be eligible to start school this year.

Orientation is scheduled for Monday, April 29 or Tuesday, April 30 (times to be determined). For additional information, please visit the Stedwick Elementary School website, [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/stedwickes](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/stedwickes).



## PAPER CARRIERS NEEDED

Village residents ages 10 to 18 can visit the carriers page online or call **240-243-2342** for information.



[WWW.MONTGOMERYVILLAGE.COM](http://WWW.MONTGOMERYVILLAGE.COM)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

## CUMC Pajama Drive

The Covenant United Methodist Preschool conducted their Second Annual Pajama Drive with the objective to provide a new pair of pajamas to children living in shelters, who often do not have spare clothes to change into or to sleep in. Particular attention was paid to older children, who are most often overlooked.

The preschool, in conjunction with Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC) members, was able to provide 65 new pairs of pajamas to local children. The Dwelling Place, located in Montgomery Village, received the donations and distributed them before Christmas.

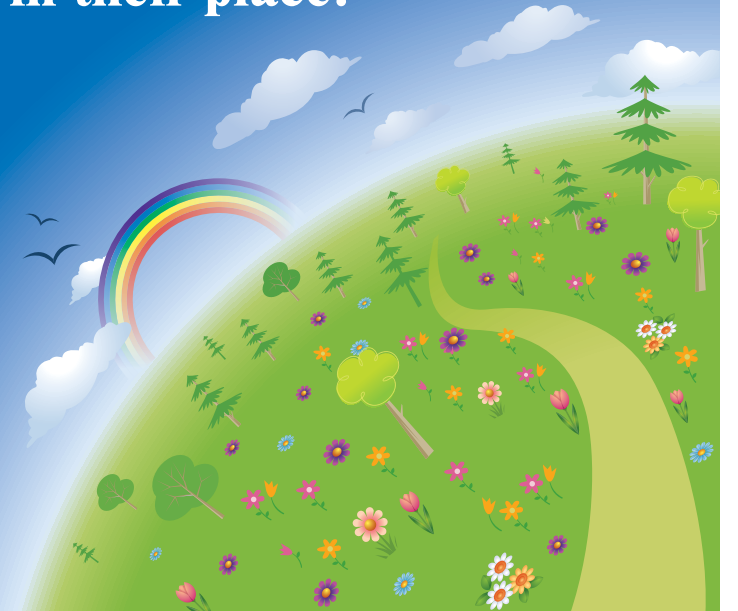
The CUMC preschool children were so excited to be a part of this program and learned a wonderful lesson on the importance of giving and helping others. Plus, picking out warm new pajamas was fun and easy for them to do.

Covenant United Methodist Preschool is located inside the Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive in the education wing lower level. For more information about this or other preschool programs offered, contact School Director Lisa Broadman at 301-527-9300 or e-mail [lisa.broadman@covenant-umc.org](mailto:lisa.broadman@covenant-umc.org).



Photo submitted by Lisa Broadman

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## AT YOUR LEISURE

## Knights of Columbus Bingo and Dinner

On Friday, Feb. 8, Germantown's Mother Seton Parish Center, 19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, will host Bingo and dinner to benefit the church and support Mount St. Mary's Seminarians. Doors open at 5 p.m. for dinner, and Bingo starts at 7 p.m., with over \$1,000 in cash prizes!

Admission is \$25/player with free Bingo dauber if paid by Sunday, Feb. 3. Cost goes up to \$30/player after February 3 (if not sold out). Admission includes door prize raffle, regular bingo games, snacks, dinner, dessert, water/soft drinks and fun. Participants must be 18 or older to attend,

and no alcohol is allowed.

For more information and to register, including seating requests for up to 8, mail a check payable to KOC #11024 with name, e-mail address and seating request to KOC Bingo, Mother Seton Parish, 19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, Germantown, MD 20874.

## Save the date for Library Lovers Month Kickoff Celebration!

Everyone loves the library! Join Friends of the Library at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 2, to celebrate Library Lovers Month with music at 11 a.m. by "Alex and the Kaleidoscope," fun activities and making

valentines to let your library know what the library means to you! Activities will be ongoing until 2 p.m.

