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Breakfast with Santa was a success again this year as delighted children had the opportunity to tell Santa Claus exactly what they were hoping to receive for Christmas this year! In addition to one-on-one time with St. Nick, families enjoyed a breakfast buffet, crafts and a photo station for the whole family to enjoy.

Highlights from 2015

by Mike Conroy

2015 has been a productive year in Montgomery Village. One the eve of the community's 50th Anniversary year, the words "flourish" and "change" have been as present as they were prominent in 1966 when the Kettler Brothers first broke ground.

This year county planners engaged residents in the extensive Montgomery Village Master Plan process, producing a new master plan, the first ever for solely Montgomery Village. The plan, which is awaiting review and decision by the county council, includes a complete rezoning of the Village, replacing the unique Town Sector Zone and unifying it with county standards.

In keeping with the Master Plan process, Monument Realty presented their Development Plan Amendment to the

county, to potentially develop a portion of the former golf course, hoping to have it approved prior to the master plan process being completed. After a decision from the County Hearing Examiner that the project didn't meet the criteria for approval, Monument decided to wait until after the Master Plan was approved to pursue development on the property. Recently, to help keep the area safe, secure and free of trespassers, the buildings on the property were demolished.

The county is also in the midst of the long awaited Lake Whetstone sediment removal project. Equipment has been on site for several months, removing sediment from the lake and shipping it to an EPAapproved site out of county. This cleanup of our largest (man-made) natural asset helps keep the community looking

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Montgomery Village turns 50

by Mike Conroy

2016 will be an exciting year for our community – Montgomery Village is turning 50 years old! Over the last 49 years, we've watched the Village grow, change and flourish into the proud community it is today. Next year, we celebrate those accomplishments and milestone anniversary as we look to the future and what the next 50 years will mean for the community.

In December 2014, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors appointed a group of residents to the 50th Anniversary Committee to begin planning celebration activities and events for the whole community. After a year's work, the committee has made plans to celebrate that are family-friendly, acknowledge Village history and make a commitment to the future of the community.

CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Activities and events include some new ideas and some added themes to existing events. Celebrations include: a 50th Anniversary Party; an art exhibition at the Art, Craft and

Photography Show; the MVF Annual Meeting; an Arbor Day Celebration; a Seniors in Action luncheon; decadethemed musical selections by the Montgomery Village Community Band at the Summers in South Valley Park concert series kickoff; reduced ride rates at the July 4th Celebration; a special concert by "The Reagan Years"; dedication of a Historical Marker; a Nature Center Celebration; themed activities at the Great Pumpkin Race; and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. A limited number of 50th Anniversary giveaway items will also be associated with many of the activities.

50[™] ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Sunday, Feb. 28, residents are invited to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, to kick off the celebration activities and celebrate the anniversary of groundbreaking for Montgomery Village. Enjoy family fun from 2 to 4 p.m. with George Washington from the Wash-

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan.11 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan.12 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

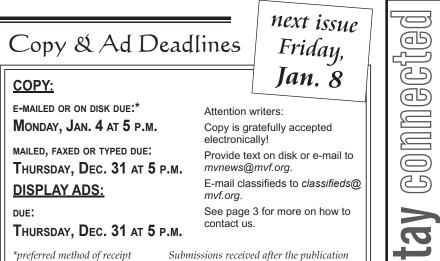
The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.





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Holiday Hours

The MVF Office will be

closed Thursday, Dec. 24 and

Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas,

and Friday, Jan. 1, 2016

for New Year's Day.

Happy Holidays!

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Serving the residents of Montgomery Village

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2016 is almost here!

EVP'S MESSAGE

by David Humpton MVF Executive Vice President

ASSESSMENT NOTICE LETTERS/ COLLECTIONS NEWS/ COUPONS

Every December, assessment notices are sent out along with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Collection Policy and information explaining the responsibilities of the homes corporations versus those of MVF. This year all of the same information was translated into Spanish and sent out in the same envelope. It is very important that every resident read the Collection Policy which was amended by the MVF Board in 2014.

The Collection Policy states that if a resident is renewing their MVF Activity Card after April 30 and the assessment account balance on the property is delinquent, the delinquent balance plus the remaining assessments due through December 31 must be paid in full prior to receipt of the Activity Card. Our records show that in the past, most delinquent owners who paid their assessment balance in order to receive their activity cards stopped paying after receiving their activity cards, thus causing MVF's delinquency rate to increase 1.5% to 2% over the next 12 months.

In fact, the change in policy did prove to be effective, and at the end of the third quarter of 2015, MVF's unit delinquency rate decreased by 1% to 7.8%, which is the lowest level since the third quarter of 2007. The decrease also marks the fourth consecutive quarter the rate has decreased. If you did not receive the explanatory Collection Policy, call the MVF Office at 301-948-0110, and we will send one out to you.

You should also be watching for coupons, which will be sent to you as well. I hope every resident will plan to pay their assessments on time. We are like any business and need the revenue to operate all of the services and facilities that we provide.

LEISURE POOL

One of MVF's biggest projects for 2016-2017 will be the complete renovation of the Apple Ridge Pool and Bathhouse. At its December 3 meeting, the MVF Board authorized the EVP to finalize and execute a contract with KellerCM for over \$2M dollars. The pool will be the Village's first leisure pool, with a lazy river, two slides, a splash area and more. The bathhouse will be majorly upgraded and refreshed to provide improved ADA access, family changing areas and better showers.

Construction will begin after the pool closes for the 2016 season. A concept plan for the pool can be seen on the MVF website under "About MV," "Development & Projects," Apple Ridge Pool Renovation."

TURNING 50

That's correct – MVF will turn 50 in 2016, and the 50th Anniversary Committee has planned a number of activities to celebrate this milestone. It is also fitting that the county council will adopt a new Montgomery Village Master Plan in early 2016, which will chart our future and encourage community and economic development.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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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.

 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.
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.



MVF Board holds final meeting of 2015

by Mike Conroy

Following a reception honoring and thanking the volunteers who serve on homes corporation and condominium association boards and Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) committees, the MVF Board met for the final time in 2015.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MVF Board President John Driscoll thanked staff and the community for another successful Christmas Tree Lighting, noting it is one of his favorite community events. He also discussed two recent county meetings he attended, and was encouraged by how members of the community acted at each.

Driscoll said that at the recent master plan hearing, he noticed that each speaker was prepared and concise, no matter their position on a particular issue. He echoed a statement from Residents Time, calling Village residents informed and educated about the subject matter. Driscoll also mentioned continued meetings to address safety and noise issues at the Montgomery County Airpark, and encouraged the full MVF Board to attend the next meeting.

