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Holiday season fast approaching

by Mike Conroy

With longer evening darkness, colder temperatures and leaves steadily falling from the trees, there are constant reminders that winter is on its way – and fast! Along with the changes in temperature and landscapes come a change in mindset, as we begin to think about – and gear up for – the winter holiday season. By the end of next week, houses will start to fill with decorations and lights, holiday music will fill the air and residents will start to prepare for the end of the year.

Amid all the hustle, though, are plenty of opportunities to spend some quality time with

friends, family and neighbors out in the community. In the spirit of the season, there are even opportunities to help others at Montgomery Village sponsored events.

The Thanksgiving Morning Aerobic Workout is combined with a canned food drive that supports Gaithersburg HELP. Participants can “work up a hunger and help the hungry” with this 90-minute aerobic workout led by fitness instructor Karin Baker. Bring whoever is in town for the holiday with you from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23 at Lake Marion Community Center,

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Shoppers picked up an abundance of holiday gifts at the annual Montgomery Village Holiday Craft Bazaar held at the Lake Marion Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Bazaar is just one opportunity in Montgomery Village for artisans to sell their wares. Next up is the Indoor Flea Market in February. Watch the *Village News* for details or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Consider volunteering in the community

by Mike Conroy

In these busy times, it's easy to take for granted all that happens in the community; often focusing time and energy on family, work or other tasks at hand. But all around the Village there are places, events, amenities and processes at work that are kept up and maintained because of volunteers.

These folks give of their time to make sure the community is always at its best. Some give a few hours a month or year on a committee, a homes corporation or condominium association board or the MVF Board of Directors. Others volunteer their time with service organizations, boy or girl scouts, churches or even just on their own to do good in the neighborhood.

As we start to think about the year ahead, it's worth considering volunteering a little bit of your time and talent to keep Montgomery Village at its best. If you're concerned with issues like parking, trash and community upkeep, consider attending one of your homes corporation board meetings and getting involved by joining that board. If your interests are on a broader scale

and you'd like to see how your assessment dollars affect the Village as a whole, then consider attending an MVF board meeting, and learn more about how you can be supportive or become involved.

If you have specific interests like recreation, communications or finances, consider applying for an MVF committee. The work these committees do on behalf of the MVF Board of Directors helps set and maintain the direction for the Village. You can find committee descriptions and application information online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Of course, there are also a number of civic organizations where you can apply your time and talents. Churches, schools, service organizations and community groups are always looking for new volunteers to help them grow. As we enter into a season associated with thankfulness, gratitude and resolutions, take a little time to reflect on how you may be able to get involved in the coming year.

No amount of time is too small, and helping the community may provide you with a sense of fulfillment and renewed community investment.

Annual Thanksgiving Morning Workout

Work up a hunger & help the hungry!

All proceeds will be donated to Gaithersburg HELP.

Thursday, Nov. 23
9 to 10:30 a.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Begin your Thanksgiving morning with a 90-minute sampling of Jacki Sorensen's Aerobic Workout and Aerobic Dancing led by fitness instructor Karin Baker.

Cost at the door
\$8/person OR
\$5 w/two non-perishable food donations

LOOK INSIDE

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Village Center



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MVF Board Student Rep position open for high school juniors

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2018 MVF Board Call for Candidates



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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, Dec. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 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.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Heron's Cove office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21 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, Nov. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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NEXT ISSUE

Friday, Dec. 1

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DUE:
 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 AT 5 P.M.

The MVF Office will be CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 for

THANKSGIVING

We will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Happy Turkey Day!

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Serving the residents of Montgomery Village

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EVP'S MESSAGE

Looking back with thanks



by David Humpton
MVF Executive Vice President

It's hard to believe that it has been 10 years since I started as EVP for Montgomery Village Foundation! I feel a sense of accomplishment as I think back to all the people I have served with, including MVF Board, committee and staff members, HOA and COA leaders, state and county officials and, most importantly, Village residents who are never shy about sharing their concerns and suggestions. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people in Montgomery Village, and I look forward to the years to come.

Below are some important milestones we've achieved along the way:

- **MVF's finances restored** - in 2007, MVF's Operating Fund ended with nearly a \$500,000 deficit and had borrowed about \$700,000 from Reserves to pay for operating costs. Today, not only do we have a healthy Reserve that has already funded two pool renovations, but the deficit

balance is now a healthy surplus. Along the way we also reformatted the budget for more transparency, established formal internal financial controls and developed Strategic and Five Year Financial Plans. While the MVF Assessment maximum (the "ceiling") was raised in 2011 with a the 3-year expectation, MVF cost controls have limited the use to only 28% of that increase and is expected to last until at least 2021;

- **Formed an Investment Committee and revising the Reserve Investment Policy** - to better manage our long-term investments by striving for returns that exceed inflation yet ensure an acceptable level of risk in the investment portfolio;
- **Adopted the Capital Contribution Fee** - an alternative, non-assessment revenue source, which supports Capital projects on MVF property; initially it was thought to be minor source of revenue for new Village-wide amenities, but since its 2012 debut, the fee has generated over \$900,000!
- **Increased Contributions to Reserves** - over \$1M annually is being reserved to replace and maintain our aging assets including the renovation of all of MVF's pools;
- **Outsourced the MVF Maintenance Operations** - to a qualified landscape contractor resulting in significant cost savings and

reducing future staffing and reserve liabilities;

- **Developed a Long-Range Facilities Plan** - to identify new initiatives for MVF parks and pools; projects such as the Farmers' Market, upgrading pools and bath houses, concession stand and restrooms at South Valley Park and the Lawn Theater were part of this plan;
- **Developed the Vision 2030 Plan** - a document that M-NCPPC used as a base for the Montgomery Village Master Plan; this plan identified properties that were ripe for redevelopment with the goal of bringing new economic and community development to the Village;
- **Marketed the Village** - with a new website, the "Flourish" magazine, colorful banners announcing events and social media exposure were important to enhance our image;
- **Performed regular architectural inspections of residential properties** - by using the standard of every home being inspected every three years;
- **Worked with new commercial property owners, the community and the county** - to help shape future development projects within the Village to ensure they will be compatible with community goals;
- **Hired in-house legal counsel** - to assist with collections and other legal matters; MVF has saved

thousands of dollars and has streamlined legal processes;

- **Worked with state officials** - on many issues over the years, but most notably to exempt HOA private streets from the county Water Quality Protection Charge, which helps save resources in their budgets;
- **Worked with county officials** - on many issues over the years, but most notably to maintain some funding for HOAs for Roadway Reimbursement via the state's highway trust fund;
- **Improving Lake Whetstone amenities** - replacement of the boat house and dock, dredging of the Lake, replacement/repairs to riser structure and installation of new play features;
- **Brought back the Fall Festival** - which today is a highlight for so many residents with its Pumpkin Races;
- **Enhanced management practices** - including Ethics Training for all employees; implementing an Employee Recognition Program to recognize excellence; and implementing an in-house employee newsletter; and
- **Won state bond funds** - for the South Valley Park Concession Stand and Restrooms, the new pavilion at Apple Ridge Recreation Area and the Lake Whetstone Boat House reconstruction.

