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Celebrate Montgomery Village's Golden Anniversary!

Residents, neighbors, families and friends are invited to help celebrate Montgomery Village turning 50! **On Sunday, Feb. 28 (50 years to the day of the ground breaking on Montgomery Village) from 2 to 4 p.m., residents are invited to a special 50th Anniversary Kick-off Party at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.**

Party-goers will be able to capture their memories in the free photo booth, as well as engage in Montgomery Village photo trivia and participate in creating a one-of-a-kind Community Mural. Washington Nationals mascot George Washington will also be on hand for photos; a few lucky kids will also be able to race against the president, just like at a Nationals' game!

Residents will be able to register for official Montgomery Village License Plates and receive information for fitness walks through interesting routes around the Village. Local elected officials will present proclamations in honor of the community's golden anniversary. Residents will also be treated to refreshments and leave with a limited edition 50th Anniversary insulated tumbler.

OTHER CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Activities and events include some new ideas and some added themes to existing events throughout 2016. Celebration plans include: an art exhibition at the Art, Craft See ANNIVERSARY page 6

More than 65 girls and their dads (or granddads) had a sweetheart of a time at the 8th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance on Friday, Feb. 12 at North creek Community Center. See more photos on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/MontVillageMD.

County Council adopts MV Master Plan

On February 9, the Montgomery County Council unanimously adopted the Montgomery Village Master Plan. Over the last two years, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors, MVF staff, Village residents, county planners and business stakeholders in the Village, including Monument Realty, worked to provide feedback and comments on the proposed plan.

County Council President Nancy Floreen thanked all that participated, noting that MVF and the Vision 2030 Plan helped lay the groundwork for this totally new Master Plan.

With the adoption of the Master Plan, the Town Sector Zone (Montgomery Village's original zoning ordinance) will need to be replaced with

zoning that is in line with the rest of the county. In order to change Village properties to the new zoning outlined in the Master Plan, the county planning board will request to file a Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) with the county council. This would change the current zoning into 15 standard zones, with the overlay zone exceptions. This process is expected to take 60 to 90 days to complete, with anticipation of adopting new zones in spring 2016. This is the first time in county history that all properties in one master plan have been rezoned in this fashion.

For more information or to view the Montgomery Village Master Plan, visit www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/montgomery_village.

SPRING BREAK CAMP IN MONTGOMERY VILLAGE



Monday, March 28
through
Friday, April 1
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

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Flea Market & Baby Bazaar

Saturday, Feb. 20

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Transportation, Development and Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Note: All meeting agendas listed in this section are current as of the deadline date for this publication. The listings do not include every agenda item. This information is also available on the MVF website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. 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.

50th Anniversary
Kick-off Celebration

Sunday, Feb. 28
2 to 4 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Heron's Cove office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

HORIZON RUN

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19402 Brassie Place.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19402 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 in the North Creek Board Room, This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

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EVP'S MESSAGE

There's been a lot going on besides the weather



by David Humpton
MVf Executive Vice President

AIRBNB LEGISLATION

Bill 2-16 - Transient Housing: Councilmember Hans Riemer has proposed legislation to regulate transient housing and update hotel regulations, including bed and breakfast accommodations. The county's research has shown that there are over 400 short-term rental units dispersed throughout Montgomery County. Clearly one of the issues that will concern HOAs and COAs is the impact on parking these short-term rentals will have on neighborhoods. There will be a public hearing before the county council on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, 3rd Floor Hearing Room. Senior Legislative Aide Kathy Mitchell is the point person on this issue and expects to have a fact sheet explaining further the proposed legislation.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CENTER IS SOLD

Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRIT) sold the Village Center property (approximately 15 acres/198,000 sq. ft. of retail space) to Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC), based in Tyson's Corner. ARC has a diverse portfolio of retail, office and mixed use assets across the region. Principals of ARC met with MVF President John Driscoll and EVP Dave Humpton to discuss their vision for the property, which includes in the short term, a refurbishment of the exterior building facades and signage. In the long term, they would like to evaluate the feasibility of adding housing to the center and bringing in a major retail anchor as well. President Driscoll invited the ARC principals to attend a future MVF Board meeting to present their plans for the Village Center as they become more definitive.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

After almost two years of

formal process, the county council unanimously adopted the Montgomery Village Master Plan on February 9. County Council President Nancy Floreen lauded many stakeholders who participated throughout the process, but particularly noted MVF and its efforts, including Vision 2030, for assisting throughout the process. Now that the Master Plan has been adopted, the next step for the county council is to fix the new zoning to all properties in the Village through a Sectional Map Amendment (SMA), which will take 60 to 90 days.