The music will be appropriate for elementary-school-aged children, while sharing your love for libraries is appropriate for all ages. This event is

sponsored in partnership with Montgomery County Library Board and Friends of the Library, Montgomery County and Gaithersburg Chapter.

In case of inclement weather, call 240-773-9490 to verify that the program will run as scheduled.



## How safe is Maryland's water?

Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink—a dismal scenario indeed. But is this disaster a possibility in Maryland?

Biologist Ann Smith, founder and board president of the non-profit Seneca Creek Watershed Partners, will discuss the health of Maryland's water supply at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the monthly

meeting of the Montgomery Village Garden Club at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

Smith will present the Seneca Creek Watershed Partner's local mission to preserve the health of our nearby streams for both recreational and water quality purposes. The objective of all Maryland's watershed groups is to raise the Chesapeake Bay's level of health to the 40% goal, at which point it is anticipated that the estuary will be able to essentially clean itself.

Enjoy snacks and pleasant company as well as Smith's presentation. For more information, contact Nina Chase at [NinaGC@comcast.net](mailto:NinaGC@comcast.net).

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**BINGO NIGHT**

**Saturday, Jan. 26**  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!**  
Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 online by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25! Each booklet contains 12 cards. Prices at the door are \$10/Booklet or \$1/card (cash only).

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

## AAUW to host District 39 Delegate-Elect Lesley Lopez

Lesley Lopez, Maryland General Assembly Delegate-Elect from District 39, will speak at the Saturday, Jan. 12 meeting of the Gaithersburg Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women). District 39 includes Germantown and Montgomery Village.

Lopez has been an educator and advocate for immigration reform, affordable healthcare and inclusive policies. She serves as head of global communications for the US-China Business Council, advocating for responsible trade policies that benefit American workers and companies. She is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University and an SEIU member.

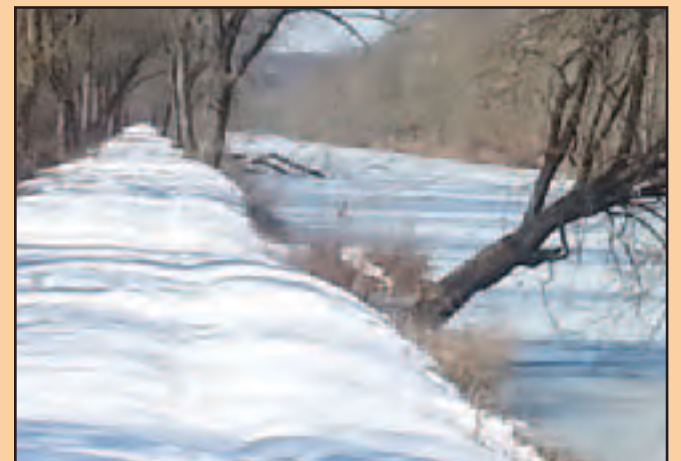
The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Rosborough Community Rooms of Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odend-



hal Avenue, Gaithersburg; at the second stop sign turn left for parking and cross to the Rosborough Center (Building 409) for the meeting. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

For more information, call 301-840-5443.

## Winter Wonderland Canal Walk



The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a walk on the C&O Canal Towpath, Cabin John, MD on Saturday, Jan. 19. This 10km trail, with a 5km option, rated 1B, is an easy out and back walk on the C&O Canal towpath upstream from Carderock to the Widewater area, to Locks #15 and #16 and to the beginning of the Great Falls overlook trail on relatively flat natural surfaces. An optional 1km trail will take walkers to Olmsted Island to view the Great Falls of the Potomac River. The terrain is suitable for strollers but not for wheelchairs. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point. Water will not be available except in the restrooms at the start point.

The Start/Finish point is the third parking area at the Carderock Recreation Area at the C&O Canal Tow-

path, Cabin John; the GPS coordinates are: 38.976280, -77.205389. The start time is between 10 and 11 a.m. and participants must finish the walk by 2 p.m. The walk is offered for free or for IVV credit.

