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Planning Board approves Bloom Site Plan for former golf course

On November 16, Monument Realty's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Site Plan for Bloom Montgomery Village (the former golf course property) was presented by county Park & Planning staff to the Montgomery County Planning Board.

The staff recommendation of approval for both the preliminary and site plans was followed by resident testimony, including Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board President Pete Young on behalf of the Board of Directors, expressing support for Monument's plans. After listening to the staff presentation and resident

testimony, and deliberating the plan's conformity to the Montgomery Village Master Plan, the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve both the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and the Site Plan.

The plan approval signals permission for Monument to develop the former golf course property, as outlined in the plan. The approved plan includes 494 new homes (467 townhomes, 26 detached single family homes and 1 duplex), of which 68 homes will be set aside as Moderately Priced Dwelling

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The Montgomery Village Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was enjoyed by many residents on November 29. Adults and children spent the hour listening to music by the Montgomery Village Community Band and Watkins Mill High School choral group, sipping hot cocoa and munching cookies before Santa arrived on a fire truck from the Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department and the tree lights lit up the night.

New Architectural Standards Director hired

After an extensive search and two sets of interviews, Kate Webb was selected as Montgomery Village Foundation's (MVF) next Director of Architectural Standards. This position leads a department of seven staff and is responsible for managing residential and commercial architectural review functions and enforcement procedures.

Webb is a Village resident, who has strong management and leadership experience, with a background in urban planning and community volunteerism. At her most recent job, Webb managed the business's largest unit with 60 plus staff and a portfolio of over \$250 million. She led the development and implementation of strategies, policies and processes for the business unit, all directed at improving business operations, ensuring productivity and client satisfaction.

Her additional experience in human resources, finance, contract management and the regulatory process will all be important in her new role. Her strong communications and

technical skills will help the department further community outreach efforts and identify technical solutions to enhance efficiencies and provide better customer satisfaction.

Webb holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a specialization in housing, community and economic development. This degree served her well as an active volunteer member on MVF's Vision 2030 and Montgomery Village Golf Course Joint Property committees, both of which worked to set a vision for future land use plans for the community generally and more specifically for the shuttered Montgomery Village Golf Course.

Having lived in both Eastgate and Whetstone communities, Webb understands the importance of architectural standards in our planned community, and during her interview, emphasized the importance of community engagement when updating architectural criteria and guidelines for both residential and commercial properties.

the Montgomery Village Community Band
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3 p.m.

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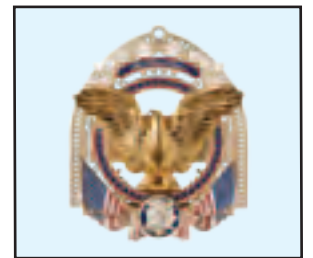
Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Foundation.



Join the merry musicians for complimentary refreshments following the show.

LOOK INSIDE

2017 White House Christmas ornaments now available

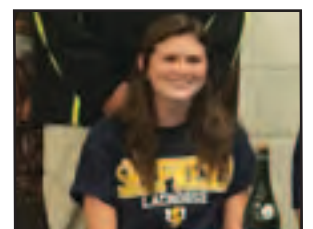


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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

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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THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

Join the Montgomery Blue Notes for
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20125 Arrowhead Road

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Milestones



by *Pete Young*
MVF President

As a community, we have been actively working on the future vision and plans for Montgomery Village for over eight years. I am proud that together we have been making steady progress to reimagine, renew and revitalize our community for the next 50 years of our history. Sometimes it is difficult to see the progress we are making, as the timeline for these activities is long.

Two weeks ago I had the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board before the Montgomery County Planning Board regarding the site plan for the former Montgomery Village Golf Course – also known as the Bloom Montgomery Village site. The Planning Board voted unanimously to forward the plan to the county council for approval. This is a huge milestone for this project, and a significant step towards seeing the vision we have all laid out come to life. While there is still work to be done before we see that site under construction, this milestone was critical in moving the community forward.

We have had a number of major milestones in the past few years that I thought I would call to your attention.

It has only been through the countless hours of effort, advocacy and shared vision that we have seen these goals met:

- **MVF Long Range Facilities Plan** (that has resulted in multiple projects)
- **MVF Vision 2030 Plan** (that supported the MV Master Plan process)
- **First ever Montgomery Village Master Plan** (we are now a distinct plan from "Gaithersburg East")
- **MV Bloom Site Plan** submission (and approval by Planning Board)

We are eagerly awaiting the next major milestones, including the Village Center site plan hearing and redevelopment (after sale) of the Village Professional Center. At this time of year I am thankful for the many residents who have been part of this journey. I hope that you will continue to help us make our visions come alive. In the meantime, if you would like to see more about the Bloom plan or other projects that are in process in the Village, please visit the websites below:

www.bloominmv.com
www.montgomeryvillage.com/about-mv/development-projects

I hope that all of you have a blessed holiday season, have a chance to spend time with your families and pause to be thankful for all we have together in our community.

As always, I invite you to get involved, share your talents and thoughts with us, and help Montgomery Village stay the amazing community it has been all these years. I welcome your feedback; please e-mail me at peter@youngspa.com.

Cheers,
Pete

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 7, 2017
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.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 26, 2017
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 2018 Insurance (property, liability, worker's compensation, etc.)
- B. Consider reaffirmation of email vote by MVF board authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2018 MVF Employee Healthcare Insurance
- C. Consider revision to the MVF Employee Computer Usage Policy
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. Investment Committee
8. Board Member Issues
9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. (i.) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
10. Adjournment



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Don't Miss It! Dec. 1 Winter Recreation Guide 7 MVF Board of Directors Meeting 9 Breakfast with Santa 10 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 12 Hanukkah begins at sunset 18 Winter Jazz Concert		December 1 Village News Winter Recreation Guide	2
3	4 Recreation Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR	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	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
17	18 Winter Jazz Concert 7:30 pm – NCCC (Free)	19 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR	20	21	22 MVF Office Closed	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas MVF Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30

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 Letters to the Editor section is not a forum for extensive debates; MVF encourages residents to use other avenues such as facebook and twitter for timely discussion.
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E-mail letters to mnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

MVF Board Student Representation 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@mvf.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@mvf.org.

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

Tips to prevent package theft this holiday season

During the holiday season, many people will choose to purchase gifts online and have them delivered to their home. This often means that there will be more packages on doorsteps and more opportunities for thieves to steal these deliveries. The Montgomery County Police Department reminds residents of ways to ensure that packages are delivered to them safely and securely.

CHOOSE A DELIVERY ADDRESS WISELY

- Choose to have package delivered to an attended location; consider sending the package to a place where you know someone will be available to receive it, such as your workplace or a friend or neighbor's home.
- Choose to have package delivered to carrier location; have your deliveries sent to the nearest shipping company center. Many shipping

carriers will hold the package for up to five days.