EVP REPORT

EVP Dave Humpton alerted the Board to the fact that the large dredging equipment at Lake Whetstone was being removed, though the project was not complete. He said smaller equipment will be used to finish the job, hopefully before the end of the year. Humpton also noted that the restrooms and concession stand in South Valley Park were nearing completion, and would be operational in the spring.

Humpton said that the legislative session would soon be upon us, and that he and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens would keep a close eye on legislation that would affect the Village, as has been done in the past. He did mention that changes were coming to the CCOC, which would increase homeowner taxes. The county agency is being moved to a new department and being staffed at a higher rate, to help with homeowner/association issues.

AGENDA ITEMS

Starting the action list with personnel-related items, the Board authorized the EVP to negotiate and execute contracts for both 2016 Insurance and Employee Health Care Insurance. The Board also appointed Patrick Berger to the Investment Committee, to fill a vacancy that had been open for some time.

In other committee-related items, updates to the Advertising Agreement, as recommended by the Communications Committee, were approved. Upon recommendation of the Architectural Review Board (ARB), new Patio and Balcony Door Guidelines and Exterior/ Holiday Light Guidelines were also approved. These guidelines are new, establishing procedures and details for installing both doors and holiday decorations.

Also with regard to committees, the Board discussed and then approved adding language to all MVF committee guidelines concerning Standards of Conduct for committee members and responsibilities of the Committee Chair. These issues were discussed at the 2015 MVF Board Retreat and are designed to help keep committee meetings productive and positive.

In Recreation matters, the Board authorized the EVP to negotiate and execute a contract for the Apple Ridge Pool Renovation project with Keller Construction Management for \$2,273,256. The bid for purchase of a replacement vehicle for an older maintenance truck was also approved. The new vehicle will be a versatile utility wagon that can transport covered supplies, equipment or passengers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry reported on MVF's financial health for the month of October and the year-to-date (YTD). Berry said Revenue was under the budget both for the month and YTD. Major drivers for this are Assessment Fees, Camp and Classes and Investments; investments are rebounding slowly with low returns after a few months of volatility in the market. Pool Memberships, Capital Contribution Fees (CCF) and Disclosure Fees are trending favorable to the budget.

Personnel expenses are favorable to the budget by \$168,943 YTD, mostly due to vacancies throughout the year and lower than expected summer wages. Most vacant positions have been filled. Total Operating Costs are favorable to the budget by \$26,585 for the month and \$227,606 YTD.

Contributions to Reserves (CTR) have been made in accordance with the budget. In October, \$82,254 was transferred to Reserves, bringing the 10-month total CTR to \$822,542. The CFF also saw another \$15,431 for the month and totals \$122,004 YTD. Berry noted approximately \$652,000 has been spent to replace reserve assets YTD.

Net Income for the month was \$168,479 and totals \$749,721 YTD. This is favorable to the budget by approximately \$205,000; trends show that the budget will remain favorable by the year's end. Berry said that because of this anticipated favorable variance, the Board decided not to increase the MVF Fund assessment in 2016 (the Designated User assessment increase was approved).

As of October 31, the Balance sheet shows MVF's continued solid financial position. MVF has just under \$8 million in Cash and Investments, with \$1.8 million in Undesignated Reserves and over \$6 million in Designated Reserves.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting is open to the public, and residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Residents are invited to "Meet the Candidates" at 7 p.m., and the regular Residents Time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

MVF Financial Reports - October 2015

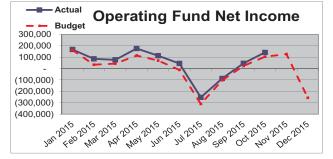
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

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MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended October 31, 2015

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,434,668	1,944,906
Investments	5,553,446	5,777,419
Due from Reserves	319,329	49,889
Assessment Receivables	1,026,145	1,052,766
Other Receivables	60,508	49,545
Current Assets	9,394,095	8,874,525
		40,404,400
Gross Fixed Assets	13,579,354	12,481,490
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,584,285)	(7,094,589)
Fixed Assets	5,995,069	5,386,901
Other Assets	40,987	51,956
Assets	15,430,151	14,313,382
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	319,329	49.889
Pavables	387.472	284.988
Deferred Revenue Liab	961,936	904,707
Liabilities	1,668,737	1,239,585
Undesignated Reserves	2,020,735	1,799,719
Designated Reserves	11,740,674	11,274,078
Equity	13,761,409	13,073,797
Liabilities & Equity	15,430,151	14,313,382



For complete details and explanations, please refer to the Treasurer's Report in the MVF Board meeting packet, which can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Highlights

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good to visitors and residents. On the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) side of things, investments in maintaining the community have also been made. The construction of the restrooms and concession stand facility in South Valley Park is all but complete and will be operational for the 2016 event season in the park. Solar panels were installed on the roof of Lake Marion Community Center, providing renewable energy for some of the center's electricity needs and saving utility costs over the life of the system. And following in the footsteps of Whetstone Pool, the planning and designs for the Apple Ridge Pool renovation were completed this year, paving the way for the demolition and reconstruction after the close of the pool season next year.

And while change in a community is often associated with development, there have been plenty of other changes for the benefit of residents that occurred this year. The MVF Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the Architectural Review Board, made architectural criteria changes to several neighborhoods and house styles. These changes opened up new possibilities for homeowners looking to make upgrades to their homes.

Preparations have been made to celebrate Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary all year long. The 50th Anniversary Committee worked hard to put together a series of programs and events that help celebrate the community's history, diversity and continued effort to flourish for another 50 years. A full schedule of events can be found online at *www.montgomery village.com*.

Speaking of the website, the Communications Committee

and MVF staff just finished a year-long project to update the website with a new, userfriendly, mobile-capable version. The new site is more streamlined, and boasts better menu structure and a resident dashboard with personalized community and property information. This refreshing take on the old online presence is one of the best ways for both residents and visitors to see all that Montgomery Village has to offer. Of course, continued mar-

keting efforts don't stop there. The third installment of *Flourish* magazine was recently released and is being distributed around the county. This issue of the full color magazine emphasizes how our history has helped shape where we are today, and how the community can use that experience to continue to grow. And, for the 27th consecutive year, Montgomery Village was recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. When the Kettler Brothers planned the details of the Village, they made sure that a tree canopy was part of that plan. Montgomery Village has always been a place to find ample greenery, and our commitment to keeping it that way is one of the reasons many residents choose to move here.

