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photo by Maria Pullifrone

Members of the Watkins Mill High School Chamber Choir sang holiday tunes as members of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors, the Montgomery Village Community Band and MVF staff joined Village families at the annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2. The tree is located at the Montgomery Village Center, near the CVS, overlooking Montgomery Village Avenue.

Residents encouraged to sign up for website account

With the change to the new Montgomery Village website, residents are encouraged to sign up for a resident account to access both community and personal homeowner information. The new website eliminated long, hard-to-use menus and pages cluttered with information, and replaced them with streamlined menus, breadcrumb trails and accordion-style page layouts that contain useful information in an organized manner.

One major change from the previous website is the location of community information, including association policies, meeting minutes, board of directors information and architectural criteria. While each association has a basic page on the outward facing site, the detailed information is contained on the resident dashboard, and accessed by logging in. This reorganization

aims to have more resident interaction on the website, and provides homeowners with only the information pertinent to their association and property. Residents with multiple properties are able to switch between properties inside their dashboard, having all their properties' information in one convenient place.

In addition to local association information, homeowners will also have access to ARB decisions for improvements to their property; Architectural and Covenant Violations; Recurring Charges; Transaction History, including balance due or account credits; and their Member Profile. This information is only viewable to residents with verified homeowner status. Renters will be granted access to view com-

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Make a difference—run for the MVF Board of Directors

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

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

The Montgomery Village Foundation provides overall governance to the Village. It interacts with government agencies and oversees proposals for development or legislation affecting the Village. The MVF has two major responsibilities as outlined in its legal documents. First, MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These

include MVF-owned recreational areas and facilities such as parks, lakes, pools, tennis courts and community centers.

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?


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

- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village

See CANDIDATES page 7

WINTER-BREAK CAMPS

IN MONTGOMERY VILLAGE




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

Monday, Dec. 28
through
Wednesday, Dec. 30

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(extended-day option available, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



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

LOOK INSIDE

Enjoy a free seasonal MVCB concert to benefit Toys for Tots

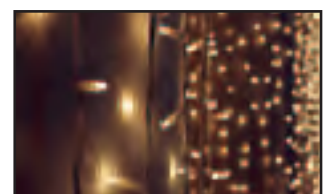


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Final Leaf Removals of the season

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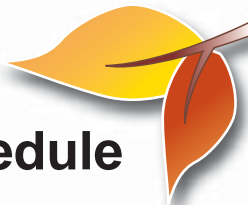
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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Agenda items include: considering changes to Montgomery Village Community Center Use Policy, Activity Card Distribution Policy and Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities.

Note: All meeting agendas listed in this section are current as of the deadline date for this publication. The listings do not include every agenda item. This information is also available on the MVF website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For the most up-to-date information available, call the MVF Board/Committee Agenda hotline at 301-948-0110, then press 4. All meeting agendas are tentative and may be changed without notice.



Leaf Removal Schedule

<p>EASTGATE Monday, Dec. 7</p> <p>EAST VILLAGE The week of December 14</p> <p>HORIZON RUN Monday, Dec. 7</p> <p>NORTH VILLAGE Monday, Dec. 14 and Tuesday, Dec. 15</p> <p>PATTON RIDGE Tuesday, Dec. 8 and Wednesday, Dec. 9</p>	<p>SOUTH VILLAGE Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season.</p> <p>THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM Friday, Dec. 18</p> <p>WHETSTONE Wednesday, Dec. 9 to Monday, Dec. 14</p>
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Note: If you miss your scheduled date for curbside leaf removal, you may place your leaves in approved paper bags, to be placed at the curb and removed at no charge by the county on your recycling day. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be removed by either the county recycling or your trash contractor. If you have any questions regarding leaf removal, please contact your community manager.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

NORMANDIE ON THE LAKE I

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

PARK PLACE II

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

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

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

WHETSTONE

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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!



by *John Driscoll*
MVF President

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And, despite a rainy evening, Montgomery Village residents came out on December 2 to celebrate the season and light our Christmas Tree. Those who braved the inclement weather enjoyed a delightful evening. We were serenaded with Christmas Carols by the Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers and the Montgomery Village Community Band. Our local officials, State Senator Nancy King and Montgomery County Council Member Craig Rice were on hand to greet residents and applaud our unique sense of community. But the highlight of the evening was the lighting of the Montgomery Village Tree and the arrival of Santa Claus. Once again, this event demonstrated what a great place the Village is and how vibrant and growing we are.

Our strong sense of community was once again present at the meeting held by the Montgomery County Council last Tuesday night. This session was dedicated to addressing citizen viewpoint on the proposed Master Plan. Regardless of their position on the Master

Plan, everyone from Montgomery Village who chose to speak gave thoughtful and concise testimony. It truly was an indication of why we have such a unique and strong sense of community.

At the Master Plan hearing I testified in favor of the Master Plan. I took this position because I believe that this Master Plan reflects the belief we have in what we would like to see in our future. Many of the features proposed by M-NCPPC staff reflect the principles put forth in our Vision 2030 plan, and the recommendations that were made by the Joint Property Golf Course committee. Both of these documents were overwhelmingly approved by the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVf) Board of Directors. You can read my statement to the county council on the MVf website.

At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers who make Montgomery Village so wonderful. Our community would not have such a home town feeling if our residents were unwilling to donate their time and effort.