- Choose "In-Store Pick Up;" many retailers provide the option of purchasing an item online and picking it up at the nearest retail location.

KNOW WHEN YOUR PACKAGE WILL BE DELIVERED—SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATION SERVICES

- Many shipment companies offer services to help you track your deliveries by receiving text messages or e-mails. You can then plan on being home at the time of delivery or ask a trusted friend or neighbor to stop by the delivery location and retrieve the package.
- After receiving a notification alert and you determine that you won't be home, many carriers allow you to re-route your shipment to another location or

to the carrier's facility for later pickup.

REQUIRE A SIGNATURE

- Many shipping companies offer a service that requires a signature for a package to be released.

PROVIDE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

- Many carriers allow residents to provide instructions on where the deliveries should be placed at the home (side porch, garage door, etc.)

INSURE YOUR PACKAGE

- Consider insuring your package. Contact your chosen mail carrier for coverage policies and requirements. Montgomery County Police urges residents who shop online to follow these guidelines to help ensure their packages arrive safely.

Bloom

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Units (MPDU). During its deliberation of both plans, the Planning Board agreed that the Site Plan conformed to the Master Plan, which allows far greater development density on the site than what was presented in the Site Plan.

"We believe that through our collaborative planning efforts, we have created a plan that is contextually appropriate and respectful of surrounding homes, while offering multiple benefits that further enhance the quality of life and environment in Montgomery Village and the surrounding area. This approval demonstrates that we have accomplished that," said Russell Hines, President of Monument Realty.

The Planning Board focused heavily on the benefits this development will provide for Montgomery Village and the county, including:

- An executed Parks Facility Agreement (PFA) allowing for the dedication of roughly 49 acres of land to the county's parks department.
- Facilitating the restoration of a significant length of the Cabin Branch Stream. This type of restoration project is vitally important to improving the health of aquatic resources and the Chesapeake Bay watershed by removing pollutants and restoring the natural nutrient balance in the water.
- Forest Conservation measures and the planned

stream restoration will help accomplish the Montgomery Village Master Plan's environmental goals to reforest the stream buffer area, enhance water quality protection and improve wildlife habitat.

- Transforming what was private land into what will now largely be publicly accessible and usable open space that will incorporate walking trails connecting the new 7.5 acre MVF Central Park to the existing Montgomery Village pedestrian network and the county's regional trail system (like the very important connection between the Great Seneca Stream Valley Park and the Cabin Branch Stream Valley Park).
- Adding desired community amenities—a dog park for both small and large dogs; a new playground; community gardens; and significant open space and trails—for Village residents.
- Extending Stewartown Road to connect Montgomery Village Avenue and Watkins Mill Road.
- A shared use path for bikes and foot pedestrian use, connecting Watkins Mill Road to Centerway Park.
- Establishing more than 25 acres of new forest.

The Planning Board understood and recognized that Monument's plans were the result of years of community outreach and numerous neigh-

borhood charrettes. Monument Realty bought the golf course property in March 2013 and committed to work with the community from the start. The golf course was maintained and remained open for business through November 2014, while Monument met with residents, MVF and county staff to develop the most appropriate plans for the site. Since the golf course closed, Monument has maintained the property to county standards and has continued to work with the community to incorporate desires and feedback into the Site Plan. The previous work from the MVF Vision 2030 Committee and concurrent work during the Montgomery Village Master Plan process played a large role in Monument's process.

The project now awaits the Certification of the Site Plan by the county, which is expected in early 2018.

In the meantime, Monument will begin detailed engineering of the property, followed by a Record Plat application to be submitted for approval in mid-2018. Once the Record Plat is approved by the county, a Building Permit application will be submitted. The anticipated timeframe for these remaining steps and a potential groundbreaking is likely to be two years (late 2019).

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.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

A commercial burglary occurred at the One Stop Wireless store located at 9128 Rothbury Drive between approximately 6:45 p.m. on November 2 and approximately 12:45 p.m. on November 3. Forced entry; cash and property were taken.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 19000 block of Mills Choice Road between approximately 10 p.m. on November 4 and approximately 1:30 a.m. on November 5. No signs of forced entry, a door was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

VEHICLE THEFT

Vehicle thefts occurred in the following areas:

- In the 19900 block of Arrowhead Road between approximately 7:50 p.m. on November 3 and approximately 7:45 a.m. on November 4. Unknown entry.
- In the 20300 block of Pleasant Ridge Drive between approximately 12:30 a.m. and approximately 9:30 a.m. on November 5. Unknown entry.



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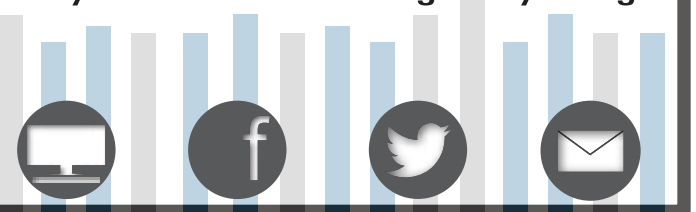
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IN THE NEWS

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.



Stedwick Community Center Playground Replacement

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation and Parks is in the process of developing plans for the replacement of the Stedwick Community Center playground located at 10401 Stedwick Road. This playground needs to be replaced due to its age.

MVF staff is looking for residents who use the playground or are interested in offering in-

put on the new equipment. The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. At this meeting, staff will be collecting ideas from residents about what type of play equipment they would like to see in the new playground. The information gathered at this meeting will be used to assist in the creation of the formal bid.

Once contractors have submitted designs, another meeting will be held to gather resident input on the proposed designs.

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



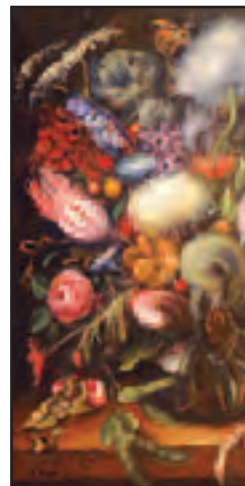
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IN THE NEWS

Welcome to the neighborhood!

by Mike Conroy

On Thursday, Nov. 16, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) welcomed new residents to the Village with help from the MVF Board, staff and local vendors and organizations.

The annual program helps provide new residents with an understanding of MVF, the Village in general and what it means to be part of a flourishing planned community. Local business vendors and non-profit organizations from the neighborhood also share their information and experiences in Montgomery Village with those in attendance.

Approximately 75 of the over 500 residents who moved to Montgomery Village in the last year were greeted by enthusiastic members of the community as they came to share their resident experiences and learn more about our flourishing community. MVF Board President Pete Young welcomed the attendees to the event and started the program by talking about what it means to live in a planned community such as Montgomery Village. Young talked about the responsibilities of the Board of Directors, as well as obligations of residents in a planned community. He stressed the Board's commitment to fiscal responsibility and resident obligations to adhere to community covenants and architectural standards. While relaying personal experiences, Young also reminded the new residents to have fun and enjoy the community.