Finding something to do, close to home, has also been a reason for residents to enjoy the Village. In 2015, a host of new programs were added to our recreation offerings, including Argentine Tango, Pickleball, Soccer Shots, Pros2You Tennis and Wine & Paint, and more new classes are on tap for 2016, like Cardio Kickboxing and POP Pilates. 2015 also saw the addition of some new specialty camps for Lego, young chefs and those interested in science. The summer events received some updates, adding Maryland Community Band Day, Art in the Park and Pony2Go Petting Zoo to the Summers at South Valley Park line up. Another successful new event was Touch A Truck, where children were invited to climb on area businesses' large trucks and find out about large machinery. And if that wasn't enough, tot lots around the Village, including those in Picton and at North Creek Community Center (as well as others by the East Village Homes Corporation) were replaced with upgraded equipment this year.

When you combine that with the regular line up of seasonal classes and programs, and annual events including the Home Show, July 4 Celebration, The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival, New Residents Welcome Reception, Community Christmas Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa and the Toys for Tots Concert, it's no wonder that 2015 has kept us busy.

As always, no year is perfect. In 2015 we said goodbye to a few long-time residents and Village supporters including Vincent Santiago, George Aubin and Milton Kaufmann. Each one of these individuals left their mark on the community, whether through volunteering, community activism, ecological advocating or unique ties to building the Village. Their accomplishments will be treasured and their tenacity and love for Montgomery Village will be missed.

All in all, 2015 has been a year of accomplishment and change for the better. As the year comes to a close, we thank residents and volunteers for their commitment to helping the Village flourish. We look forward to more growth in 2016 and wish the community a happy, health holiday season.





North Creek Community Center 20125 Arrowhead Road Snow Date, Thursday, Feb. 4

If you have a question for a MVF Board candidate but are unable to attend the Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 2, you may e-mail your question to *mconroy@mvf.org* no later than Friday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. Please note that all questions submitted in writing prior to the Candidates' Forum must be authenticated as to resident names and addresses.



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Annual 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.

HISTORY ABOUT THE 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 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 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 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.

Anniversary

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ington Nationals; a free photo booth; Village trivia; fitness walk information; and create a community mural; enjoy free refreshments and more!



In addition to the activities planned for the anniversary party and the entire year, Village residents can now show their community pride all year long with official Montgomery Village Logo License Plates from the MVA.

The approval process requires a list of 25 initial interested residents with vehicles registered in Maryland; those interested need to provide their name, address, make/ model of vehicle and current license plate number. Those on the list will have the first opportunity to purchase the logo license plates from the MVA for \$25 (current plates must be surrendered). It is anticipated that the first run of the logo plates will be available in March. After 25 commitments are confirmed, the application will be submitted to the state. After the request for the custom plates is approved by the state, additional plates can be ordered by residents.

For information or questions on any of the 50th Anniversary celebration activities, contact Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture Peggy Mark at 240-243-2337 or e-mail *pmark@mvf.org*, or Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail *mconroy@mvf.org*, or visit *www. montgomeryvillage.com*.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Editor:

The 12/4/2015 MV News announced a new MVF web site, one that blithely encouraged resident registration and the creation of a resident profile in order to access MVF governance information.

The MVF Board and staff are asking residents to risk their privacy. I am concerned that this initiative to harvest a personal profile from every resident of Montgomery Village will place residents at risk of identity theft. Residents who wish to access the MVF web page for information on governance must first hand over personally identifiable information in order to establish a resident profile needed to access information. Some of the elements in a resident profile include name, property address, billing address, phone (home, cell, work), email address, and names of house occupants.

The cardinal rule of Cyber Security tradecraft is not to use the Internet for information you cannot afford to lose. The reason for this is that no combination of security and privacy measures offers full protection. Privacy is the right to reveal oneself selectively, and no one can afford to lose their personal identity.

Just how is your privacy protected? The MVF staff does not possess the skills and abilities to protect the privacy and security of Village residents. In fact, Cyber Security is something that the MVF Board and staff know very little about, something about which very little is actually known, and something that in the end may prove to be unknowable. The answer to the question, your privacy cannot be protected.

Just why are MVF Board and staff asking residents to risk their privacy simply to access information once available to them at no risk? Residents need to object to this unnecessary intrusion and demand unfettered access to MVF governance information as before. Residents are urged to object by not registering.

Don O'Neill Whetstone

Editors note:

Information about Montgomery Village contained on the latest iteration of the website is accessible to all residents, whether they are homeowners or renters, as well as to visitors to the site. Only information populated on the resident dashboard is specific to a property address and requires an approved account to access.

In the previous version of the website, residents had the option to create a user account to access transaction history and recurring charges for their property. On the redesigned website, the information that residents can access about their property is more in depth and useful. However, since the resident dashboard contains information specific to a property and/or property owner, it makes sense that one would need a verified account to access it. Residents can now view their ARB Decisions, Architectural and Covenant Violations, Paint Records, Recurring Charges, Transaction History and Contact Information, which are all part of the MVF resident database. The new site merely interacts with the database in near real time, allowing residents access to more information they were already contacting the MVF Office for.

Also contained on the resident dashboard, for convenience, are community policies and architectural criteria for the property. This eliminates the need for residents to search through large menus and pages of information they don't need, for a few items they may be in search of. Additionally, this helps manage the clean look and uncluttered site map for the forward-facing website.

This practice is similar for many other communities not managed by MVF, including some within Village borders who have websites through their respective management companies.

All homeowner information on the dashboard is also available by calling the MVF Office; having the option to access the information at times convenient to homeowners, even when the MVF Office is closed, was a consideration when creating the new site.

The MVF website employs many features to protect information and integrity of the website. The site is hosted on a dedicated server in a secure datacenter off site. The website itself is built on an industry standard CMS with a dedicated security team that scrutinizes code and updates; regular maintenance updates are performed. SSL certificates for the site ensure proper authentication as well as encryption, and the connection to the resident database is also encrypted. User passwords are encrypted using an industry

standard storage method that ensures their safety in the event of a database breach; staff cannot access passwords either. Payments are not accepted on the MVF website – third party sites with their own safety protocols handle these functions.

By visiting any website, users are risking some amount of privacy, as most sites use analytic data and user accounts to better serve their customers. Many sites that are visited by users also require a personal account be set up to access some, if not all information on that particular site, especially on sites where personal information can be found.

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.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Lakeforest Mall located at 701 Russell Avenue on Nov. 27 at 5:39 p.m. The suspects assaulted the adult female victim and forcibly took her purse and cell phone.