Schedule For 2018 MVF Budget Process

DECEMBER 2017
2018 assessment coupons mailed

Get Noticed!



Contact Beto Benitez
240-243-2359 or hbenitez@mvf.org.

Free
Winter Jazz Concert

Monday, Dec. 18
7:30 p.m.

North Creek Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road

Join the Montgomery Blue Notes
for
Jazz, Blues and Holiday Tunes

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Don't Miss It! Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Morning Workout 29 Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 1 Winter Recreation Guide 9 Breakfast with Santa 10 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 12 Hanukkah begins		Village News 17	18 Camera Club 10 am to noon – NCCC
19	20 Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC	21	22 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	23 MVF Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday Thanksgiving Morning Workout 9 to 10:30 am – LMCC (\$8 or \$5 w/2 non-perishable food donations)	24 MVF Office Closed	25
26 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR	27	28 Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Office	29 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC Christmas Tree Lighting 6 pm – Village Center MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	30	December 1 Village News Winter Recreation Guide	2
3 Recreation Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR	4	5	6 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	7 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR	8	9 Breakfast with Santa 9 to 10:30 am – NCCC (Pre-registration required)
10 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 3 pm – LMCC (free) (donate new unwrapped toy)	11 MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	12 Hanukkah begins at sunset	13 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	14	Village News 15	16

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.

All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.

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- The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication.
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E-mail letters to mnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
I'd like to thank MVF for continuing to sponsor the Farmers' Market held at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. It offers the community a welcome opportunity to buy healthy fresh food (and occasional treats), as well as turning a visit into a chance to

reconnect with old friends and neighbors. I also like knowing that we are patronizing small businesses. As we've had such a mild fall, some of us are wondering if the market could continue until Thanksgiving in the future!

Karolyn Silliman
Stedwick

Editor:
Well, the vote is in, and the Whetstone Assessment Increase Ballot failed. Having difficulty accepting the voice of its residents, the Whetstone board appears anxious to send a message that rejecting the assessment increase is not without consequences.

postponement of Goshenside tree trimming.

However, one tree was not on the table. Did I mention that a board member on South Meadow Fence Road quietly slipped in an additional tree removal just before this meeting began? Of course, this tree is on South Meadow Fence Road, home of two board members, one of them the president herself who just a month earlier railed against board favoritism.

The first casualty came quickly, the postponement of the Goshenside tree trimming project. After the failed ballot count, a distressed board member targeted this incomplete tree trimming project for further postponement, reneging on a September board commitment. Message received!

Just what is on the table to be cut? Apparently only Goshenside tree trimming was on the table at the November meeting as the board proceeded as usual to disposition tree replacements, street repaving (\$42,000 to \$49,000), asphalt and concrete work (\$83,219) and tree removals. It appears that the design of the dock replacement (\$40,000 to \$50,000) may be beyond reach with one board member suggesting a gazebo at half the price. This will be discussed again in January.

Does this knee jerk reaction in punishing Goshenside signal a return to the earlier practice of board favoritism for which the Whetstone board received a stiff warning in September from its president who made a commitment to call out those who persist in this practice? Perhaps so. At the November 9 board meeting, the president insisted in no uncertain terms that everything was on the table including the

Don O'Neill
Whetstone



2018 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Do you have an interest in community affairs? Would you like to help your hometown flourish or help shape the future of our community? Then consider service to the community on the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors!

In March, three candidates will be elected by the members (homeowners) of MVF to serve three-year terms on the nine member Board of Directors. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the North Creek Community Center. These meetings are open to all residents for their ideas, input and support.

The Montgomery Village Foundation provides overall governance to the Village. It interacts with government agencies and oversees proposals for development or legislation affecting the Village. The MVF has two major responsibilities as outlined in its legal documents. First, the MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These include MVF's recreational areas and facilities such as parks, lakes, ponds, tennis courts and community centers.

Second, MVF, through the Architectural Review Board, provides guidelines and restrictions on architectural changes with the objective of helping to maintain Village property values.

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

All interested applicants who are owners or residents of residential property in Montgomery Village are welcome to apply. MVF urges residents to share their skills, views and energies by participating in Village governance. The Nominating Committee reviews all applications for nomination and considers applicants based on a number of factors including, but not limited to the following:

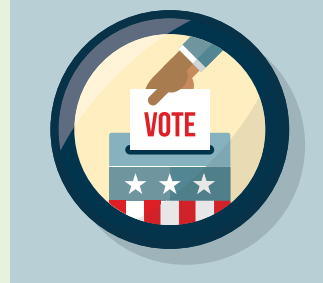
- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community association
- Must be in good standing with MVF and not in sustained violation of any MVF architectural standard or rule, and current in assessments.
- 18 years of age or above

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

It's easy. Candidates do not need to run an expensive political campaign to serve the community. Space is set aside in the *Village News* for candidate statements, along with photos, so Villagers can get to know the candidates and their views. Also, the MVF Election Committee sponsors a Candidates' Forum and two "Meet the Candidates" events where candidates can talk with Villagers one-on-one about issues of importance. Applicants are provided equal opportunities through the *Village News*, the Meet the Candidates events, and specially prepared Candidate Statements which are forwarded to all Village homeowners with their ballots.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

You can find the application online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, beginning Friday, Nov. 17, and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application by mail, fax, e-mail or bring it back to the MVF Office for forwarding to the MVF Nominating Committee. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018.



IN THE NEWS

2017 White House Christmas ornaments now available

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team will be selling the White House Christmas Ornament as its annual fundraiser. For the past 18 years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team's coaching staff and operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the ornaments available for purchase at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment may be made by cash or check made out to the "Lake Marion Swim Team;" cost per ornament is \$20.

The Lasers are pleased that both the MVF and East Village Homes Corporation continue to jointly sponsor the sale of these collectible ornaments. Limited ornaments from past years will also be for sale.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The official 2017 White House Christmas Ornament honors the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served as the 32nd president of the United States from 1933 to 1945, and his remarkable journey to restore the faith of the American people. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.

The ornament was designed using elements unique to the life and legacy of President Roosevelt. The eagle cartouche emblazoned on the speaker's stand at President Roosevelt's first inauguration is the inspiration for the main element of the 2017 ornament. The two flags below have 48 stars each, representing the number of states in the union during Roosevelt's four terms. The shape of the ornament is reminiscent of the silhouette of a tabletop radio—similar to those many Americans had in their homes and used to listen to the president's reassuring fireside chats.

Roosevelt's beloved Fala is pictured on the back of the ornament, sitting next to a festive Christmas tree and presents. A white leaf motif accenting the ornament edges is based on exterior stone molding that adorning the White House north entrance. Four stars toward the top of the ornament represent Roosevelt's historic four terms as president and the chevron border recalls the design of a card case he carried while serving in office.





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Holiday

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8821 East Village Avenue. The cost is \$8 per person at the door, or \$5 with a donation of two non-perishable goods.