MVF Executive Vice President Dave Humpton introduced staff in attendance and gave a brief overview of how MVF helps shape life in the Village. He noted the importance of architectural standards and community covenants in maintaining property values, and the hard work staff performs each year to keep up those ideals. Humpton also reminded residents of the amenities they receive for the assessment dollars they spend. He mentioned programs, camps, classes and special events run by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Humpton also noted MVF's office hours and willingness of staff to be a resource for residents to navigate living in a planned community. Humpton encouraged the new residents to stay informed and become involved in their new community.

MVF would like to thank the local businesses and organizations who participated, either in person or by donation: American Association of University Women; Christ the Servant Lutheran Church; Covenant United Methodist

Church; Eric B Home Improvement; GAC Services; Hospice Caring; Kehilat Shalom; Ledo Pizza; Montgomery County 6th District Police; Montgomery County Department of Transportation; Montgomery Village Community Band; Montgomery Village Garden Club; Montgomery Village Kiwanis Club; Mother of God School; Noonday Collection; Pampered Chef; Pella Windows; Re/Max Platinum Realty - Nahid Kiani-Anaraki; State Farm Insurance - Christian Durand; SendOutCards; Subway; and Women Who Care Ministries.

All residents are encouraged to contact the MVF Office with questions or concerns in the community. Information can be obtained by calling 301-948-0110; e-mailing mvinfo@mvf.org; visiting www.montgomeryvillage.com; posting comments on facebook (www.facebook.com/MontVillageMD); or in person at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Athens Grill continues Thanksgiving food distribution



Dimitri and Alexandra Angelakis

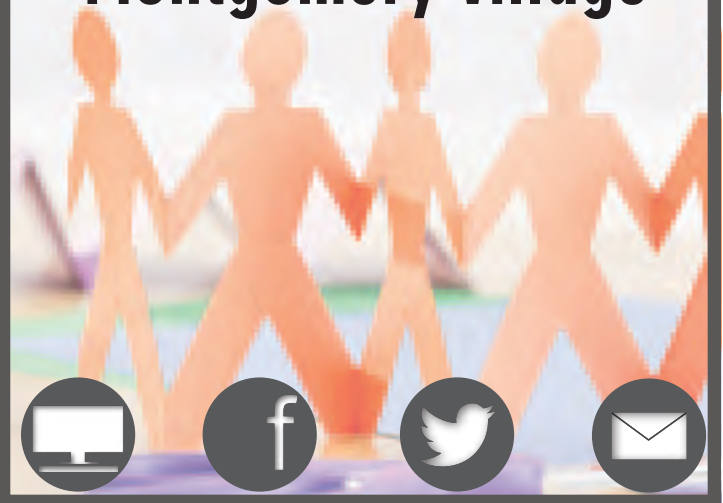
The Angelakis family, owners of Athens Grill, continued their annual tradition the evening before Thanksgiving this year. Each year Dimitri and Alexandra donate 100 or more warm meals to less fortunate Montgomery Village and nearby Gaithersburg neighbors. For 27 years they have prepared their delicious grilled chicken, Greek salad and pita bread for local families in need.

For many years the actual food distribution has been done with the assistance of local elementary school coun-

selors, who are able to identify families most in need, and Montgomery Village residents who volunteer to assist with deliveries.

In March 2018, the Angelakis' will celebrate the 27th anniversary of Athens Grill. Many customers are old friends and regulars who choose from the wide menu of Greek specialties including freshly made desserts. Athens Grill has recently been redecorated, and Dimitri continues to greet both new and old customers with his warm smile and friendly manner.

Stay connected with Montgomery Village



ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

The history of exterior house shutters

The origin of exterior house shutters is believed to lie in ancient Greece, despite many people thinking that they were a product of colonial America. The wood exterior shutter was adopted in America to provide privacy, control light and protect homes from intruders or impending storms.

In today's society, the need for exterior shutters has diminished due to the use of window screens, interior window coverings and air conditioners. The exterior shutter has evolved to become primarily a decorative feature to enhance the outside of the home.

Shutters were originally made of wood, but manufacturers have branched out to produce vinyl, composite and aluminum shutters as well. The styles of shutters vary from louvered, closed louvered and raised panel to board and batten designs.

As you wander through the communities of Montgomery Village, you will observe many homes with exterior shutters. The louvered and raised panel style shutters are the original designs chosen by the home builders in the Village.

If your exterior shutters are deteriorating, you may need to paint or replace them in the near future. Please contact the Montgomery Village Foundation Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110 to assist with any questions you may have regarding painting or replacing shutters.

As always, remember to apply for approval before installation of any replacement materials or before making exterior modifications to your home. Architectural criteria and the Property Improvement Request form can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Highlights of November board meeting

by Whetstone Board of Directors

ASSESSMENT VOTE FAILS

245 out of 447 residents (55%) voted in this ballot. 131 residents voted "yes" (53%) and 114 voted "no." A total of 164 "yes" votes were needed. Thank you to everyone who voted.

As a result, community-wide austerity measures were enacted in the operating budget for 2018. This type of budget will remain in place until such time as assessments are allowed to be raised.

2018 BUDGET

With the failure of the assessment increase, significant cuts to the operating budget were made. In particular, the maintenance budget had to be cut by 33% or almost \$65,000. As a result, the following items will not be done in 2018:

- Tree trimming
- No watering of new trees
- Limited street repairs (crack-fill)
- No discretionary maintenance (safety issues only)
- No fall entrance planting
- No lake maintenance

Designated reserve spending for 2018 will not be affected, however, the reserve contribution for 2018 will be \$4,000 less than required. As a result, the board will need to start curtailing reserve spending in 2019 and beyond in order to remain financially healthy. The areas likely to most affected:

- Fewer trees being planted
- Less path and concrete repair

The board respects that the community has spoken, and we created a budget that matches what the community is willing to pay.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Each year, Whetstone residents decorate their homes for the holidays and members of the Whetstone board drive through the neighborhood around December 20 and check out the lights for our annual holiday

lights contest. There are several categories: Best Traditional, Kids' Delight, Williamsburg Style and Over the Top.

Winners, who are announced in the *Village News*, get bragging rights for the year, as well as a certificate of appreciation from the Whetstone Homes Corporation. Whetstone board members are not eligible for this recognition.