Our volunteers could not accomplish everything they do without the support of the MVf staff. Think about all the wonderful events that we as a community have; none of these would happen without the hard work of the MVf staff. The next time you are in the MVf Office or see one of the staff working, please take the time to thank them.

Finally, I want to wish all of our residents Happy Holidays. You all make our Village a better place to live.

As always if you wish to contact me, please feel free to e-mail at johndriscoll1235@yahoo.com.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

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

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

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

ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2016 Insurance
- B. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2016 MVf Employee Healthcare Insurance
- C. Consider appointment to Investment Committee
- D. Consider approving new Architectural Standards Guidelines (Exterior Holiday Decorations and Lights, Patio and/or Balcony Door)
- E. Consider Communications Committee recommendations - Advertising Agreement
- F. Consider amendment to Committee Guidelines
- G. Consider authorizing EVP to execute contract for renovation of Apple Ridge Pool and Bathhouse
- H. Consider bid for purchase of a van
7. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. TD&PF
 - L. Investment Committee
 - M. 50th Anniversary Committee
8. Board Member Issues
9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to -
 - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.
 - (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
10. Adjournment

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Don't Miss It! Dec. 4 Winter Recreation Guide 12 Breakfast with Santa 13 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 24-25 MVF Office Closed 28-30 Winter Break Camp Jan 1 MVF Office Closed		Village News 4 Winter Recreation Guide	5
6 Hanukkah begins at sunset	7 Recreation Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR	8	9 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Normandie I Condo 7 pm – NOLI Office	10 Park Place II Condo 7 pm – WCC Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR	11	12 Breakfast with Santa 9:30 am – NCCC (Pre-registration required)
13 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 3 pm – LMCC	14 Thomas Choice Gardens 2:30 pm – TCPR	15	16 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	17	Village News 18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve MVF Office Closed	25 Christmas MVF Office Closed	26
27	28 Winter Break Camp (pre-registration required)	29 Winter Break Camp (pre-registration required)	30 Winter Break Camp (pre-registration required)	31 New Year's Eve	January 1 New Year's Day MVF Office Closed	2

KEY:
 LMCC Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.
 NCBR North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
 NCCC North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.

SCC Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
 TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
 WCC Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

All facilities are handicap accessible.

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

IN THE NEWS

MV Golf Course buildings and Willow Tree Inn demolition in progress



photos by Maria Pullifrone



Website

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munity documents, but not property information.

To sign up for an account, click the "Join" link in the upper right hand corner of the website. After the account is verified by staff, residents will receive an e-mail alerting them to account approval. Once logged in, residents can click the "My Account" link in the upper right hand corner to access documents and property information.

In addition to the Resident Dashboard, residents can also elect to receive SMS/Text Alerts when they sign up for

an account. This service will provide the Montgomery Village Foundation one more convenient way to send important community information about events, closures, reminders and more directly to residents.

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

MULTIPLY YOUR ADVERTISING IMPACT

In addition to advertising in the bi-weekly *Montgomery Village News*, you can reach 40,000 Village residents by advertising in the quarterly Recreation Guides.

The collage features three promotional items:

- Recreation Guide:** A cover for the 'winter 2016' issue with a photo of people in winter gear. Text includes 'REGISTER ONLINE! see page 23' and 'STAY ACTIVE this winter!'. Small text at the bottom mentions registration for winter programs with the MVF Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Enrichment.
- Farmers Market:** A flyer for 'MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET' on Saturdays through Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 3921 Cedarway Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.
- Ready 2 Roll:** A flyer for 'We're In The Air Park' at 7917-C Coxe Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879, with phone number 301-330-3484. It features a 'SPECIAL!' offer of \$18.50 for ASE Certified technicians.

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Thanksgiving Aerobic Workout a success

The 22nd annual Thanksgiving Day Aerobic Workout to benefit Gaithersburg HELP was held on November 26, with an enthusiastic group carrying in canned goods along with their mats and weights and then treating themselves to some vigorous exercise. In 1994, Jacki Sorensen Aerobics instructor Karin Baker initiated

this Thanksgiving morning event, with the slogan, "Work up a Hunger to Feed the Hungry." Participants brought donations of non-perishable food and cash, all of which is to be donated to needy families. This year, almost 200 cans and boxes of food, plus about \$175, were donated by about 25 generous participants.

Baker led the group (including her granddaughter, Lizzie) through sets of floor work, strength training and aerobic exercise. It was a great way to begin the Thanksgiving celebration, by doing something fun and healthy and at the same time, helping others!



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Rental Facilities in the Village

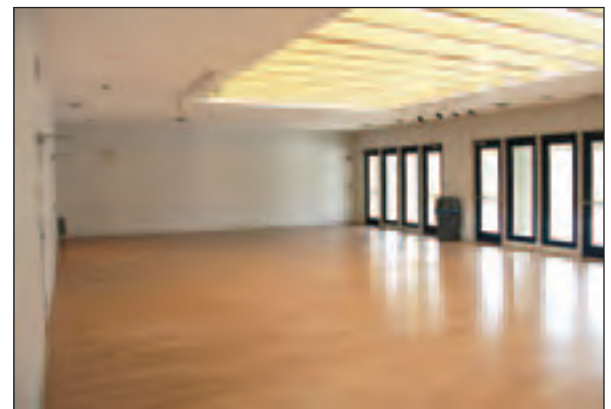
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the Designated User fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through March 2016. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request Form" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Please remember that all functions must be non-alcoholic, and that the renter must be present the entire length of the rental.