SOUTH VALLEY PARK FACILITIES COMPLETED

After much work, the concession stand and restroom facilities at South Valley Park have been completed, with the contractor just needing to do minor grading and landscaping work around the facilities later this spring. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled to thank the many who have supported this project.

LAKE WHETSTONE DREDGING UPDATE

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notified MVF that the hydraulic dredging operation at Lake Whetstone was going to end on February 12. Staff had been monitoring the contractor's progress on a daily basis, and the contractor had made substantial progress in removing the delta at the south end of the lake. With that said, there remained a portion of the delta. DEP recognizes that removal of the sediment and other materials (rock, gravel) was an original goal of the project in the delta area; however, due to the coarseness of the material remaining in the delta, the hydraulic dredging equipment was not effective. To improve the aesthetics of the area, DEP spread the remaining gravel material in the delta to below the water surface (approximately 6 inches). This will not only help address aesthetics, but also help satisfy one of MVF's original concerns about deterring visitors from wandering out to the delta area. The county indicated that they were supposed to finish the entire operation by February 15, but have gotten an extension from DNR to Sunday, Feb. 28. These dates relate to concerns about the nesting season for the herons on the island. Staff does not see any other way of getting the remaining material removed, given the permit restrictions.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016
North Creek Community Center - 7:30 p.m.
AGENDA

7 to 7:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates - a time for residents to meet candidates for the upcoming MVF election.

Presentation - Legislative Update- Senator King and District 39 Delegates.

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 Jan. 28, 2016
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 a contract for Landscaping services
- B. Consider approval of the North Village Design Study
- C. Consider approval of revisions to the North Village architectural criteria
- D. Consider approval of proposed 2016 Pool Schedule
- E. Consider Committee on the Environment's request for Tree Plantings
- F. Consider bids for Guard Stands
- G. Consider bids for Hurley Park Pool filter replacement
- H. Consider bids for Pool Light replacements
7. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group.
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. TD&PF
 - L. Investment Committee
 - M. 50th Anniversary Committee
8. Board Member Issues
9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to -
 - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.
 - (i.) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
10. Adjournment

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>Don't Miss It!</p> <p>Feb 20 Flea Market and Baby Bazaar 28 50th Anniversary Kick-off Party</p> <p>March 1 Spring Wreath Workshop 4 MVF Ballot Deadline Wine & Paint 5 Ballot Counting</p>		<p>Village News 19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Flea Market and Baby Bazaar 9 am to 1 pm – LMCC</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Horizon Run Condo 7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office</p> <p>Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR</p> <p>Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p> <p>South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR (7 pm – "Meet the Candidates")</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>50th Anniversary Kick-off Party 2 to 4 pm – LMCC</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Spring Wreath Workshop 6:30 to 8:30 pm (Pre-registration required)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>ARB 5 pm – NCBR</p> <p>MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Village News 4</p> <p>Deadline for MVF Ballots</p> <p>Election Committee 7 pm – MVF Office</p> <p>Wine & Paint 7 to 9 pm – SCC (Pre-registration required)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ballot Counting 9 am – MVF Office</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>50th Anniversary Committee 7 pm – MVF Office</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR</p> <p>Audit Committee 7 pm – WCC</p> <p>Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)</p> <p>Eastgate HC 7:30 pm – LMCC (Annual Mtg.)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Art Show Registration 3 to 8 pm – NCCC</p> <p>Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Art, Craft & Photography Show 1 to 5 pm – NCCC</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time begins</p> <p>Art, Craft & Photography Show 1 to 5 pm – NCCC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR</p> <p>Garden Club 7:30 pm – WCC</p>	<p>15</p> <p>East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC (Annual Mtg.)</p> <p>TD&PF Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC</p> <p>Maryland Place HC 7 pm – WCC (Annual Mtg.)</p> <p>MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS</p> <p>Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC (Annual Mtg.)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Village News 18</p> <p>Spring Recreation Guide Home Improvement Guide</p> <p>Lego Block Party 7 to 9 pm – NCCC (Pre-registration required)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Home Show 9 am to 3 pm – LMCC</p>

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, 19402 Brassie Pl.
 WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication.

