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Community growth in 2018

by Mike Conroy

The temperatures keep dropping, we've already had a taste of snow this season (with more predicted on the way) and before we know it, the winter holidays will be over and another new year will begin. Before we get that far ahead, let's take a look back at what has changed in the community this year.

A lot happens on a daily basis both in the community and in the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office. The changes residents see in the community are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the MVF Board of Directors and staff, who all understand the importance of keeping the Village moving forward. On the personnel side

of things, MVF saw new faces in the Director of Architectural Standards and CFO roles this year. Katherine Webb (architecture) was hired to fill the shoes of long-time employee Diane Stasiewicz and Daniel Salazar was promoted to CFO, taking the reins from Greg Snellings. Both have brought new ideas and insights to their respective departments, creating new teams of employees dedicated to superior customer service.

Additionally, we added a new Digital Content Specialist keep up with our growing social media and digital offerings. As a result, resident engagement online is at an all-time high, and we've opened

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Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers helped get the 100+ visitors in the holiday spirit with festive musical selections at the Montgomery Village Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 28. Adults and children patiently awaiting the tree to be lit and Santa to arrive on his fire truck from Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department sipped on hot cocoa and nibbled on cookies carefully bagged by Seniors in Action.

Help keep the Village moving forward

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

In March, three candidates will be elected by the members (homeowners) of MVF to serve three-year terms on the nine-member Board of Directors. The Board meets on the fourth

Thursday of the month at the North Creek Community Center. These meetings are open to all residents for their ideas, input and support.

The Montgomery Village Foundation provides overall governance to the Village. It interacts with government agencies and oversees proposals for development or legislation affecting the Village. The MVF has two major responsi-

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Parents' Afternoon Out
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Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



Saturday, Dec. 15 | 1 to 5 p.m.

Finish your last-minute holiday shopping or put the finishing touches on everything at home while children ages 5 to 12 enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at Lake Marion playing games, watching a movie or making a craft. A snack will be provided. Must be registered by Wednesday, Dec. 12.

\$20 per child/Resident
\$30 per child/Non-resident
\$15 for each additional child from the same household

LOOK INSIDE

2018 White House Christmas Ornaments now available



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All new classes and programs in the Winter Recreation Guide

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Best Medicine Rep premieres "The Crater Sisters' Christmas Special"



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Get to know the candidates running for the MVF Board of Directors

Candidates' Forum
Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road
Snow Date, Thursday, Jan. 31

If you have a question for a MVF Board candidate but are unable to attend the Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 29, you may e-mail your question to mconroy@mvf.org no later than Friday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. Please note that all questions submitted in writing prior to the Candidates' Forum must be authenticated as to resident names and addresses.

Montgomery Village Community Band

FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Foundation!

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 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.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The agenda includes a review of proposed renovations to the Village Center.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road #3.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

Montgomery Village Camera Club

The MV Camera Club meets on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Meet others with a shared interest in photography, discuss photography skills and techniques, and, when present, receive feedback from our professional members. Led by volunteer and aspiring urban and suburban-wildlife nature photographer, Derrick Tabor. Open to all levels of film and digital photographers - including students! For more information, e-mail dtab221@yahoo.com. Register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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Friday, Jan. 11

DISPLAY ADS:
DUE:
FRIDAY, JAN. 4 AT 5 P.M.

The MVF Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What's in the numbers?



by Glenn Gargan
MVF President

With the holiday season having started earlier this week, please allow me some latitude (ok, a lot of latitude) in trying to present a yule-tide carol (to a skewed version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"):

- On each day of Christmas, the Village has for thee:
- 40,000+ residents
 - 12,099 homes
 - 330 acres of parkland
 - 52 years of history
 - 29 continuous years as a Tree City
 - 26 local associations
 - 22 tennis courts
 - 18 recreation and park areas
 - 10K (some time ago) and 5K runs
 - 9 MVF Board Members
 - 8 Ball/Soccer Fields/ Cricket Pitch
 - 7 outdoor swimming pools (MVF-owned)
 - 6 "What's Your Story" videos (so far)
 - 5 lakes for fishing
 - 4 community centers
 - 1 amphitheater
 - 1 nature center
 - 1 public boat dock
 - 1 MVF Board Student Representative
 - 1 Great Pumpkin Race
 - 1 Annual July 4th Parade
 - 1 awesome community band
 - many miles of foot and bicycle paths
 - dedicated staff
 - Flea and Farmers' Markets
 - Art in the Park
 - Friday Flicks
 - Breakfast with Santa
 - and extra lighting on the Montgomery Village Christmas Tree!

That being said (or sung), here is a reminder of some upcoming activities for your consideration as we celebrate the Holiday season:

Saturday, Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Sunday, Dec. 9: Holiday Toys for Tots Concert with the Montgomery Village Community Band. Music kicks off at 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Admission is free, and donations of new, unwrapped toys are appreciated.

Saturday, Dec. 15: Parents Afternoon Out, 1 to 5 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Parents can enjoy a little time to themselves for holiday shopping or decorating.

Monday, Dec. 17: Montgomery Blue Notes Jazz Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Please travel safely this holiday season and utilize care when driving at night. 'Tis also the season for sobriety checkpoints, so plan accordingly. In that vein, www.soberride.com or 1-800-200-TAXI are but two options available for responsible celebration.

Lastly, a reminder that the *Montgomery Village News* print editions are now distributed monthly. Montgomery Village Foundation updates the website on a regular basis and includes pertinent information published online in the following print edition as well.

As is tradition, I invite you to get involved. Volunteerism is the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village, and the plethora of skills and talents present in our community can only ensure our continued improvement if you and your neighbors volunteer.

Speaking for MVF, we thank all residents for the opportunity to work on your behalf in 2018.

Speaking for myself, I want to thank our fiercely dedicated MVF staff for all their efforts this past year; they are unparalleled in what they do, and for the professionalism with which they do it.

Your input and feedback to me at garganmvf@gmail.com is welcome.

Best regards,
Glenn

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MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 6, 2018
North Creek Community Center- 7:30 p.m.
AGENDA

Residents Time - As a courtesy to fellow residents and the board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 25, 2018
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Information Item - Student Board Member Presentation
7. Acceptance of Action List

ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider Addendum to the Landscape Services Agreement with Brightview Landscapes, LLC
 - B. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2019 Insurance (property, liability, worker's compensation, etc.)
 - C. Consider reaffirmation of e-mail vote by MVF board authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2019 MVF Employee Healthcare Insurance
 - D. Consider 2017 Retirement Plan Audit Report
 - E. Consider appointment for membership to the Investment Committee
8. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
- A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. Investment Committee

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! Nov. 7 Winter Recreation Guide 2019 MVF Calendar 8 Breakfast with Santa 9 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 15 Parents' Afternoon Out 24 MVF Office Closed – Christmas Eve 25 MVF Office Closed – Christmas Day		Village News 7 Winter Recreation Guide 2019 Calendar CARC 9:15 am – NCBR	8 Breakfast with Santa 9 to 10:30 am – NCCC (Pre-registration required)
9 Holiday Toys for Tots Concert 3 pm – LMCC	10 MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	11	12 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	13	14	15 Camera Club 10 am to noon – NCBR (pre-registration required) Parents' Afternoon Out 1 to 5 pm – LMCC (Pre-registration required)
16	17 MV Blue Notes Holiday Jazz Concert 7:30 pm – NCCC Free	18 Normandie-on-the-Lake I 7 pm – NOLI Office Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR	19 MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	20	21 Winter begins	22
23	24 Christmas Eve MVF Office Closed	25 Christmas MVF Office Closed	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29
30	31	January 1 Happy New Year MVF Office Closed	2 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	3	4	5

KEY:
 BMP..... Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)
 CTS..... Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.
 LMCC..... Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.
 NCBR..... North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
 NCCC..... North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
 SCC..... Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
 SVP..... South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.
 TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
 WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.