Share Your Milestones With Village Residents

Send your birth, engagement or wedding announcements, achievements or other good news to *mvnews@mvf.org* or complete the Milestones form online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com*.

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2016 Annual Calendar	Friday, Oct. 2	Dec. 18

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County Holiday Schedule

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1:

County Offices - closed

Libraries – closed Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26, Friday, Jan. 1 and Saturday, Jan. 2; all branches will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 31

County Liquor Stores – closed Thursday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.; closed Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1

Recreation – all facilities are closed on Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1; senior centers, community and neighborhood recreations centers will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 through Friday, Jan. 1; aquatics to close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 31. Contact aquatics facility directly for modified holiday schedules

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 on Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1; limited weekday service until 10 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 **Metrobus** – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

Recycling pickup - no collection*

Transfer Station – closed Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1; Transfer's Station's public drop-off area will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 31

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free MCPS Administrative Offices – closed Thursday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1

State Offices and Courts – closed

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







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Capped Trim, A

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Retaining Wall, A

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MARYLAND PLACE

Vinyl Siding and Trim, A

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Replacement Windows with

Replacement Windows, A

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WAY - Awning, AWM

Replacement Windows with

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 **DECEMBER 2, 2015**

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20157 HOB HILL WAY -Window Well, A

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9426 CHATTEROY PL -Exterior Light, A

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18956 MONTGOMERY VIL-LAGE AVE - Trim, AWM

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19630 ENTERPRISE WAY -Patio, D 19630 ENTERPRISE WAY -

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Capped Trim, AWM

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Miscellaneous, AWM

WHETSTONE

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Miscellaneous, AWM 10226 RIDGELINE DR -Replacement Patio Door, AWM

NORTHGATE

20306 GENTLE WAY -Gutter Guard, A

20225 LEA POND PL -Roof, A

20309 GRAZING WAY -Patio, D

20512 ASPENWOOD LN -Solar Systems, A

9500 ASPENWOOD CT -Replacement Patio Door, A

9500 ASPENWOOD CT -Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A

9951 FOREST VIEW PL -Downspout/Gutter, A

20153 DARLINGTON DR -Exterior Paint, A

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Gutter, AWM 20149 DARLINGTON DR -

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Sidelight, A 10015 MAPLE LEAF DR -

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Replacement Windows, AWM 9700 QUAILS NEST WAY -

20308 SWALLOW POINT

20308 SWALLOW POINT RD - Replacement Siding,

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Solar Systems, A

RD - Shutters, AWM

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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Holiday Season

by the North Village Board of Directors

In this last article of the year, the North Village Board of Directors wishes each and every resident of North Village a happy holiday season. As we drive through the homes corporation, we see the many delightful decorations of the season. It is always encouraging to see residents taking an active role in maintaining their properties and contributing to the beauty of the community.

ELECTION BALLOTS

The election for your board of directors is underway. Residents should be receiving election materials shortly. Ballots are due early next year, so please take the time to review the candidates and be sure to vote. It is important that we receive your vote so that we meet the required quota for the election. If we do not receive enough ballots, the election will have to be repeated. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016. Read the candidate statements below and take the time to familiarize yourself with the candidates. Remember that the directors serve three-year terms as volunteers who make the important decisions overseeing the half-a-million dollar budget of your North Village community of 888 homes.

SUMMARY OF 2016 CANDIDACY STATEMENTS

SANDY KRAMER

My name is Sandy Kramer and I would like to serve on the Board of Directors of NVHC. I've lived, worked and volunteered in Montgomery Village for 40 years, with 30 of them in Salem's Grant. As a resident, I care deeply about our neighborhoods and am willing to continue to contribute my time and energy to address the needs of all the residents of North Village. I am a retired school teacher and realtor and would work hard to keep our community a wonderful place to live and work.

CLAUDETTE LEASE

I am running again for the North Village Homes Corporation Board. I have been a resident of North Village since 1979. I have been a board member for many years and love to serve all the residents of North Village. I started as a board member, and then became your Vice President and now the active President of North Village. I also served on the MAC Committee; go to all the security meetings; stay in touch with our security folks and call them from time to time for updates; attend some of the Montgomery Village Board of Directors meetings; and I chair the Environmental Committee working for all the residents of Montgomery Village.

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

QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT DUE

Remember that quarterly assessments are due on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. You should have received your new 2016 assessment booklet in the mail. With all of the excitement of the holidays, you may forget to send in your assessment payment. Payment can be made either by mail or direct delivery to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

I ATTON KIDGE KEPOK

Holiday spirit by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

One of the real joys of the holiday season is for the Patton Ridge Board of Directors to say thank you for the opportunity to serve you and make Patton Ridge a premier HOA to be a part of. As the year ends, we wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

LEAF REMOVAL

The leaf pickups included in the landscape contract have been completed; if you still have leaves or other yard debris that you need to dispose, please be sure to put them out in a large brown paper bag for pick up with your other recycling.

community cannot function without the contributions of the residents.

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NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Please remember that if you wish to address the board, you must arrive at the start of the meeting and sign in. Residents time is always the first item on the agenda and takes place promptly at 7 p.m. At the discretion of the president, each resident may be limited to five minutes so that the board can proceed with the regular meeting. Late arriving residents will not be heard once the regular meeting has begun. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward, 240-243-2344.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING There is no meeting in

December. The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; please limit your remarks to no more than five minutes.

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



MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village reminders

by the Middle village Board of Directors

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. Contact Com-Source to make arrangements to obtain the parking tag at the Olney office.

PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

Certain locations within Middle Village are designated as snow storage areas and are marked with "No Parking When Snow Is Forecast" signage. Anyone who parks in these areas when snow is forecast or falling will be immediately towed without notice.

In the case of snowfall that is three inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with your address to hold a space only if he/she cleared snow from the space. Only one cone is permitted per home/address, and can only hold a space for up to four days, or when two tires of a vehicle rests on the ground, instead of snow, in spaces that have not been shoveled – whichever occurs first. More than one cone with the same address will be removed and discarded. Additionally, cones that do not have the address clearly written on them, or that remain in spaces for more than the permitted timeframe as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

2016 ADOPTED BUDGET

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.

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 ser-

vice 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*.

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.

NORTHGATE NEWS

Northgate trash information

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Lack of proper trash disposal continues to be an issue in some sections of Northgate. Please help keep our community clean by observing the appropriate pickup days for regular and bulk trash.

Regular trash pickups for Overlea and The Points are on Mondays and Thursdays. All other sections have pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays (McKendree I & II, Apple Ridge, Shadow Oak, Dorsey's Regard and Williams Range).