3. Typed letters and e-mail must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution, while handwritten letters must be received no later than noon on the Friday, one week prior to publication. When a holiday occurs on a deadline Monday, Letters to the Editor must be received no later than noon on the subsequent Tuesday prior to the Friday publication and distribution.

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

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

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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. The Letters to the Editor section is not a forum for extensive debates; MVF encourages residents to use other avenues such as facebook and twitter for timely discussion.

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

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.
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E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

Letters to the Editor



Editor:

"The route of the road is the root of the problem!" We hope this saying proves catchy for all MV residents and board members. TAME Coalition has received information that a last maneuver to build M-83 will be sent to the County Council (by long-time county government advocates of the full road) broaching the idea of making M-83, Midcounty Highway Extended, into a two-lane "parkway." To facilitate traffic flow during rush hours it would be one-way south during morning rush and one-way north during evening rush.

The route itself is still the biggest problem with such a road. Dropping two lanes would still cut MV communities apart and damage MV property values. Dropping two lanes would only save, perhaps, 30 to 40% of the cost. Dropping two lanes would only narrow the deforestation by about 30 feet, or perhaps a 25% reduction. The bridges to cross the many streams and

wetlands would still make the cost per lane-mile exorbitant. The parkway would still pour exhaust during morning rush hour next to Watkins Mill Elementary School. The parkway would still dump the same surge of traffic onto Montgomery Village Avenue in the morning rush hour. The intersection of Midcounty Highway and Shady Grove Rd would still fail disastrously every workday morning.

The still-great expense would still yield enough negatives to counterbalance its positives. Many tax dollars would yield no net gain. As this latest tactic reaches us, let's all be aware that a two-lane parkway would be essentially just as damaging to MV as the chosen Alt 9A. The Village needs to stand firm. We can tell them, "The route of the road is the root of the problem!"

Wayne Rowland, Stedwick
Bing Garthright, former
member, SHC

Editor:

Last May, I wept, I stood at the cemetery plots, of my mother, father and brother, at "Gate of Heaven Cemetery," in Silver Spring, Maryland. I returned to Montgomery Village, Memorial Day, after living in Bethesda, Maryland. Upon reflection, I looked up at the sky, reflected, then I was inspired, to run for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board Directors. Mourning my family, I took a hiatus, from public life. But I was drawn, to serve Montgomery Village, and enrich the lives, and well-being of the community.

I value my family, greatly. On Tuesday, February 2, the day of the "Meet the Candidates Forum," I was in New Jersey, with my, Aunt, who had hip-replacement surgery. I love, my Aunt Valdmir, and she loves me. I apologize, Montgomery Village community, for my absence. I hope you understand.

Neville Levi
Candidate, MVF Board
of Directors

Editor:

En mayo pasado, lloré, mientras meditaba en las parcelas de cementerio, de mi madre, padre y hermano, en "Puerta del cielo cementerio," en Silver Spring, Maryland. Regresé, en Montgomery Village, Memorial Day, después de vivir en Bethesda, Maryland. A reflexión, miró hacia arriba y fue inspirado, otra vez, a la Fundación de Montgomery Village, Consejo de administración. De luto por la muerte de los miembros de mi familia, tomé una pausa de la vida pública. Pero estaba dibujado, para servir a un pueblo de Montgomery y enriquecer las vidas y bienestar de la comunidad. Así, del martes 2 de febrero, el día de "Satisfacer los candidatos Forum", estaba en Nueva Jersey, con mis 83 años de edad, tía Valdmir, que tuvo cirugía de reemplazo de cadera. Pido disculpas, a la comunidad de la aldea de Montgomery, por no asistir al foro. Espero que me entiendas.

Neville Levi

Editor:

I highly recommend and endorse Neville Levi for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. I have gotten to know Neville through shared interests in the Montgomery Village community, including our service on the Christopher Court Condominium Board of Directors.