For more information, contact Elijah Davis at 240-243-2361 or e-mail edavis@mvf.org.



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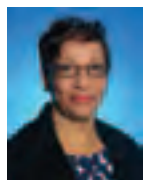


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IN THE NEWS

The 2015 White House Christmas Ornament

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team's annual fundraiser is the sale of the White House Christmas Ornament. For the past 16 years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team's coaching staff, as well as support the team's operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the 2015 White House Christmas Ornaments available for purchase at the main office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment may be made by cash or check made out to the "Lake Marion Swim Team;" cost per ornament is \$20.

The Lasers are pleased that both the MVF and East Village Homes Corporation continue to jointly sponsor the sale of these collectible ornaments. Limited ornaments from past years will also be for sale for \$15 each.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The 2015 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Calvin Coolidge, who served as the 30th president of the United States from 1923 to 1929. A depiction of the first National Christmas tree crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24k gold is illuminated from within and hung with ornaments representing the events of Coolidge's unique life and presidency.

The 14 colorful ornaments 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.



Candidates

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- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community association. Of course, a candidate must be in good standing with MVF and not in sustained violation of any MVF covenant, architectural standard or rule, and current in assessments.
- 18 years of age or above

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LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

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

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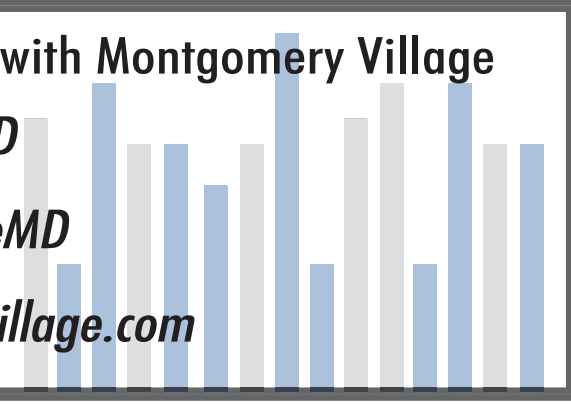


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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Architectural Standards resources available to all

The Architectural Standards (AS) Department has provided the Village with a variety of resources to assist and support homeowners with their many exterior property changes or architectural needs. Below are listed many of these informational resources available to all online, at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office and through many of our dedicated individuals.

VILLAGE NEWS

Various feature articles are written by the Architectural Standards review and compliance staff throughout the year to update and notify homeowners about changes within their community or the Village itself. These articles contain informative features ranging from community door styles to proactive compliance schedules. Other architectural articles are generated from various questions the department receives on a daily basis. Also, all Architectural Review Board (ARB) decisions are published following each scheduled ARB meeting and may be found on the Architectural Standards page.

WEBSITE

The MVF website is a wonderful source for many Architectural Standards items and issues. Resources within the website include all architectural articles in the *Village News*, community criteria for all 65 communities, Village-wide guidelines, checklists, the Step-by-Step Guide to the architectural process, and other frequently asked questions. Residents can also submit a Property Improvement Request online.

ARB

The Architectural Review Board is an excellent source of information when applying for an exterior change. Their individual and collective wealth of architectural knowledge upon review brings invaluable assistance to each homeowner, each community and the Village as a whole.

MVF DESIGN CONSULTANT

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) employs a part-time consultant, George Smith,



who has been with the Village from almost day one. His major role is to assist in the color and material changes throughout the Village and is the "go to" person for all major replacement materials. His knowledge and assistance over the years has been invaluable to the Village.

THE ANNUAL ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS HOME SHOW

This annual spring show features the Architectural Standards Department staff, the ARB and the design con-

sultant, as well as numerous exterior contractors. The show provides homeowners and families with educational information concerning the architectural standards process as well as providing them with the opportunity to connect with many contractors.

The 2016 Home Show has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Be sure to mark your calendar!



Exterior holiday decorations and lights

As the holidays approach, the Architectural Standards Department has developed guidelines for homeowners to follow regarding the placement of holiday decorations and lights on the exterior of homes in the yards of residential properties in Montgomery Village.

The guideline details that this category includes, but is

not limited, to objects such as holiday wreaths, holiday house and tree lights, hanging icicles, decorative helium figures and animals, decorative plaques and signage.

All holiday decorations and lights may be installed up to 45 days before the holiday event and must be removed within 45 days following the holiday event.



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HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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STEDWICK SIGNALS

A good walk spoiled

by Wayne Rowland

One of the many things that I enjoy about our community is the ability to go for a walk in our neighborhoods. We have great neighborhoods that allow us to walk and enjoy nature and the different styles of architecture that make Stedwick so great. Unfortunately, while on these walks, we happen upon sights that detract from the walk—recycling bins and trash receptacles that are not stored properly. They are left in plain sight (i.e., in front of the garage or on the side of the house). Stedwick has a trash policy that basically states that these storage containers should not be visible from the street.

The policy states:

Trash Storage - Until household refuse is properly placed for collection or hauled to an acceptable deposit site, it shall be stored within airtight, waterproof containers that are vermin proof and meet Montgomery County standards while stored at the exterior of the residence.

Plastic bags, cardboard boxes and/or paper sacks do not qualify as acceptable storage containers. Storage containers for either refuse or recyclables are not to be kept in front yards, on stoops, driveways or sidewalks of any unit and should not be visible from the street.