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 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. Letters should be in reference to or contain information about topics relatable to all Montgomery Village residents. Letters addressed to or specifically about homes corporation or condominium association business and affairs will not be printed and may be directed to those association boards of directors when appropriate.
 10. 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.

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.
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E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
The leaves are falling from the trees. The trees do this naturally in order to blanket the ground they grow in to provide a soft bed of organic matter, similar to mulch. Leaves are good. They provide a layer of soft organic matter which is essential in creating healthy soil. The breakdown of this organic matter (leaves) interacts with the soil and creates nutrients for the roots and stimulates the proper PH balance. Leaves also control erosion by softening the blow of rain water and by holding the soil in place by creating a spongy layer. When you walk

in the woods, you are walking on top of multiple layers of leaves where there is no erosion.

Leaves left in flower beds provide the same benefits to shrubs and plants, creating a natural organic mulch, releasing essential levels of acidity.

Leaves are good. Remember what they do and please allow them to blanket your flower beds and underneath your trees. Allow them to do what they are supposed to do. Leaves are not evil, they are essential to tree, shrub and plant health.

Robert Portanova
Stedwick

MVF Board Student Rep position open for high school juniors

Calling all high school juniors who have an interest in serving their community and school and representing the youth in Montgomery Village! The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors invites you to apply for the position of Student Representative. This collaborative program is intended to encourage more youth involvement and input into Montgomery Village activities and the community as a whole; to help bring a new perspective to Board decisions affecting the community; and to help build on the MVF Board's Strategic Goal of continuing partnership opportunities with Village schools.

All high school juniors who live in Montgomery Village are eligible to apply. Selection will be made based on applicants'

GPA, interest in government/political science/organization management/business, extra-curricular activities, a letter of recommendation and availability for scheduled Board meetings. The position will also include a summer internship (June to August) in the MVF Office.

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submitted applications in early February and recommend no more than three candidates to the Board for final selection. The selected candidate will be installed as a non-voting member at the Board's Annual Meeting in March. The chosen candidate will participate in Board discussions and initiatives; work with staff on projects; and gain a clearer understanding of policy decisions in the community.

Applications and full program details can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or with the Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high school counselors. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to mconroy@mvf.org. Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, Friday, February 1, 2019.

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IN THE NEWS

MVF Board

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bilities as outlined in its legal documents. First, the MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These include MVF's recreational areas and facilities such as parks, lakes, ponds, tennis courts and community centers.

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

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

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

It's easy. Candidates do not need to run an expensive political campaign to serve the community. Space is set aside in the *Village News* for candidate statements, along with photos, so Villagers can

get to know the candidates and their views. Also, the MVF Election Committee sponsors a Candidates' Forum and two "Meet the Candidates" events where candidates can talk with Villagers one-on-one about issues of importance. Applicants are provided equal opportunities through the Village News, the Meet the Candidates events, and specially prepared Candidate Statements which are forwarded to all Village homeowners with their ballots.

That's all there is to it! Let's hear from you!

You can find the application online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application online, by mail, fax or e-mail, or bring it back to the MVF Office for forwarding to the MVF Nominating Committee. **Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.**

Staying Aware in the Village

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

ARMED ROBBERY

An attempted armed robbery occurred in the 18200 block of Fifeshire Drive at approximately 8:15 p.m. on October 25. Both suspects displayed weapons and attempted to take the adult male victim's property.

An armed robbery occurred in the 18700 block of Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 3:20 p.m. on November 4. One suspect displayed a weapon. The suspects took the adult male victim's property.

Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

A commercial burglary occurred at the pool house of the Christopher Court Condominiums located at 18500 Fairlight Drive between approximately 6 p.m. on November 2 and approximately 11:45 a.m. on November 5. Forced entry; nothing was taken.

A commercial burglary occurred at the Bank of America located at 19226 Montgomery Village Avenue on November 4. For more information and to view a surveillance photograph of the suspect, visit www.mymcpnews.com/2018/11/16/detectives-investigate-commercial-burglary-in-montgomery-village-surveillance-photograph-released.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9800 block of Islandside Drive between approximately noon and approximately 12:30 p.m. on October 20. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 19900 block of Spur Hill Drive at approximately 11:15 p.m. on November 2. The suspect assaulted the adult female victim and took her cash and property.

Suspect: B/M, age unknown

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Enterprise Way and Battleridge Place in the early morning hours of November 5. One suspect assaulted the adult female victim. The suspects took her cash and property.

Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages 18 to 25

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred during this reporting period. Affected streets included Shady Pine Circle, Marketree Circle, Keymar Way and Briar Glenn Way. No force; cash and property were taken.

A theft from vehicle and an attempted vehicle theft occurred at the same residence in the 18300 block of Lost Knife Circle between approximately 5 p.m. and approximately 10:44 p.m. on November 12. Force; property was taken.

VEHICLE THEFT

A vehicle theft occurred in the 19100 block of Capehart Drive between approximately 3 p.m. on October 23 and approximately 7 a.m. on October 24. No force; the keys were reported to have been left in the vehicle.

A vehicle theft occurred in the unit block of Montgomery Village Avenue between approximately 5 p.m. on November 7 and approximately 11 a.m. on November 8. No force; the victim reported losing the vehicle keys. The vehicle was recovered on November 8.



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IN THE NEWS

Community

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up some new avenues of communication. Stay tuned in 2019 for the next wave of digital enhancements and social media outlets.

And the MVF Board also installed the first Student Representative, Chioma Nwoye, after identifying the need to increase youth involvement and communication with Village schools at the 2017 Board Retreat. A program was developed to add this position to the Board, including a summer internship in the MVF Office to fully educate students on how MVF operates. The success of this inaugural venture has opened the door for other students to apply on an annual basis for the position.

These new faces, together with the rest of the MVF staff, have worked on many operational changes this past year. MVF's expanded digital outreach includes a newly designed *Village News* interface which presents news in a faster, more up-to-date manner than the print editions. News is uploaded as it is received, constantly changes on the website homepage as well as the *Village News* home page, and also allows for more advertising opportunities; subsequently, the print editions have been reduced to once per month.

Based on discussion from the 2018 MVF Board Retreat, staff started the process to potentially add a digital sign at the entrance to one of the facilities. If approved by the county and installed, this sign would help advertise Village events, classes and programs, as well as serve for displaying emergency messages or other important community announcements.

Not to take away from the natural aspects of the community that many enjoy in Montgomery Village, the community was again recognized as a Tree City for the commitment shown to maintaining our tree canopy. This was Montgomery Village's 29th consecutive Tree City title. Additionally, MVF has partnered with MCDOT to monitor, remove and replace problem trees along county roads. The dedication of both entities helps maintain our bit of greenspace in a continually changing county landscape.

Speaking of changing landscape, the Village has seen its share of updates to the norm this past year. The ballfield at South Valley Park was given a much needed overhaul, to complement the recent concession stand and restroom facilities addition. The field was regraded, given an irrigation system and reseeded with Bermuda grass turf. Soccer and

football goals are available on the field, providing a premier, permit-use field for area sports teams. Several playgrounds were replaced this year – those at Whetstone and Stedwick community centers – along with a new all abilities playground at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area. Resident input was a key component of these projects, adding value to the areas our residents use the most.