As a fellow member of that board, I have witnessed Nev-

ille take on the role of Treasurer for Christopher Court. In that role, it is clear he is highly intelligent, poses pointed questions on critical issues facing the community, and has an eye for detail. These attributes have served him well in a role that requires a fiscally responsible person such as Neville.

Neville would be a great addition to the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. His personality,

qualifications, and long-standing residence in the Montgomery Village community are just a few of the reasons he will be an asset to the Board. I firmly endorse him and his pursuit of a position on the MVF Board.

Andrew Hoverman
Christopher Court
Condominium

Editor:

This letter is to introduce you to Mr. Neville Levi, who is seeking to be elected to the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors.

His past service on the Board of Directors and Past Chairman of the Village TD&PF Committee, and his 17 years living in the Village, I feel gives the residents of Montgomery Village the assurance they need to trust him with their future.

Neville is retired from the Federal Government where he worked for the Homeland Security Team and Library of Congress. He is currently working in the Montgomery County School System where he helps mentor students.

He is a member of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Montgomery Village Kiwanis Club and is in process of joining the Masons. He loves the outdoors and is an avid hiker along nature's trails.

Neville is a professional chess player, studies philosophy, is an avid reader and enjoys solving problems in a calm and rational manner.

From a personal standpoint, Neville is a very giving individual who does not hesitate to lend a hand when it comes to helping people in need. He is currently involved with the Kiwanis Club, donating time and resources to help The Tree House (for abused children); The Women Who Care Ministries (packing back-

packs with food for children); The American Cancer Society (Relay for Life); and more. He also does fundraising for the United Way.

I feel Neville will provide the type of quality service and professionalism that the residents of Montgomery Village need and deserve to maintain, improve and prosper.

Reverend David M. Benway,
DD, CPC
Pastor Travilah Baptist
Church
Co-Founder of the
Montgomery Village Kiwanis
Past Lt. Governor Division
17 Capital District Kiwanis

Editor:

As an East Village resident, and a fellow employee at Neelsville Middle School, with Neville Levi, I heartedly endorse Neville Levi, for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. He is currently a resident of Center Court condominiums in Montgomery Village, and has lived in Montgomery Village for roughly 17 years. He is currently Chair of the TD&PF

Committee for the Foundation, and has served twice before on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors.

As a fellow employee with Neville Levi, at Neelsville Middle school, he is highly intelligent, hardworking and participates in Neelsville extracurricular activities. He frequents PTSA meetings, and always has time to give advice to students. He speaks Spanish. Neville Levi works only 30

hours per week, 10 months out of the year, and can contribute many hours, to the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors.

For his longstanding commitment to community service, I endorse Neville Levi, as Foundation Board Director, for the Montgomery Village Foundation.

Patricia Benjamin
East Village

Editor:

I'd like to endorse Neville Levi for the Montgomery Village Board. I've been working with him on the TD&PF Committee for the last couple of years and I think that he'd be a tremendous asset. Neville

is committed, hard-working, and has the credentials and experience to make a significant contribution to the life of the Village. Neville has a clear understanding of the wonderful legacy of the Village and yet he embraces the future

enthusiastically. He will be a great Board member and we'd be fortunate to have him working on our behalf.

Nadine Rogers
Northgate

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IN THE NEWS

Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 20000 block of Giantstep Terrace on Feb. 1 between 1:30 and 6 p.m. Forced entry; property taken.

Anniversary

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and Photography Show; the MVF Annual Meeting; an Arbor Day Celebration; a Seniors in Action luncheon; decade-themed musical selections by the Montgomery Village Community Band at the Summers in South Valley Park concert series kickoff; reduced ride rates at the July 4th Celebration; a special concert by "The Reagan Years"; dedication of

a Historical Marker; a Nature Center Celebration; themed activities at the Great Pumpkin Race; and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. A limited number of 50th Anniversary giveaway items will also be associated with many of the activities.

For information or questions on any of the 50th Anniversary celebration activi-

ties, contact Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture Peggy Mark at 240-243-2337 or e-mail pmark@mvf.org, or Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mvf.org, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MVF begins 25th annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling more than \$47,000.

