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Third installment of *Flourish* magazine now available

by Mike Conroy

Over the last several years, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has promoted the benefits and amenities of Montgomery Village, the diversity of housing, pride in community and Village events to county residents, area visitors and the local community. The main vehicle for this campaign has been the full color *Flourish* magazine. The previous two issues have been distributed around the county and have received high praise as a great tool to showcase Montgomery Village.

The first issue was dedicated to promoting amenities and all aspects of the community, not just those amenities under MVF purview. The second volume covered our most important resource: our

residents. Articles highlighted current and former resident success stories, and also took a look at how the community is changing and being updated, offering readers an idea of how investing in the community is paying off.

The third installment focuses on our community history and the 50th Anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2016. Articles of interest include historical information, current projects and a commitment to the future. It draws parallels to the visions of both the Kettler Brothers and the current MVF Board of Directors – how careful planning can lead to a vibrant community for half a century.

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Approximately 70 new residents enjoyed meeting representatives from some of Montgomery Village's local businesses and Montgomery County's 6th District Police Department. Board President John Driscoll, EVP Dave Humpton, as well as Board Vice President Pete Young and Board Member Dennis Clark and MVF staff, were available to answer questions and welcome the residents in attendance on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Additional photos of the event are on page 6.

New Montgomery Village website launches Monday, Nov. 23

by Mike Conroy

Visitors to the Montgomery Village website www.montgomeryvillage.com will be presented with a new look, enhanced features and customer-friendly experience, beginning Monday, Nov. 23.

Since March, MVF staff has been working with an expert team of developers from The Canton Group to streamline the Village's online presence and enhance user experience on the site. Residents will be able to view general Village and homes corporation or condominium association information; access information about Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF); and find answers to common questions such as the difference between their local association and MVF or what their assessment dollars may be used for.

The new website will be mobile responsive, adjusting automatically for desktops, tablets and phones, depending on screen size. The former hard-to-use menus have been replaced with a single list under each heading, with additional submenus on interior

pages. A "breadcrumb" feature has also been added to easily show site visitors the path of their current inquiry. Online forms such as the Employment Application and the Property Improvement Request have been reorganized into a tab view to make them easy to fill out and submit without scrolling through unnecessary or irrelevant sections.

On the home page, site visitors will find top calendar events which pull from the larger calendar on the site's interior, as well as the top news articles from the current issue of the *Village News*. The full issue will still be available as a pdf download. Also on the home page is a series of quick-links that allow for easy access to popular topics and searches.

In addition, a new interactive community map feature has been added, with the ability to search for facilities and recreation areas via a number of filters. The map also includes a community border overlay, which identifies what facilities are in or near various

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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Wednesday, Dec. 2
6 to 7 p.m.
Montgomery Village Center
Near CVS

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

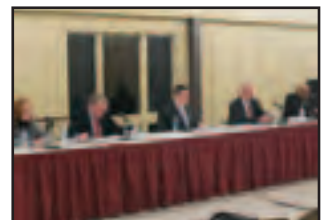
Festivities take place in the Village Center parking lot adjacent to Montgomery Village Avenue, between the main entrance and CVS.

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



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Don't miss Breakfast with Santa



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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. 3 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. 2 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.

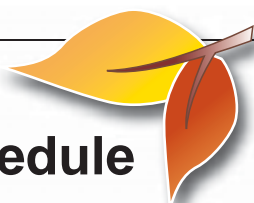
RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge 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. For the most up-to-date information available, call the MVF Board/Committee Agenda hotline at 301-948-0110, then press 4. All meeting agendas are tentative and may be changed without notice.



Leaf Removal Schedule

EASTGATE

Monday, Nov. 30 to Wednesday, Dec. 2.

EAST VILLAGE

The week of Dec. 14.

HORIZON RUN

Monday, Dec. 7.

MARYLAND PLACE

Monday, Nov. 30.

NORTHGATE

Mid-December.

NORTH VILLAGE

Monday Dec. 14 and Tuesday, Dec. 15

PATTON RIDGE

Thursday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 4.

SOUTH VILLAGE

Ongoing throughout the season.

STEDWICK

Beginning the week of Nov. 9.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

Friday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Dec. 18.

WHETSTONE

Tuesday, Dec. 8 to Friday, Dec. 11.

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. Please 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.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

NORMANDIE ON THE LAKE I

The Normandie on the Lake I meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road, #3.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE II

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec 10 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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Friday,
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Happy Thanksgiving



The MVF Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

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

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EVP'S MESSAGE

Never a dull moment!



by David Humpton
MVF Executive Vice President

Montgomery County is at it again - At the direction of the county council, the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) completed a study of the operations of the CCOC and published a report on March 10, 2015 that recommended a number of changes.

In June, 2015, the County's Public Safety Committee and Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee, sitting as a joint committee, reviewed the OLO report, and they requested that the county executive come back with a plan for providing administrative and physical support to the CCOC and recommend other changes as necessary. At the end of October, the county executive sent a memo to the joint committee outlining recommendations to amend Chapter 10B, Common Ownership Communities. No draft legislation has been forwarded by the county executive to the county council, but is expected to be before the county council by Tuesday, Dec. 1.

This legislation is expected to address moving the function and staffing of the CCOC from the Office of Consumer Affairs to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Mediation of all complaints, which is currently optional, will be made mandatory. The composition of the CCOC will be changed from eight owner/resident commissioners and seven professional/manager commissioners to five owners/residents, five professionals/managers and five public, at-large individuals. Staffing will be increased significantly, and a new case management system will be developed.

To fund these changes, the CCOC annual fee that

is charged to each common ownership community unit will be increased from \$3/unit to \$5/unit annually. At a work session on this matter, the joint committee noted that the earliest the legislation could be adopted and the fee enacted would be late spring 2016.

It was also noted that a public hearing and work sessions would be held to hear from both the CCOC and residents who live in common ownership communities, including Montgomery Village. A copy of the OLO Report can be found at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/olo/reports/2008.html.

Vision 2030 translated into new Montgomery Village Master plan - The county council will hold a public hearing on the draft Montgomery Village Master Plan on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. After several work sessions, the Planning Board approved the draft Master Plan on October 22. After the public hearing by the county council, the Planning Housing and Economic Development Committee of the Council will hold a work session, probably in January.

Enhancing our Marketing Efforts - The third edition of *Flourish* magazine is out and is being widely distributed in areas outside Montgomery Village to showcase what a wonderful place Montgomery Village is to live, work and play! A copy of the magazine can be viewed online at www.montgomeryvillage.com or stop by the office and pick up a copy.

New website - It is almost here and will be launched on Monday, Nov. 23! The new site is easier to navigate, has better functionality and just looks much better. A website is always a work in progress so we look forward to your comments.