Pre-registration is required for IVV credit. To pre-register, send a \$3 check, payable to SVSVC, to Carolyn Thurber, 17616 Mill Creek Drive; Derwood, MD 20855-1015. Write "C&O" and your phone number on the check. Checks must be received by Tuesday, Jan. 15. Children 12 and under earn IVV credit for no charge at all events sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club.

For more information, contact event coordinators Jone Parr (301-385-0054 or [Jone.P@comcast.net](mailto:Jone.P@comcast.net)) or Maribeth Evans (301-946-5496 or [evansm0612@gmail.com](mailto:evansm0612@gmail.com)).

RECREATION

# Valentine's Dance—times two!

Whether you are a Mother/Son or Daddy/Daughter duo, there is a Valentine's Dance this February that will fit the bill. Couples will enjoy a memorable evening with music, dancing, light refreshments and fun!

Girls will dance the night away with their favorite guy on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The very next night, Saturday,

Feb. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., moms and sons will have a great evening making memories to last a lifetime. All the magic happens at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Register early to reserve a space and to save money!

For more information, or to register for either event, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Valentine's Wine & Paint

This is a special Valentine's edition of our popular Wine & Paint nights scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Couples will create a fun, two-canvas masterpiece. Individuals are welcome to participate as well.

Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide the night with step-by-step instructions resulting in one-of-a-kind works of art. No experience necessary! The \$32/Resident or \$38/Non-resident price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Participants must be 21 or older to attend.

For more information, or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

## Stedwick and Whetstone afterschool clubs

Students in grades K to 5 can have afterschool fun in a well supervised and friendly environment. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts and crafts and homework help. Snacks will be provided for participants by the Division

of Food & Nutrition Services of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). No club when MCPS are closed for a full day.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum 20-day punch

card. Punch cards expire on Thursday, June 13 or last day of school.

For more information or to register for either program, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## POOL SUMMER JOBS

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION**  
Department of Recreation and Parks

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| <p><b>Pool Manager*</b><br/>Starting at <b>\$15/hr.**</b></p> <p>Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least one season of experience in an assistant pool manager position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p> | <p><b>Assistant Pool Manager*</b><br/>Starting at <b>\$14/hr.**</b></p> <p>Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p> | <p><b>Senior Lifeguard*</b><br/>Starting at <b>\$13.50/hr.</b></p> <p>Must be at least 17 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Lifeguard*</b><br/>Starting at <b>\$12.50/hr.**</b></p> <p>Must be at least 15 years of age. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p>   | <p><b>Desk Attendant*</b><br/>Starting at <b>\$9/hr.</b></p> <p>Must be at least 15 years of age, be able to work independently, learn all policies associated with the position and have ability to effectively convey the information to public. Working outdoors as a pool slide attendant may be part of the job duties.</p>             | <p><b>Swim Instructors</b></p> <p>Swim Instructor positions available. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail <a href="mailto:toshea@mvf.org">toshea@mvf.org</a>.</p>  |

### MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is offering a

**\$100**

reimbursement

for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2018 and the date they are hired by MVF, and work at least 320 hours during the 2019 season.

For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail [ppadilla@mvf.org](mailto:ppadilla@mvf.org). Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) (go to MVF and click on Job & Volunteer Opportunities). \*Contract completion bonus. \*\*Salary based on experience. EOE

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8821 East Village Avenue

Limitless treasures to buy or sell!  
Bargains Galore!

Regular Vendor Space\*  
(6' x 8') includes 6' table

\$25/Resident  
\$30/Non-resident

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\*Company/product affiliation required at registration

RECREATION

# Montgomery Village Camera Club

Residents are invited to attend the first 2019 meeting of the Montgomery Village Camera Club from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Tamzin B. Smith, a Rockville-based portrait photographer, will be the guest speaker and presenter. Interestingly, prior to becoming a certified portrait photographer and graduating in 2013 with honors from the Professional Photographer Program, Washington School of Photography, she was a self-taught semi-professional photographer.

During her presentation, Smith will show some sample

portrait photos and photos of her studio and discuss its versatility and light quality. She will also discuss window light, basic equipment, software, workflow and re-touching.