WHETSTONE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Are you new to Whetstone? Please let us know! Whetstone's Welcome Committee would like to pay you a visit. The committee comes with a goody bag of helpful information and treats to welcome you to our wonderful neighborhood. Just send an e-mail to welcome.to.whetstone@gmail.com and let us know when you'd like us to stop by and chat.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Several years ago, Whetstone commissioned a professional Reserve Study to catalog and estimate the useful lives of Whetstone's assets — roads, bike paths, sidewalks, street lights, trees, etc. The study provides guidance on when we should repave roads, for example. But we don't just rely blindly on the reserve study. We also walk the property each month and look at the condition of our assets. When a problem is seen or something is brought to our attention by a homeowner, we follow up on it.

The maintenance committee consulted with paving experts who also walked the property. The committee recommended that the following streets be repaved: Keiffer Way, Ironhorse Lane, Haymarket Place and North Pike Creek Place. All have significant alligating and heaved asphalt from many years of harsh weather, truck traffic and poor underlayment. The committee also recommended replacement of aggregate concrete sidewalks and driveway aprons in select areas in The Courts, as well as a small amount of bike path repav-

ing. These recommendations were accepted at our September board meeting.

The board's procurement policy requires that we seek bids on all projects over \$2,500. Our community manager sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to several reputable, licensed, bonded and insured paving contractors. A bid will be selected at the January board meeting, and work will hopefully begin in April or May 2018.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

The paving work scheduled to take place in 2018 is the start of what will be a multi-year repaving project. The last time Whetstone streets were repaved, it took 7 years (1996 to 2003). Whetstone has approximately 5 miles of roads to resurface. The board plans to pay for repaving from accumulated reserves if possible. The alternative method for funding a capital project like this would be through a special assessment, which is not preferred.

FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Whetstone has two budgets—an operating budget and a reserve budget. Every year a portion of annual community assessments is placed in reserves. Generally, the board can only use reserve funds for large capital projects, like road repaving. The estimated \$83,000 we need for road, bike path and concrete work in spring 2018 will come from our reserves. Our operating budget exists to fund month-to-month maintenance and management of the community. Expenses like grass mowing, tree trimming and planting of annuals comes from the operating budget. This is the budget that was most affected when our assessment increase failed.

WHAT ABOUT DRIVEWAYS?

The Whetstone board does not use community funds to pay for private driveway repairs or repaving; there is no commin-

gling of community funds and private funds. The board decided to notify residents on streets scheduled for repaving that a paving contractor will be conducting work in their area. This gives residents an opportunity to make private arrangements to have driveway repairs or repaving completed with a paving contractor already scheduled to have equipment and workers in the area. Residents are encouraged to use their own judgement when hiring contractors. They may wish to get bids from other paving contractors as well.

Whetstone residents with questions or concerns about any aspect of the governance of our community are encouraged to attend our meetings and raise those concerns directly with the board. The Whetstone Board of Directors conducts all its meetings with a view to accountability and transparency and the meetings are open to the public. They are held in a public meeting room during the evening hours so that those who work may attend.

Whetstone residents who wish to receive the meeting agenda in advance of the meeting should e-mail vermillion.whc@gmail.com and request to be included in the distribution of the board agenda. Minutes of board meetings are posted on the Whetstone webpage when available. Residents need to activate their free member account at www.montgomeryvillage.com to view this information.

The Whetstone board is a community organization made up of community residents. We are your neighbors and friends and strive to ethically and responsibly make decisions regarding the management of our community in an open manner.

We call on all residents of Whetstone to focus their time and energy on helping our community grow and thrive.

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

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.

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The week of December 15

EASTGATE

The week of December 11

EAST VILLAGE

The week of December 4

HORIZON RUN

The week of December 3
The week of December 17

NORTH VILLAGE

The week of December 17

PATTON RIDGE

The week of December 11

SOUTH VILLAGE

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season.

HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village 2018 assessment 1.7% lower than 2017

by the North Village Board of Directors

FINANCIAL MATTERS

At the end of October, there was a negative net income of \$9,000 year-to-date because of high tree removal and fence replacement costs. Bulk trash removal expenses continued to rise and were \$4,800 at the end of the October. The fence repairs were more expensive than anticipated at \$16,000, compared to \$2,500 budgeted. The security expenses were lower than budgeted. Water quality had been budgeted for \$12,000, but actually was lower at \$9,500.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance: Chamberlain Contractors has completed its concrete replacement work.

Recreation: The tot lot mulch will be raked.

Public Safety: The most recent Coffee with a Cop Program was conducted on November 15. Community Liaison Officer Kim Jones was very responsive to Village resident concerns.

Capital Improvements: The board discussed replacing the light fixtures on the paths and directed management to research different lighting options.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Picton entrance sign: During a community inspection on November 10, management observed that the Picton entrance sign had been destroyed sometime overnight. The sign was significantly damaged due to a car crash. Management worked with our community liaison police officer to obtain the police report and insur-

ance information. Management recommended meeting with the insurance adjuster before repairing or replacing the sign.

Turf application: Level Green completed the fall turf application and an early leaf removal.

OLD BUSINESS

Leaf Collection: Our next leaf collection is scheduled for the week of December 18. Level Green Landscaping will post signs at the entrances to North Village communities listing which days they will be picking up the leaves. 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. 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. Do not rake leaves into the streets at any time.

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 clean out backed-up storm drains. Years ago NVHC had to pay \$2,500 to have one storm drain cleaned out. The board just signed a contract for \$850 to clean out a storm drain in Picton.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 final budget: The board approved the 2018 North Village budget with an annual assess-

ment per home of \$679.99. This is a 1.7% decrease from 2017! Letters with assessment payment and policy information were mailed to all North Village residents in early November.

Election materials: The board reviewed the election materials. Candidacy statements will be published in the *Village News* in December. The election will be held in January 2018.

2018 contracts: The board reviewed and accepted proposals for 2018 from Level Green for landscaping services in the amount of \$103,560 and for snow removal services.

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.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Trash and recycling schedules: Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays falling on Mondays, North Village trash pickups will not be made on Monday, Dec. 25 or Monday, Jan. 1, 2018. The recycling dates will slide to Thursday, Dec. 28 and Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

Fox sighted: For the past month, several residents have sighted a red fox in their yards or on their decks.

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 the Northgate Board of Directors

The first leaf removal of the season has been completed by Northgate's landscape contractor, McFall & Berry. If you put your leaves out too late for the pickup, please make sure they are on your property and not on community streets or sidewalks. The second (last) pickup will be in December. Please watch for the signs at the entrance to each neighborhood.

Veirs is performing asphalt crack fill in all Northgate neighborhoods that will not be paved next year. The work will be completed shortly. The crack fill is done to help preserve the community's streets and is a necessary maintenance item.

Please note that when street lights are out more than a day or two, it almost always means there is a problem Pepco has to resolve. Unfortunately, the utility is not quick to respond at times. If you are informed that the problem is a Pepco issue, please be patient. Northgate's lighting contractor reports outages to Pepco quickly once he determines it is a problem he cannot fix.