Holiday Fun - On Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., join Santa, the MV Community Band and the Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers to light the Christmas Tree in the Village Center parking lot adjacent to Montgomery Village Avenue. This event is free!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 3, 2015
North Creek Community Center - 7:30 p.m.
AGENDA

Residents Time - As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes. While the Board welcomes comments from residents, comments made during Residents Time are not positions of the Board.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 22, 2015
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Acceptance of Action List

ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2016 Insurance
- B. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2016 MVF Employee Healthcare Insurance
- C. Consider appointment to Investment Committee
- D. Consider approving new Architectural Standards Guidelines (Exterior Holiday Decorations and Lights, Patio and/or Balcony Door)
- E. Consider Communications Committee recommendations - Advertising Agreement
- F. Consider amendment to Committee Guidelines
- G. Consider authorizing EVP to execute contract for renovation of Apple Ridge Pool and Bathhouse
- H. Consider bid for purchase of a van
7. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. TD&PF
 - L. Investment Committee
 - M. 50th Anniversary 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.
 - (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
10. Adjournment

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | | <p>Don't Miss It! Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Morning Aerobics Dec. 2 Christmas Tree Lighting 4 Winter Recreation Guide 12 Breakfast with Santa 13 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert</p> | | Village News 20 | 21 |
| 22 North Village HC 6:30 pm – NCBR South Village HC 7 pm – WCC | 23 | 24 Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office | 25 MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC | 26 Thanksgiving Day MVF Office Closed Aerobic Sampler 9 to 10:30 am – LMCC (\$7 or \$5+1 can of food) | 27 MVF Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 1 December 50 th Anniversary Committee 7 pm – MVF Office | 2 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR Christmas Tree Lighting 6 pm – Village Center MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC | 3 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR | 4 Village News Winter Recreation Guide | 5 |
| 6 Hanukkah begins at sunset | 7 Recreation Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR | 8 | 9 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Normandie I Condo 7 pm – NOLI Office | 10 Park Place II Condo 7 pm – WCC Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR | 11 | 12 Breakfast with Santa 9:30 am – NCCC (Pre-registration required) |
| 13 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 3 pm – LMCC | 14 Thomas Choice Gardens 2:30 pm – TCPR | 15 | 16 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC | 17 | 18 Village News | 19 |

KEY:
 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.
 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.

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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 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 received during the weeks prior to publication.

3. Typed letters and e-mail must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution, while handwritten letters must be received no later than noon on the Friday, one week prior to publication. 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.

4. Letters must bear the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. The sole use of pen names, initials or the complete omission of a signature will eliminate a letter from consideration from publication. A request from the author to withhold the name or mark the letter anonymous will eliminate the letter from consideration.

5. All letters are subject to condensation or deferral to the next issue by the

editor for space considerations, if absolutely necessary. Editor is to so indicate any condensations.

6. All letters may not exceed 300 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. Letters exceeding 300 words which meet all other criteria of this policy may be published on the MVF website.

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.

8. Letters submitted by an author regarding the same topic must present new information or opinions; repetitive submissions and/or form letters submissions will only be printed once.

9. 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.

10. All e-mail is subject to this policy. The e-mail subject line must read "Letter to the Editor."

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.
- As with letters delivered to the MVF office in person or by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received prior to the publication deadline.

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion, and extends the same opportunities to homeowner or condominium association boards regarding letters specifically aimed at those boards.

12. The Director of Communications, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to withhold from publication of inflammatory, slanderous, libelous, or lewd material, or material which may be an invasion of privacy, material deemed in bad taste and inconsistent with *Montgomery Village News* editorial policy, or other language which opens MVF to potential legal liability, and limit the number of letters on a given subject when the number is so large it presents a problem.

IN THE NEWS

2016 MVF Election Call for Candidates

Concerned about the Village today and in the future? Are you concerned about how MVF is run, assessments, architectural control, recreation projects or other issues? Do you have something to say about these and other issues? Why not do something for yourself and your community?

In March, three candidates will be elected by the members (homeowners) of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) to serve three-year terms on the nine member Board of Directors. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in the North Creek Board Room. 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, MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These include MVF-owned recreational areas and facilities such as parks, lakes, pools, tennis courts and community centers.

Second, the 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 welcomed 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. Of course, a candidate must be in good standing with MVF and not in sustained violation of any MVF covenant, architectural standard or rule, and current in assessments.
- 18 years of age or above

HOW DO I RUN FOR MVF OFFICE?

It's easy. MVF has made it simple for candidates to serve the community without running an expensive political campaign. Space is reserved in the *Village News* for candidate statements, along with photos, so residents can get to know the candidates and their views. Also, the Election Committee runs a Candidates' Forum and two "Meet the Candidates" events where candidates can talk with fellow residents one-on-one about issues of importance. The Foundation provides 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.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

You can find the application on the MVF website, www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, beginning Friday, Nov. 20, and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application by mail, fax, e-mail or in person, for forwarding to the MVF Nominating Committee. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016.

Fireplace and wood stove safety tips

It is that time of year again! Colder temps have us all looking to our home heating systems which, a good number of times, means wood stoves and fireplaces. Careful attention to safety can minimize fire hazards. The Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services have provided the following tips for safe fireplace usage:

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36 inches) from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from escaping, unwanted material from going in, and to help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15 to 30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.



- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. Never close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. Never break a synthetic log apart to

quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.

Flourish

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As was done in previous years, the magazine will not be distributed with the *Village News*, but copies will be available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, if residents would like one. It will also be available electronically at the www.flourishmv.com website. The publication will be distributed to the general public

at places like area hotels and doctors' offices, and left with local employers and realtors to use when helping newcomers to the area find homes.

For more information or comments about the magazine, contact Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mvf.org.

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IN THE NEWS

County Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving Day

Montgomery County Government will observe the following holiday schedule for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, Nov. 26:

- County Offices** – closed
- Libraries** – closed
- County Liquor Stores** – closed
- Recreation** – all programs and facilities are closed
- Montgomery Parks** – for holiday operating schedule on parks' facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.
- Ride On** – Sunday schedule
- Metrobus** – Sunday schedule
- Metrorail** – Sunday schedule
- TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights)** – closed
- Recycling pickup** – no collection*
- Transfer Station** – closed
- Parking** – public garages, lots, curbside meters – free
- MCPS Administrative Offices** – closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27
- State Offices and Courts** – closed

*Collection for Thursday and Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

Website

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associations in the Village. At the bottom of the map is also a new option to report street light outages; where possible, MVF staff will be able to supply lighting contractors with an electronic version of reported outages.

Specific homes corporation or condominium association documents (polices; architectural criteria; parking, trash and recycling information; meeting minutes; and board of directors information) will be included on the enhanced resident dashboard. Also appearing on the dashboard is specific homeowner information including: ARB Decisions; Architectural Violations; Paint Records; Recurring Fees; Transaction History; Covenant

Violations; and a Member Profile. This information will be secured via password and only available once a homeowner has been verified and the account made active. The aim of this feature is to provide homeowners with information relevant to their association and/or property, eliminating the need to sort through menus and irrelevant information.