Scholarships are awarded to Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in community or civic activities. Applicants are screened by a committee at each high school, with MVF's Scholarship Committee making the final selections in May. As

established by the MVF Board of Directors, all contributions are voluntary, and no assessment dollars are used to fund the program.

The scholarship fund was launched by the MVF Board of Directors to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Montgomery Village and MVF. This year's fund totals and recipient names will be announced in late spring at school ceremonies and in the *Montgomery Village News*.

Donations by check must be made out directly to either Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or to the

Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund for either school, fill out the form below and return it to MVF at the address indicated.

The MVF Scholarship Fund is an excellent opportunity to bring Village residents and the WMHS and GHS school communities closer together. The impact these scholarships can make goes beyond financial assistance. They represent a commitment to our young people, a recognition of achievement and an investment in our future.



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Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ for the Montgomery Village Foundation Scholarship Fund.

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Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or
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Contact Beto Benitez at 240-243-2359 or e-mail hbenitez@mvf.org to find out all the ways you can get your business noticed.

IN THE NEWS

Display your Village pride with custom license plates

There is an exciting opportunity to promote your community pride in Montgomery Village, through a special logo license plate, just in time for celebrating Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary. Organizational license plates with the Montgomery Village logo on them will be able to be ordered through the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) for interested residents.

The cost per vehicle is only \$25 (no annual fee or any other additional registration fees to replace your current plates). Eligible Vehicles are: passenger cars, multi-purpose vehicles, trucks (10,000 lbs. or less) and mo-

torcycles. Once an initial group of residents is established, production can begin and the plates will be available for future purchase through the MVA.

Interested residents can contact either Peggy Mark at 240-243-2337 or e-mail pmark@mvmf.org, or Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mvmf.org. Sign-ups will also be available at the 50th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. You'll need to provide your name, current tag number and the make and model of your vehicle.



Public Hearing on Goshen Road South project

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's Division of Transportation Engineering will present a description of the proposed Goshen Road South project and obtain input from the community at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1 at Whetstone Elementary School, 19201 Thomas Farm Road. This meeting was rescheduled due to weather earlier in the year.

This is a facility planning Phase II project to widen Goshen Road from the existing 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane, major divided highway with

a 5-foot sidewalk and an 8-foot hiker/biker path and on-road bike lanes within a right-of-way, from Girard Street to just north of Warfield Road in Gaithersburg, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles. For more about the project, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/goshen/index.html.

For more information and to forward written comments, contact Michael F. Mitchell, P.E., Program Manager Design Section Division of Transportation Engineering at 240-777-7262.

POOL SUMMER JOBS

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture

Senior Pool Manager/Supervisor*

Must have at least five seasons of experience as a pool manager for MVF, or seven seasons as an operator at multi-lifeguard facility elsewhere, or minimum three years of full-time work experience requiring related skills and a current Montgomery County pool operator's license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required. Current lifeguard instructor certification is preferred.

Senior Lifeguard*

Must be at least 17 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator

license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.

Pool Manager*

Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least one season of experience in an assistant pool manager position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.

Lifeguard*

Must be at least 15 years of age. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.

Assistant Pool Manager*

Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.

Desk Attendant*

Must be at least 15 years of age, be able to work independently, learn all policies associated with the position and have ability to effectively convey the information to public. Working outdoors as a pool slide attendant may be included as part of the duty.

For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail ppadilla@mvmf.org. Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com (go to MVF and click on Job & Volunteer Opportunities). *Contract completion bonus. EOE

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MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2016 Board of Directors Election

Ballots for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election were mailed on Friday, Feb. 5. Your ballot should be completed promptly and dropped off at, or mailed to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

The Montgomery Village Foundation is directed by an elected Board of Directors,

which decides how assessment dollars are spent. The Board also determines the policies and procedures for the operation of the Foundation.

Board decisions are based on resident and committee input, staff recommendations and the governing by-laws and covenants of Montgomery Village.

It is every property owner's

right and privilege to help determine decisions affecting Montgomery Village residents by voting for the candidates of his or her choice. Issues that affect the property values and lifestyles of Village residents are within resident control and consideration.

Your VOTE matters!

Residents are reminded to completely fill out and sign ballot envelopes in order for votes to be properly counted and validated.