If you need a bulk trash pickup, please place your items out on the following schedule: • Thursdays: Overlea and

- The Points
- Fridays: Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Shadow Oak and Williams Range

All bulk pickups must be placed curbside. Residents of Overlea and McKendree I & II must bring their bulk items to the curb. No recyclable items will be taken as bulk nor will construction material generated by a contractor. If a resident places a rug or carpet out for bulk pickup it is acceptable. If a homeowner has a carpet or rug contractor replacing rugs or carpet in the home, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the carpet or rugs.

Collections on the following holidays will be made on the next regularly scheduled service day: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Junior Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

In other news, the last leaf removal of the year should be completed by the time you read this.

On December 1, board president Jane Hatch testified before the Montgomery County Council regarding the classification of Wightman Road in the Montgomery Village Master Plan. Efforts continue to protect Northgate residences from any potential widening of the road.

The deadline for applying to run for the board of directors is Thursday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. Contact Tony Martella at *NorthgateHC@comsource.com* for application information.

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Living through the holidays

by the South Village Board of Directors

Sometimes it's a good idea to step back and take a breath. First, some not-so-random thoughts:

1. Remember that trash pickup will still take place Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24.

2. Try not to "junk up" the neighborhood during the holidays.

3. Remember that criminals are looking for presents left in cars, unlocked vehicles and so on. Secure your valuables and you're more likely to keep them.

4. Safety, please. All the extra electrical and decoration items may present fire or other hazards. Be careful, the life you save could be your own.

5. In many families, the holidays are stressful times. Indeed, in some families, they represent the triumph of hope over experience ("this year will be different!"). Help lower the domestic violence rate over the holidays by moderation and patience.

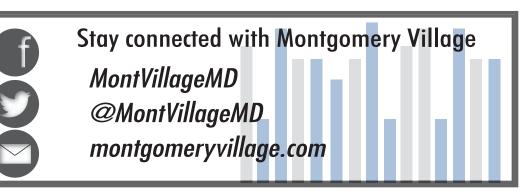
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

And speaking of holidays. This is a diverse community, and doubtless we'll accidentally leave someone's favorite on the table, it isn't for lack of trying. Among others, we wish you: • Happy Chanukah

• Merry Christmas (Latin Rite)

- An Early Merry Christmas (Orthodox and Eastern Rites
 Wednesday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016)
- Happy New Year (secular calendar)
- Blessed Mawlid an-Nabi
- Happy Boxing Day
- Cool Yule
- Festive Winter Solstice
- A Satisfying and Increasingly Just Human Rights Day

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





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WHETSTONE WATCH

Status of Montgomery Village Professional Center

by William R. Ott

What will happen to the Montgomery Village (MV) Professional Center? There are presently eight health care providers left (out of 45 to 60) in a once bustling office park of eight, small two-story buildings.

In April 2014 the center somehow went into foreclosure and is presently owned by a bank and in receivership. There is no question that it needs to be upgraded or redeveloped-many codes, most notably handicap accessibility, have changed since it was built nearly 50 years ago. Concerned that the center is no longer attractive to developers, given the surfeit of office space in Montgomery County, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Vision 2030 Plan recommended that it be redeveloped into a mixed use, residential/commercial site with no buildings higher than 65 feet. The present Montgomery County Planning Board recommendation, in response to a request from a representative of the owner for increased density and height limits, would allow heights up to 75 feet.

At the December 1 hearing before the county council, a Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) board representative requested that the height limit be rolled back to 65 feet. Another Whetstone resident proposed two other alternatives for the council's zoning considerations: 1) a redesign of the professional center for use by health care and other professionals, without residential or retail commercial use, and with a height limit of 40 feet; or 2) a residential-only extension of the Courts of Whetstone.

ZONING AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

What kind of redevelopment would be allowed under the high density, mixed use classification currently recommended by the county planning board and being considered by the county council? In a July 21 letter to the planning board by a representative of the owner, a three-building scheme to provide 240 apartment units and about 40 to 60 retail units was described. Each building would have five floors. This might be attractive to a potential developer, and it might be better than a nearly empty center, but one can reasonably ask whether this is what the residents of Montgomery Village really need.

For context, the highest building in Montgomery Village is the seven-story Walker House apartment building. The Sunrise building on Montgomery Village Avenue is six stories, as is the silver office building at 6 Montgomery Village Avenue across from the fire station.

The present professional center tract is quite small, about seven acres. It has a trapezoidal shape, with the longest dimension being about 200 yards along Centerway Road and the shortest about 120 yards along Whetstone Drive. One can walk around the perimeter in five minutes it is about 1/3 mile. There are presently 336 marked parking places.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

What would be some potential impacts of a redeveloped tract consistent with the classification currently being considered?

- Location and appearance: It is hard to imagine how three five-story buildings, with 20 apartments or retail units on each floor, could fit on the site and still allow for parking, traffic movement, gathering spaces, play areas and trash/recycle stations.
- Traffic: How many people and cars would go with 240 apartment units? The increase in both would be more than 50 percent over the adjacent Whetstone community of 447 residential units. There would be increased congestion on the three roads surrounding the site, most importantly Montgomery Village Avenue and Centerway Road, and probably new traffic lights on both.
- Schools: Would temporary buildings be needed to provide for an influx of 240 families in one location?
- **Safety and security:** Would secluded gathering areas within the new community be a breeding ground for crime?
- **Retail units:** Are these really needed to compete with the Village Center, which itself has problems with vacancies and is under consideration for redevelopment?

THE FUTURE

Am I being too negative? What are some positive thoughts? The initial proposal of MVF and the recent request by WHC at the recent county council meeting is for a height limit of 65 feet. This alone would be a big improvement. It would probably limit construction to four stories. A developer would have to cut back either on plans for retail space or the number of apartments. This is a start.

Further, one could imagine a developer, motivated by our county and community leaders, designing an iconic, creative, landmark structure to be a new Professional Center, one that would truly represent the "flourish" ideal in Montgomery Village. Something that would truly serve the Village residents, and not just another formless office building. Maybe a more imaginative centerpiece for our community, as the Gaithersburg and Germantown libraries are for theirs? Or something that melds with the adjoining Whetstone residential community? A "signature" Professional Center that would be attractive again to health care providers and other professionals, and one that county officials and Village residents could point to with pride for years to come.