In addition to updating amenities, several new programs were added in 2018, exposing many more residents to opportunities to enjoy the community they live in. On the heels of the successful Whetstone Afterschool Club, the same opportunity was created to serve students in the Stedwick area with the Stedwick Afterschool Club. Both programs give kids a place to have fun and get school work done, and provide parents with another alternative for aftercare. We also added afternoon open gym time at Lake Marion Community Center for those looking for something a little more active.

Getting families to participate in activities together was another accomplishment in 2018 through the newly added Bingo night, Flashlight Halloween Hunt and Fishing Rodeo. For teens, an opportunity to help create meaningful programs, as well as earn SSL hours was developed. The Teens Making a Difference in the Community program gives teens a voice and the chance to build leadership skills at the same time.

Finally, MVF Recreation and Parks partnered with other area organizations to expand youth sports programs. Working with Montgomery Village Sports Association, a new soccer team was created to participate in local leagues. We also began offering T-ball, basketball and cross country teams that compete in Gaithersburg's sports leagues.

These changes that will help shape the future of recreation in the Village were all part of the new Recreation Strategic Plan approved in 2018. The plan, formed under the leadership of new Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Mullis, is a venture to analyze all facets of recreation opportunities in the community and align offerings with trends and resident needs.

While we're all waiting with anticipation to see physical changes at the Village Center, Professional Center and on the former golf course property, a lot has happened in preparation for these sites. Atlantic Realty Companies announced

that Aldi will be the anchor grocery store at the Village Center; German grocer Lidl is the current prospect for purchasing the Professional Center; and Monument Realty has an approved site plan for the golf course property from the county. And even though Trader Joe's left Montgomery Village, the Patel Brothers grocery store will be occupying that space.

Although it proved a minor inconvenience during the work, Watkins Mill Road was resurfaced this year, literally paving a smooth ride through the Village. New street lights are being added along Montgomery Village Avenue to help light some of the darkest portions of the road. And to help keep us that much safer, a team of six police officers was added to the 6th District dedicated to service right here in Montgomery Village.

Finally, in the community, we're proud to highlight our awesome residents. In 2018 we've seen our youth excel in leadership workshops; place in Math Olympics and Spelling Bees; earn Eagle Scout and Gold Awards; and be recognized with national awards. MVF's own Conservation Corps (formerly the Youth Corps) took on various projects throughout the summer in MVF parks, keeping the community looking its best and learning about their hometown along the way. And, in case you've missed them, check out the "What's Your Story?" video interviews with your Village neighbors. This past year we've highlighted some residents with great stories to share...who knows, you could be next!

Thanks, Montgomery Village, for another excellent year. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year – let's make 2019 a year to remember!

2018 White House Christmas Ornaments now available

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team will be selling the White House Christmas Ornament as its annual fundraiser.

The ornaments are available for purchase at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment may be made by cash or check made out to the "Lake Marion Swim Team;" cost per ornament is \$20. Limited ornaments from past years will also be for sale.

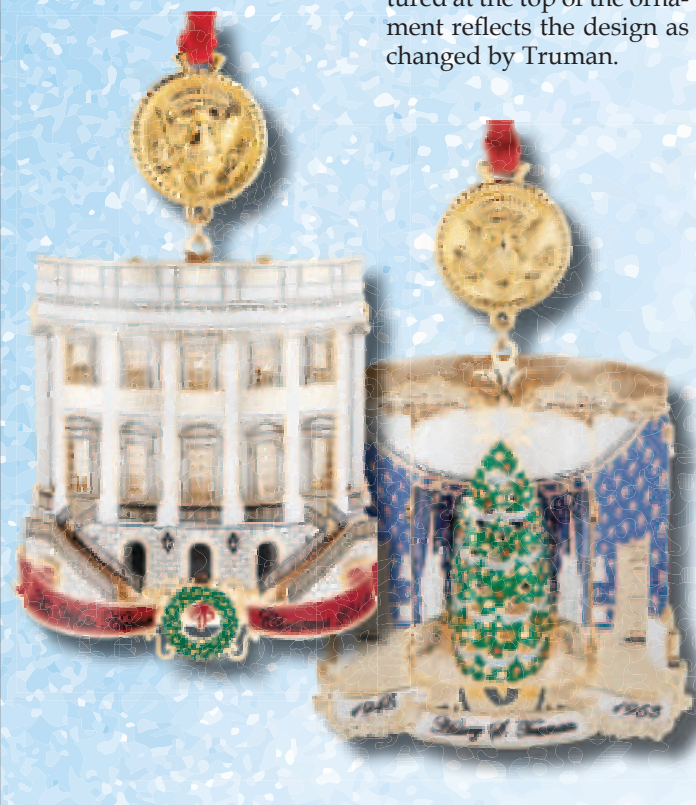
A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The official 2018 White House Christmas Ornament honors the administration of Harry S. Truman, who served as the

33rd president of the United States from 1945 to 1953, during the end of World War II and the beginning of the Cold War. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.

This ornament is designed to illustrate three significant changes made by President Truman during his administration – one to the Presidential Seal, and two to the White House itself. One side of the ornament features his celebrated Truman Balcony, added in 1947-48 to the South Portico, and the other side features his renovated Blue Room, which, like all the rooms of the house, was dismantled and rebuilt during the renovation of 1948-52.

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ARB DECISIONS



Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Martha Cruz at 240-243-2306 or e-mail mcruz@mvf.org or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail 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 are available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

**MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Dec. 5, 2018**

KEY
 AApproved
 AWMApproved w/modifications
 DDenied
 PENDPending

EASTGATE
 20214 YANKEE HARBOR PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
 20503 CROSS JACK PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
 7832 HERITAGE FARM DR - Fence and Gate, AWM

EAST VILLAGE
 20101 HARRON VALLEY WAY - Replacement Windows, A
 8221 COLLINGDALE WAY - Roof, A
 8217 COLLINGDALE WAY - Roof, A
 8217 COLLINGDALE WAY - Skylight, AWM
 19912 SILVERFIELD DR - Solar Systems, AWM
 8418 BURCHAP DR - Roof, A
 8418 BURCHAP DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
 8656 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
 19805 MACKLEN PL - Roof, A
 8703 RAVENGLASS WAY - Roof, AWM
 8703 RAVENGLASS WAY - Skylight, AWM
 8738 RAVENGLASS WAY - Gutter Guard, A
 8720 RAVENGLASS WAY - Replacement Patio Door, A
 9 HAWK RUN CT - Exterior Paint, A
 8724 DELCRIS DR - Patio, D
 20625 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Window Addition, A
 20409 REMSBURY PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
 30 TINDAL SPRINGS CT - Replacement Windows, A
 8720 DREXEL HILL PL - Roof, AWM
 19929 SUGARNOTCH CIR - Roof, AWM
 8331 MARKETREE CIR - Roof, AWM
 20303 MARKETREE PL - Roof, A
 20303 MARKETREE PL - Front Door Replacement, A
 20303 MARKETREE PL - Sidelight, A
 20303 MARKETREE PL - Replacement Patio Door, A

MARYLAND PLACE
 9505 MARSTON LN - Replacement Windows, D
 19525 TRANSHIRE RD - Shed, AWM
 19525 TRANSHIRE RD - Fence, AWM
 19525 TRANSHIRE RD - Front Door Replacement, AWM
 19525 TRANSHIRE RD - Replacement Windows, AWM
 19525 TRANSHIRE RD - Storm Door, A

MIDDLE VILLAGE
 9913 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Windows, AWM