As with any change, there will be an adjustment period while residents and staff get used to the new layout. Comments and suggestions are welcomed. Please send your feedback to Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mof.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor



Editor:
I am a resident of the Mill-race and have been for 30 years. I was very disappointed that the people of the area voted against letting Verizon come into this part of the South Village. Those of us who

don't want Dish or are stuck with Comcast (the worst cable company) were hoping we would finally have a choice. With Comcast we lose cable or internet at least a couple of times a month. I can't believe it will be another 10 years before

we can maybe hope to have another chance to get Verizon again. Hopefully I will have moved out of this neighborhood by then.

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IN THE NEWS

The 2015 White House Christmas Ornament

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team's annual fundraiser is the sale of the White House Christmas Ornament. For the past 16 years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team's coaching staff, as well as support the team's operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the 2015 White House Christmas Ornaments available for purchase at the main 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 for \$15 each.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The 2015 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Calvin Coolidge, who served as the 30th president of the United States from 1923 to 1929. A depiction of the first National Christmas tree crafted from shiny brass plated

with nickel and 24k gold is illuminated from within and hung with ornaments representing the events of Coolidge's unique life and presidency.

The 14 colorful ornaments



front and back of the ornament respectively.

The sweeping banner anchoring the tree reads "White House Christmas 2015" on the front and "1923 Calvin Coolidge



represented on the front of the tree are beautifully silhouetted in 24k gold on the back of the design. The windows of the Coolidge White House glow from within with the north and south facades featured on

1929" on the back. Tucked discretely on the back of the ornament is the switch for the new LED light feature included in this year's design.

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.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 20000 block of Arrowhead Road on Nov. 7 at 12:05 p.m. The suspect assaulted the victim.

Suspect: B/F, age 50-52

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 9600 block of Lost Knife Circle on Nov. 1 at 1:30 a.m. The suspect assaulted the victim and forcibly took his wallet.

Suspect: B/M, age unknown

COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY

A commercial armed robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Shell located at 19300 Montgomery Village Avenue on Nov. 9 at 3:40 a.m. The suspects assaulted the victim and forcibly took his cash.

HOMICIDE

A homicide was reported in Montgomery Village on Nov. 2 at 12:42 p.m.

Arrested: three suspects, 17, 18 and 19 years old

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 20700 block of Highland Hall Drive on Nov. 6 at 6:15 a.m. Unknown entry; nothing taken.

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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 Heather Sharpless or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2355 or 240-243-2351 or e-mail hsharpless@mvf.org or 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 is available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

**MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

EASTGATE
20203 YANKEE HARBOR PL - Replacement Windows, A
20203 YANKEE HARBOR PL - Replacement Patio Door, A

EAST VILLAGE
19905 COLLINGDALE PL - Fence and Gate, A
19833 HELMOND WAY - Roof, A
19908 SILVERFIELD DR - Roof, A
8301 FRONTWELL CIR - Shed, AWM
8642 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Roof, A
8537 HAWK RUN TER - Patio, A
8732 DELCRIS DR - Trim, A
20435 LINDOS CT - Propane Tank,
8618 DELCRIS DR - Roof, AWM
20613 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Railing, A
8608 OAK BLUFF CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
8608 OAK BLUFF CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
8601 OAK BLUFF CT - Solar Systems, A

MARYLAND PLACE
19305 KEYMAR WAY - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
19305 KEYMAR WAY - Roof, A
19305 KEYMAR WAY - Downspout/Gutter, A
19305 KEYMAR WAY - Gutter Guard, A
19317 KEYMAR WAY - Storm Door, A
19317 KEYMAR WAY - Storm Door, AWM
9501 TIPPETT LN - Roof, A
9501 TIPPETT LN - Gutter, AWM
19539 TRANSHIRE RD - Fence and Gate, AWM
19438 TRANSHIRE RD - Solar Systems, A
9638 MARSTON LN - Deck, W

MIDDLE VILLAGE
10305 RIDGELINE DR - Sidelight, A
9660 BRASSIE WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
9660 BRASSIE WAY - Storm Door, A
9660 BRASSIE WAY - Sidelight, A

NORTHGATE
9301 SPARROW VALLEY DR - Front Door Replacement, A

9301 SPARROW VALLEY DR - Sidelight, A
20113 TORREY POND PL - Solar Systems, A
20101 TORREY POND PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
20200 MAPLE LEAF CT - Solar Systems, A
9828 DAIRYTON CT - Front Door Replacement, A
9828 DAIRYTON CT - Sidelight, AWM
9828 DAIRYTON CT - Storm Door, A
9828 DAIRYTON CT - Roof, AWM
9729 SHADOW OAK DR - Walkway, A
9621 SHADOW OAK DR - Solar Systems, A
20331 SWALLOW POINT RD - Storm Door Resubmitted, A
9600 SWALLOW POINT WAY - Storm Door, AWM

NORTH VILLAGE
20670 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A
20668 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A
20664 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A
20660 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A
20658 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A
20656 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A
9411 CHADBURN PL - Roof, A
9263 CHADBURN PL - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
9507 DUNBROOK CT - Storm Door, AWM
9300 JARRETT CT - Front Door Replacement, A
9501 ASPENWOOD PL - Replacement Patio Door, A
9501 BELL VERNON PL - Gate, A

PATTON RIDGE
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Patio, A
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Walkway, A
10004 DELLCASTLE RD - Miscellaneous, A
10024 DELLCASTLE RD - Gutter Guard, A
10032 DELLCASTLE RD - Walkway, A
10032 DELLCASTLE RD - Steps, A
9812 DELLCASTLE RD - Walkway, A
9812 DELLCASTLE RD - Window Modification, A

9812 DELLCASTLE RD - Railing, A
9812 DELLCASTLE RD - Steps, A
9812 DELLCASTLE RD - Exterior Light, A
9812 DELLCASTLE RD - Door Addition, A
10 DOOLITTLE CT - Solar Systems, A
20069 DOOLITTLE ST - Walkway, AWM
20080 DOOLITTLE ST - Front Door Replacement, A
20024 DOOLITTLE ST - House Addition, AWM
9308 WEATHERVANE PL - Roof, A
9308 WEATHERVANE PL - Vinyl Siding and Trim, A
19826 BILLINGS CT - Front Door Replacement, AWM