Let's not detract from the beauty of our homes by not taking the time to properly store our trash and recycling containers.

LEAF COLLECTION

We had our first leaf removal the week of November 9, but it rained twice that week, which made the leaf removal difficult. The contractor did get it all done by the next week, but rain and debris make the effort less than efficient. We have our final leaf removal during the week of December 7. Again, rake the leaves to the front curb and they will be removed.

In the last addition of the *Village News*, our board president, Michael Gronsky, informed us what happens at board meet-

ings. One part of the meetings is the committee reports. The chair for each committee provides the report. Did you know that you can volunteer to be on one of the committees without being a board member? It is a great way to be involved in our community. If you are interested, you can contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation by e-mailing stedwickhc@mof.org.

NEXT MEETING

We do not have a board meeting in December, so the next Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. If you have any issues in the meantime, please contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326 or e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone Holiday Lights Contest

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

The Annual Whetstone Holiday Lights Contest will be held again this year. Our panel of expert judges will be driving around the neighborhood during the Week of December 20 to enjoy all of the beautiful lighted properties within the community.

SECOND LEAF COLLECTION

There will be a second leaf collection in the community sometime in the next two to four weeks. Signs will be posted at community entrances with further information.

COVENANT AND BY-LAW CHANGES

The Whetstone Board of Directors is considering putting out a number of covenant and by-law changes for a community wide vote in January or February. These proposed changes will cover a wide range of topics including permissible commercial activities within the community, changes to how assessment amounts will be determined and removal of unenforceable/obsolete provisions.

The changes will be discussed at a special board meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. For

more information, contact Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326 or e-mail amandato@mof.org.

WHETSTONE WEBSITE

The Montgomery Village Foundation recently updated the MVF and HOA websites to make them easier to use. One consequence of this change is that all residents will now need an ID and password to access Whetstone documents, as well as personal homeowner information.

The Whetstone HOA web page is packed with lots of exciting information about our community. If you have any questions about our community, you can often find the information online. For basic community information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com and choose "Village Communities" from the "Communities" menu. Then select Whetstone from the list of communities. For more in-depth information, sign up for an account by clicking the "Join" icon in the upper right hand corner of the page. Once your account has been verified, you will have access to community documents and property information.

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

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EAST VILLAGE ECHO

2015 year end review and 2016 preview

by Scott R. Dyer

Many projects were completed this year throughout East Village, including:

- Replacement of tot lots in Meadowgate and Glenbrooke
- Tree pruning in The Downs I & II
- Curb painting in Essex Place, Holly Pointe, Glenbrooke, Wethersfield and The Reach
- Asphalt repairs throughout the community
- 15 replacement trees approved for Montgomery County's RainScapes program rebates

The following projects are scheduled for 2016:

- Replacement of the tot lot in The Reach
- Replace 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

2016 BUDGET & ASSESSMENTS APPROVED

At the November 17 East Village Board of Directors meeting, the board approved the proposed budget, which included an \$11.40 annual increase in assessments (for a total annual assessment of \$557.44). This increased residents' quarterly assessment by \$2.87 each quarter (for a total quarterly assessment of \$139.36). Assessment letters will be mailed out to all residents confirming this change for 2016.

TRASH RULES & REGULATIONS

The East Village board reminds residents that both the county and East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) require all trash to be placed in "vermin-proof" containers. A "vermin-proof" 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. 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.

EVHC CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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

FINAL LEAF COLLECTION

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

BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19

The next EVHC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

Jan. 19, 2016 at Lake Marion Community Center (LMCC), 8821 East Village Avenue.

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

The EVHC Board of Directors meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, April, May, July, September and November, at 7:30 p.m., at LMCC.

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up to receive e-mail communications from EVHC by e-mailing eastvillagehc@mof.org and including the subject, "Register." Also check out the EVHC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc or 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, suggestions or just kudos, e-mail eastvillagehc@mof.org, or call 240-243-2344.

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Quick hits

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

SECURITY SERVICES

Upon numerous complaints from residents regarding security patrolling from American Protective Services, the board solicited open bids for the provision of security patrol services for Patton Ridge. After careful review of several bids, the board selected U.S. Security Associates, Inc. (USA), and they will begin on Monday, Dec. 7.

USA is a large, nationwide firm that employs state of the art communication and tracking technology to enhance their security coverage. USA will be on site from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. during Daylight Saving Time. They will have a community by community map that indicates every Patton Ridge home by address, and you can expect an enhanced visible security presence.

We will monitor this transition closely while USA becomes familiar with our needs. Details are being worked out at press time, and we will provide you with more information at a later date. Residents will be able to contact USA at 800-297-5611. Residents can also contact our community management staff at pattonridgehc@mof.org or 240-243-2326 with questions or concerns.

MVF WEBSITE

If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to access the new Montgomery Village website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. This new and improved site is easy to use and contains an expanded range of information. Click the "Join" tab at the top of the home page and, after creating a login and password, you will be taken to a page with Patton Ridge specific information as well as information about your particular residence. We will be working in the coming weeks to provide you with a more robust set of information specific to Patton Ridge. We are also working with the MVF Communications Department staff to determine if we can establish a Patton Ridge specific notification system using your e-mail address.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

There is no board meeting in December. The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation 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.