NORTHGATE
 3 GENTLE CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
 3 GENTLE CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
 20204 LEA POND PL - Window Modification, D
 20444 ASPENWOOD LN - Roof, AWM
 9520 ASPENWOOD CT - Roof, AWM
 9982 FOREST VIEW PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
 9982 FOREST VIEW PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
 20149 DARLINGTON DR - Shed, AWM
 20121 DARLINGTON DR - Front Door Replacement, A
 20121 DARLINGTON DR - Storm Door, A
 10059 MAPLE LEAF DR - Roof, AWM
 10059 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
 10059 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
 10054 MAPLE LEAF DR - Shed, AWM
 10095 MAPLE LEAF DR - Shed, AWM
 20418 SHADOW OAK CT - Replacement Windows, AWM
 20322 SWALLOW POINT RD - Roof, AWM

NORTH VILLAGE
 20317 PLEASANT RIDGE DR - Shed, AWM
 9009 NESBIT CT - Garage Door, AWM
 20613 DUBOIS CT - Fence and Gate, AWM

20613 DUBOIS CT - Miscellaneous, AWM
 20621 DUBOIS CT - Railing, D
 20513 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Miscellaneous, A
 9281 CHADBURN PL - Storm Door, AWM
 9281 CHADBURN PL - Storm Door, AWM
 9304 BATHGATE CT - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM

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 5 MEADOWCROFT CT - Oil Tank Above Ground, AWM
 5 MEADOWCROFT CT - Miscellaneous, AWM
 18 MEADOWCROFT CT - Roof, AWM
 9920 SHREWSBURY CT - Front Door Replacement, A
 9920 SHREWSBURY CT - Storm Door, A
 9920 SHREWSBURY CT - Shutters, A
 14 DELLCASTLE CT - Cupola, A
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 10029 DELLCASTLE RD - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
 10021 DELLCASTLE RD - Roof, A
 20062 DOOLITTLE ST - Front Door Replacement and Color Change, AWM

20062 DOOLITTLE ST - Garage Door, AWM
 9302 WEATHERVANE PL - Shed, AWM
 20019 HOFFSTEAD LN - Roof, AWM
 9435 HICKORY VIEW PL - Door Addition, D
 9435 HICKORY VIEW PL - Steps, D
 20108 HOB HILL WAY - Deck, AWM
 9547 DUFFER WAY - Exterior Paint, AWM
 19737 GREENSIDE TER - Walkway, D
 19737 GREENSIDE TER - Miscellaneous, D

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 9860 DOCKSIDE TER - Security Light, D
 9765 LAKE SHORE DR - Exterior Paint, AWM
 9765 LAKE SHORE DR - Replacement Siding, A
 18108 COPPS HILL PL - Roof, AWM
 18128 COPPS HILL PL - Roof, AWM
 1 FIFESHIRE CT - Replacement Siding, AWM

STEDWICK
 19111 STEDWICK DR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
 10527 CAMBRIDGE CT - Roof, A

10569 CAMBRIDGE CT - Handrail, A
 19500 BURLINGAMEWAY - Fence and Gate, AWM
 19500 BURLINGAMEWAY - Miscellaneous, AWM
 10709 WAYRIDGE DR - Gate, A
 10709 WAYRIDGE DR - Miscellaneous, A
 27 WAYRIDGE CT - Patio, A
 27 WAYRIDGE CT - Miscellaneous, A
 10202 CRESTED IRIS DR - Roof, AWM
 10340 ROYAL WOODS CT - Miscellaneous, A

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM
 19555 BRASSIE PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
 19661 BRASSIE PL - Garage Door, AWM

WHETSTONE
 9825 WHETSTONE DR - Fence and Gate, AWM
 9825 WHETSTONE DR - Miscellaneous, AWM
 18921 WHETSTONE CIR - Roof, A
 9408 FIVE LOGS WAY - Awning, D



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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Volunteers needed for SHC Board of Directors

by Keith Silliman

We have experienced our first snowfall of the season and have prospects of about 20 more inches this winter, if you believe some of the weather forecasters. The final community-wide leaf collection is scheduled for early to mid-December. Look for signs at entryways. Otherwise, greenspace activity is mostly closed down for the season.

The election of three Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors members will take place in March 2019. The deadline for receipt of a candidate application is 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, 2019. The application process requires submission of a statement indicating interest in the position and providing any related information about community or professional experience. That statement can be hand delivered, e-mailed or snail-mailed to the Stedwick Homes Corporation community manager, whose contact information is provided at the end of this article.

Board members normally attend 10 board meetings a year, averaging about 2 hours each. Additional time may be required, depending on the role of the individual board members. The board of directors oversees the management of about 46 acres of greenspace, 6 miles of private streets and a budget of about 1 million dollars. If you are interested in the overall welfare and future of the Stedwick community, volunteer to help with that management process.

This has been a year of abnormally high rainfall. The year may break all records for total precipitation. That has been good news for the trees and shrubs in our community, as they have enjoyed a good growing season. But it has also been bad news for grass cutting and leaf removal, with frequently soggy turf and matted leaves.

Parking problems in some of our communities have been somewhat reduced with more aggressive towing of cars that are in violation of parking rules.

Homeowners in Clusters I and II are receiving reimbursement checks for the cost of electricity for post lamps in their front yards, which are powered from the home's circuit.

The little white flags in the greenspace across from the entry to Clusters II will be replaced with trees. The new trees will fill in some of the space left after the removal of some White Pine trees that fell earlier this summer.

The next maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11. If you know of any items, situations or conditions of the greenspace, trees, streets or sidewalks and paths that need the maintenance committee's attention, please let us know prior to that date.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. The first item on the agenda is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express your concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvf.org or communicate via regular mail with the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road; other information can be found on the new Stedwick website www.stedwickhc.com.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Home maintenance tips

by the East Village Board of Directors

Winter is fast approaching, and it's a good idea to do a quick home inspection of the interior and exterior of your home. These tips should be followed in the spring and fall of each year to help with the comfort and safety of your home.

Doors

- Check the weather stripping on the door jams and bottom of the door and make sure it provides a good seal.
- Frequency of painting is determined by exposure to the elements and orientation towards the sun. Repainting is needed if the paint has faded or is flaking.

Garage Doors

- Lubricate the pulley and rollers – this should be done several times a year.
- The doors should be painted at least as often as the front door of your home. Make sure that the lower panel of the door is given an extra coat of paint, as

this gets the most severe exposure to the elements.

Roof

- From the ground, visually inspect the shingles and flashing for damage and repair as necessary – have repairs done by a professional.

Gutter and downspouts

- Check the gutters to make sure that they are not clogged with leaves and debris – this should be done at least twice a year.
- Make sure that the splash blocks are directing water away from the foundation.

Foundation

- Verify that the ground around your foundation is sloped so that water drains away from the house. Fill in any areas that have settled so that the ground slopes away from the foundation. Landscaping much may tend to hide the settlement. Check the grade underneath the mulch each time you put new mulch on the ground.

Masonry

- If you have a brick front, make sure that the peepholes (openings in the bottom course brickwork) have not been covered up by landscaping. Hairline cracks in the mortar are caused by natural shrinkage and are not a concern.

Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

- Make sure that the HVAC system is balanced according to the season.
- Check air filters monthly and replace when dirty.
- Have your HVAC system professionally serviced annually for peak operating efficiency.
- Keep the outside air conditioning unit free of debris. If you have a heat pump, keep the outside condenser free of debris and snow in the winter.

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.