After a demonstration, attendees will have a chance to do some hands-on shooting, so please bring your cameras. Attendance is free, but registration is required. For more information, e-mail Derrick at [dtab221@yahoo.com](mailto:dtab221@yahoo.com).

To learn more about Tamzin, visit <https://tamzinsmithphoto.com> or [www.facebook.com/tamzinsmithphoto](http://www.facebook.com/tamzinsmithphoto).



Tamzin B. Smith

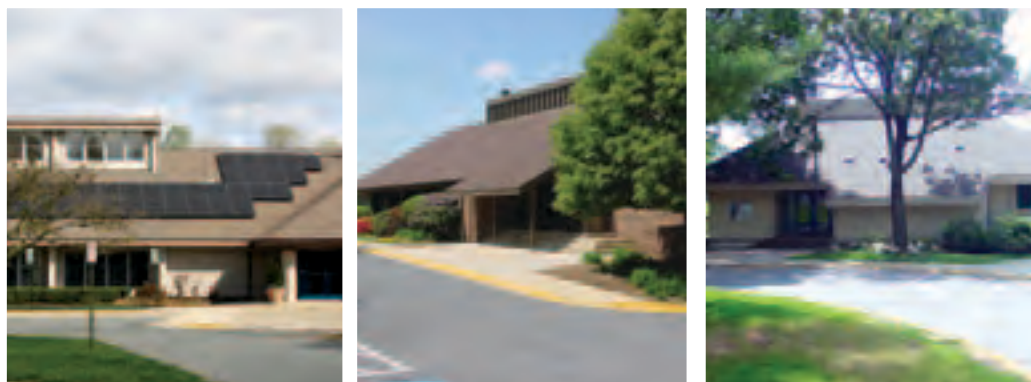
## Teens Making a Difference

Do you want to get involved in community programs but don't know how? Do you want to have a say in programs that are offered in the future to teens? Or do you want a safe place to come hang out and build your leadership skills while developing a community service project to work on as a group? Then come make new friends, have fun and share your ideas while working on various projects and events!

Students ages 12 to 16 are invited to Lake Marion

Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, once a month on Thursday evenings. Meetings are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 21, 2019. There is an opportunity to earn SSL hours at each meeting and be invited to special events to earn even more SSL hours!

For more information or to register, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## MVF FACILITY RENTALS

Need to rent a place to hold your party, meeting, gathering, or sports team practice? Lake Marion, North Creek and Whetstone community centers are available to rent!

Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic, private functions held between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Rental rates start at \$55 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Rental rates differ for Designated User and Non-Designated User residents.

### LAKE MARION

8821 East Village Ave.

#### Wood Floor Activity Room

Maximum Attendance: 85

12 six foot banquet tables

85 metal folding chairs

**Kitchenette** – sink, microwave & refrigerator.

Deck overlooking Lake Marion.

#### Gymnasium

Maximum Attendance: 125

Bleachers, Standard Basketball court with goals, Volleyball standards & nets

Appropriate footwear required, no food or drink allowed



### NORTH CREEK

20125 Arrowhead Road

#### Tile Floor Activity Room

Maximum Attendance: 125

15 six foot banquet tables

125 metal folding chairs

L-shaped activity room may be subdivided.

**Large Kitchen** – sink, microwave, refrigerator and 2 ovens (licensed for warming only).

\*\*The North Creek Board Room is not available for rental.



### WHETSTONE

19140 Brooke Grove Court

#### Tile Floor Activity Room

Maximum Attendance: 60

10 six foot banquet tables

60 metal folding chairs

**Small Kitchen** – sink, microwave, refrigerator and oven (licensed for warming only).



Lake Marion Activity Room, North Creek Community Center and Whetstone Community Center are air conditioned. Restrooms (including handicap accessible) are available at all locations.

Rental requests must be submitted to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Use of Private Rentals" and the "Private Rental Request Form" at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Alcohol is not permitted at any function.

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org).

## Family Bingo

Join family, friends and neighbors from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Bingo night. Take a chance at winning great prizes, including gift baskets, gift cards and tickets to various family friendly places. All ages are welcome to play!

Reserve your seats ahead of time by purchasing discounted

Bingo booklets online by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 for \$8. Prices at the door are \$10 per booklet or \$1 per card. There will be more than 10 rounds of bingo played.