19819 BAZZELLTON PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
19819 BAZZELLTON PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
19819 BAZZELLTON PL - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
19942 SPUR HILL DR - Shed, D
19942 SPUR HILL DR - Vinyl Siding and Trim, D
20018 SPUR HILL DR - Exterior Light, AWM
20145 HOB HILL WAY - Patio, A
20145 HOB HILL WAY - Walkway, A
20145 HOB HILL WAY - Deck, A
9425 CHATTEROY PL - Walkway, A
20103 WARINGWOOD WAY - Walkway, A
20101 WARINGWOOD WAY - Fence and Gate, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE
9713 LAKE SHORE DR - Vinyl Siding, A
9713 LAKE SHORE DR - Replacement Windows, A
18514 LOCUST POINT CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
18514 LOCUST POINT CT - Window Modification, AWM
18512 LOCUST POINT CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
18512 LOCUST POINT CT - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
18202 FIFESHIRE DR - Fence, AWM
9911 LAKE LANDING RD - Front Door Replacement, AWM

9911 LAKE LANDING RD - Trim, D
9978 LAKE LANDING RD - Shutters, A
9411 ROYAL BONNETTER - Front Door Replacement, A
9411 ROYAL BONNETTER - Replacement Patio Door, A

STEDWICK
19520 BURLINGAMEWAY - Replacement Windows, A
10600 SENECA SPRING WAY - Replacement Patio Door, A
10617 SENECA RIDGE DR - Shed, AWM
10613 SENECA RIDGE DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
10721 SENECA SPRING WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM

10505 WAYRIDGE DR - Exterior Light, A
10044 WEDGE WAY - Replacement Patio Door, A
19708 CRESTED IRIS WAY - Trim, A

WHETSTONE
18800 KEIFFER WAY - Walkway, A
18800 KEIFFER WAY - Steps, A
19108 N PIKE CREEK PL - Storm Door, AWM
19108 N PIKE CREEK PL - Replacement Patio Door, A
19108 N PIKE CREEK PL - Fence and Gate, AWM
9416 ELGER MILL RD - Garage Door, AWM

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STEDWICK SIGNALS

What really happens at board meetings?

by Michael J. Gronsky

I know some of you have been to our regularly scheduled monthly board meetings for residents time. And I thank you for bringing matters to our attention that we (as a board) may not already be aware of. As always, we ask you to be the "eyes and ears" of the community. Although we always invite to you stay on through the rest of the meeting, few actually do. So what happens beyond that residents time?

After residents time, the president calls the meeting to order and makes any remarks pertinent to the board or the community at large. Then the minutes from the previous month are approved. Minutes you say? Yes, we have a recording secretary at each meeting who takes these. Minutes are an official account of what was done or discussed during the meeting, including any decisions or actions taken. If you missed one of our meetings, yet you want to see what happened, these minutes are available online

at www.montgomeryvillage.com; you will need to create an account on the new website to view the minutes from your member dashboard. All of the meeting minutes from 2015 can be viewed here.

The next portion of the meeting is to review the financial statements of the previous month and approve them with a majority vote of the board. Occasionally, there is discussion and decision about current investments and the need to take money from our operating account and place it into our reserve accounts.

Then our community manager takes the spotlight. Each month, a Management Report is prepared for the board. This report outlines any additional financial matters, maintenance matters and general matters. The monthly report for landscaping and lawn maintenance is included, as well as the maintenance inspection report. The board then reviews any correspondence received during the past month. Yes, board members see all letters and e-mails in and out of the management office for Stedwick. If you would like to contact our community manager in the interim between meetings, please see the e-mail address at the end of this article. However, if you would like an e-mail to go to all board members prior to each meeting, send your e-mail to board@stedwick.org.

We then discuss any old business from the previous month's meeting and any new business for the current month. Very often, we need to revisit issues from the previous month because board members had to go inspect an issue or we were awaiting bids from contractors.

Then we move on to committee reports. We have eight different committees, including Maintenance & Greenspace, Improvements & Lighting, Safety, Government & Public Utilities and others. The chair for each committee provides the report, with members of that committee providing

additional details, observations or comments.

Wow, that's a lot. Then we adjourn the regular monthly board meeting. And we're done for the night and we can all head home. But wait, there's more...

The board now moves into Executive Session, which is not open to residents. Meeting minutes are taken, but are not publicly available. Executive Session deals with matters that may consist of current legal issues, personnel matters and discussion of homeowner issues that need to be protected due to privacy (such as delinquencies).

Finally, the Executive Session is adjourned and we are ready to go home. So now you know what really happens.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

As a reminder, the board does not meet in December, so the next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 (can you believe that another year has gone by?) at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first order of business, which is your time to share any ideas, comments or concerns on the community in which you live. In the meantime, if you have an issue, please contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, or e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org.

Until next time, folks...

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Notes from recent Whetstone meetings

by Sharon Cranford

At its November meeting, the Whetstone board took the following action:

- 1) Gave the green light to Whetstone's attorney to draft amendments to Whetstone's covenants.
- 2) Agreed to remove the construction fence surrounding the dock/gazebo site. Ed Stennett, Maintenance Committee Co-chair, was tasked with preparing a design for a replacement dock with railing and lighting. In order to deter loitering and illegal activities, the gazebo would not be replaced. When it is completed, the design will be posted to the Whetstone web page.
- 3) Agreed to send a letter to county officials re-iterating Whetstone's opposition to widening of Goshen Road beyond 91 feet, the widening of Wightman Road and extension of M-83. The Whetstone board has consistently favored widening I-270 and Route 355 (Frederick Road) beyond Germantown as well as improved mass transit. The letter will be posted to the Whetstone community web site as well.
- 4) Listened to a presentation by Tim Dugan, Esq. of the Shulman Rogers law firm concerning redevelopment of the medical/professional center at the corner of Montgomery Village Avenue and Centerway Road. Under the proposed Draft Master Plan which replaces the Village's Town Sector Zone, it would be possible for the owner of the property to dramatically increase the density (approximately 240 apartments/

offices, 40-60 retail outlets) and increase the building height to 75 feet. Mr. Dugan maintained that the tallest portion of the new project would be placed closest to Montgomery Village Avenue and lower segments would be placed adjacent to the existing single family homes in Lakeside and The Courts. Board members questioned the desirability of such dense development on a rather small property and were critical of the impact on the adjacent residential neighborhoods of Lakeside and The Courts of Whetstone.

- 5) Approved the 2016 budget and assessment increase, which reflects the pass-through for snow removal. We had a lot of snow and ice last year.

LEAF REMOVAL

Brickman is nearing completion of the November leaf removal. A second leaf collection is scheduled for early December. Residents are asked to avoid on street parking by moving their cars to their driveways or garages in order to expedite the process.

NEXT MEETING

A special meeting of the Whetstone Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to consider proposed covenant amendments. Residents time will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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

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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Master Plan update

by the North Village Board of Directors

The Montgomery County Planning Board, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, held its final work session on Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Planning Department headquarters to discuss the Planning Board changes to the Public Hearing Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan. After this discussion, the board voted to transmit the Planning Board Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan and the proposed zoning text amendment for the overlay zone to the Montgomery County Council.