Enjoy the company of family and neighbors to put you in the Christmas spirit with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Join Santa, the Watkins Mill High School Chorus and an ensemble of the Montgomery Village Community Band for some festive tunes and holiday treats. Festivities take place in the Montgomery Village Center parking lot, near CVS.

Adults and children (ages 6 months to 8) can grab Break-

fast with Santa, as well as a keepsake photo and take home crafts, at this favorite holiday event. See the jolly man himself from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Space is limited and sells out quickly; pre-registration is required. Join the fun for only \$12/Resident child, \$17/Non-resident child and \$6/Adult.

The next day, Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. you can listen to the Montgomery Village Community Band belt out holiday tunes at the annual Toys for Tots Holiday Concert. Attendees are encouraged to bring a

new, unwrapped gift for the US Marines Toys for Tots program to this free concert. Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, comes alive for the holidays—get into the spirit!

Whatever your plans may hold in the coming weeks, remember to take a little time to enjoy the season. Even though it's dark outside, your friends, family and neighbors can see you smile and wave through the twinkling of holiday lights!

For more information on any of the above mentioned events, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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IN THE NEWS

MVF Board Student Rep position open for high school juniors

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.

At the September 28 MVF Board of Directors meeting, the position application and selection process was approved for this new initiative, which arose

from a discussion topic at the annual Board retreat.

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 submitted 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, 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@mfvf.org. Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.

For more information or questions, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mfvf.org.

County Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23:

County Offices - Closed

Libraries - Closed

County Liquor Stores - Closed

Recreation - All programs and facilities are closed

Montgomery Parks - For operating schedule, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On - Sunday schedule

Metro rail - Information available at www.wmata.com

Metrobus - Information available at www.wmata.com

TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center - Not operating

TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store - Not operating

Recycling pickup - No collection; collection for Thursday and Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - Closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters - Free

State Offices and Courts - Closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24



Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 18400 block of Lost Knife Circle between approximately 6 a.m. and approximately 3:31 p.m. on October 25. Forced entry; property was taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

Strong-arm robberies occurred in the following areas:

- In the 18800 block of Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 4:18 p.m. on October 20. The suspects assaulted two adult male victims and a juvenile male victim and took property from one of the adult male victims.
Suspects: 2 B/Ms, approximately age 17; H/M, approximately age 16
- In the 18200 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 7:28 p.m. on October 20. The suspects assaulted the juvenile male victim and took his property.
Suspects: 5 H/Ms, ages unknown
- In the 18200 block of Contour Road at approximately 2:58 p.m. on October 21. The suspects assaulted the three juvenile male victims and took their property.
Suspects: H/M, age unknown; approximately 7 or 8 B/Ms, ages unknown

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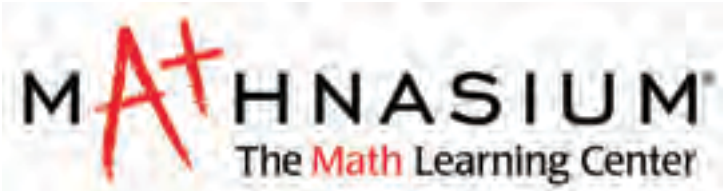
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IN THE NEWS

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mercy Seat Chapel Turkey giveaway

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mercy Seat Chapel (MSC) is giving away 500 free turkeys. Last year's Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative, through individual donations from church members, provided 300 turkeys to families in need. Recipients were from the local community and included people from different races, ethnicities and vocations. The giveaway, which spanned two days, culminated in an evening service that inspired and reminded recipients that difficult times do not last forever, but are only for a season. One of the past recipients of a frozen turkey was so grateful that she sent a public message on Instagram, thanking the church for helping to bring joy to her family.

MSC's Head Pastor Ola Olarinde announced that this year, 500 families will be receiving one turkey each, a significant increase from last year's efforts. He believes that we need to support each other in difficult and trying times. In his own words, "Just the way MSC families will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a turkey, we want parents that may be struggling right now to do the same with their families, regardless of their financial situation." Organizers are gearing up for a successful 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative and they are hoping for a great turnout.

Area residents in need of a turkey should visit 17604 Washington Grove Lane,

Gaithersburg, on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

MSC's annual turkey giveaway is only one of the numerous programs this family church offers to assist members of their neighboring communities. Other programs include monthly outreaches to the

Montgomery Village Healthcare Center and disadvantaged communities; Angel Tree Christmas gift giveaway to families; and Mercy for Many.

For more information about Mercy Seat Chapel and weekly activities, visit www.mercyseatchapel.org.

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**MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

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

EASTGATE
7714 HERITAGE FARMDR -
Patio, D
20309 OYSTER BAY TER -
Shed, A

EAST VILLAGE
8405 HARRON VALLEY CT -
Fence and Gate, D
8401 HARRON VALLEY CT -
Fence and Gate, D
8220 GALLERY CT -
Replacement Patio Door, A
19921 HAMIL CIR - Roof, A
19921 HAMIL CIR -
Storm Door, AWM
19921 HAMIL CIR -
Gutter Guard, A
19901 COLLINGDALE PL -
Shed Resubmit, AWM
19904 COLLINGDALE PL -
Exterior Paint, A
19904 COLLINGDALE PL -
Exterior Light, A
19904 COLLINGDALE PL -
Exterior Paint, A

19833 HELMOND WAY -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
8116 DRY RIDGE RD -
Walkway, A
8116 DRY RIDGE RD -
Stoop, A
8212 DRY RIDGE RD -
Exterior Paint, AWM
8212 DRY RIDGE RD -
Pergola, AWM
20013 GIANTSTEP TER -
Walkway, A
20012 GIANTSTEP TER -
Roof, A
20012 GIANTSTEP TER -
Downspout/Gutter, A
20012 GIANTSTEP TER -
Gutter Guard, A
20012 GIANTSTEP TER -
Miscellaneous, A
8429 BURCHAP DR -
Replacement Windows, AWM
8503 FOUNTAIN VALLEY
DR - Roof, AWM
20302 STRINGFELLOW CT -
Roof, A
20302 STRINGFELLOW CT -
Vinyl Siding, A
20301 STRINGFELLOW CT -
Roof, A
8203 STRINGFELLOW PL -
Roof, A
8507 WELBECK WAY -
Miscellaneous, A
8901 CLEWISTON PL -
Fence and Gate, AWM
8600 BITTERFIELD CT -
Propane Tank, A
8600 BITTERFIELD CT -
Lattice, AWM

20302 BUTTERWICK WAY -
Solar Systems, A
20418 REMSBURY PL -
Solar Systems, A
8520 TINDAL SPRINGS DR -
Solar Systems, A
8425 MARKET TREE CIR -
Lattice, AWM

MARYLAND PLACE
19372 KEYMAR WAY -
Deck Removal, A
19372 KEYMAR WAY -
Shed Removal, AWM
19372 KEYMAR WAY -
Replacement Siding, AWM
9506 MARSTON LN -
Roof, AWM
9506 MARSTON LN -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
9506 MARSTON LN -
Trim, AWM
19324 TRANSHIRE RD -
Exterior Paint, A