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

uled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

Jan. 19, 2016 at Lake Marion

Community Center (LMCC),

are open to the public, and

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board meeting is followed

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EAST VILLAGE

COMMUNICATIONS

communications from EVHC

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org and including the subject,

"Register." Also check out the

EVHC Facebook page at www.

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search "East Village Homes

Corporation;" be sure to "Like"

our page to receive updates.

Our community manager

and the EVHC Board always

want to hear from residents.

If you have questions, sugges-

tions or just kudos, e-mail east

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East Village Echo: for residents

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Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke,

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As always, these meetings

8821 East Village Avenue.

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Happy Holidays from EVHC

by Scott R. Dyer

The East Village Homes Corporation's (EVHC) Board of Directors (David Cline, President; Kevin Linck, Vice President; Martin Sharpless, Treasurer; Terry O'Grady; Scott Dyer; Brian Benhaim; Shumon Sharif; and Glenn Gargan), along with Community Manager April Steward and Corporate Secretary Liana Roberts, wish you a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for another great year in 2016!

The best gift you can give is helping your fellow neighbor, whether it's a smile and a hello, helping to rake leaves or shovel snow, following EVHC and county rules to ensure the upkeep of the community and setting a good example for others to follow, or just being kind to one another.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016

EVHC will be focusing on

- the following projects in 2016:Replacement of the tot lot
- in The ReachReplace the wooden retaining wall in Holly Pointe
- Tree pruning in Ashford, Wethersfield, Holly Pointe and Glenbrooke
- Asphalt work, 2-inch mill and repave four streets in Ashford
- Concrete curb and gutter in the areas where asphalt is replaced

CALL FOR CANDIDATES – EVHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2016-2019)

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 *east villagehc@mvf.org* for more details on the eligibility requirements, nominating process, election and how to apply.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

A special thanks to EVHC Vice President, Kevin Linck (also a member of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board). Kevin arranged for a special presentation of the proposed Montgomery Village Master Plan, by Renée M. Kamen, AICP, Senior Planner, Montgomery County Planning Department, at EVHC's November meeting. For the latest on the Montgomery Village Master Plan, visit www.montgomery planning.org/community/ montgomery_village.

REMINDER— TRASH RULES & REGULATIONS

The East Village board reminds residents that both the county and EVHC require all trash to be placed in "verminproof" containers. A "verminproof" container is a trash can with a tightly fitting lid. Trash bags are not vermin-proof! 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 clean-up 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 sched-

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS

HOMES CORPORATIONS

Year end roundup

by Nancy Horn

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Stedwick board recently contracted with JB Kline to plant 27 new trees to replace some of those lost over the last year. In addition to the standard Oak, Maple, Redbud, Tulip Poplar and Gum trees, Witch Hazel, Colorado Blue Spruce and White Crape Myrtles were planted. In recent weeks, four dead or dying trees that were deemed hazardous by an arborist were immediately removed. In addition to emergency tree removal, once each year we go out for bid to remove up to 30 trees that are the highest priority on our tree watch list.

Asphalt repairs have been made on Stedwick Road and other places, adding to the safety and good appearance of our community.

Bids are currently out for curb painting, but the work may not be done until spring. However, a few days of sunshine to warm the curb concrete could make it possible to have the work done before then.

Storm drain covers have been ordered that allow flow of water, but block large items such as toys or limbs that could cause drain clogging. These metal grates will be placed on eight storm drains throughout Stedwick. The work should be done within a week or so – your assessment dollars at work!

LET'S PUT A LID ON IT

Halloween may be over, but Stedwick is still haunted by illegal dumping and improper trash handling by some in the community. This costs each and every one of us as additional assessment dollars, beyond the budgeted costs of trash removal, that must be used to keep the community clean and safe. The number of reports of rats in Stedwick has risen, so the issue of health is also of concern.

Montgomery County's trash policy clearly states the follow-ing:

- All containers for the storage of trash or garbage must be
- rigid containers of metal or plastic
- having tight-fitting, overlapping lids
- with a capacity of not less than 15 and not exceeding 45 gallons

Please contact Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326 to report those who are not following the closed trash bin laws. Please also call to report dumped furniture, mattresses and the like on community property. You may remain anonymous; you are not required to identify yourself.

You may also report any vehicle that has expired tags, ap-

pears to be inoperable because of flats, etc., or has not been moved on a regular basis to either our security contractor APS (240-631-8383), or the non-emergency police number (301-279-8000). APS continuously patrols our neighborhoods in marked cars, five times a week, for eight hours on each shift, looking for suspicious activity as well as these vehicles in violation of the parking rules. They also provide unscheduled foot patrols of certain areas, but with all this coverage they simply can't be in every part of our community every evening.

As noted above, we have been getting many reports of rat activity. Rats are generalists when it comes to eating and will consume most anything from carcasses to fruit fallen from trees. Norway rats prefer meat scraps or pet food left out for their dining. Roof rats prefer fruit, but are also attracted to garbage cans, pet food bowls or any open container with food, such a pizza box containing scraps, a tin can that hasn't been rinsed, etc. Rats carry diseases and are also a source of allergens (found in their droppings, dander and hair).

Where rats are numerous, the board hires a pest control company to set out and monitor traps, but we cannot afford to place traps throughout Stedwick. That's why it's important that citizens report those who do not keep their trash in covered, vermin proof containers.

Please be an active part of your neighborhood and report those whose behavior makes our community less attractive and more vulnerable to pests.

HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING

On Fridays Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2016, there will be no recycling (Montgomery County) or trash collection (Potomac Disposal); Friday pickups for collection will slide by one day for both holidays.

If you have any questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvf. org or consult your community website, www.stedwick.org. You may also share any concerns and ideas with your board during residents time at any of our meetings. There is no board of directors meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2016 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

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

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.

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*.

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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Contact Beto Benitez at 240-243-2359 or e-mail *hbenitez@mvf.org* to find out all the ways you can get your business noticed.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Northgate Community Church, a church for all nations and a fellowship of living grace, joyfully invites area residents to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at Northgate's Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service, Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

For more information, call 301-840-9803 or visit *www.North* gatecc.org.

Village non-profit to host Career Fair

On Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, residents are invited to attend a Career Fair to look for new employment opportunities. The Neville Levi Non-profit Association welcomes job seekers to the University of Maryland at Shady Grove, 9630, Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participating employers include Catholic Charities, Athena Consulting, Kettler Brothers and more. For more information, or to become a sponsor, e-mail Neville Levi *jobfair1@comcast.net*.

Christmas Services at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Pastor Kari Parsons and the members of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church invite Village residents for Christmas services. Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Montgomery Village Avenue and Centerway Road, with our entrance on Clubhouse Road.