Several residents of our neighboring communities were in attendance at a recent presentation by the Planning Board staff to the Upper County Advisory Board (UCAB) on the Montgomery Village Master Plan. The presentation concerned the areas selected for redevelopment and zoning issues. Wightman Road was flagged as an area of special concern. It is imperative that our communities make sure that the Wightman Road 2-lane categorization survives the county council process.

One surprise at the meeting was a presentation by a fire chief. He pointed out that the fire station on Montgomery Village Avenue is exceptionally busy, and the response times to the Wightman-Goshen intersection area are substandard from all responding stations. So the fire department is considering another fire station in the Wightman-Goshen Road intersection area (he mentioned the self-storage site or Stewartown) to provide better response times. The Draft Master Plan actually mentions the need for a new county fire station within a quarter mile of Rothbury Drive and Goshen Road. On the same page, a map puts a star for a potential location of this fire station in Pleasant Ridge in the greenspace where Pleasant Ridge Drive dead ends. This area was originally intended to be a continuation of Montgomery Village Avenue across Goshen Road into East Village Avenue but it is now one of our most beautiful green spaces (see page 29 of Draft Master Plan). We need to keep an eye on the planning for this fire station since it could have a very serious impact on our community.

PET LICENSING

The Montgomery County Police Animal Services Division has been advocating the licensing of all cats and dogs

in compliance with the county law. In a recent letter to our board of directors, the police were happy to announce that you can now license your pet online at the "very user friendly" website, www.licensepet.com/montgomerycounty. There are many advantages to licensing your pet. It helps the Animal Services Division get your lost animals back home quickly if they are licensed and wearing their tag. You must still pay the pet licensing fee, but the fees help support the county's Animal Services program which provides shelter for homeless, unwanted, abused and neglected pets. The program also provides education and outreach in the community, investigates cases of animal cruelty and neglect, and protects neighborhoods from dangerous dogs.

DATE CHANGE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Please note the change in both the time and date. We had to change from our usual "third-Thursday" meeting date so that we met the requirement for 30 days' notice from the time the draft budget is published in the *Village News* (October 23) to the time we vote on the budget. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward, at 240-243-2344.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Late Fall update

by Jane L. Hatch

The first community-wide leaf removal should be nearly done by the time you are reading this. Bad weather could delay completion, but our contractor will finish anything left undone as soon as it is clear.

A second and final leaf removal will take place in December. Please watch for the posted signs and announcements in this column.

At its November meeting, the Northgate board authorized funds for the pruning of community property trees in the Apple Ridge subdivi-

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village 2016 Adopted Budget

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The Middle Village board officially adopted the 2016 Budget at their meeting on November 3. The budget reflects an increase to the 2015 assessment amount as noted on the budget draft sent previously. Assessment payments will be due monthly beginning Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, instead of quarterly. Payment coupons will be sent before the end of the year.

PARKING TAG DISTRIBUTION

Please remember that the current parking tags expire on Thursday, Dec. 31. Residents will need to obtain new parking tags for 2016. Residents can obtain 2016 parking tags at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. Those who are unable to obtain parking tags on either of those dates will need to contact ComSource to make arrangements to obtain the parking tag at the Olney office.

LIGHT REPLACEMENT

Montgomery Lighting is continuing the light project that includes replacing pole lights and underground wiring throughout the community. The project will require digging in various areas of the community and is expected to take another 2 to 3 months to complete.

SNOW REMOVAL

O'Leary Asphalt will be providing snow removal service to Middle Village and will be keeping equipment in the community. There will be a storage container, a salt pile and a bobcat on Ridgeline Drive throughout the winter season.

For questions or additional information, contact Community Manager Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or e-mail dmatthews@comsource.com.

PET OWNERS

We received several complaints about dogs roaming the neighborhoods off leash, illegally entering yards and making yards unsafe/unsanitary. Others are complaining because neighbors aren't cleaning up after their pet(s). We wanted to share the law prior to you being reported and required to pay a fine:

Dog at large - Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed, unless it is a service dog, is in a dog exercise area designated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or is participating in an approved activity.

The common area of a homeowner's association, condominium or cooperative is not the owner's premises. Penalty for Violation: \$100 for first offense, \$500 for each subsequent violation.

Unwanted Contact - The pet owner must prevent unwelcome or unsolicited threatening physical contact or close proximity to a person or a domestic animal that occurs outside the owner's property that may cause alarm in a reasonable person, such as biting, chasing, tracking, inhibiting movement, or jumping. Penalty for Violation: \$500.

Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2)) - An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside

of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. Penalty for Violation - \$100.

Animal Trespass (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(3)) - An owner must not allow an animal to enter private property without the property owner's permission. Penalty for Violation: \$100.

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 Middle Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place. Have a safe holiday season.

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

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Final East Village leaf collection

by Scott R. Dyer

The second and final scheduled leaf collection in East Village will be held during the week of December 14, weather dependent on exact timing. Please be sure that your leaves are raked to the curb in time for removal on the scheduled week. In the event of a weather delay, the collection will shift to the next calendar day. If you miss the scheduled collection, you can always collect leaves in special paper lawn bags, and place them curbside for pickup each Friday morning as part of the county's normally scheduled recycling collection. Please also consider being a good neighbor to others in your neighborhood who may need assistance raking and collecting leaves.

EVHC CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Are you an East Village resident interested in getting involved and volunteering to help make a difference in your community? If yes, East Village residents can apply to become an elected Director of the East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) for the three year term March 2016 to March 2019. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016. Please contact EVHC Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail eastvillagehc@mof.org for more details on the eligibility requirements, nominating process, election and how to apply.

HOW TO HELP AVOID BEAVER DAMAGE TO TREES

For East Village residents living near Lake Marion, stream areas or heavily forested areas, damage to trees by beavers may impact trees on or near your property. Beavers use trees for food and building materials, and adding temporary heavy wire fencing around the tree bases of their preferred trees (alder, aspen, apple, birch, cherry, cottonwood, poplar and willow – they will also seek oaks and some maples if their other preferred trees are unavailable) will encourage the beavers to find another source away from your home.

TRASH RULES & REGULATIONS

Did you know that EVHC spends over \$1,800 a year for vermin (rat) bait stations throughout our community? A "vermin-proof" container is a trash can with a tightly fitting lid. Trash bags are not vermin-proof!

EVHC reminds residents that both the county and EVHC require all trash to be placed in "vermin-proof" containers. There has been a surge in loose trash bags being left out for collection throughout the community. This is contributing to sightings of pests near homes and bags being torn open and trash scattered which requires special cleanup and pest control measures at

an additional cost to the community. EVHC trash collection days are Tuesdays and Fridays, recycling collection is only on Fridays, and trash and recycling containers should be placed out after 7 p.m. the night before collection.

BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19

The next EVHC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

As always, these meetings are open to the public, and each meeting begins with residents time for residents to ask questions or make comments; comments are limited to three minutes to allow time for all residents to speak. Each board meeting is followed immediately by a separate Closed Session not open to residents (Pursuant to Section 11B-111(4), Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to - (iv.) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.).

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up to receive e-mail communications (upcoming events, news, important notices, etc.) from East Village Homes Corporation by e-mailing eastvillagehc@mof.org and include the subject, "Register." Also check out the EVHC facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc, or searching "East Village Homes Corporation," be sure to "Like" our page to receive updates. Our Community Manager and the EVHC Board of Directors always want to hear from residents; if you have questions, suggestions or just kudos, please e-mail eastvillagehc@mof.org, or call 240-243-2344.

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.



SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

¿Quieres ahorrar dinero? O "¿Cómo no desperdiciar el Presupuesto?"

by the South Village Board of Directors

Recientemente, el bordo de Administración aprobó el Presupuesto Operativo de 2016 para South Village. Estamos obligados en agregar un pequeño cargo de mas, principalmente para cubrir los costos esperados de mudanza de nieve. Pero eso es sólo parte de la historia. Desechamiento de basura es una de nuestros gastos más grandes, y casi una cuarta parte de eso es recolecciones de basura adicionales por encima del contrato base de lo que hacemos como comunidad para tratar de mantenernos encima de esas personas que simplemente no van a seguir las reglas particularmente con basura en masa.

Así es, a pesar de que cada hogar recibe hasta tres recolecciones de basura anuales, gratuita (Programar por adelantado con Potomac Disposal), la gente simplemente abandonan muebles, basura, electrodomésticos y artículos de plomería cuando y donde quieran.

Ejemplo de abuso de basura de una mañana del fin de semana.



Esto no sólo es innecesario, sino que resulta en costos de exceso que podría ser mejor gastado en otras cosas. Si los residentes simplemente llevan las reglas normas de basura (y llamar Potomac Disposal- NO Montgomery County) cuando tenían una recogida en masa, podríamos haber evitado el aumento del presupuesto y vivir en un comunidad que luce más agradable. Por favor ayúdenos a evitar futuros aumentos de presupuesto. Consideración básica y una llamada telefónica es todo lo que se necesita.

Ultimas Noticias FiOS

Recientemente SVHC envió información sobre instalación de servicio de fibra óptica de Verizon FiOS en la comunidad. FiOS le entereza traer la competencia para el teléfono, TV y servicio de Internet para mejorar los niveles de servicio. Pero igual que cuando nos convertimos de CATV de cable al Condado de Montgomery hace veinte años o más, necesitamos que todos los residentes de viviendas aprueben el proyecto. Solamente el 10 por ciento de los residentes de viviendas

han respondido hasta la fecha. Necesitamos por lo menos 90 por ciento para devolver una respuesta favorable. Si usted es un inquilino y quiere este servicio, por favor informe a su propietario.

Si usted ya no tiene acceso a correo, por favor comuníquese con la gerente de la comunitaria de SVHC por correo electrónico al (amandato@mof.org) o en el teléfono 301-948-0110, ext. 2326 agradecer su voto para hacer una diferencia en la comunidad. Después de casi cinco años de negociaciones, no queremos dejar que esta importante actualización de infraestructura nos pase sin un esfuerzo.

Seamos claros - que estamos pidiendo que cada dueño de una casa de permiso para proceder, sí o no, cambiar de proveedor, y si permitiremos construcción que se requieren para toda la comunidad. Con la coordinación de Verizon, podemos reducir los costos de este proyecto para todos. Para aquellas personas que lloran por el mantenimiento de los valores de propiedad, teniendo cable de fibra óptica en el tiempo de venta es favorable. También así, para los consumidores interesados en la competencia, pueden tener alternativas de precio y de calidad para el servicio de Comcast / Xfinity.

Esta será nuestra única oportunidad en la próxima década para mejorar nuestra infraestructura de comunicaciones.

Por favor devuelva una respuesta positiva.

SE BUSCA AYUDANTE

Muy pronto va a ser la temporada de elecciones en South Village, y estamos interesados en escuchar de personas que serían candidatos para el Consejo de Administración o voluntarios para los comités que operan. Los requisitos incluyen la capacidad de pasar varias horas al mes para ayudar a su comunidad, y la voluntad de hacerlo también, entrenamiento será dado. Perspectiva y crítica positiva se consideran un gran beneficio. Beneficios: Saber que ayudó a crear una comunidad mejor para todos.

¿Interesado? Por favor, póngase en contacto con la gerencia comunitaria de SVHC por correo, (c / o Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village Maryland 20886) O correo electrónico (amandato@mof.org) o en el teléfono al 240-243-2326.

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

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 must be current in all assessment payments.

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 new Montgomery County Law, effective January 1, 2016, 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.

Applications for candidacy must be received by a member of the respective nominating committee or by the Foundation Office by 5 p.m. on the specific dates for each association (to be displayed in the next issue of the Village News).

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 Village News guidelines, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Junior Troop 4206 Bronze Award project

Led by Carole Carter and Rachel Dietrich, Montgomery Village Junior Troop 4206 worked on clearing planting beds, trimming bushes and planting spring bulbs, donated by Brickman, at the North Creek Nature Center as part of their Bronze Award project. The Bronze Award is the highest award attainable by Girl Scout Juniors. The troop's project involves refurbishing the interior and exterior of the Nature Center for its future use by Village residents.



photo by Eric Long

Covenant United Methodist and MVF sponsor coat drive

Do you have clean, gently used winter coats you no longer need, in sizes to fit toddlers through teenagers? If so, please consider bringing them to the lobby area of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a large plastic bin designated for receipt of coats.

When the donation bin fills up, the coats will be taken to schools in our community where students are in need of

winter coats. But first, mittens will be inserted into the pockets of each coat, and a warm velour scarf will also accompany each coat, courtesy of volunteers at Covenant United Methodist Church.

This marks the seventh year that Covenant United Methodist Church and MVF have collaboratively sponsored a coat drive for children who attend local schools.

Bilingual voters needed to serve at the polls

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking bilingual voters to work at early voting centers and at polling places on Election Day.

Because of the diversity within the county, the Montgomery County Board of Elections recruits workers who speak numerous languages. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet Federal requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polls. Spanish speaking election judges are needed for both Early Voting (Thursday, April 14 to Thursday, April 21, 2016), and Election Day, Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

The Election Law of Maryland requires that election judges

are registered to vote in the State of Maryland, 17 years of age or older, and a U.S. citizen. Bilingual judges must also be able to speak, read and write English. All election judges will be compensated for training and for Early Voting or Election Day service.

If you are interested in taking this leadership position in your community, contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-8532, download an election judge questionnaire at www.777vote.org, or e-mail Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov.