MIDDLE VILLAGE
10061 RIDGELINE DR -
Front Door Replacement, A
10061 RIDGELINE DR -
Storm Door, AWM
10179 RIDGELINE DR -
Exterior Paint, D

NORTHGATE
20303 GENTLE WAY -
Roof, AWM
9525 ASPENWOOD CT -
Vinyl Siding Resubmit, A
20108 DARLINGTON DR -
Shed, D
9718 SHADOW OAK DR -
Exterior Paint, A
9801 DAIRYTON CT -
Fence and Gate, A
20302 SWALLOW POINT
RD - Roof, A
9602 SWALLOW POINT
WAY - Garage Door, AWM

NORTH VILLAGE
20616 DUBOIS CT -
Front Door Replacement, A
20616 DUBOIS CT -
Storm Door, A
20616 DUBOIS CT -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
20616 DUBOIS CT -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
20504 DUBOIS CT -
Replacement Patio Door, A
20729 HIGHLAND HALL
DR - Exterior Paint, A
9215 CHADBURN PL -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM

9215 CHADBURN PL -
Vinyl Siding, AWM
9412 VINEYARD HAVEN
DR - Fence and Gate, AWM
9412 VINEYARD HAVEN
DR - Miscellaneous, AWM

PATTON RIDGE
9816 MEADOWCROFT LN -
Solar Systems, A
9911 DELLCASTLE RD -
Sidelight Resubmit, D
9911 DELLCASTLE RD -
Front Door Replacement
Resubmit, D
9911 DELLCASTLE RD -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
9911 DELLCASTLE RD -
Sidelight, AWM
9813 MEADOWCROFT LN -
Patio, AWM
9441 HICKORY VIEW PL -
Replacement Patio Door, A
9609 DUFFER WAY -
Solar Systems, A
19750 GREENSIDE TER -
Retaining Wall, AWM
19750 GREENSIDE TER -
Landscape Plan, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE
9832 ISLANDSIDE DR -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
9723 LAKE SHORE DR -
Solar Systems, D
18724 NATHANS PL -
Patio, AWM
18703 NATHANS PL -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
18101 KILRUSH CT -
Radon System, AWM
9961 LAKE LANDING RD -
Deck, AWM

STEDWICK
19165 STEDWICK DR -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
19165 STEDWICK DR -
Trim, AWM
19165 STEDWICK DR -
Window Modification, AWM
19120 CAPEHART DR -
Exterior Paint, AWM
10545 CAMBRIDGE CT -
Roof, D
10545 CAMBRIDGE CT -
Downspout/Gutter, D
10545 CAMBRIDGE CT -
Deck, D
10557 CAMBRIDGE CT -
Shed, D
19603 ENTERPRISE WAY -
Deck, AWM
19603 ENTERPRISE WAY -
Patio, A

19623 SPARR SPRING RD -
Front Door Replacement, A
19623 SPARR SPRING RD -
Storm Door, A
19623 SPARR SPRING RD -
Sidelight, AWM
10617 SENECA SPRING
WAY - Miscellaneous, AWM
19303 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Walkway, D
19303 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Stoop, D
19326 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Solar Systems, A
19214 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
19214 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
19214 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Patio, D
30 WAYRIDGE CT -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
19509 GALLATIN CT -
Gutter, AWM
19506 DIVOT PL -
Replacement Windows, A
19506 DIVOT PL -
Replacement Patio Door, A

10108 BLUE TEE TER -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
19680 CLUB LAKE RD -
Roof, AWM
10019 WEDGE WAY -
Front Door Replacement, A
10019 WEDGE WAY -
Storm Door, A
10019 WEDGE WAY -
Sidelight, AWM
10019 WEDGE WAY -
Replacement Patio Door, A
19742 CRESTED IRIS WAY -
Front Door Replacement, A
19742 CRESTED IRIS WAY -
Sidelight, A
19742 CRESTED IRIS WAY -
Replacement Windows, A
19742 CRESTED IRIS WAY -
Storm Door, A

**THOMAS CHOICE
CONDOMINIUM**
19505 BRASSIE PL -
Storm Door, AWM

WHETSTONE
19130 ROMAN WAY -
Roof, AWM
19000 S PIKE CREEK PL -
Roof, A

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2018 parking tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

2017 parking tags will expire on Sunday, Dec. 31. Residents can pick up 2018 parking tags on the following dates/times at these locations*:

Montgomery Village Middle School Cafeteria
19300 Watkins Mill Road
Saturday, Dec. 2,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thomas Choice Clubhouse
19402 Brassie Place
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 to 5 p.m.

*After December 10, residents will only be able to pick up their parking passes at the ComSource Office, 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney. Parking passes will not be mailed.

Residents must have a photo ID to receive 2018 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.

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.

Please note, after Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, 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.

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.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are due paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15th of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payment allows us to continue providing services to the 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 calling Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mailing dmatthews@comsource.com.

BULK TRASH PICKUP NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Due the large volume of bulk trash, the cost to have it collected and the fact that bulk trash attracts rodents and lowers the property values, it was decided that residents will now be responsible for disposing of their own bulk trash.

Placing bulk trash in the community is a violation that is subject to a fine. Any resident dumping bulk trash on Middle Village property will be fined \$250.

There is a \$100 reward for picture or video proof that identifies violators of the community trash policy. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Homeowners will be fined if they or their tenants violate the trash policy.

Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
2. Trash/recycling out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home. Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash and trash in cans.

Remember, do not place household trash or recycling out until the evening before pickup or the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.

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

Middle Village trash/recycling collection schedule:

Tuesday and Friday - household trash collection only

Wednesday - recycling collection only

SAVE THE DATE

Middle Village Community Day is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. More details to follow soon.

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 or sumali@comsource.com.

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Trash, recycling and rodents!

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

Trash and recycling continue to be a problem in Maryland Place. Placing trash and recycling or dumping of furniture or building materials on community property is against our bylaws and county laws. Furniture and building materials require a special pickup costing the whole community money. Money that could be spent on beautifying the community or maybe a community picnic. If you see someone placing trash, recycling or other items on community property, take a picture of the offender and report it to the community manager.

These items are being placed on community property all the time especially on Saturdays and Sundays. This is not acceptable and is against the law!

All trash is to be kept on your property at all times. Trash is picked up from the rear of your house on Mondays and Thursdays, except for holidays. Trash bags, trash cans or anything else for that matter, should be placed on community property at anytime! All trash is to be put out for pickup in a closed plastic or metal trash can outside your rear yard/fence after 9 p.m. the evening before. It should not sit on community property all week until pickup. This practice must be stopped as we do have rats and other rodents in Maryland Place. All trash cans must be returned to your yard, inside your fence the day of pickup. Trash cans are never to be left outside of your fence or on community property after pickup.