In the event of inclement weather, Bingo will be rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2. For more information, call 301-948-0110 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org).

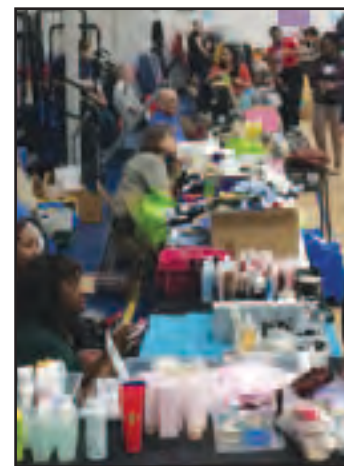
## Indoor Flea Market

Start the new year off with a chance to clean out and sell some old treasures or find some new ones at the Indoor Flea Market. Browse or sell for new or old from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Vendor tables are still available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are looking to sell your treasures, each 6' x 8' space includes one 6' x 2.5' table and one chair. Cost for residents is \$25 per space or \$30 per space for non-residents. Sign up today!

Free admission and parking for shoppers. In the event of inclement weather, the flea

market will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org).



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RECREATION

# Tiny Tots Playtime

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

Tuesdays | 9 to 10:45 a.m.  
Fridays | 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Jan. 8 to March 29



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

## Get moving with winter fitness classes

Winter is here! Get moving this season by registering for MVF fitness programs!

Looking for a class that is challenging, yet low impact? We have yoga classes for all experience levels. Need something fast and high

in energy? Try our newest fitness program, Bootcamp Ready. You will sweat, challenge yourself and have fun!

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

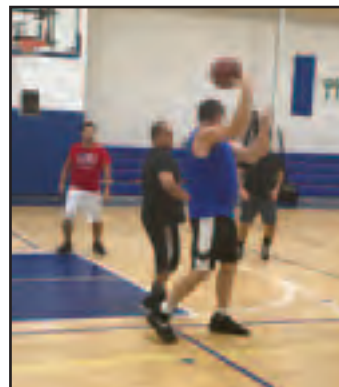
## Primetime Basketball

Stay fit, maintain your basketball skills and play some pickup style ball with friends, neighbors or new people! Those 18 and older can join Primetime Basketball for only \$5/session to drop-in.

Catch the action for the whole season from 8:30 to

10:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through March 27. This class costs \$50/Resident or \$60/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Montgomery Village T-ball

Come play T-ball under the leadership of Coach Christian. T-ball program includes practices and games for boys and girls. Games will be held at Lakelands on Saturday mornings. Practice and game schedule will be announced at the first practice scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road. Montgomery Village will play

against City of Gaithersburg teams beginning in April. T-ball costs \$60/Resident and \$70/Non-resident. Those interested in volunteering with the team(s) should contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or e-mail [chayes@mvpf.org](mailto:chayes@mvpf.org).

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Indoor Drop-in Pickleball

Join pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, playing this sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong. With specialized lines drawn just for pickleball, players use a paddle and plastic ball to volley over the net. Limited equipment available for use.

Drop in Monday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Thursday evenings from 8:30 to 10 p.m. for only \$3/Resident or \$4/Non-resident. Pickleball runs through Thursday, March 28.

For more information, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

# Valentine's Wine & Paint

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Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

Friday, Feb. 1  
7 to 9 p.m.

Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 2

In this special Valentine's edition of our popular Wine & Paint events, couples will create a fun, two-canvas masterpiece! Individual artists are welcome, too, and will create a similar piece using one canvas. **The subject to be painted at this event is a snowy forest.** Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide you step-by-step through this unique and easy painting with acrylics on stretched canvases. No experience necessary! Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Must be 21 or older to attend.