For more election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org or <http://elections.state.md.us>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, January 4, 2016

Nominating Committee: Edward Stockton, Darren Manning, Jeffrey Amtmann, Eric Olson, Dina Sigano

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Nominating Committee: Scott Dyer, Terry O'Grady

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Nominating Committee: To be appointed at the November 2015 board meeting.

NORTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Nominating Committee: James Andary, Barathwaj Bala

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, November 30, 2015

Nominating Committee: Mike Finn, Brian Post, Kimberly Monnig, Bill Evans

SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, November 23, 2015

Nominating Committee: To be appointed at the November 23 board meeting.

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2016

Nominating Committee: To be appointed at the November 18 board meeting.

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, January 14, 2016

Nominating Committee: To be appointed at the November 12 board meeting.

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MILESTONES

A Village family honors their children's accomplishments

Joel and Christina Burgos offer congratulations to their children, Jessica, Jeremy and Joshua Burgos for excellence in academics this fall. Josh, a 6th grader at Neelsville Middle School, made the Honor's list with straight A's; Jessica, a

Junior at Watkins Mill High School, made the Honor's list with straight A's; and Jeremy, a Senior at Watkins Mill High School, landed an Internship in BioPhysics at Catholic University.



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AT YOUR LEISURE

Senior Connection sponsors presentation on Adult Guardianship

Representatives of the Montgomery County Circuit Court and the Bar Association of Montgomery County will present information on adult guardianship at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring. The presentation is sponsored by the Senior Connection.

Topics will include:

- What is adult guardianship, of the person or of the estate?
- What is the difference between adult guardianship and power of attorney?
- What is the process of setting up adult guardianship?
- What are the responsibilities of an adult guardian?

- What supports are offered by the Adult Guardian Assistant Program?

For more information and to RSVP, call 301-962-0820 or e-mail info@seniorconnectionmc.org.

Become a Master Gardener

Montgomery County residents interested in learning environmentally sound gardening practices and sharing the information with others can apply now to join the 2016 Montgomery County Master Gardener volunteer training program.

The course begins Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, and continues through Friday, March 11, 2016 (depending on possible snow days). Classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County Office, located at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. The training fee is \$325 and includes a training manual and other materials. Faculty and staff of the University of Maryland Extension, as well as other experts in the green industry, present horticulture lectures that cover such topics as ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables and herbs; identifying common pests and diseases; and proper fertilization and watering practices.

"The class provides a great opportunity for home gardeners as well as those in the green industry to increase their knowledge," said Steve Dubik, Extension Horticulture



Consultant and county Master Gardener Coordinator.

The non-profit program falls under the auspices of Montgomery County Government and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It is open to all regardless of race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

The requirements to become a Master Gardener are: attendance at a mandatory, two-hour orientation; completion of course work and a final exam; and performance of 45 voluntary service hours in the first year. Participants should

have access to the Internet.

Once qualified, Master Gardeners maintain active status by completing 10 hours of advanced training and 25 hours of volunteer service annually. Volunteer activities include maintaining demonstration gardens; assisting at plant clinics; speaking to community groups; and providing therapeutic horticulture to residents of nursing homes and special needs students.

Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 18. Class size is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or an application, call 301-590-2836.

Girl Scout Holiday Shop

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Montgomery Village children and their friends are invited to shop for holiday gifts for friends and family at the Girl Scout Troop 493 Holiday Snoop Shop. Girl Scout Elves will help the chil-

dren pick out gifts and wrap them to keep them a secret! All gifts are lovingly made by Junior Troop 493 and are very reasonably priced! Parents are invited to relax and have refreshments while children shop.

The Holiday Snoop Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Free community shredding event

EXiT Realty Plus invites residents to safely and securely dispose of personal records at a Free Community Shredding Event. Residents can bring documents to EXiT Realty Plus,

903 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Residents can also register for a free gift card drawing, and have car seats inspected by

Montgomery County Firefighters. This event is sponsored by EXiT Realty Plus, AnnieMac Home Mortgage and Home First Title Group. For more information, call 301-947-3948.

KIDS PAGE



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MV Kids Page TODAY!

MV Kids Learn About Mac N' Cheese

Macaroni and cheese—also called mac and cheese here in America; macaroni pie in the Caribbean; and macaroni cheese in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand—is a dish that began in England, consisting of cooked macaroni pasta and cheese, most commonly cheddar. You can also add other ingredients, such as bread crumbs, meat and vegetables.

Mac n' Cheese History

A pasta and cheese casserole was recorded in the 14th century in the Italian cookbook which featured a dish of parmesan and pasta. A cheese and pasta casserole known as makerouns was recorded in a famous medieval English cookbook, also written in the 14th century. It was made with fresh, hand-cut pasta which was layered between a mixture of melted butter and cheese.

The first modern recipe for macaroni and cheese was included in Elizabeth Raffald's 1769 book, *The Experienced English Housekeeper*. Raffald's recipe is for a sauce with cheddar cheese which is mixed with macaroni, sprinkled with Parmesan, and baked until bubbly and golden.

You Make It

Skillet Mac & Cheese

Kids, please be sure to have an adult with you to help with the hot stuff.

Ingredients

- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 3/4 pound process cheese (Velveeta), cubed



Directions

Cook macaroni according to the package directions. Meanwhile, in a large nonstick skillet, melt butter over medium heat.

Stir in flour until smooth. Gradually add cream; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Stir in cheese until melted.

Drain macaroni; add to cheese mixture. Cook and stir for 3 to 4 minutes or until heated through.

A Little Variety

So, we know you love regular mac n' cheese, but why not try to mix it up a little bit and add in some of your other favorite foods like ham, tomatoes and bacon, or put it on your pizza!



with ham and peas



with bacon



with buffalo chicken



with oregano



on pizza



with tomato



RECREATION

Champion Karate

We are pleased to announce our new karate provider, Champion Karate Positive Impact Martial Arts! Champion Karate owner and lead instructor Michael Tull is a 6th degree black belt, comes to us with over 20 years of martial arts instructing experience and is highly recommended by our previous karate provider, Klotz Institute of Karate.

With the start of the new year, Champion Karate will be holding classes at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Students will have the option of attending one or both nights weekly. Champion will also be adding two new classes to the schedule which will include a Dragons class for ages 3 ½ to



5 ½, as well as an adult Cardio Kickboxing class.

Full class information for the winter session will be published on Friday, Dec. 4 in the Winter Recreation Guide, which can be found in your *Village News* and online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Shadowland Winter Break trip for youth

Winter break is just around the corner. Don't let the time slip away without doing something memorable! Kids in grades 6 through 9 are in for a full day of fun at Lake Marion Community Center (LMCC) and Shadowland Adventures.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, come to LMCC, 8821 East Village Avenue, at 9 a.m. to enjoy games and group activities in the gym before boarding the bus at 10:30 a.m. for the short

trip to Shadowland Adventures for laser tag. Everyone will play two games of laser tag and have an opportunity to eat lunch (bring your own). Then we will head back to Lake Marion for more action in the gym with basketball, volleyball, a rousing game of kickball and more!