Leaf Removal Schedule

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

EAST VILLAGE

The week of December 10

PATTON RIDGE

The week of December 10

SOUTH VILLAGE

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS

Second date TBD

STEDWICK

The week of December 17

WHETSTONE

The week of December 10

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

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.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Please join the festive fun this year by participating in

Patton Ridge's Holiday Lights Contest! Houses will be judged by volunteers the week of December 17 on three categories:

1. Most kid-friendly
2. Most traditional
3. Best over all

Winners will be announced in the Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 issue of the Village News. Happy decorating!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 at 7 p.m. 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 three minutes.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

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 generat-

ed 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, watch for signs noting the year's final leaf removal. They will be posted at the entry to each neighborhood.

The deadline for applying to run for the board of directors is 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28. E-mail Sean Farrell 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

South Village has a new trash contractor

by Doniele Ayers

The South Village Homes Corporation (SVHC) Board of Directors has approved the contract of J&J Services beginning Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. Service will continue on the same days of the week for pickup, Monday and Thursday each week. Residents are reminded of the SVHC Trash Policy where trash is placed in cans after 7 p.m. the day

before pickup. Residents are also entitled to bulk pickup by the contractor by calling J&J Service in advance. Please review the trash policy for the holiday pickup schedule and check the South Village page on the MVF website for Christmas tree pickup notifications.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On behalf of the SVHC Board of Directors, I would

like to wish you and your family the happiest of holiday seasons. It is an honor to serve the community where we live.

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

5. All nominees will be requested to submit a single page (typewritten, double spaced) statement, which will be reproduced in the December,

January or February issue of the Village News and will be sent to all voters along with the ballots (standard form will be supplied to board nominees).

6. Also, per a 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.

Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the *Montgomery Village News* must not exceed

200 words per candidate. To view *Village News* guidelines, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, select Press Room, select *Village News*, then Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 21
Nominating Committee: Whole board

EAST VILLAGE:

Nominations Close: Monday, Jan. 7, 2019
Nominating Committee: Jack Helenek, Terry O'Grady, Jayant Shukla

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 4, 2019
Nominating Committee: Christopher LaRose, Art Thomas, Laurence Thomson

STEDWICK

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 4, 2019
Nominating Committee: Whole board

WHETSTONE

Nominations Close: Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019
Nominating Committee: James Martin, Bryan Price

HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

October and November board meetings

by the North Village Board of Directors

Our North Village board meetings have been hampered this fall by bad weather and illness, but we are working on a number of projects behind the scenes. Here is a brief status report.

We are continuing work on our Path Lighting Replacement Project. We have received proposals for labor and material pricing cost. We are in the process of identifying the best fixture. We intend to have samples installed for community review before we make a final decision.

We have interviewed a candidate for our board. At the next meeting we will welcome our new board member, Richard Rabil. He has been a resident of North Village for 22 years and a Village resident for 38 years. Some of his projects include National Cooperatives, the EXIM Bank of the United States, AATB American Association of Tissue Banks website, American Society of Nutrition EB website, just to name a few. We are fortunate to have him.

Given the heavy rains, we have had considerable problems with clogged drains in the community. Drain cleaning was recently performed by Busy Service for \$2,000 at 9201, 9219 and 9223 Chadburn Place in McRory.

The 2019 budget has been approved. You will be receiving a notice of your 2019 community assessment.

Our list of dead and dying trees and limbs is endless. BrightView has completed our fall list at a cost of \$8,550. We are now adding to that list!

Leaf collection this fall has not been as satisfactory as we would have liked. Two fall collections are included in our landscaping contract. We are evaluating contract performance and developing our landscaping and snow contract for 2019. The standard arrangement in our area is for a single contractor to provide both sets of services.

Our 2019 Corporate Calendar has been approved.

We are all aware that we have a parking problem in North Village. We do not have two spaces to designate for each townhome. You can help us if you see cars that don't move day after day or have no tags; report them to the community manager at

240-243-2327. You can make a difference in our parking problem.

Public safety is always an issue. Our nights are long and dark this time of year. If you see something, say something. Keep your packages safe. Consider having them delivered to a UPS Store or to an Amazon lock box at the Germantown Safeway or the 7-Eleven on Wisteria Drive. Hide your packages in your car, and lock your cars and garage doors all the time.

All asphalt patches have been completed by Chamberlain in the amount of \$24,950.

Removal of parking spaces has been completed for residents in townhomes severely delinquent in association fees.

Keep our neighborhoods free of trash. If you see your neighbor placing trash out when it is not trash day, call the community manager. We need to keep North Village free of trash and looking good to keep our property values up.

A second leaf pickup is anticipated in the next couple of weeks.

IMPORTANT

NUMBERS TO KEEP:

APS (security): 240-631-2399

Potomac Disposal:

301-294-9700

MC Recycling/Blue Bins/

Scrap Metal: 311

Pepco: 877-737-2662

WSSC: 301-206-4001

Two of our long-time board members have sold their homes and left the area. We are looking for new board members who want to be part of North Village's future. If you would like to help make a difference, contact the community manager.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. We want to remind residents that if they want to address the board at one of the meetings, they must be present at 7 p.m. and sign in. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327, or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2019 parking pass distribution

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The 2018 parking tags will expire on Monday, Dec. 31. Residents can pick up new 2019 parking tags on the following dates/times from the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place:

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*After December 15, residents will only be able to pick up their parking passes at the Comsource Office, 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney. **Parking passes will not be mailed.**

You must have a photo ID to receive 2019 parking tags. Homeowners/landlords are responsible to contact ComSource if they do not want renters to obtain the parking tags. If you are a renter, you must verify with the property owner that you are authorized to pick up the parking tags. Parking tags will not be given to renters if the homeowner/landlord has requested that parking tags only be given to the owner.

As a reminder, each household is assigned one reserved parking space and receives two corresponding parking permits. Households with current assessment accounts will receive a third corresponding parking permit at the time of distribution.

If a homeowner is delinquent on their assessment account, they will not receive a third parking tag/permit until they have paid the past due assessment balance, including all outstanding administrative fees, legal fees, fines and interest in full.

All unmarked spaces in the community will continue to be available on a first come, first served basis.

Please note, after Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, homeowners/tenants will be towed if they are parked in their reserved space or open space, anytime of the day or night, and displaying an expired parking tag.

If you are a new resident, and do not know your assigned parking space number or have not picked up your parking tag, call Shirley Umali at 301-924-7355 or e-mail sumali@comsource.com.

RECYCLING

Recycling is collected in Middle Village on Wednesdays.

What goes in a recycling bin?

- Aluminum foil products
- Cans: aluminum, steel, bi-metal
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles, containers, tubs and lids

- Paper items: break down boxes and bundle your paper items separately

Is your recycle bin overflowing? You can order new recycling bins (limit of five bins per calendar year) free of charge from Montgomery County and they will be delivered to your home by county recycling staff (not the recycling collection crew).

To order a new bin(s), visit www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/items.aspx?subcatalog_id=11. For more information or questions, call the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection using the 311 system.

Remember to place household trash or recycling out after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup or on the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

All vehicles parked in unreserved parking spaces, whether covered or uncovered, must be moved at least every 30 days. If the vehicle is not relocated, a violation sticker/tag will be attached to the vehicle and the vehicle will be subject to towing—at the vehicle owner's expense—48 to 72 hours after the sticker is attached.

ASSESSMENTS

We live in a community that requires every homeowner to pay assessment fees. Assessments are used to pay contractors for landscaping, snow removal, trash collection, collection of illegally dumped trash, lighting, repairs on community property, etc. If you are a homeowner, you were provided with this information during closing.

Reminder: Assessments are due paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15th of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payments allow us to continue providing services to our community.