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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village November board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The regular meeting of the North Village board of directors was held on Monday, Nov. 23, in the North Creek Board Room. The approval of the 2016 budget was the top item on the agenda. We received no written comments on the published budget. There was some discussion at the board meeting during residents time and in the course of the meeting. The board of directors approved the draft budget as published last month. As a result, the quarterly charge for the North Village portion of your assessment will increase from \$164.23 to \$170.93 per quarter. At the same time, the Montgomery Village Foundation assessment (including the Designated User fee) will increase from \$157.68 to \$161.43 per quarter.

The treasurer provided an overview of the October financial reports. Referring to the balance sheet, she stated that our operating cash account is comfortable and that receivables have been running lower. As a result she moved that the board cancel the money due to the operating account from the reserves account. This was money borrowed earlier from the operating account to pay for the recent road resurfacing project. In other financial business, the board approved the Reserve Study recently completed by DMA Associates.

The treasurer also mentioned that Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) did an analysis of the MVF delinquent accounts across different sections of the Village. The analysis shows that more North Village residents are delinquent than residents in other sections of Montgomery Village and have larger past due amounts. Since MVF assessments are collected along with North Village's assessments, it is very likely that more North Village residents are delinquent in paying the North Village assessments as well.

The maintenance committee chairperson stated that we will plan to upgrade landscaping at a number of entrance signs throughout North Village next year. She said that she would send out requests for bids during the winter. It was noted that some of the flowers and trees need to be reevaluated since they may not have been appropriate for the locations in which they were planted. Speaking of signs, management ordered two stop signs and two caution signs for Salem's Grant and Essex Place to mitigate the increased traffic issues occurring in these communities.

It was noted that the first leaf pickup went well this year. However, it was mentioned that the leaves fell early this year and the first pickup could have been sooner. However, the schedule is determined weeks in advance, and it is

hard to predict precisely when the leaves will fall. The maintenance chairperson was concerned that our tot lot had not been cleared of leaves during the first leaf pickup.

In other maintenance items, another \$8,000 has been approved for tree removal this year to be performed by the Kevin Elliott Company. This takes us considerably over the 2015 budget for tree removal and is indicative of the rapid deterioration of many of our trees.

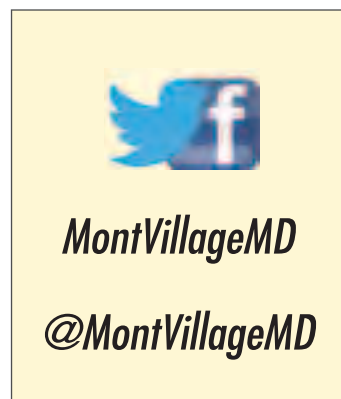
The board was reminded by residents that parking in our townhouse communities is difficult. Parking areas are not adequate for each townhome to have two assigned spaces. The board can do little about this. When the developer built our communities some 30 odd years ago, it was the norm to own one and sometimes two cars. Today, households have three, four and even five cars. Residents must be respectful of each other and use the limited space equitably, especially during the holidays.

The last major item on the agenda was the selection of a new security firm. All of the bids that we received were well over the cost of our last contract. The cost of a new security firm is the driver in the 2016 assessment increase. We will be negotiating a new contract over the course of this month.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the North Village board 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. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344.

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



MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Parking tag distribution

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

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

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 service to Middle Village and will be keeping equipment in the community. There will be a storage container, a salt pile and a bobcat on Ridgeline Drive throughout the winter season.

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

PET OWNERS

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

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

Commission, or is participating in an approved activity.

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

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

Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2)) - An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. Penalty for Violation: \$100.

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

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

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



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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

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

6. Also, per a new Montgomery County Law, effective January 1, 2016, if elected, candidates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-approved board member training class, to be scheduled and completed within 90 days of the start of

their term of service.

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

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

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

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

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

AT YOUR LEISURE

Residents invited to "Exercise is Medicine" presentation

The public is invited to attend a free presentation, "Exercise is Medicine" on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring. Karen Thomas, professor in the Department of Health Enhancement, Exercise Science & Physical Education at Montgomery College, will speak on issues such as the impact of exercise on aging,

health benefits of exercise and exercising safely. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the Bone Builders Program, part of the Department of Health and Human Services' Aging and Disability Services and the Department of Recreation. No registration is needed.

Children's holiday shopping event



On Sunday, Dec. 13, Montgomery Village children and their friends are invited to shop for holiday gifts for friends and family at the Girl Scout Troop 493 Holiday Snoop Shop. Girl Scout Elves will help the children pick out gifts and wrap them to keep them a secret! All gifts are lovingly made by Junior Troop 493 and are very reasonably priced! Parents are invited to relax and have refreshments while children shop.



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

St. Rose of Lima presents "This Changes Everything!"

Residents are invited to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church for a screening and discussion of "This Changes Everything, Capitalism vs the Climate," the movie version of Naomi Klein's acclaimed book. Join friends and neighbors

from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 in the Duggan Room, 11701 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. This event is another Green Screen presentation by the Eco Action Team. Both admission and popcorn are free.

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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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Giving thanks in the community

At this time of year, many of us give thanks for what we have. Each year, local businessman Dimitrios Angelakis, owner of Athens Grill, gives those less fortunate something to be thankful for. For almost 25 years, Athens Grill has donated food to local families, and this year was no different.