We want to issue a quick reminder to please clean up after your dogs! Please!

Finally, trash dumping continues to be a major issue, and the cost to the community is significant. As more residents get security cameras, Northgate is getting some good information on the people dumping, but it is not enough. We will keep repeating the Northgate trash information as long as problems in the commu-

nity exist: Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>left on 355>almost immediate left into Transfer Station).

The Points and Overlea have trash pickup on Mondays and Thursdays. Bulk pickups are Thursday. All the other neighborhoods – Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, the McKendrees, Shadow Oak and Williams Range – have trash pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk pickups are on Fridays.

Per Montgomery County Code, residents are responsible for providing containers with tight fitting lids for storage of solid waste in single-family houses and townhouses. All solid waste storage containers must be rigid plastic or metal, vermin-proof and equipped with tight fitting lids. The Division of Housing Code Enforcement enforces trash and debris on a property.

Northgate News: for residents of Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Overlea, The Points, Shadow Oak and Williams Range.

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Volunteers for SHC Board of Directors positions needed

by Keith Silliman

The annual nomination and election process for three Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors positions is underway. Please consider volunteering to serve if you have an interest in the welfare of the Stedwick community and are willing and able to participate in monthly board of directors meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. A volunteer with a financial background is especially desirable to help with the budget development process and management of the reserve investments.

The application process requires the submission of a statement indicating interest in the position and providing

any related information about community or professional experience. That statement can be hand delivered, e-mailed or snail-mailed to the Stedwick Homes Corporation community manager whose contact information is provided at the end of this article. The deadline for the submission of candidacy information is 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018.

The Stedwick Community Center playground is scheduled to be replaced in 2018. A working group of interested residents is being sought to help with the selection of equipment. The first meeting of the group is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 at Stedwick Community Center 10401 Stedwick Road.

Ideas and suggestions for play equipment will be solicited at the meeting. If you have children who play there, plan to attend and share your ideas. For more information, contact Amy Roswurm at aroswurm@mof.org or 240-243-2303.

The Montgomery County 6th District Police has a new community service officer. She is Kim Jones and she can be reached at kimberly.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The second cycle of leaf collection will take place in mid-December. Be on the lookout for signs at entryways that will provide more specific dates.

A significant number and variety of trees were scheduled to have been planted through-

out the Stedwick community this fall. They are the trees to be provided by Pepco to replace trees cut down along the Pepco right-of-way. We are following up with the Pepco contractor to determine when those trees will be planted.

The next Stedwick-wide inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12. If you know about items or issues that need to be checked by the maintenance committee, please contact our agent at the phone number or e-mail address below.

There will be no meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors in December. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 at

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. The first item on the agenda is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS

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,
19401 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.

MIDDLE VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAY

Join your neighbors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 as we celebrate our Middle Village Community! The Middle Village Community Day will highlight the organizations that assist Middle Village. You will be able to talk with representatives from Security on Demand, Montgomery County Police, Montgomery Village Foundation Architectural Standards Department and more. There will be raffle prizes and an opportunity to learn more about the Middle Village Community. Community day activities will take place in the Montgomery

Village Middle School Cafeteria, 19300 Watkins Mill Drive.

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.

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.

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

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 Village News guidelines, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, select "MVF," select "MVF Policies," choose "Communications Policies" and then "Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy" (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Common Ownership Associations).

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

STEDWICK

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

WHETSTONE

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



SCHOOL NEWS

WMHS Seniors sign NCAA Letter of Intent, commit to colleges

by *Jamie Carmichael*

After years of hard work and dedication, three seniors recently signed their National Letter of Intent after school on Friday, Nov. 10 with their friends and family by their sides.

Seniors Katherine Campbell, Kevin Finn and Lucas Richards have played on club and high school teams for baseball or lacrosse each year of their high school career. On November 10, everything finally paid off. Each of these seniors officially committed to their intended college by signing their NCAA National Letter of Intent, while their friends, family and coaches watched.

Campbell will be attending Shepherd University in the fall to play lacrosse. "I'm very happy that my eight years of lacrosse paid off," Campbell said. "I can finally reach my goal of playing in college."

Finn committed to Wilson College to play baseball. Finn was looking forward to signing his letter all day. When he finally did, a sense of stress-free relief hit him. "This is something I've been striving towards since I first started playing baseball," Finn said.

Richards will be attending Coppin State University for baseball also. While signing his letter of intent, a lot of thoughts

went through his mind. It finally hit him that all of his hard work has paid off in the end. "This is what all the hard work, practices and off-season workouts have been about. To get me to where I am now," Richards said.

After the signing, all three of the seniors took pictures with their current high school coaches. They then celebrated with sparkling cider and cupcakes. Their friends and family cheered for their loved ones as they completed the last steps in the college recruiting process.

Refurbished vehicle and computer sale

Make the holidays extra special with a new refurbished car or computer! The Montgomery County Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Information Technology Foundation (ITF) have reconditioned vehicles and computers for sale.

Three times a year, students from the ATF and ITF programs operate public sales where refurbished vehicles and computers are offered to the community at competitive prices. These sales provide ATF and ITF students with the opportunity to practice their sales skills, earn Student

Service Learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for community involvement. By coming to the sale, patrons will support our students and help to enhance their sales skills.

Cars and computers will be on sale from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 240-740-2051, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org, www.itfcareers.org or www.cars2purchase.org.



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L to R: Katherine Campbell and Lacrosse coach Vinnie Naylor; Lucas Richards and Kevin Finn with Baseball coach Michael McMillen.

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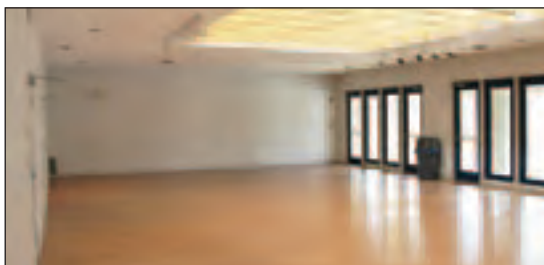
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Rental Facilities in the Village

Looking for space for your party, celebration or sports practice? Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF Fee can rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.



Lake Marion, 8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek, 20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

Lake Marion has a wood-floored room with a maximum capacity of 85 people, as well as 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. Maximum capacity is 125 people.

We are now accepting rental requests for functions to be held through March 2018. 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.

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

*There is a maximum of 75 people allowed per rental during pool season.

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

AT YOUR LEISURE

Hope is Born: a Christmas party

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Northgate Community Church invites the community to a Christmas party – Hope is Born! It will feature Christmas caroling, a short

movie, food and games, as well as a preview of our new facility. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Northgate Community Church is located at 20300

Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, call 301-840-9830 or visit www.northgatecc.org.