Placing of plastic bags of trash outside your yard or community property attracts rodents. Nobody wants to have rats in the community, it is a health hazard. Rats are

here because we are providing them with plastic bags of free food! Montgomery County law states that all trash is to be kept in plastic or metal trash cans with lids at all times.

Recycling is also a problem in Maryland Place. All recycling in Maryland Place is picked up on Thursdays, except for holidays. If you mow your grass or rake leaves on Saturdays or Sundays, please do not place paper bags or cans full of your yard waste on community property when you're done. Since recycling is not picked up in Maryland Place until Thursday, it sits on community property all week! Not only is it very unsightly, it also is a problem for our community lawn service who has to move it when they come to mow the community grass. It is to remain in your rear yard on your property until it can be placed in your front yard for pickup. Grass and leaves are to be in paper bags. If they are placed in plastic bags, they will not be picked up. Please place your blue bins, paper grass/leaf bags and cans of other yard waste on your front lawn after 9 p.m. the night before for pickup. Recycling is never to be placed on community property!

We have purchased our homes in Maryland Place as an investment. Dumping trash, recycling and furniture on community property lowers our property values. Would you want to purchase a home in a community that has trash dumped all over the place? I'm sure you wouldn't. Let's all work together as a community and stop these habits; let's make Maryland Place the cleanest and prettiest community in Montgomery Village.

Maryland Place Messages is for residents of Maryland Place.

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Thoughts on budgets and assessments

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

For community organizations in Montgomery Village and elsewhere, fall is the time of year when attention turns to next year's budget. The Whetstone Board of Directors is no exception. The cost of running a community changes every year in predictable and unpredictable ways.

Communities like ours have regular operating costs, including maintenance and expenses like mowing green spaces, pruning trees and other community management costs. We also have contingent costs, like snow removal, that may be huge one year and almost nonexistent the next. There are also big ticket items that we can predict we will need to pay for some time in the future and that cost a great deal of money. Those are expenses that we need to plan for, like paving roads and the replacement of the dock.

Proper management of a community like ours means that each year the board, in consultation with experts like auditors and accountants, must carefully determine exactly how to allocate the community's income, which comes primarily from the assessments that we all pay. Some of that income is allocated to operating the community so that we can pay for regular maintenance and management costs that come up during the year. Some of that income is set aside for necessary long-term expenses. The board must allocate a significant portion of annual income to reserve savings every year, or else the money necessary for those big ticket items will simply not be there. An important principle that guides the budget process is that the board generally cannot dip into long term savings to cover regular maintenance and operating expenses.

As many of you know, the board recently circulated a ballot initiative proposing to increase our annual assessment for 2018. The last increase took place in 2013. It is never easy to ask neighbors and friends to contribute more of their limited household income to

support the community. It is not a request that any board member takes lightly. This year, the community was not ready to support an increase. As a new member of the board, it caused me to reflect back on some neighborhood history.

At the inception of our community, the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions adopted in August of 1967, capped the annual assessment at \$100 per home. It would be nice to pay that little now, but of course, in 1967 \$100 was quite a bit of money. Over time the annual assessment increased. It had to. The neighborhood continued to grow. The services that residents needed changed over time as the neighborhood matured. And of course, inflation meant that the value of a dollar incrementally decreased with each passing year. Change was necessary.

Consider the following snapshot of assessment increases that took place between 1987 and 2001:

1987: \$36 annual increase (\$300 to \$336)

1990: \$48 annual increase (\$336 to \$384)

1994: \$60 annual increase (\$384 to \$444)

2001: \$67 annual increase (\$444 to \$511)

Recall that the United States experienced a recession in the early 1990s and the early 2000s. How that affected neighborhood families is impossible to know, but I suspect that necessary increases to the annual assessment from 1987 to 2001 were not welcomed by the community. However, they were necessary, and ultimately the community supported those changes.

For 2018, the board requested an assessment increase of \$116. It may seem like a lot, but in the context of past assessment increases, both in terms of how frequently the board seeks to adjust the assessment, and in terms of the amount of the increase, it was not an unreasonable request. After the votes were tallied, Whetstone residents were not ready to support the increase this year. The board serves the community and not vice

versa, and so it was necessary to proceed forward.

Absent the requested assessment increase, the board had to make some tough decisions for the 2018 budget. The board must still responsibly allocate income to operate the community while also continuing to prepare for the future. So while our assessment bill won't change for 2018, the services the community can provide to us will change a bit. For example, community green spaces will not be mowed quite so frequently. Some necessary tree maintenance will need to be put off. And as we make our way through 2018 together, there may be more difficult decisions to make. We ask for your patience and understanding as we do our best to navigate these challenging waters.

And...as residents we can expect that the board will return to the issue of assessment increases again. An increase can be put off for a time, but sooner (rather than later) an assessment increase will be necessary if Whetstone is going to continue to be the community that we all want it to be. If you have questions or concerns, all members of the community are encouraged to bring them to the attention of the board. The board's regular meetings are open and we welcome your input and participation.

LEAF COLLECTION REMINDER

Whetstone will have only one leaf collection this year. It will take place starting Monday, Nov. 20.

WHETSTONE WELCOME COMMITTEE

If you are new to Whetstone, the Whetstone Welcome Committee would like to drop by and bring you a goody bag filled with helpful information. Just send an e-mail to welcometo.whetstone@gmail.com and indicate when you are free for a visit.

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Unnecessary and unsightly dumping in Stedwick

by Terry Henderson

This is just a reminder/refresh and possible solutions for a few things that are beneficial to all Stedwick residents.

Trash services are provided by Potomac Disposal. Trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday for regular household items. But in case you did not know this, all homeowners are entitled to four free bulk pickups per year (for non-metallic items).

Just call Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700 or visit www.potomacdisposal.com/bulk-pickup to schedule a bulk pickup. If you decide to request a pickup by signing up on Potomac Disposal's website, you will receive a confirmation e-mail within two hours.

Remember, all Potomac Disposal bulk pickups are scheduled for Fridays only. Make sure that you place the bulk pickup items next to your regularly scheduled trash Friday morning, or no earlier than 7:30 p.m. of the night before. As mentioned above, please confirm the date of next scheduled bulk pickup before setting the items out.

Montgomery County ordinance requires that trash be put out in vermin-proof containers—covered plastic or metal cans—so that raccoons, crows or various other animals cannot get into the trash and spread it around the neighborhood. For those of you who use plastic bags, please consider covered trash cans.

Recycling services are provided by Montgomery County. Recyclables are collected every

Tuesday in Stedwick neighborhoods, except for Club Hill and Clusters I. Recycling in Club Hill is collected on Wednesday. Recycling in Clusters I is collected on Thursday.

Yard waste material can be recycled by placing it in the large brown paper bags available at most grocery and hardware stores, or in a container clearly marked "recycle," and set out on your regular recycling collection day. Dumping those materials on the common area is inappropriate and requires our maintenance contractor to pick up and dispose of them—a waste of our assessment dollars.