Partnering with Presidential Meats, who donated a large number of chickens to the effort, Angelakis then enlisted friends Pam and Frank Mondell to once again identify the need in the community, so as to provide complete chicken dinners to families in time for Thanksgiving. After all, running his restaurant is a

full-time job, and contacting a diverse group of truly needy families in the immediate community takes time. This year Whetstone and Stedwick elementary school counselors helped identify local families who could benefit from Angelakis' generosity.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, Athens Grill prepared chicken dinners to feed 77 people in 26 local families, and enthusiastic community volunteers helped deliver holiday cheer and nourishment on Angelakis' behalf. Those involved welcomed the opportunity to help give less fortunate families something to be thankful for this holiday season.



photos by Roz Price



SCHOOL NEWS

Information Technology Foundation Students (ITF) donate computer lab to Carroll House

On November 19, a ceremony was held at the Thomas Edison High School of Technology to honor the Carroll House with a donation of six computers, keyboards, mice and a printer. Carroll House Program Director Kacy Barker accepted the donation and shared about the positive impact the computer lab will have on homeless men within Montgomery County.

Additionally, Deputy Director of Program Services Christin Hong shared her appreciation and described the impact that homelessness has in Montgomery County. Both Barker and Hong were impressed by the time and talent the ITF students put into gifting a computer lab and described their participation as "a labor of love."

Another highlight from the ceremony was the participation of three ITF students who spoke on behalf of the foundation and school. Kyle Dunkley shared how completing the refurbishment of computers to donate to a local charity impacted him. Dunkley described how putting his information technology skills to use to help a charity was motivational because he realized that



Presentation of the "Golden Keyboard" to Carroll House from the Information Technology Foundation.

the donation "will help improve the lives of homeless men within Montgomery County."

Silver Spring-based Carroll House provides homeless men the opportunity to learn meaningful technology skills in order to help them change career paths or establish a career. Carroll House will utilize this computer lab to provide its patrons with current technology and it will provide additional opportunities to its patrons to improve upon their technological skills.

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

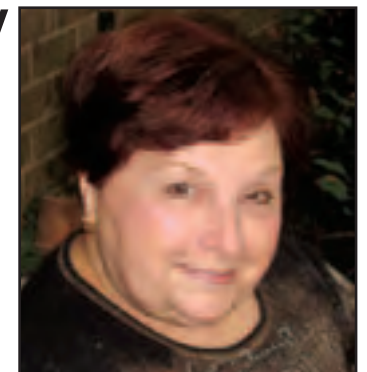
Honoring long-time elementary music teacher Janet Gregan

Born in Chicago, Ill., Janet B. Gregan worked as the beloved elementary school music teacher at Stedwick Elementary School for 34 years from 1973 through 2007. Over that time, she was an influence and inspiration in the lives of many Montgomery Village children. Mrs. Gregan worked to create an elementary school music program that exposed children to the arts through many avenues.

Also known as Janet Kaplan and Janet Strawhorn from prior marriages, Mrs. Gregan loved the arts and poured her heart into teaching children about them. She inspired her students to play music; learn about the

symphony, opera, and dance; and sing folk songs. As leader of the school's Chorus and Orff Ensemble, she directed its annual music festival, a widely anticipated event and joyous celebration of the children's musical achievements. Many of her students were so inspired by her passion that they pursued careers in the arts as well.

In addition to teaching music, Mrs. Gregan was an accomplished opera singer and soprano. She starred in many Gilbert and Sullivan productions by the Montgomery Savoyards, a musical theatre company that she co-founded and which later became the Washington Savoyards.



Regrettably, Janet passed away on November 27 at the age of 76. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Stedwick Elementary School, 10631 Stedwick Road, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Used car and computer sale

The Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation (ITF) will be hosting a used car and used computer sale on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 301-929-2197, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsms.org or visit www.atfcareers.org, www.itfcareers.org or www.cars2purchase.org.

Living Grace Christian School (LGCS) participates in District Spelling Bee

In the 5th grade competition, R.J. Davis placed fourth and Peniel Johnson came in first place. In the 7th grade competition, Nehemiah Switzer placed second, and Emily Parr came in first place. In the 8th grade competition, Aaryanna Flores placed fourth. In the final spell off, Nehemiah Switzer placed third and Emily Parr placed

second. They will both compete in the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) regional competition in Lancaster, Penn. on Monday, Feb. 22, 2016.

Living Grace Christian School (grades K to 12) is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive in Montgomery Village. For more information, visit www.lgcs.northgatecc.org.

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KIDS PAGE



MV Kids Learn About Clouds



For thousands of years, people have been looking up to the sky, seeing things and people in the shapes of the clouds and wondering how those soft, billowy white things can stay afloat. We now know that clouds form when the temperature of the air reaches the point at which water vapor becomes a liquid, or condensates. The liquid collects on dust particles in the air, and that's what we see when we see clouds.

Who named the clouds?

Clouds were fascinating to young Luke Howard of England. Luke lived from 1773 to 1864. His father wanted him to go to grammar school, but Luke was more interested in nature. Before 1800, people didn't have names for the types of clouds in the sky. They were just being investigated for the first time in laboratories in England and Europe.



When Luke was in school, volcanoes erupted in Japan and Iceland, which caused brilliantly beautiful clouds, sunrises and sunsets. Luke wanted to know more, so he eventually joined a group of scientists called the Askesians (searchers after knowledge). Luke had been studying clouds so much that he wrote a paper about them and presented it to the Askesians. The paper he wrote was so well received that it was published and is an important part of our science history today. Today, we still use the Latin names Luke assigned to the clouds.