\$32/Resident, \$38/Non-resident

# BOOT CAMP Ready



Register Online  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

This high intensity one-hour workout is designed to push you to your maximum potential. Challenge yourself and improve your overall health, build strength, burn calories and sculpt your body! All fitness levels welcome. Exercise mat optional. **North Creek Community Center.**

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Mondays | 6 to 7 p.m.  
Jan. 7 to March 11

\$120/Resident, \$130/Non-resident, Drop-in: \$12

For more information or to register, call Kendall Thomas at 240-243-2338, e-mail [kthomas@mvpf.org](mailto:kthomas@mvpf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## MV SENIORS

# seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

\$20/Resident, \$40/Non-resident

## WINTER Session

through May 17

No meeting Jan. 21 or Feb. 18

### MONDAY

**Pickleball Group** 10 a.m. to noon  
(March 18 to May 17) Pickleball enthusiasts of all skill levels meet for fun on the Stedwick Community Center Tennis Courts.

**SiA Social Games** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Games, conversation and refreshments.

**Book Discussion Group** 10 to 11 a.m.  
third Monday each month  
Jan. 28: "I Remember Nothing" by Nora Ephron  
Feb. 25: "Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver  
March 18: "Thirteen Days in September" by Lawrence Wright

**Arts and Crafts** 10 a.m. to noon  
Various creative projects for all skill levels.  
Jan. 14: Learn to Crochet Jan. 21: Scrapbooking 1  
Jan. 28: Scrapbooking 2

### TUESDAY

**Light Cardio Workout** 9 to 10 a.m.  
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**Flow-Motion** 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Work the mind/body with controlled, flowing motions, range of motion improvement, balance and muscular strength. Seated and/or standing.

### WEDNESDAY

**SiA Social Games** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Games, conversation and refreshments.

### THURSDAY

**Light Cardio Workout** 9 to 10 a.m.  
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**Pickleball Group** 10 a.m. to noon  
(March 18 to May 17) Same as Monday.

**Total Body Tune-up** 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
This fun, easy-to-follow, seated and standing movement class emphasizes light toning and stretching and can be done by people of any fitness level.

### FRIDAY

**Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch** Noon to 2 p.m.  
second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with friends. **Free for members, \$2/Non-member**  
Feb. 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10

## A look back...



SiA members enjoyed the December potluck lunch with festive attire and conversation about another great year.



## Up next...

Take action and sign up to become part of the most distinct and diverse groups in Montgomery Village!



### SiA Field TripS

We are currently in the planning stages for the winter/spring session field trip. Check for new information in the *Village News* and at Stedwick Community Center.



### SIA E-MAIL LIST

Take action and sign up to become part of the most distinct and diverse group in Montgomery Village!

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail [aalcon@mvf.org](mailto:aalcon@mvf.org) to be added to the list for updates and changes related to Seniors in Action.

#### REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)!

The Seniors in Action program offers convenient and affordable activities to seniors 55 years and older, Monday through Friday. For more details on any Seniors in Action activity, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail [aalcon@mvf.org](mailto:aalcon@mvf.org).

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**HELP WANTED**

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:**

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST**

Do you enjoy being outside of the office, driving through neighborhoods looking at homes and working with residents to keep a community beautiful? No experience with HOAs or architecture required, but if you enjoy customer service, have a keen eye for details, strong organizational skills, and an interest in home design, then we want to meet you!

You will:

- Conduct inspections in a variety of communities within Montgomery Village to ensure compliance with community architectural standards
- Provide excellent customer service to residents by phone, in person, and in writing
- Process inspections using a variety of computer and mobile applications and software programs
- Keep work products and files organized
- Manage your time effectively to complete multiple tasks on time and meet monthly goals
- Conduct outreach to residents at Montgomery Village events
- Work well on a team that is passionate about keeping Montgomery Village a beautiful place to live

Salary range is \$31,755 to \$32,500 annually, DOQ with an excellent benefits package.

Must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license to complete the inspections.

Full job descriptions and the application process can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). For consideration, please submit cover letter and résumé to [hr@mvf.org](mailto:hr@mvf.org).

**ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$13.25 to \$14.50/hour DOQ.

Job summary: Plans and leads recreational and cultural activities at a summer camp program for age groups K to 6th grade. Assists with evaluating program activities. Manages, supervises and evaluates subordinate staff.

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

For more information please contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or [chayes@mvf.org](mailto:chayes@mvf.org).

**CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 25 to 40 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$14.50 to \$15.50/hour DOQ.