Covenant United Methodist Church Christmas services

Covenant United Methodist Church (CMUC) welcomes Village residents for Heather Sorenson's musical cantata "Little Lion, Little Lamb" on Sunday, Dec. 17 at both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship times. The

chancel choir members and chamber orchestra will present the musical cantata. Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be provided.

CMUC is hosting other other advent and holiday ac-

tivities. For more information, visit www.covenant-umc.org or call 301-926-8920. CMUC is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Christmas Eve morning: Sunday, Dec. 24**
- one worship service at 10 a.m.
- Christmas Eve evening: Sunday, Dec. 24**
- Children's Pageant (ages 3 to 17) at 5 p.m.
- Candlelight Service at 8:30 p.m.
- Special Music - reflection/meditation time at 10:30 p.m.
- Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.

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.



Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene hosts Live Nativity on Dec. 17

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene (GCN), located at the corner of Goshen and Warfield roads, will continue its tradition of presenting the Christmas story through a Live Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 17. The outdoor program, which is free, has performances at 6 and 7 p.m.

The program features live animals, costumed performers and a narration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

After each performance, attendees are invited inside the church for hot chocolate and cookies.

According to Senior Pastor Ben Spitler, GCN has been presenting the Live Nativity since the early 1990s. "It's one way we as a church family keep the focus on Christ in Christmas," he said. "We desire to give the Montgomery

Village community this opportunity to remember the Christmas story and what this season is all about."

People of all ages enjoy the program, and children are especially excited to see the animals. Over the years, local farmers have provided lambs, donkeys and goats to lend authenticity to the story. After each performance, individuals can get a closer look at the animals and may even be able to pet them.

In addition to the Live Nativity, GCN invites the community to morning services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 9 and 10:45 a.m., and a candlelight service at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 301-330-0366. GCN is located at 8921 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg.

SAVE THE DATE!
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

KEHILAT SHALOM AND THE FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES present

Fiddler on the Roof

Sunday, December 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

FEATURING

ELLEN KATZ

Entertainer, musical and theatrical historian, and "Edu-tainer" Ellen Katz will explain how the beloved Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof" was created and produced, and will perform some of the songs we have all come to love.

ALSO APPEARING

- Hazzan Kim Komrad of Kehilat Shalom
- Hazzan Sara Geller of B'nai Shalom of Olney

Light refreshments will be served following the performance.
ADMISSION IS FREE!
 Donations and sponsorships would be appreciated.
 For more information, email kehilatshalomevents@gmail.com or contact Dee Jolles at 301-428-9740.

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RECREATION

Winter Break Club

Reserve your spot in the Winter Break Club for active fun during school break, Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 29!

Children in grades K through 5 (ages 5 to 11) will gather at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for days filled with games, sports and fun activi-

ties. Flexible registration options allow you to choose one, two, three or all four days. Children must bring a non-perishable lunch each day.

Pre-registration required. Winter Break Club costs \$30/day per Resident and \$40/day per Non-resident. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Taekwondo Open House – Jan. 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Stop by North Creek Community Center, 2015 Arrowhead Road, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 for an introductory Taekwondo lesson led by instructor Michael McFarland of Han Mi Martial Arts!

Participants will be introduced to the authentic Korean Martial Art of Taekwondo, “the way of hands and feet,” the world’s most popular martial art form. Taekwondo is known for its powerful kicks and challenging sparring style while also being a fun and competitive international sport. Full classes are designed for ages 3 ½ to adult.

For more information or to register for the full session, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

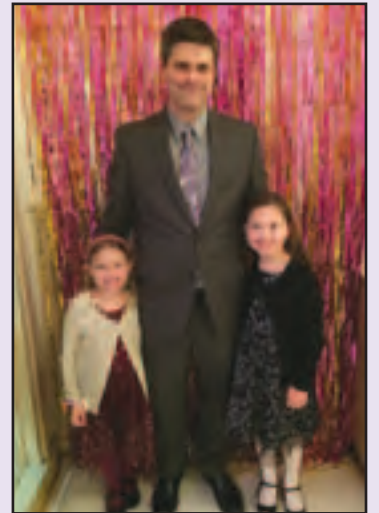
10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine’s Dance

Girls ages 5 to 12 and their father or father figure can spend a special night dancing and having fun from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Pull out your prettiest dress and Daddy’s favorite tie! It’s time to dance the night away while you enjoy sweet treats with your sweetheart. Father/daughter duos can count on favorite dance tunes, tasty refreshments, fun raffles and a charming balloon drop at the end of the evening. Couples will also receive a keepsake photo!

Don’t delay – this event always sells out! Early registration is encouraged. Register by Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 to receive the rate of \$17/per person (Resident), \$22/per person (Non-resident). Registration fees increase after January 26.

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



Teen Art Café

\$22/Resident
\$27/Non-resident

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Friday, Feb. 2
6 to 8 p.m.



Join us at Teen Art Café as **Lake Marion Community Center** transforms into a coffee house with music, refreshments, friendship and fun activities. “Make and Take” a graffiti string art project to decorate your room and awesome bath bombs to give as a gift or keep for yourself!

For more information or to register, call Tara O’Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

T-ball for ages 4 to 7

Wednesdays
Jan. 10 to Feb. 28
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

\$40/Resident
\$50/Non-resident

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Indoor T-ball 1.0 for ages 4 to 6
4 to 5 p.m.

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Indoor T-ball 2.0 for ages 5 to 7
5 to 6 p.m.

For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2361, e-mail chayes@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com

Fridays
Jan. 12 to March 30
7 to 11 p.m.

www.montgomeryvillage.com

Register Early!

Space is limited.

Team Fee:
\$475/team with a minimum of 7 players by Wednesday, Dec. 27.
\$525/team with a minimum of 7 players after Wednesday, Dec. 27. *You may only sign up for one team.

\$100 Non-refundable deposit due at time of registration to reserve team space.

Individual player: \$55

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 10.
Teams must wear same color shirts.
40-minute games. 5 vs. 5 field play.

ID required for all players. Players may only play on one team.
Please note that the length of the season is dictated by the number of registered teams.

For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2361, e-mail chayes@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com

RECREATION

POP Pilates

New year, new moves! Join Alysha Cunningham for a fusion of ab-chiseling, total-body-defining moves choreographed to everyone's favorite Top 40 hits! This intense mat-based work-out is for all fitness levels and ages. Fitness moves focus on developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles. Classes are held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Stedwick Com-

munity Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Drop-in for \$7/class, or register for the full session. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>. Stick around for BANG Power Dance™ with Heidi from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to take your Tuesday evening work-out to a whole new level!