Luke Howard separated clouds into three types:

Cumulus, which means *heap* in Latin. These clouds are heaps with flat bottoms and cauliflower tops.

Stratus, which means *layer* in Latin. These clouds are wider and thicker than cumulus, and look like a blanket or a mattress.

Cirrus, which means *curl* in Latin. These clouds are wispy and look like the curls of a child's hair. To name clouds that create rain, Luke called the clouds nimbus, which is Latin for the word rain.

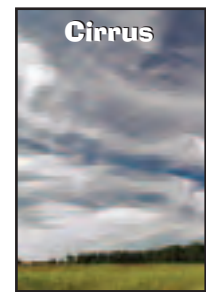
Cumulus



Stratus



Cirrus



Cloud types identified today

Ten basic types of clouds can be broken down into where they develop in the sky.

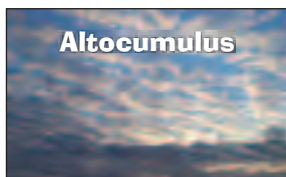
High clouds are Cirrus, Cirrostratus and Cirrocumulus.

Mid clouds are Altostratus, Alto cumulus and Nimbostratus.

Low clouds are Cumulus, Stratus, Cumulonimbus and Stratocumulus.

Contrails are clouds formed when water vapor condenses and freezes around small particles (aerosols) that exist in aircraft exhaust.

Alto cumulus



Cumulonimbus



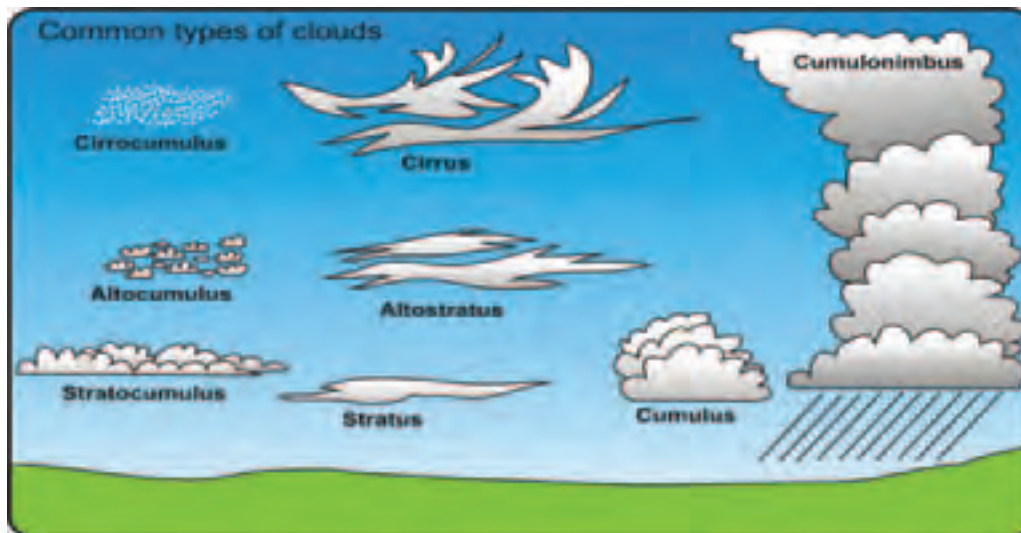
Contrails



What do you see?

Look in the sky on different kinds of days to see what type of clouds are present during different weather conditions. Keep a notebook of the kinds you see and compare similar weather conditions to help predict when it might rain or snow.

Also, be on the lookout for different shapes in the clouds. Use your imagination and see what objects you can find in the sky! Just remember to wear sunglasses when looking up, and don't stare directly at the sun!



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

to round out your week day workouts! Classes are held at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 7 through March 24, 2016. Registration costs are \$60/Resident, \$70/Non-resident or \$7 to Drop-In.

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

NEW



Cardio Kickboxing

NEW



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-

nity Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, and begins on Monday, Jan. 4. Classes run from 8:15 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Participants can register for one or both days!

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

Shadowland Winter Break trip for youth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Classes will be held at

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.

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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.





FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 13
3 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

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

Please support their efforts to bring joy to children in need during the holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped toy to this highly anticipated annual event. You will enjoy an outstanding and new holiday orchestral performance featuring the Montgomery Village Community Band with director Steven Wampler.

Join the merry musicians for complimentary refreshments following the show.







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

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.



Holiday Toys for Tots Concert

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

a program of festive holiday music.

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



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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 registration. If you have questions, call 240-243-2363 during business hours or e-mail ppadilla@mvf.org.

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 pre-screen test** 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.**

\$185/Resident, \$195/Non-resident

4015.110
(Registration closes Wednesday, Feb. 24)

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

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.

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.

Shadowland

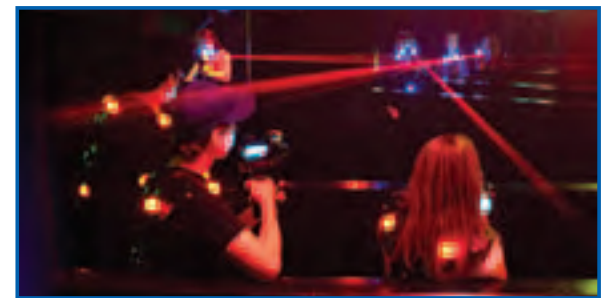
WINTER BREAK TRIP

FOR GRADES 6 THROUGH 9

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Wednesday Dec. 30

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue



All-day option:
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$49/Resident; \$59/Non-resident

- 9 a.m. Games and group activities in the gym
- 10:30 a.m. Board the bus for the short trip over to Shadowland Adventures.