To contact the county about services, call 311, or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov. For other information, be sure to check out the Stedwick Homes Corporation website, www.stedwick.org or www.montgomeryvillage.com; click "Communities" and select "Stedwick Homes Corporation." Let's all strive to keep Stedwick and all of Montgomery Village communities free of trash. Please do not place unwanted items on our common areas. Just call and schedule a bulk pickup. Remember, it's free!

If you have an issue or concern, please contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, or e-mail stedwickhc@mhf.org.

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



Community criteria for exterior features on all homes in Montgomery Village is available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

Leaf Removal Schedule

Below is the anticipated leaf removal schedule for most of the homes corporations and condominium associations in Montgomery Village. Crews are expected to be in the community listed on the weeks listed (weather permitting). Please be sure that your leaves are raked to the curb (where applicable) in time for removal on the scheduled week. In the event of a rain delay, the calendar will shift to the next calendar day therefore; the entire schedule will shift for each community as well. We will update any changes to

the website each Friday and print an updated schedule in each Village News published throughout the season.

Note: If you miss your scheduled date for curbside leaf removal, you may place your leaves in approved paper bags, to be placed at the curb and removed at no charge by the county on your recycling day. Do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be removed by either the county recycling or your trash contractor. If you have any questions regarding leaf removal, please contact your community manager.

<p>CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION The week of December 15</p> <p>EASTGATE The week of December 11</p> <p>EAST VILLAGE The week of December 4</p> <p>HORIZON RUN The week of December 3 The week of December 17</p> <p>MARYLAND PLACE The week of November 27</p> <p>NORTH VILLAGE The week of December 17</p> <p>PATTON RIDGE The week of December 11</p>	<p>SOUTH VILLAGE Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season.</p> <p>THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS The week of November 27</p> <p>STEDWICK Monday, Dec. 4</p> <p>WHETSTONE Monday, Nov. 20 to Wednesday, Nov. 22</p>
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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village October board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

FINANCIALS

As of September 30, the financials show a positive net income of \$3,900 for the year to date. At that point in time, the major exceptions from the budget were fence repair, which had reached nearly \$16,000 against a \$2,500 budget, and a tree removal cost of \$50,000 against a budgeted \$35,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Reserves: The draft of the 2018 budget was published in the *Village News*.

Maintenance: The newly planted trees from Pepco are doing well. Cutting the grass at a slightly higher level keeps it healthy.

Management Report: A maintenance inspection focusing on resident concerns, planning for 2018, tree removal and planting was completed on November 1. The planned and approved tree removal for 2017 is complete. Asphalt patching and concrete replacement by Chamberlain Contractors is scheduled to be finished by mid-November so as to be done before cold weather. When snow is predicted, the

areas of concrete replacement will need to have applications of magnesium chloride, not salt. The fall application of weed post-emergent to continue to improve the turf in the green space was approved.

Leaf Collection: Level Green Landscaping will post signs at the entrances to North Village communities listing which days they will be picking up the leaves. Residents should wait until the signs are posted to rake leaves to the curb. Instead of bagging them it's easy to run your lawn mower over them and place the shredded leaves around your trees, shrubs and perennials as mulch or just leave them on your lawn.

Also remove the leaves in the gutters and the openings to the storm drains near your home. When rain washes the leaves down into the storm drains it's expensive to pay to have backed-up storm drains cleaned out. Years ago NVHC had to pay \$2,500 to have one storm drain cleaned out.

Our next leaf collection is scheduled for the week of December 17. Wait until the Level Green Landscaping signs have been posted before

raking leaves to the curb. All other times homeowners are responsible for leaf removal either by bagging and recycling or mulching them. Do not rake leaves into the streets at any time.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Budget: The board reviewed and discussed the draft of the 2018 budget and 2018 homes corporation assessment. The board will have voted on these via e-mail and confirmed the vote at the November 16 meeting.

Next Meeting: The next North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344, or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

Each year, the Village homes corporations seek candidates for election to their boards of directors. Interested residents are invited to submit applications for candidacy to the Nominating Committee of their local homes corporation.

Directors of homes corporations are responsible for setting assessments and managing the maintenance of all open spaces, streets, paths and lights that belong to the individual homes corporation.

Basic qualifications for board membership are time and interest, but whatever other knowledge, training, skills or experience one has will almost certainly be used in some capacity.

1. According to the documents, a candidate is not required to be a resident of Montgomery Village, except in Whetstone Homes Corporation and North Village Homes Corporation, where the candidate is required to be a resident homeowner. However, resident candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation and their respective homes corporation

with regard to covenants and policies and must be current in all assessment payments. In several cases, the Nominating Committee is given the authority to determine which of the nominees will be on the final slate of candidates.

2. To apply for candidacy, a prepared statement of the applicant's qualifications and interests must be delivered to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on the closing dates stated in the box.

3. A candidate may be solicited or may volunteer. A resident nominating another resident must secure his/her written consent.

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

5. All nominees will be requested to submit a single page (typewritten, double spaced) statement, which will be reproduced in the December, January or February issue of the *Village News* and will be sent to all voters along with the ballots (standard form will be supplied to board nominees).

6. Also, per a Montgomery County Law, if elected, candidates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-approved board member training class, to be scheduled and completed within 90 days of the start of their term of service.

Ballots will be mailed to the electorate either in December, January or February, depending on the specific corporation's election calendar.

In addition to electing directors, each homes corporation also elects a representative and an alternate representative to the MVF for one-year terms. Suggested names for the position will appear on the ballots.

Each board of directors consists of nine directors who serve three-year terms. The terms are staggered, creating three vacancies every year.

Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the Montgomery Village News must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view Vil-

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018
Nominating Committee: T. Holloway, K. Linck

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 29
Nominating Committee: J. Amtmann, E. Olson, D. Sigano, E. Stockton

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018
Nominating Committee: S. Kimbell, J. Kozo

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 30
Nominating Committee: M. Finn; K. Monnig, B. Post

SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, Nov. 20
Nominating Committee: J. Andre, N. Farrar, L. Jerome

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018
Nominating Committee: K. Silliman

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018
Nominating Committee: S. Cranford, J. Martin

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and Submissions Policy" (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

Rental Facilities in the Village

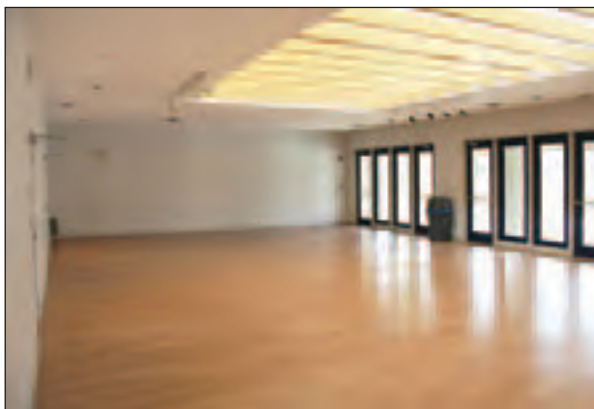
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

Lake Marion has a wood-floored room that can be rented for parties with a maximum capacity of 85 people. There also is a full-size gymnasium available for rent at Lake Marion.