Valentine's Wine & Paint

Uncork your creativity with a little wine, a little mess and a lot of love from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. In this special Valentine's edition of our popular Wine & Paint events, couples will create a fun, two canvas masterpiece for the home. In-

dividual artists are welcome too and will create a similar piece using just one canvas! Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide you step-by-step through this unique and easy painting with acrylics on stretched canvases. No experience necessary! Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. The cost for

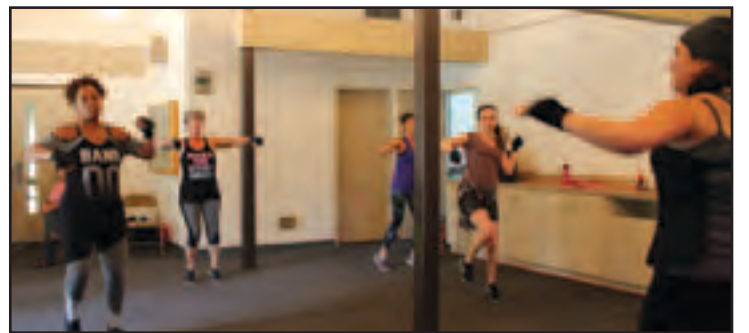
this event is \$32/Resident and \$38/Non-resident; participants must be 21 or older to attend. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

BANG Power Dance™ with Heidi

Our Zumba instructor is taking on a new class—join Heidi on Tuesdays for BANG Power Dance! This urban-inspired dance/fitness class is a fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training. This class will take your workout to a whole new level. Using a carefully designed mix of today's hottest music, BANG Power Dance will inspire you to get fit and move! Join the fun from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 2 to March 20, 2018. Class cost

is \$66/Resident, \$76/Non-resident or \$7 to drop-in. For more information or to register

call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.



Winter Fitness

Get the ball rolling on those New Year's resolutions and register for winter fitness classes today!

Winter session fitness classes include: Youth Ballet on Saturday mornings; Children's Basketball Express on Sundays and Mondays; Taekwondo on Mondays; BANG Power Dance on Tuesdays; Pop Pilates on Tuesdays or Thursdays; Aerobics, Monday through Thursday; Zumba on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Yoga on Wednesdays and Sundays; and Gentle Yoga on Thursday mornings!

With such a variety of classes, there is something for everyone! For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>. Not sure one of these classes is right for you? Try out any of our adult classes now using the convenient "Drop-In" option!

Soccer Shots

Are you looking for soccer instruction or gameplay for your young one? Soccer Shots has a variety of educational and recreational options for children ages 2 through 8. Toddler and Classic instruction is available through age 5. It's more than just soccer; in each class a high emphasis is placed on character development and striving to leave

a lasting, positive impact on every child. Children learn through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, as well as creative, imaginative games and weekly sessions that focus on basic skills. Premier League Play for ages 5 to 8 builds and teaches more advanced skills and increased scrimmage time. Introduction to tactical elements of

the game as students prepare to play on competitive teams. The winter sessions will be held in Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Times and prices vary per session. For more information and to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Indoor Tennis

If you are a beginner or expert player looking for extra match play, MVF's tennis programs offer the challenge for you. This year under the direction of Professional Tennis Registry Tennis Instructor John Raaf, lessons for ages 5 and older are available. All

winter tennis classes are held indoors at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Participants are responsible for bringing their own racquets (a limited number of racquets are available to lend), water and appropriate footwear.

Tennis classes are held on Tuesday evenings January through February. Times and dates vary for different age levels. For times, dates, pricing information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, Jan. 20

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 online by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20! Each booklet contains 12 cards.

Prices at the door are \$10/Booklet or \$1/card (cash only).

Snow date is Saturday, Jan. 27.

For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.

Ooey-Gooley Science Day

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Friday, Jan. 26

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

RECREATION

Teeny Tiny Chefs

Even the youngest kids love to create in the kitchen! Children ages 3 to 5 and their parents can get cooking from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 to Jan. 30, 2018 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

In this specially designed parent/child preschool culinary program, we connect cooking concepts and recipes with themes and characters

drawn from selected children's books, and add songs and movement activities to keep our tiniest chefs engaged.

Picky eater Lola from "I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato" will help us make Morning Glory Muffins. We will learn the Chicken Dance while waiting for our Cheese Strata to bake and sing "On Top of Spaghetti" while making Pasta Primavera. Each day

will also introduce the students to "Kitchen Science" – fun experiments that will teach them how science and food go hand-in-hand.

Teeny Tiny Chefs costs \$78/Resident and \$88/Non-resident. To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more program information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



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 at visit call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.

Tiny Tots Playtime for ages 5 and younger

Looking for something to do with your little one during the Winter? Bring your tiny tot to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for playtime in the gym! Have fun interacting with your little one while you play with balls, hula-hoops and scooters, or bring your own riding toys. Parents must supervise children at all times.

Join the fun from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Fridays, Jan. 5 to March 16, 2018. Tiny Tots

Playtime costs \$30/Resident, \$40/Non-resident and \$12/additional children in the same family. Not sure you will be able to come every Friday morning? Try it out with the Drop-In option for only \$3/Resident and \$4/Non-resident each week.

To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more program information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



Wednesdays
Jan. 10 to March 28
8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



Grab some friends and head to Lake Marion Community Center! Adults ages 18 and older can play pickup style basketball, maintain their basketball skills and stay fit.

\$48/Resident
\$60/Non-resident
\$5/Drop-in

For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367, e-mail chayes@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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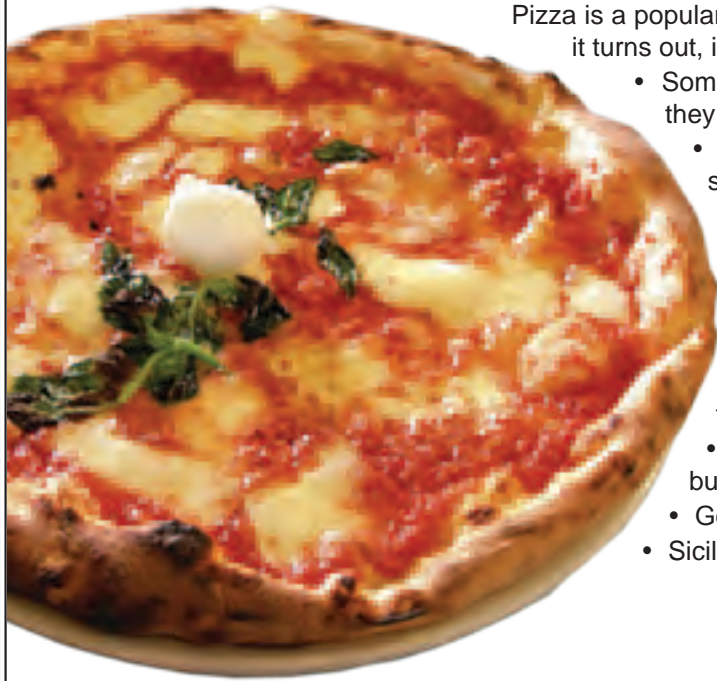
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MV Kids Learn About PiZZa

Fun Pizza Facts:

Pizza is a popular food that almost every kid loves, but where did it come from? Its history is a bit cloudy, and as it turns out, it may not have started in Italy at all!