There will be two services on Christmas Eve. The 6 p.m. service is family oriented, but everyone is welcome. There will be Christmas Carols, children's sermon, Holy Communion and candlelight. At 11 p.m. a solemn high mass, with Christmas Carols, incense, Holy Communion and candlelight will be held.

There is on service at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day with Christmas Carols and Holy Communion.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is a progressive, sacramental community. The acronym, CTS, not only refers to the name, but also to three primary tasks: to Care, Teach and Serve. CTS strives to be a place of generous caring, lively study and committed service to the world. All residents are invited to worship and share communion; members come from many different religious backgrounds and cultures. Regular Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call 301-977-0285 or visit *www.ctslutheran elca.org*.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Cub Scouts from Pack 468 at Goshen Elementary School collected new toys for the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.





On December 12 Boy Scouts from Troop 1429 joined thousands of other volunteers in a 24-year-old tradition— Wreaths Across America. The event started in 1992 with 5,000 wreaths being placed on veterans' graves. This year, the goal was met to place a wreath on every grave in Arlington National Cemetery—over 230,000. The balsam wreaths are a symbol of life, love and honor. As each wreath was placed, scouts took a moment to reflect on the name and thank them for their service. In some instances, this may be the first time in years that the grave has been visited. Wreaths will remain in place until Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016.





Election Judges needed for 2016 Presidential Election

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential Primary



Election to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

In accordance with the Election Code, to serve in this paid position on Election Day or during Early Voting, an election judge must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. Judges must also be able to speak, read and write the English language, and while acting as a judge, must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity.

In order to be placed in a pre-

cinct, applicants must complete an online quiz and hands-on training. All applicants who are selected for these positions will be compensated at rates that vary based on the position, as advertised at *www.777vote.org*.

To apply online, or for more information, visit *www.777vote. org* and select the Election Judges' link. For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit *www.777vote.org* or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at *http://elections. state.md.us*, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

SCHOOL NEWS

Montgomery County students hold successful car and computer sale

Saturday, Dec. 12 was filled with record warmth and hot deals at Gaithersburg High School as students, staff, parents and community members came out to enjoy the first of three Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Information Technology Foundation (ITF) Refurbished Car and Computer Sales. The sales ran from 9 to 11 a.m. during which time customers test drove cars and purchased computers and peripherals. At 11 a.m., the lottery drawing was held to determine the order of purchasers for the 24 cars that were available for sale.

The sale was a resounding success. "This was one of the best December sales we have had. The weather was perfect, we had an incredible number of students and staff representing our programs, and we had competitive prices on our refurbished cars and computer," said Steve Boden, coordinator for both the ATF and ITF programs. Additionally, Boden is looking forward to the next sale, scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at Damascus High School.

The remaining inventory of cars and computers will be sold at the Foundations Office at Thomas Edison High School of Technology, 12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring. Those interested in purchasing a car or computer should call 301-929-2164 or e-mail *Michael_C_Snyder@mcpsmd.org* for cars, and call 301-929-6975 or e-mail *Elizabeth_F_Bell@ mcpsmd.org* for computers.

Additionally, the ATF and ITF rely heavily on support from the community. The ATF is always in need of used cars and the ITF is always in need of 17" + flat panel LCD monitors. If you have vehicles or monitors that you would like to donate to the program, please contact Mike Snyder for cars and Betsey Bell for monitors. Or visit www.cars2donate.org to donate cars.



Above: ITF Students Below: ATF Students





Be an Angel this Winter

Help someone in need by shoveling snow for them.

Montgomery Village Kids! Place a FREE classified ad to offer your snow shoveling services to residents in your community. Call 240-243-2342 or email *classifieds@mvf.org*

Montgomery Village residents only. Snow removal and landscape businesses prohibited to use this offer.

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KIDS PAGE



Your ad here! Call 240-243-2359 to sponsor the MV Kids Page TODAY!

MV Kids learn about Umbrellas

by Maria Pullifrone



An umbrella is a folding canopy supported by metal or wooden ribs, which is mounted on a wooden, metal or plastic pole. It is designed to protect people against rain or sunlight. The word "umbrella" typically refers to a device used for protection from rain. The word parasol usually refers to an item designed to protect from the sun. Often the difference is the material used for the canopy; some parasols are not waterproof. Umbrella canopies may be made of fabric or flexible plastic.

Songs about Umbrellas

"Umbrella Man " – Dizzy Gillespie, 1951

"Umbrella" – Rihanna, 2007

"Red Umbrella " — Faith Hill, 2007

"Pink Umbrella" – Digital Project, 2014

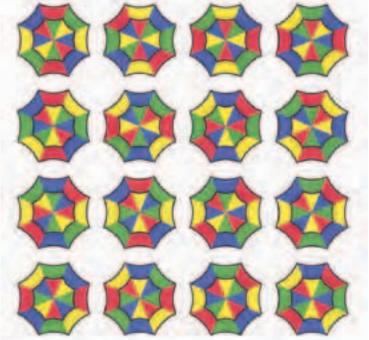
Most expensive Umbrella

The most expensive umbrella in the world is made of alligator skin and is available at Billionaire Couture's flagship store in London at a price of \$50,000.

National Umbrella Day is Feb 10!

Parts of an Umbrella

The word umbrella comes from the Latin word "umbros" which means shade or shadow.



Can you find two matching umbrellas here? Look carefully, the umbrellas can be rotated but the colors will be in the same order in the two that match. RECREATION

POP Pilates

Start the New Year from off right with an innovative, Pilates-inspired workout, taught by Montgomery Village resident Alysha Cunningham! This intense, mat-based workout is for people of all ages and fitness levels, challenging students to flow from one exercise to the next while developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles in the process.

Pair with 30 Minute Core

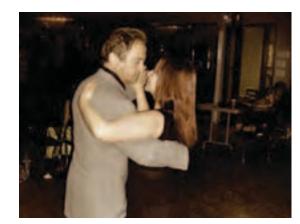
Argentine Tango

Back by popular demand, Argentine Tango classes will start back up on Wednesday, Jan. 13! This beginner level class is for those who have never taken Tango before or for people with little Argentine Tango experience.

\$7 to Drop-In.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays Jan. 13 to March 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. To try it out for yourself, register for the full class or drop in for only \$12! Individuals or partners welcome.