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is to contact Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or dmatthews@comsource.com.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand:

877-241-1265

Big Tow: 301-424-4869

Potomac Disposal:

301-294-9700

Montgomery County Police

Non-emergency:

301-279-8000

Emergency: 911

ComSource: 301-924-7355

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.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Thomas Choice clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place, unless otherwise stated.

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

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone Holiday Lights Contest

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

The judges for this year's Holiday Lights Contest will be driving through the community between Monday, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 21 finding the best and most creative decorations in Whetstone. Winners will be announced at either the January or March board meetings.

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

Through the end of October, Whetstone remains on track to stay within the 2018 budget. With only 2 months remaining, the board is projecting being under budget by \$1,000 to \$2,000. The Whetstone Maintenance Committee has done an excellent job prioritizing the many requests for work to keep within the confines of the austerity budget.

Communities (CCOC) in regards to the recently completed Assessment Ceiling Increase vote. The complaint alleges that the Whetstone Board of Directors failed to:

- Properly conduct an election
- Properly adopt a budget or Rule

The specific issue was this sentence in the cover letter that accompanied the ballot:

"... the Whetstone Homes Corporation requires the assent of 60% of the total votes of all classes of Members of those voting upon written ballot..."

This statement was not correct. The statement should have either used a number of 66% or removed the words "of those voting." The Whetstone Board of Directors regrets the error but does not believe it was material to the outcome of the vote.

at the November 26 board meeting. The board voted to not accept the stipulations, as some of the stipulations were either too onerous to implement or were not in the best interests of the Whetstone community.

As a result of CCOC rules, the assessment ceiling increase is automatically stayed and can't be implemented (assuming Whetstone prevails) until the CCOC rules on the complaint. This ruling is expected sometime in the later part of 2019.

The Whetstone Board of Directors will be posting the full set of complaint documents online so that every resident may read the complaint and the supporting evidence. Please log into your Resident Dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com to find this information. To create a free website account, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com and click "Login/Join" in the upper right hand corner. Once your account has been approved, you will be able to access the complaint documents, as well as gain other valuable property information.

2019 BUDGET

As a result of the CCOC complaint, the Whetstone Board of Directors was required to adopt a new budget using the existing assessment ceiling. As part of this budget, the board set aside \$20,000 of assessment funds to cover the potential costs to litigate the CCOC complaint.

For 2019, only maintenance activities related to health/safety or otherwise legally required will be performed. The association will not have funds to perform any discretionary work in the community.

The following activities which had been planned for next year will not be possible due to a lack of operating assessment funds:

- Maintenance tree pruning in Goshenside
- Greenspace repair of any kind
- Watering of new trees (which may preclude all new tree plantings in 2019)

LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will begin Monday, Dec. 10, weather permitting.

In an effort to communicate more effectively with our residents, the WHC board would like to update our board e-mail list. This allows you to receive meeting notices, agendas, emergency information, etc. This is not a neighborhood discussion forum. If you are not on the current list or have changed your provider, just send an e-mail to vermillion.whc@gmail.com.

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

Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Lawn Maintenance	\$ 60,290	\$ 50,767	\$ 9,523
Greenspace Maintenance	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,629	\$ 1,371
Snow Removal	\$ 10,950	\$ 16,827	\$ (5,877)
Storm Damage	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,770	\$ 4,230
Street Asset Management	\$ 21,100	\$ 6,207	\$ 14,893
Tree Pruning	\$ 500	\$ 1,853	\$ (1,353)
Total	\$ 110,840	\$ 88,053	\$ 22,787
Property Expenses	\$ 6,200	\$ 3,134	\$ 3,066
Unrecoverable Debts	\$ 500	\$ 2,406	\$ (1,906)
Miscellaneous Management	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,843	\$ (743)
Taxes/Fees/Insurance/Audit	\$ 15,100	\$ 16,175	\$ (1,075)
Legal/Enforcement	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,690
Contracts	\$ 76,879	\$ 64,602	\$ 12,277
Total	\$ 105,279	\$ 90,970	\$ 14,309

Table 1: Actual vs Budgeted Spending (End of October 2018)

2018 ASSESSMENT INCREASE DISPUTE

A resident of Whetstone has filed a formal complaint with the Office of Common Ownership

The resident is seeking to overturn the results of the vote. The resident offered to withdraw the complaint if the board agreed to 10 stipulations. The board reviewed the stipulations



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SCHOOL NEWS

Refurbished vehicle and computer sale

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

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

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

Cars and computers will be on sale from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 240-740-2051, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org, www.itfcareers.org or www.cars2purchase.org.

Living Grace students place in ACSI Spelling Bee

Living Grace Christian School students did an outstanding job at the ACSI District Spelling Bee in York, Penn. on November 5. The Champion Spelling Bee Team consisted of the following students who earned the privilege of representing Living Grace in the Bee: Dante Fuentes and Peniel Johnson, 8th grade; Alejandra Lievano-Bonilla and Andrew Wong, Jr., 7th grade; Joshua Switzer and Celeste Rauda Andrade, 6th grade; and Gabriel Sandoval and Brianna Tejada, 5th grade.

In the 8th grade competition, Peniel Johnson placed first and Dante Fuentes made it to the 11th round of the competition. In the 7th grade competition,

Andrew Wong, Jr. made it to the 7th round. In the 6th grade competition, Joshua Switzer came placed second and Celeste Rauda Andrade placed fourth. In the 5th grade competition, Gabriel Sandoval made it to the 11th round, barely missing placing.

In the final round of 16 contestants (down from about 130 total contestants from about 15 schools), Celeste came in fourth, Peniel came in third and Joshua came in second. They now compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Lancaster County, Penn. in February.

Living Grace Christian School is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, visit www.lgcs.northgatecc.org.

Network Operations students donate computer lab

The Network Operations program of the Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation, Inc. (ITF) will hold its annual computer lab gifting ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Clarksburg High School, 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg.

This year's computer lab recipient, Our House, Inc., is located in Brookeville. Our House is a unique, all male, residential program that has the capability to house up to sixteen participants. Currently at 75% capacity, Our House lacks the technology and resources to help their participants become technologically literate and acquire employability skills.

According to Our House's vision statement, their mission is to "provide an opportunity for at-risk adolescents to become happy, healthy and pro-

ductive." They strive to "inspire youth by opening their minds to the incredible potential that is within them and helping that potential to unfold." With the donation of this computer lab, Our House will offer young men opportunities to earn industry standard certifications, as well as promote career and college readiness.

ITF students at Clarksburg High School reconditioned six computers with operating systems, monitors, keyboards, mice and a printer for the lab. This project provides an opportunity for the ITF students to put into practice their computer maintenance skills, earn student service learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for charity and community involvement.

For more information about ITF, visit www.itfcareers.org.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Best Medicine Rep premieres "The Crater Sisters' Christmas Special"

Best Medicine Rep, Gaithersburg's professional theater company, is proud to present the world premiere of "The Crater Sisters' Christmas Special" by John Morogiello and Lori Boyd. Directed by Morogiello, the musical comedy runs through Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Best Medicine Rep Theater space in Lakeforest Mall. Appearing in the play will be Lori Boyd, Rebecca A. Herron, Claire Derriennic and James Morogiello.

"The Crater Sisters' Christmas Special" is a musical farce that gives holiday punch a whole new meaning. How does a demanding star salvage her TV comeback when the cast and crew resign? Become even more demanding! Watch her life fall apart, to the delight of millions.

"I've written music for a few of Morogiello's plays," says co-author and actress Lori Boyd, "but this is the first time we've collaborated on a full-fledged musical."