- Some people think pizza may have started in Rome with a flat, round bread called "plankuntos" that they topped with a variety of things. Others think the Greeks brought pizza to Italy.
- Greeks, Egyptians and others around the Mediterranean also ate what was an early form of pizza similar to what we now call focaccia.
- Pizza was considered a peasant's meal in Italy for centuries.
- The first true pizza was made by Raffaele Esposito in Naples, Italy, in 1889. He baked the pizza for Queen Margherita, who had seen the peasants eating them in the streets. He created a special pizza for her using tomatoes, mozzarella cheese and basil. The red, white and green colors resembled the Italian flag, and this type of pizza is still called a margherita pizza.
- Pizza wasn't popular in America until after World War II, when soldiers who had eaten it returned to the U.S. from Italy.
- The first pizzeria, Antica Pizzeria Port' Alba, in Naples, Italy, was opened in 1830 and is still in business today.
- Gennaro Lombardi opened America's first pizzeria in New York City on Spring Street in 1905.
- Sicilian pizza is an American invention; true Sicilian pizza has no cheese.



Picture of an authentic Neapolitan Pizza Margherita taken by Valerio Capello on September 6, 2005 in a pizzeria ("I Decumani") located on the Via dei Tribunali in Naples.

Make Your Own Pizza at Home

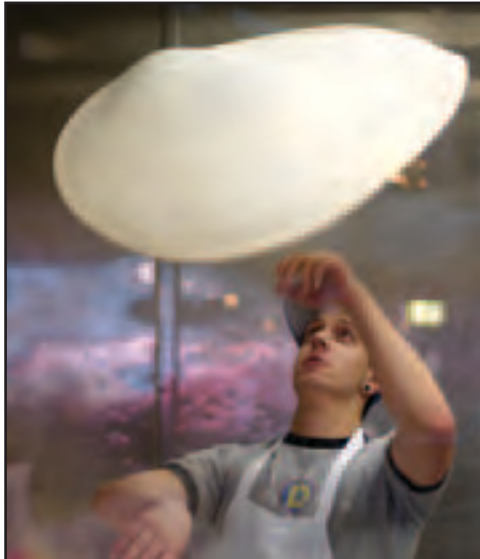
Be sure to ask your parents for permission before starting.

Ingredients

- 1 roll of Refrigerated Biscuits
- Pizza Sauce
- Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- Toppings (optional)

What You Do

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease cookie sheets.
2. Separate each biscuit into 4 layers; place on greased cookie sheets.
3. Spread each biscuit layer with 1 teaspoon pizza sauce.
4. Top each with cheese and toppings.
5. Bake for 7 to 9 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown.



The Art of Tossing Pizza Dough

If you ever go to a pizzeria and see the chef tossing a pizza dough into the air, it's not just for show, but also a good way to stretch the dough without tearing it.

Tossing pizza dough in the air helps the crust stay moist and chewy with just the right amount of crunch. The toss also helps the crust stay uniform — which is harder to do when you're using your hands to pat out the shape.



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

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...



SiA Members paint and decorate terra cotta pots in Arts & Crafts



SiA Light Cardio class on Tuesdays and Thursdays is a great way to get moving.

Up next...

Seniors in Action- Winter Session

Thank you to all of those who participated in the 2017 SiA Fall Session. The Seniors in Action Winter session will begin Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018! Enrollment for the Winter Session starts Friday, Dec. 1.



Jewelry Workshop

Join experienced instructors Moema King and Edna Miller on Mondays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon for this new Jewelry Workshop!

Create a beautiful holiday jewelry gift set in this easy and fun workshop designed for the novice jewelry maker. Learn to develop patterns, assemble jewelry designs, string beads and close sets with classic finishes (crimp and toggle or magnetic clasp). Necklace and earring set or necklace and bracelet set.

Workshop costs \$20/Member or \$30/Non-member with a \$10 supply fee due to instructors at first meeting.



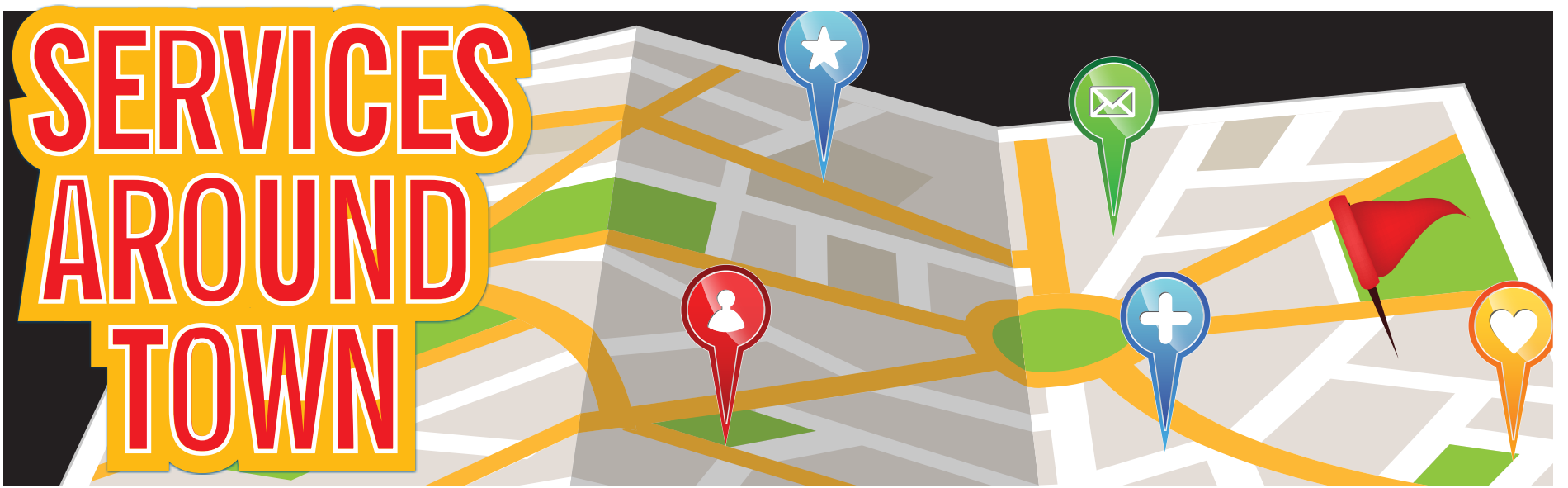
Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch crew will meet at the Stedwick Community Center on the second Tuesday of each month after the conclusion of Tai Chi. Please see the flyer on the SiA board for more info!

REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com!

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



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