North Creek is a tile-floored L-shaped room that may be divided into two smaller rooms with a maximum capacity of 125 people.

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through December 2017. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request Form" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Please remember that all functions must be non-alcoholic, and that the renter must be present the entire length of the rental.

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

**Please note: there is a maximum of 75 people allowed per rental during pool season.*

SCHOOL NEWS

Living Grace Christian School students excel at ACSI District Spelling Bee

On November 6, Living Grace Christian School (LGCS) 5th through 8th graders competed against students from about 15 other schools at the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) District Spelling Bee in York, Pennsylvania.

In the 5th grade competition, LGCS student Joshua Switzer took third place. In the 7th grade competition, Peniel Johnson achieved second place; in addition, Isaac Jimenez achieved a sixth-place ranking. In the 8th grade competition, Jose Camacho

placed second. Then, in the final spell-off of the 16 finalists, Joshua Switzer placed fifth. He will now represent LGCS at the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to all!

Living Grace Christian School is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, call 301-840-9830, e-mail churchng@aol.com or visit www.lgcs.northgatecc.org.

Network Operations students to donate a computer lab

The Network Operations program of the Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation, Inc. (ITF) held its annual computer lab gifting ceremony on November 16 at Clarksburg High School.

This year's computer lab recipient is the Rockville-based Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE) organization. LIFE is a unique establishment within Montgomery County that helps people with disabilities live full, independent and self-sufficient lives.

According to LIFE's vision statement, their mission is to "identify and address unmet needs in the disability community through inclusion; by facilitating cultural, educa-

tional and recreational access." Currently, LIFE is unable to offer participants direct access to the internet. Through the donation of the lab, LIFE will be able to promote self-sufficiency to at least 40 individuals each month. LIFE intends to load the computers with software and hardware products that promotes accessibility and aid people in their job search, communication, personal expression, cultural development and life skills (such as budgeting).

ITF students at Clarksburg High School reconditioned six computers with operating systems, monitors, keyboards, mice and a printer for the lab. This project provides an opportunity for the ITF students to put into practice their com-

puter maintenance skills, earn student service learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for charity and community involvement.

The ITF is a non-profit organization established cooperatively by the Montgomery County business community and Montgomery County Public Schools. It provides a unique method of hands-on training for high school students to earn valuable computer certifications that will prepare them for higher education opportunities or direct entry into the information technology job market. For more information, visit www.itfcareers.org and www.foundationsfb.org.

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Bride's Information

Bride's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Complete Address _____

 Employer _____
 Employment City, State _____
 Job Title _____
 Years of Service _____
 Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

 College Name _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Field of Study and Degree _____
 High School _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Awards/Achievements _____

 Bride's Mother's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Bride's Father's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Maid/Matron of Honor First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Groom's Information

Groom's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Complete Address _____

 Employer _____
 Employment City, State _____
 Job Title _____
 Years of Service _____
 Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

 College Name _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Field of Study and Degree _____
 High School _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Awards/Achievements _____

 Groom's Mother's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Groom's Father's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Best Man's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Engagement Date _____ Honeymoon Location _____
 Wedding Date _____ Address Where Couple Plans to Reside _____
 Wedding Location _____

Birth Announcements

Child's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
 Length/Weight _____
 Mother's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Mother's Last Name _____
 Father's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Father's Last Name _____
 Address _____
 Hospital Name & Location (City, State) _____

Achievement Announcements

First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____
 Achievement (provide details) _____

 School/College Name and Location _____
 _____ Grad Year _____
 Company/Employer _____
 Name of Organization Presenting the Award _____

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Anniversary Announcements

Wife's First Name _____ M.I. _____ Number of Grandchildren _____
 Last Name _____ Description of How Anniversary Couple Met _____
 Husband's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____

 Anniversary Date _____ Where Couple Was Married _____
 Number of Years Married _____ Wife's Employer/Location _____
 Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed) _____
 _____ Husband's Employer/Location _____
 _____ Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary _____

AT YOUR LEISURE

Winter Lights Festival

The City of Gaithersburg Winter Lights Festival is getting ready to welcome visitors for its 22nd spectacular season. The wondrous display of lights at Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, will be open nightly Friday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 31. Please note that the festival will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25.

The lights festival will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and

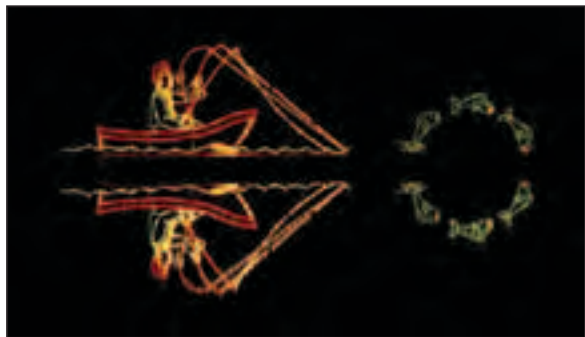
from 6 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The 3.5 mile drive through the enchanted setting of Seneca Creek State Park takes you past more than 380 illuminated displays and 65 animated vignettes that light up the night. Themed areas include Winter Woods, Teddy Bear Land, Victorian Village, the North Pole and much more.

In the spirit of the holidays, a portion of the admission proceeds from the Festival will benefit several local nonprofit organizations.

ADMISSION

- Cars, SUV's, Mini-Vans:
- Monday to Thursday.....\$12
 - Friday to Sunday.....\$15
- Limos and 20-Passenger Vans...\$20
 Mini-buses.....\$30
 Buses (30 seats or more).....\$70



At the Arts Barn

Looking for something to do with family in town after Thanksgiving? Check out these events at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. For information or tickets, call 301-258-6394, e-mail artsbarn@gaithersburgmd.gov or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

TURKEYPALOOZA

Let your imagination run wild at 11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24 as an ordinary house turns into an exciting Thanksgiving adventure. Known for athleticism and comedy, VF Dance Theater presents an interactive story that encourages children to count, read, move and problem solve.

DOUBLE DECEPTION: AN EVENING OF ASTONISHMENT

Experience an intimate evening of magic, mystery and deception at 5 or 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24. The talented team of deception experts, David Meneses and Kourosh Taie, will leave you astonished and wanting to know "how did they do that?!"

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Get an early start to the Christmas season with this classic performance. Scrooge is a prosperous curmudgeon who believes that personal wealth is far more valuable than the happiness and comfort of others. But he's forced to face his selfish ways when three ghosts lead him through his Past, Present and Future on Christmas Eve. Enjoy performances throughout the season from Saturday, Nov. 25 to Sunday, Dec. 10; Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows at 2 p.m.



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- Vendor spaces available. Vendor setup starts at 7 AM. Outdoor vendor fee is \$25 for 20' x 20' space. No vendor reservation needed. Bring your own tables, chairs, canopy.

Additional information: (301) 649-1915 | Ljohnsonshows@aol.com

www.johnsonshows.com

Please be a responsible pet owner...