Boyd has been performing with Radio Kind Orchestra as one of the Fabulous Pin Curl Girls for the past decade. She has performed in several Morogiello productions in Washington, D.C. and New York. Boyd has also worked in regional theatres including



Round House, Maryland Ensemble and Adventure Theatre as well as television/film. Best Medicine Rep will present a reading of her play "The Fifth Date" in March 2019.

Morogiello agrees that working with Boyd has been a delight. "This is an incredibly fun show for the holiday season. Heartfelt, silly. And we wrote it with these four specific actors in mind."

Salem's Grant resident John Morogiello is a playwright in residence with the Maryland State Arts Council. His many other plays are performed around the country, and at Best Medicine Rep Theater.

Also appearing in the play will be Claire Derriennic, Rebecca A. Herron and James Morogiello. Derriennic and Herron have recently appeared in other Best Medicine Rep productions. While "Crater Sisters" will be James

Morogiello's debut with Best Medicine Rep, he has done two seasons of summer stock in Bethlehem, Penn., and recently appeared at the Kennedy Center Page to Stage Festival.

Performances run Thursday through Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. There will also be a Sunday evening performance on December 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and are available through www.bestmedicinerep.org.

Best Medicine Rep is a non-profit theater company that specializes in new comedies. It is dedicated to the artistic, educational, and cultural development of the Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village area. For more information about the company, visit www.bestmedicinerep.org.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Invites You to Celebrate the Season

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS
December 12 and 19 – Simple Supper of soup and bread at 6:30 p.m.; Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of this year's Advent Evening Prayer readings and homilies is "Tidings of Comfort and Joy."

Evening prayer is a lovely, and easy to pick up sung service, using the music of Holden Evening Prayer.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Monday, Dec. 24 – Carols and Candlelight Family Eucharist at 6 p.m.

This family-oriented, child-friendly Christmas Eve service is a great opportunity to celebrate Jesus' birth with singing and fellowship. It's perfect for bringing the whole extended family to worship together! Little kids get to help assemble the crèche at the front of the altar, and after the service, enjoy special cookies and treats. The family service is fun and festive – and early enough for children to get to bed before Santa arrives.

Solemn High Mass ("Midnight" Mass) at 11 p.m.

Don't let the late-night timeslot intimidate you; the "Midnight Mass" is one of the most memorable services in the entire church year. We pull out all the stops. This is one of only

a few times we use incense in worship. This service is full of song, ceremony and tradition. There is something unique and awe-inspiring about ushering in Christmas Day the very moment it begins. There's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit than a big, majestic, traditional Christmas Eve service!

CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Lessons, Carols and Communion at 11 a.m.

Join us for a service of Lessons, Carols and Communion. Come and hear the prophets foretell Jesus' birth and the gospels tell the story as we sing the carols of the season at this joyful service on Christmas morning.

EPIPHANY
Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 – Worship Service and Shared Meal beginning at 9:30 a.m.

On the 12th Day of Christmas, we celebrate the day of Epiphany – when the church recalls the visit of the Magi (or Wise Men).

This service will be followed by a "Many Cultures Festival Potluck." In worship and in our shared meal we will recall that those Wise Men came from the far reaches of the known world at that time.

CUMC holiday events

Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive, invites the community to participate in holiday events and services.

The Christmas portion, and the Hallelujah Chorus with chamber orchestra, will be presented by the music ministry on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services.

Handel's "Messiah" has been a tradition for many generations – Handel's masterful music continues to inspire concertgoers young and old. For many people, Handel's "Messiah" is the sound of Christmas, so this will be just the thing to get you in the right frame of mind for the holidays. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available.

There are two Christmas Eve services on Monday, Dec. 24: a children's pageant in full costume at 5 p.m. and a candlelight worship experience at 8: p.m.

For more information or other Advent activities, call 301-926-8920 or visit www.covenant-umc.org.

Kensington Fall Colors and Holiday Lights seasonal walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a seasonal Kensington Fall Colors and Holiday Lights walk now through Sunday, Dec. 30. The trails are two 10km loops and two 5km loops, rated 2A, that take walkers through Historic Kensington, Howard Avenue Antique Row and up to the Mormon Temple Visitor's Center to view annual holiday light decorations and displays in December. The trails also include a walk through Garrett Park and along Rock Creek Park's hiker/biker trail

to enjoy the fall foliage as well. Trails are on sidewalks, paved roadway shoulders and asphalt hiker/biker trail. It is suitable for strollers, but wheelchairs may encounter difficulty.

Participants must register for the walk in the "Walk Box" at the customer service desk at the Safeway, 10541 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington. Walking with a group and carrying a flashlight is recommended during evening hours; groups are also recommended during evening hours for Holiday Lights in

December, but the trail can be walked alone during the day.

The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3. Restrooms are available in the Safeway, Mormon Temple Visitor's Center and Garrett Park Town Hall. Pets are allowed, but must be leashed at all times during the walk and must be cleaned up after. Pets are not allowed in the shops, buildings or in the temple's visitor's center.

For more information, contact Maribeth Evans at 301-787-5410 or e-mail evansm0612@gmail.com.

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene to host Live Nativity

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene (GCN), 8921 Warfield Road (the corner of Goshen and Warfield roads), will continue its tradition of presenting the Christmas story through a Live Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 16. The outdoor program, which is free, has performances at 5 and 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to the Live Nativity, GCN invites the community to morning holiday services on Sundays, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 at 10 a.m., and a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Monday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 301-330-0366.

RECREATION

Tennis

Montgomery Village has partnered with Metropolitan Tennis Education Group (MTEG) to offer tennis classes for ages 6 to 14. The MTEG coaching staff is dedicated to bringing the best tennis game out in each individual player. Participants will develop skills through drills and competitive play while having fun learning a lifetime sport.

Classes are held on Mondays, Jan. 7 to March 25, 2019 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 2 to 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

For more information, see the Winter Recreation Guide, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Parents Afternoon Out

Attention parents! If you need some time finish holiday shopping or to prepare the house for the holidays, let us help you by watching your kids! Children ages 5 to 12 will be entertained at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 1 to 5 p.m. with games, a craft and movie for a fun-filled afternoon. A snack will also be provided.

Register your kids by Wednesday, Dec. 12; cost is \$20/Resident child and \$30/Non-resident and an additional \$15 for each additional child from the same household.

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



MVF FACILITY RENTALS

Need to rent a place to hold your party, meeting, gathering, or sports team practice? Lake Marion, North Creek and Whetstone community centers are available to rent!

Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic, private functions held between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Rental rates start at \$55 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Rental rates differ for Designated User and Non-Designated User residents.

LAKE MARION

8821 East Village Ave.

Wood Floor Activity Room

Maximum Attendance: 85

12 six foot banquet tables
85 metal folding chairs

Kitchenette – sink, microwave & refrigerator.
Deck overlooking Lake Marion.

Gymnasium

Maximum Attendance: 125

Bleachers, Standard Basketball court with goals, Volleyball standards & nets

Appropriate footwear required, no food or drink allowed



NORTH CREEK

20125 Arrowhead Road

Tile Floor Activity Room

Maximum Attendance: 125

15 six foot banquet tables
125 metal folding chairs

L-shaped activity room may be subdivided.

Large Kitchen – sink, microwave, refrigerator and 2 ovens (licensed for warming only).

**The North Creek Board Room is not available for rental.



WHETSTONE

19140 Brooke Grove Court

Tile Floor Activity Room

Maximum Attendance: 60

10 six foot banquet tables
60 metal folding chairs

Small Kitchen

Small Kitchen – sink, microwave, refrigerator and oven (licensed for warming only).