Everyone will play two games of laser tag and have time to eat lunch (bring your own)

- Board the bus back to Lake Marion for more action in the gym with basketball, volleyball and kickball until 4 p.m.

Trip only option:
(space limited)

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$29/Resident; \$39/Non-resident.

Extended day is available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for those enrolled in the full day option for an additional \$15.



For more information, e-mail awatkins@mvf.org or call 240-243-2367.

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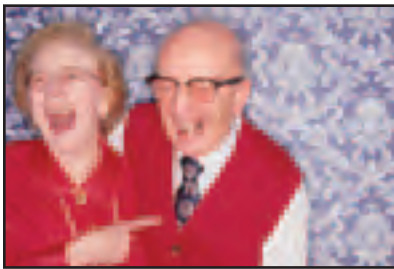
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WINTER/SPRING SESSION

Mark your calendars!! The Winter/Spring session of Seniors in Action begins Monday, Jan. 11, 2016! Check the Winter Recreation Guide for all the program details!

REGISTRATION

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



Winter Social

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



Potluck and Guest Speaker

On the last Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted), Seniors in Action hosts a guest speaker with a potluck luncheon! Members bring their favorite dish to share, enjoy each other's company and learn something new.

In the month of November, SiA hosted Louise, a move-in coordinator from Asbury, to discuss the process of downsizing. Our next potluck is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16. There will be no speaker at this month's due to the holidays. We hope to see some new faces there!



Caring Hands Winter Coat Drive

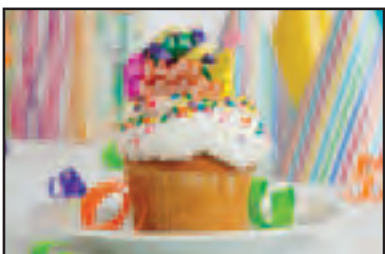
Seniors in Action is now collecting new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs to any SiA program. All sizes welcome for donations.



Pickleball

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

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



Birthday Celebration

Join your fellow SiA friends who celebrated a birthday in October, November and December. On Wednesday, Dec. 16, right after our potluck, we will be cutting the cake and wishing them all a very happy birthday!

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts

10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side

Dec. 7: Holiday centerpieces (bring empty wine or similar shaped bottle)

Dec. 14: Holiday cookie decorating



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



Brown Bag Lunch & Bingo

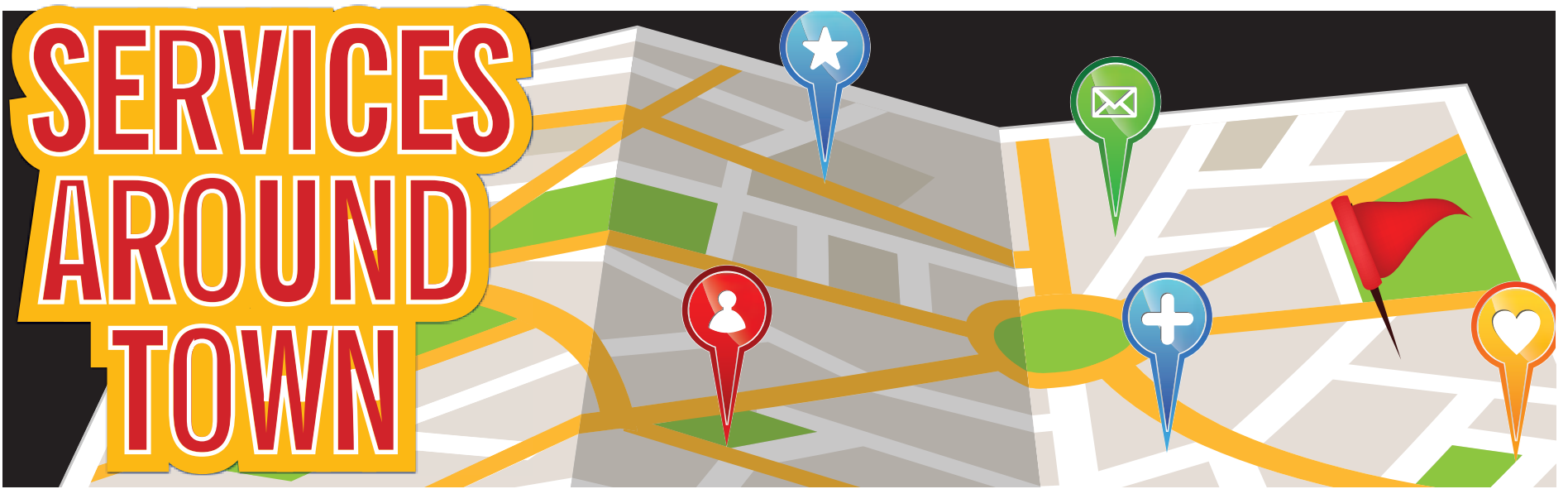
Noon to 2 p.m.

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.

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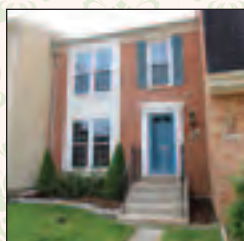
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