Full day participants will be released at 4 p.m. An extended-day option is available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. A limited

space trip-only option is available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The full day cost (including trip) is \$49/Resident and \$59/Non-resident. The trip only cost is \$29/Resident and \$39/Non-resident. Extended-day for those enrolled in the full day \$15.

For more information, contact Avery Watkins at 240-243-2367 or e-mail awatkins@mvf.org.

3 on 3 Big Chill Classic

Grab some friends and head to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue to compete in our new, high-intensity, competitive 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The Big Chill Classic is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The double elimination tournament is designed for middle and high school teenage players, who are interested in the sport competitively.

There will be two tourna-

ment brackets: ages 13 to 15 and ages 16 to 18 with a roster maximum of 4 players per team. Games will be decided at 11 points (win by 2 points) or last a total of 12 minutes. The cost per player is \$25/Resident or \$35/Non-resident. If you think you have what it takes to win the prize, take a shot and sign up today!

For more information or to register, call 240-243-2361 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Adult Fitness Drop-In Classes

Stay active with Montgomery Village's many adult fitness classes! Classes allowing participants to drop in without registering include: Yoga, Wednesday (\$12); Yoga, Sunday (\$15); Zumba, Wednesday/Saturday (\$6); 30 Minute Core, Tuesday/Thursday (\$7);

Aerobic Dancing & Strong Step, Monday/Wednesday (\$7); Body Sculpting & Strong Step, Tuesday/Thursday (\$7).

For class descriptions and locations, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.





Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, Dec. 12

9:30 to 11 a.m.

North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

Children will enjoy a steaming cup of cocoa and yummy continental breakfast, then create holiday crafts and visit with Santa. Children, ages 6 months to 8 years old, accompanied by a parent/guardian, will take home a keepsake photo of their visit.

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Participants must register by Thursday, Dec. 10, online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or by calling 301-948-0110.

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

Thanksgiving Morning

Aerobic Workout

Work up a hunger & help the hungry!



All proceeds will be donated to Gaithersburg HELP.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 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 at Lake Marion Community Center.

\$7/person OR

\$5 and one can of food

(payable at the door)

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

RECREATION

Holiday Toys for Tots Concert

Bring the entire family to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13 for a great holiday concert performance by the Montgomery Village Community Band. Admission is free and Director Steven Wampler will present

a program of festive holiday music.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, visitors are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Foundation.



Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, Dec. 12 to visit the good little boys and girls of Montgomery Village! Children ages 6 months to 8 years, accompanied by a parent/guardian, will enjoy a magical morning consisting of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, and of course a visit

with the jolly fellow himself!

Space is limited, so be sure to register early for this popular holiday event! Participants must pre-register by Thursday, Dec. 10. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Argentine Tango

Argentine Tango classes are underway! This beginner level class is for those who have never taken Tango before or for people with little Argentine Tango experience. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 16 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. To try it out for yourself, drop in for only \$12! Individuals or partners welcome.



Picture perfect Wine & Paint event

Participants of the Wine & Paint event on Friday, Nov. 6 had a great time and were all pleasantly surprised by the masterpieces they created! Our winter Wine & Paint event

is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Per participants' requests, the topic of this painting will be Cherry Blossoms!

Registration will open on Friday, Dec. 4, and while that may seem like it's quite a bit in advance, we encourage you to register early as we anticipate another full house!



3 ON 3

Saturday Dec. 5
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BIG CHILL CLASSIC

\$25/Resident/Individual
\$35/Non-resident/Individual

For information or to register call 301-948-0110.

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Ages 13 to 15 / 16 to 18 (ID required)
- 12 Minute Games or 11 points (win by 2)
- 2 Games Guaranteed
- 4 Player Max Roster
- 4 to 8 Teams per Division
- Concessions On-site

WINTER-BREAK CAMPS

IN MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Keep your young ones active during the school winter break! Whether your child enjoys sports, active play or Star Wars, the MVF Winter Break Camps will meet their expectations!

Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(extended-day option available, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2334.

MV SENIORS

seniors in **action****Seniors in Action
Fall Session**

through Friday, Dec. 18
No meetings: Nov. 25, Nov. 26 or Nov. 27

REGISTRATION

Not a member of Seniors in Action? Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com today!

**Winter Social**

Join your Seniors in Action friends as they celebrate the holiday season! SiA will be having a Holiday Mocktail Social on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments. Fun holiday backdrops and props will be set up for photos with all your friends! Sign up at any SiA program by Tuesday, Dec. 8. The cost is \$5/Member and \$7/Non-member.

**Arts and Crafts**

Looking to get in touch with your creative side? SiA offers a variety of craft projects for you to get involved with! Past projects have included: card making, water color workshop, scarf making and much more! Feel free to donate the crafts you have made if you are tight for space, but enjoy the hands-on projects!

**Steering Committee**

SiA Steering Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. This past month topics included future trip and social ideas, potential programs for the new season and membership. If you're interested in learning or being a part of the behind the scenes planning aspects of SiA, come to our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

**Pickleball**

Pickleball will be moving inside for the winter, now through Thursday, Dec. 17! Head over to the gym at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday and Thursday.

Member costs are twice a week \$24; once a week \$12; and Drop-in \$3. Non-members may drop in for \$5 per day.

Watercolor with Sue Kay**Calendar****MONDAY****Arts and Crafts
10 a.m. to noon**

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
Nov. 23: Scrabble coasters
Nov. 30: Holiday ornaments and gift tags

**Book Discussion Group**

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month
Dec. 21: "Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel

TUESDAY**Light Cardio Workout
9 to 10 a.m.**

Work out with exercise videos, light weights and resistance bands.

**Seated Tai Chi
Noon to 12:45 p.m.**

Instructor Marcy takes you through the low impact movements of Tai Chi.

WEDNESDAY**SIA Games / Social Hour
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Enjoy a variety of card and board games, conversation and refreshments.
Nov. 25: Closed

THURSDAY**Light Cardio Workout
9 to 10 a.m.**

Work out with exercise videos, light weights and resistance bands.

**SiA Games / Social Hour Take 2
10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

FRIDAY**Caring Hands Community Outreach
11 a.m. to noon**

second Friday each month

Help plan a variety of projects to benefit individuals and families in the community

**Brown Bag Lunch & Bingo
Noon to 2 p.m.**

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Free for SiA members, \$2/Non-members. Pre-registration is required; forms available at any SiA activity or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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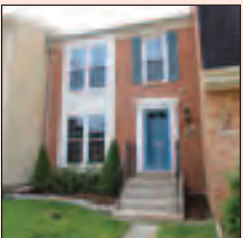
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