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



American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course will certify you in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course (proof of age required) and pass a prescreen test (300-yard continuous swim with rhythmic breathing using front crawl or breast stroke; 10 lbs. brick retrieval within one minute forty seconds; and tread water using legs only for two minutes) on the first pool day in order to continue participation in class. If you do not pass the pre-screen, you will be issued a full refund. Space is very limited. Class sessions will be held at the Rockville Swim & Fitness Center (355 Martins Lane, Rockville). A detailed course schedule/syllabus will be provided on the first day of class. Students MUST attend all class sessions as scheduled. Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville.

Lifeguard Training Course

(Includes CPR/AED and First Aid) Montgomery Village Resident: \$185, Non-resident: \$195

4015.110 (Registration closes on Wednesday, Feb. 24)

DATE	TIME
Friday, Feb. 26	4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 4	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 5	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 12	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 13	6 to 9 p.m.

4015.202 (Registration closes on Thursday, March 24) **MCPS Spring Break**

DATE	TIME
Monday, March 28	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 31	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, April 1	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Successful class participants are encouraged to apply for lifeguard positions with the Montgomery Village Foundation. We offer competitive pay, a completion bonus and training course reimbursement opportunities-call for details.

To apply for aquatic positions, visit www.montogmeryvillage.com.



Get in the best shape of your life! Combining cardio, resistance, self-defense and interval training, Cardio Kickboxing gives you the most fat-melting, stress relieving workout possible! Class is taught by Michael Tull of Champion Positive Impacts Martial Arts.

Cardio Kickboxing will be held at North Creek Commu-

30 Minute Core

Instructor Tara Smith leads participants through a speedy, high energy, muscle conditioning workout that helps strengthen and shape your hips, thighs, glutes and abdominals. Though brief, this workout has proven to be effective and can modified to benefit all fitness levels.

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 5 through March 22, 2016. Registration costs are \$60/ Resident, \$70/Non-resident or \$7 to Drop-In.

nity Center, 20125 Arrowhead

Road, and begins on Monday,

Jan. 4. Classes run from 8:15 to

9 p.m. on Mondays and Tues-

days. Participants can register

to register, contact Melanie

Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit

www.montgomeryvillage.com.

For more information or

for one or both days!

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Classes will be held at

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.



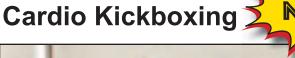
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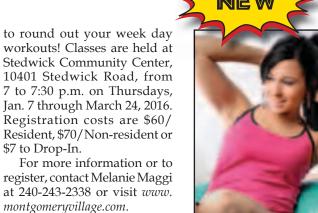
You can register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com in person at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office (10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886), or by calling 301-948-0110.

Make checks payable to: "Montgomery Village Foundation

Payment is due at the time of registration. If you have any questions, call 240-243-2363 during business hours or e-mail ppadilla@mvf.org







RECREATION

Daddy Daughter Dance

Dads, step-dads, grandpas and uncles – we invite you to dust off your dancing shoes and escort your "little girl" to the 8th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, on Friday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

At this special celebration you'll both remember for years

to come, you will enjoy dancing, refreshments and a keepsake photo. Early registration is encouraged, as spaces fill up quickly! This event is for girls ages 5 to 12 years and the special father figure in their life.

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Paul Gunther, USMC Retired, attended the Toys for Tots Concert at Lake Marion on Sunday, Dec. 13. Concert goers generously donated enough toys to fill eight collection cartons!





\$19/Session for SiA Members \$29/Session for Non-members Mondays noon to 12:45 p.m. Stedwick Community Center 10401 Stedwick Road

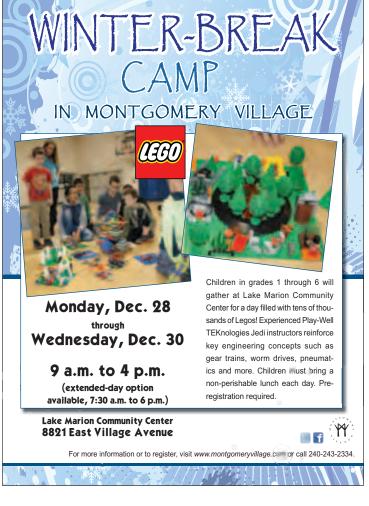


Join our instructor, Marcy, for a session of this popular program as she takes you through the meditative movements of seated Tai Chi.

Session I 5004.102 Jan. 11 to Feb. 29 (*No class Jan. 18 and Feb. 15*) **Session II** 5004.103 March 21 to April 25



For more information or to register, e-mail *lhydorn@mvf.org* or call 240-243-2314.





Toys for Tots Concert

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2016! Check the Winter Recreation Guide for all the program details!

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MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side Jan. 11: Fleece hats and scarves to donate



Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month Dec. 21: "Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel Jan. 25: "Pearl of China" by Anchee Min Feb. 22: "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham

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.

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



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

second Friday each month

Free for SiA members, \$2/Non-member. Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play some bingo with your seniors in action friends. Members are welcome to bring friends and family to join in the fun. Play dates are the second Friday of every month.

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 Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2314 or e-mail *lhydorn@mvf.org.*



Open House

UNTER/SPRING SESSION

Mark your calendars!! The Winter/Spring session of Seniors in Action begins Monday, Jan. 11,

REGISTRATION

Not a member of Seniors in Action? Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120

Tuesday, Jan. 19 to Friday, Jan. 29. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stedwick Community Center 10401 Stedwick Road

Interested in Learning more about Seniors in Action? Join SiA for our two week Open House! Participate in any of our daily programs for free during this two week period.



Seated Tai Chi

Looking for a second day of Seated Tai Chi? You're in Luck! Seniors in Action is offering Tai Chi twice a week! Join us from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Mondays Jan. 11 through Feb. 29 (no meeting Jan. 18 and Feb. 15). The session cost for SiA members is \$19 and non-members is \$29. Tuesday Tai Chi (noon to 12:45 p.m.) is included in your SiA membership fee!



Holy Cross Balance Testing

Holy Cross Hospital will be offering a Balance Testing Assessment to members on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.





Apple Ridge Road, or online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* today!

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Are you detail-oriented, flexible and able to handle multiple tasks in our busy, friendly office? Part-time receptionist needed 20 hours per week. Strong customer service skills, knowledge of MS Office suite, professional phone manner and appearance a must. Duties include receiving/greeting visitors, receiving incoming phone calls, providing appropriate information to callers, assisting the work of various departments with class registrations, amusement park ticket sales, activity card processing and distribution. Ability to perform accurate clerical work, handle cash and use cash register. English/Spanish bilingual preferred. Fax resume to: Nicole Meads at 240-243-2302 or e-mail *nmeads@mvf.org*. EOE.

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