Montgomery County law states that you must keep your dog on a leash and pick up and properly dispose of your dog's defecation when outside of your premises.

Turkey Burnoff 5 and 10 miler

Work off those extra holiday calories at the 29th running of the Turkey Burnoff 5 and 10 mile (CS) race at Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. Get out and enjoy the scenery from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The course is scenic (double loop for 10 milers) and you'll burn off that third helping of pumpkin pie on the gently rolling hills. The park deer occasionally make a cameo appearance, and they don't brake for runners!

To register, visit www.iamathlete.com.



RECREATION



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photo by Maria Pullifrone

Officer Kim Jones regularly stops by the Whetstone Afterschool Club to talk and play games with the kids.

Wine & Paint

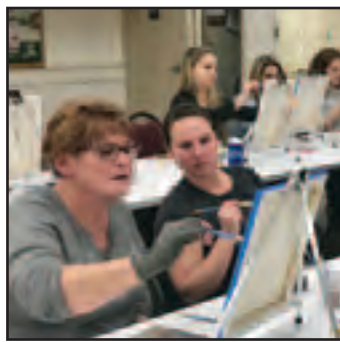
Participants enjoyed another great Wine & Paint night led by talented artist Sue Kay. Missed this one? Join us at our

next event on Friday, Feb. 16. The topic of the evening will be cherry blossoms, with couples having the opportunity to cre-

ate one large, two-canvas masterpiece! Registrations begin on Friday, Dec. 1. We hope to see you there!



photo by Melanie Maggi



the Montgomery Village Community Band
under the direction of Steven Wampler presents

FREE TOYS FOR TOTS
HOLIDAY CONCERT

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Sunday, Dec. 10
3 p.m.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program helps less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

Enjoy this outstanding holiday musical performance featuring the Montgomery Village Community Band with director Steven Wampler.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Foundation.


 Join the merry musicians for complimentary refreshments following the show.



Creative Discovery
learning + enrichment

Preschool-age tots learn and make new friends at Creative Discovery

Are you looking for a high quality program for your preschooler? Find out about what some parents have called "the best kept secret in Montgomery Village."

This program is everything you are looking for to help your preschooler prepare for kindergarten – this popular and innovative program has served Village tots for over three decades.

The 3-year-old program focuses on socialization, sharing, learning to follow directions and basic skills. The 4-year-old program focuses on language enrichment, numbers, letters

and the skills essential to kindergarten success. Creative Discovery is led by experienced, qualified staff.

Three-year-olds meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; 4-year-olds meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes meet at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Limited openings are still available and payment plan is offered.

For more information or to schedule a visit call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.

RECREATION

Let's be healthy together!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied

to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

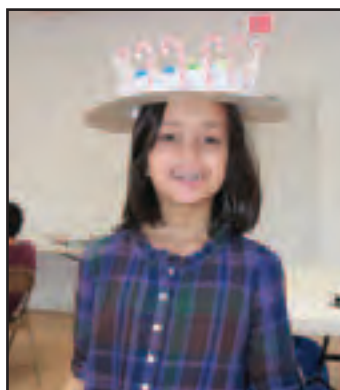
Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with member discount). All five screenings take 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129. Call toll-free 1-888-653-6441, visit <http://lifeline-screening.com/community-circle> or text the word "circle" to 797979.



Winter Break Club

Children in grades K through 5 (ages 5 to 11) can gather at Lake Marion Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for days filled games, sports and fun activities. Children must bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Pre-registration required. Register for individual days or all four. Cost is \$30/day per Resident or \$40/day per Non-resident. Visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2334 to register.



Montgomery Village Camera Club

The Montgomery Village Camera Club will be presenting two subjects during its November 18 meeting: what to consider before buying a camera or lens, and how to take pictures of the snow.

The meeting is open to all. The Camera Club will meet on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any photos to share, please bring them with you on a memory stick.



Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting
Wednesday, Nov. 29
6 to 7 p.m.

Join Santa, the Watkins Mill High School Chorus and an ensemble of the Montgomery Village Community Band for festive tunes, hot chocolate and cookies as we celebrate the holiday season.

Festivities take place in the Village Center parking lot adjacent to Montgomery Village Avenue, between the main entrance and CVS.

For more information, call 301-948-0110, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

BREAKFAST WITH Santa

Saturday, Dec. 9
9 to 10:30 a.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

Santa will be at North Creek Community Center to share a steaming cup of cocoa and yummy continental breakfast with good boys and girls! Children can also create holiday crafts and visit with Santa. Children, ages 6 months to 8 years old, accompanied by a parent/guardian, can have a photo taken with Santa to keep. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or by calling 301-948-0110.

\$12/Resident child
\$17/Non-resident child
\$6/Adult

For more information, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, or e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org.

KIDS PAGE



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MV Kids Learn About Jigsaw Puzzles

In 1767, more than 200 years ago, John Spilsbury was teaching geography to his students. To help them understand maps, he glued maps to flat wood and used a fine saw to cut along the borders of the European countries. Each country became a separate puzzle piece. That's how the first jigsaw puzzle was created.

Cardboard puzzles were introduced in the late 1800's and were made mostly for children. Soon they became die cut, which is not like sawing the puzzle pieces, but more like using a giant cookie cutter pressed into the cardboard to create the pieces.



Giant floor puzzles

These are favorite first puzzles because they have 10 to 20 large pieces that are easy for kids to put together.



As you get more practice putting puzzles together, you can try puzzles with more pieces. There are many choices of 100 piece puzzles that are perfect for kids ages 5 and older.

The jigsaw puzzle with the most pieces consisted of 551,232 pieces and was completed with an overall measurement of 48 feet 8.64 inches x 76 feet 1.38 inches by 1,600 students of the University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), at the Phu Tho Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on September 24, 2011. The jigsaw puzzle depicted a lotus flower with six petals.

What's a jigsaw?

A jigsaw is a power tool that uses a motor powered either by a battery or an electrical cord that plugs into the wall and a variety of thin blades. An experienced jigsaw operator can cut precise shapes out of wood.



Create your own puzzle

- Draw a picture on poster board. Make it as colorful and detailed as you like.
- Draw puzzle shapes on the back of the poster board.
- Cut the pieces out using scissors.
- Share it with your friends and family and see if they can put it back together!



MV SENIORS

seniors in | action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

FALL Session
through Dec. 15

No activities Nov. 23 or Nov. 24

MONDAY

Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon
Various creative projects for all levels.

Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon
This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong!
Limited equipment available for use.

SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to noon
Games, conversation and refreshments.

Book Club 10 to 11 a.m.
third Monday each month
Nov. 20: "Ninety Percent of Everything: Inside Shipping"
by Rose George
Dec. 18: "Still Life" by Louise Penny

TUESDAY

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

Seated Tai Chi 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low
impact movements of Tai Chi.

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.

SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.

Total Body Tune-Up 11 to 11:45 a.m.
Through Dec. 7 Fun and easy to follow exercise for all
fitness levels.

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
Next Play Date: Dec. 8

There is something to do
Monday through Friday
every day of the week!

A look back...



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