Job summary: Plans and leads recreational and cultural activities at a summer camp program for age groups K to 6th grade. Assists with evaluating program activities. Manages, supervises and evaluates subordinate staff.

Requirements:

- Must be 21 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

For more information please contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or [chayes@mvf.org](mailto:chayes@mvf.org).

Applications can be submitted online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or at the MVF Office at 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Montgomery Village Foundation is an EOE. M/F/D/V

**CAMP COUNSELOR  
(SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference!

Salary: \$12.25/hour.

Job summary: Implements and leads planned activities of the daily camp program for age groups K - 6th grade. Ensures all supplies and program needs are available and that camp site is clean after activities. Responsible for the safety of campers and for following all day camp policies. Interacts with children at all times, taking part in the activities.

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

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**NEW  
CLASSIFIEDS**

**CLASSIFIED AD  
DEADLINE**

**MONDAY  
FEB. 4**

**Classified Advertising Order Form**

Issue date(s) this ad is to run: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate Section for your ad:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For Sale       | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House for Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House for Rent | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost & Found ( <i>FREE to Village Residents</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Wanted    | <input type="checkbox"/> Giveaway ( <i>FREE to Village Residents</i> )     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Services       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                       |

*Submit a photo of your lost pet at no additional charge.*

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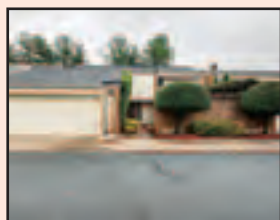
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## On the Market



**COURTS OF WHETSTONE \$448,500**  
MOST POPULAR MODEL IN THE COURTS!  
4 BR, 2.5 BA, hardwood floors, office, separate LR & DR, fin. basement w/rec. room & craft room – renovated kitchen w/breakfast room, moveable island, lots of counter space – front & back courtyards w/ decks, gazebo, planting beds & brick walls – fabulous home!



**THE DOWNS \$525,000**  
BIG ADDITION!  
This beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA home has added space for a DR, breakfast room and FR – renovated kitchen with custom cabinets, upgraded stainless appliances, 2 cooktops, butlers pantry, – 1<sup>st</sup> floor BR and FBA. Media room with projector, screen and sound system – walkup from basement – front porch, professional landscaping and hardscape, backup generator!



**HERITAGE HARBOUR/ ANNAPOLIS \$398,500**  
OVER 55 NEIGHBORHOOD!  
Single family rambler in over 55 neighborhood – great home with 2 BR, 2 FB, family room with gas fireplace, sunroom, deck, hardwood floors, new carpet, new HVAC, new roof, garage.

## Coming Soon

- 🏠 WILLIAMS RANGE Updated 5 BR
- 🏠 GREENTEE TH w/ garage

## 2018 Sales

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 10366 Jacobsen Street      | \$930,000 |
| 19014 Coltfeld Court       | \$299,900 |
| 154 Kendrick Place #28     | \$259,000 |
| 18614 Nathans Place        | \$195,500 |
| 20402 Shore Harbour Drive  | \$200,000 |
| 13262 Meander Cove Drive   | \$207,000 |
| 18912 Smoothstone Way      | \$110,000 |
| 13201 Astoria Hill Court   | \$187,500 |
| 9827 Docena Drive          | \$195,700 |
| 9225 Frostburg Way         | \$225,000 |
| 19018 Coltfeld Court       | \$290,000 |
| 8610 Castlebar Way         | \$460,000 |
| 9640 Shadow Oak Drive      | \$309,500 |
| 9501 Briar Glenn Way       | \$375,000 |
| 8601 Lime Kiln Court       | \$467,500 |
| 20333 Pleasant Ridge Drive | \$454,500 |
| 9229 Frostburg Way         | \$310,000 |
| 9833 Meadowcroft Lane      | \$450,000 |
| 18909 N Meadow Fence Road  | \$460,000 |
| 9718 Eclipse Place         | \$520,000 |
| 4261 Charley Forest Street | \$501,500 |
| 20509 Highland Hall Drive  | \$521,500 |
| 161 Brinkwood Road         | \$575,000 |
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