Lake Marion Activity Room, North Creek Community Center and Whetstone Community Center are air conditioned. Restrooms (including handicap accessible) are available at all locations.

Rental requests must be submitted to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Use of Private Rentals" and the "Private Rental Request Form" at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Alcohol is not permitted at any function.

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

Teens Making a Difference

Do you want to get involved in community programs but don't know how? Do you want to have a say in programs that are offered in the future to teens? Or do you want a safe place to come hang out and build your leadership skills while developing a community service project to work on as a group? Then come make new friends, have fun and share your ideas while working on various projects and events!

Students ages 12 to 16 are invited to Lake Marion

Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, once a month on Thursday evenings. Meetings are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 21, 2019. There is an opportunity to earn SSL hours at each meeting and be invited to special events to earn even more SSL hours!

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



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Paper Carriers



Village residents ages 10 to 18 can visit the carriers page at www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2342 for information

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RECREATION



The annual Thanksgiving Morning Workout led by Karin Baker was held on November 22, with an enthusiastic group who brought a table full of canned goods to benefit Gaithersburg HELP.

New fitness classes offered

New and exciting fitness classes are coming to Montgomery Village! Register for Bootcamp Ready or Mindful Yoga Flow today for a transformative experience you do not want to miss.

Tired of running on the treadmill? Bootcamp Ready is a high intensity class that challenges you to push yourself for maximum results. Transform yourself this winter by building strength, burning calories and sculpting your body!

Still want to sculpt and strengthen your body without the high intensity? Mindful Yoga Flow brings awareness to your mental, physical, emotional and energetic layers of the body to achieve your fitness goals.

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

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Students in grades K to 5 can have afterschool fun in a well supervised and friendly environment at either Whetstone or Stedwick community centers. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts and crafts and homework help. Snacks will be provided for participants by the Division of Food & Nutrition Services of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). No club when MCPS are closed for a full day.

Not sure if the program is right for you? Register your child for the free trial Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 4, 2019.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum 20-day punch card. Punch cards expire on Thursday, June 13, 2019 or last day of school.

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



The MVF Recreation and Parks Department would like to thank Lois Austin for donating five large boxes of children's books to be used at the Stedwick Afterschool Club. Lois is a retired teacher with over 35 years of teaching experience around the globe, including Hawaii and France. She has lived in Montgomery Village for many years and is happy to give back to the community by donating her personal collection of books from her years of teaching.

Indoor Drop-in Pickleball

Join pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, playing this sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong. With specialized lines drawn just for pickleball, players use a paddle and plastic ball to volley over the net. Limited equipment available for use.

Drop-in Monday morn-

ings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for only \$3/Resident or \$4/Non-resident. No drop-in between Tuesday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019. Check the Winter Recreation Guide for continuing dates and times in 2019.

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

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Valentine's Wine & Paint



Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

**Friday, Feb. 1
7 to 9 p.m.**

Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 2

In this special Valentine's edition of our popular Wine & Paint events, couples will create a fun, two-canvas masterpiece! Individual artists are welcome, too, and will create a similar piece using one canvas. **The subject to be painted at this event is a snowy forest.** Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide you step-by-step through this unique and easy painting with acrylics on stretched canvases. No experience necessary! Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Must be 21 or older to attend.

\$32/Resident, \$38/Non-resident

Free
Winter Jazz Concert
Monday, Dec. 17
7:30 p.m.

Join the Montgomery Blue Notes
for
Jazz, Blues and Holiday Tunes
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

BLUE NOTES
MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to WUMCO Help, Inc.

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

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

WINTER Session

Jan. 2 through May 17

No meeting Jan. 21 or Feb. 18

MONDAY

Pickleball Group 10 a.m. to noon
(beginning March 18) Pickleball enthusiasts of all skill levels meet for fun on the Stedwick Community Center Tennis Courts.

SiA Social Games 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.

Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m.
third Monday each month
Jan. 28: "I Remember Nothing" by Nora Ephron

Arts and Crafts 10:15 a.m. to noon
Various creative projects for all skill levels.

TUESDAY

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

Flow-Motion 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Work the mind/body with controlled, flowing motions, range of motion improvement, balance and muscular strength. Seated and/or standing.

WEDNESDAY

SiA Social Games 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.

THURSDAY

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

Pickleball Group 10 a.m. to noon
(beginning March 18) Pickleball enthusiasts of all skill levels meet for fun on the Stedwick Community Center Tennis Courts.

Total Body Tune-up 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
This fun, easy-to-follow, seated and standing movement class emphasizes light toning and stretching and can be done by people of any fitness level.

FRIDAY

Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch Noon to 2 p.m.
second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with friends. **Free for members, \$2/Non-member**
Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10

A look back...



Join one of the most distinct and action-packed groups in Montgomery Village and participate in all of the diverse offerings!

Up next...



Holy Cross Memory Academy

Memory Academy is an innovative, educational course that teaches individuals techniques to improve their memory in a fun, interactive classroom environment. This 2-hour, once per week course is designed to benefit individuals with age-related memory challenges. Participants will learn: what memory is and how it works; how to reduce tip of tongue moments; how to reduce memory burden; individual learning styles; better memory habits; and strategies and techniques for some of the most common memory complaints.

Fridays, Jan. 4 to Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and March 8

January sessions 10 a.m. to noon

February and March sessions 10 to 11:30 a.m.

\$5

Registration is required through the Holy Cross Call Center, 301-754-8800, or online at www.holycrosshealth.org/classes-events.

Fall Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Monday, Jan. 7
Stedwick Community Center,
10401 Stedwick Road

Not sure if Seniors in Action is for you? Take advantage of free unlimited access to our programs from Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Monday, Jan. 7, 2019!



SIA E-MAIL LIST

Take action and sign up to become part of the most distinct and diverse group in Montgomery Village!

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail aalcon@mvf.org to be added to the list for updates and changes related to Seniors in Action.

REGISTRATION

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

The Architectural Standards Compliance Specialist ensures compliance with MVF Architectural Standards by conducting property inspections in assigned communities. Responsible for meeting monthly scheduled inspections target, conducting architectural inspections for resale disclosure packets, performing follow-up inspections to determine if violations were corrected, conducting inspections to determine if applications for homes with violations can be released for review and conducting reported violation inspections.

The Compliance Specialist communicates with residents by phone and in person regarding violations on their homes. Determines necessary course of action needed for violation cases to ensure compliance with MVF Architectural Policies and Guidelines.

This position reports to the Director of Architectural Standards. Salary range is \$31,755 to \$32,500 per year DOQ with excellent benefits package.

Full job descriptions and the application process can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For consideration, please submit cover letter and résumé to hr@mvf.org.

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PROGRAM LEADER

Program Leader needed four days a week, 3:30 to 6:15 p.m., to lead daily operation of Stedwick Afterschool Club. Previous experience supervising staff. Previous experience working with children K-5. Other duties as needed.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Program Assistant for the Stedwick Afterschool Club. Monday to Friday, 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. Position helps with the daily operation of afterschool club, including supervision, leadership, setup and cleanup. Must have experience and love working with children.

For more information, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Reliable contestants needed for Senior panel game *It's Your Business*. Contact Andy, owner, Senior Entertainment, 240-274-7577. Have fun, meet other seniors, enjoy being in front of others. Prizes will be offered. e-mail Senior.entertain@yahoo.com. Web: www.seniorentertainmentllc.com.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Single Family Home in Montgomery Village. 4 BR, 3.5 BA. Call 240-423-2510

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