2016 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

- For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2015 (paid by Feb. 29, 2016).
- Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
- To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
- Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
- In the upper left corner of the return envelope, print and sign your name. Write your Village address if it is different from the mailing address shown on the label. The printed name and signature must be from a person whose name appears on the deed as owner of record.
- Only one ballot may be submitted per private dwelling unit. If duplicate ballots arrive, the ballot with the earliest postmark will be considered valid unless it is personally withdrawn by the voter and another ballot is re-submitted.
- All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2016.**
- Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 5, 2016, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
- The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 31, 2016 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
- For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their behalf. These procedures are required by the Election Committee in order to determine those eligible to vote and to ensure authenticity of voting. Any deviation from these procedures will result in disqualification of your ballot.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

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



SCOTT DYER



LAURA FRANKE



NEVILLE LEVI



JIM MARSH

Meet the Candidates

Thursday,
Feb. 25
7 to 7:30 p.m.

North Creek Board Room,
20125 Arrowhead Road

Montgomery Village Foundation

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 5 P.M.

Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 7 P.M.

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 9 A.M.

OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING

Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1 P.M.

Ballot count results announced online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2016 Board of Directors election candidates



SCOTT DYER



LAURA FRANKE



NEVILLE LEVI



JIM MARSH

MVF CANDIDATES' FORUM – 2016

The Montgomery Village Foundation held its annual Candidates' Forum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the North Creek Community Center.

WELCOMING
REMARKS

Ms. Bort, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She introduced the candidates and reported that Mr. Levi could not attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. Ms. Bort noted that each candidate will be allotted two minutes for an opening statement. She added that she will then solicit questions from the audience and each candidate will have one minute to respond to the question. Ms. Bort reported that there were no questions submitted via email. She asked the candidates to begin with their opening statements.

OPENING STATEMENTS
FROM CANDIDATES

JIM MARSH

Thank you, Pam, and thank you everyone for being here tonight. My name is Jim Marsh. I am a resident of Whetstone, I have been there for about 15 years. My family includes Toni Marsh, who is very active in the community as well, she works at GW; my daughter Ann is back home after graduating from Ohio State, she is going to GW nursing school; and my daughter Helen is off at college. I have been a community advocate for pretty much my whole adult life, before I moved to Maryland through my kids years in elementary school through high school, culminating with the President and Treasurer of the Booster Club at Watkins Mill High School. As far as community involvement, I have been heavily invested in the MV planning process. I am in a leadership position with a community advocacy group

called FutureMV. We basically are there to support our elected leaders. I was involved with the Vision 2030 process. I volunteer and have been certified as an official for the last decade for Montgomery County Swim League as a referee and stroke and turn. I have been involved with coaching, softball and lacrosse. I work over in Virginia. I am a Vice President of a representative firm, we do a lot of IT work. My kids have graduated from high school and we're moving our energies now to the community more full-time. What that means is, instead of lobbying for membership and participation in the schools, we are going to be lobbying and working to understand what is going to drive the community forward. I look forward to taking your questions and I'll pass it on from here. Thanks.

LAURA FRANKE

Hi, my name is Laura Franke. I have been a resident and homeowner in Whetstone for more than 10 years. My husband and I moved here from California with our two children. Our two children are now in high school. My daughter is at Watkins Mill High School and our son is at Poolesville High School. I am a stay-at-home parent. My previous work experience is in education, I was a teacher. I taught English as a second language, English, US History, US Citizenship, and some other things too. I have mostly been involved in my children's activities. I was President of the MOMs Club, I have been involved in the PTA, I am the camp coordinator for my daughter's girl scout troop, my kids have been on the

Whetstone swim team for the past ten years, a lot of activities in the Village they have participated in. I think the Board and the staff of Montgomery Village are wonderful. I have been so impressed with what they have done for all of us in the community. I would just like to bring my background as a teacher and a parent to the Board. I have worked a lot with Hispanic students and students from around the world and I would like to see the kids from those backgrounds get more involved in our community and participate more in swim teams and those kind of things. That is what I would like to work on if I am elected to the Board of Directors. Thank you.

SCOTT DYER

My name is Scott Dyer, and I am running for re-election to the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. I have served the community on the MVF Board since 2010. I am also currently an elected Director on the East Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors, and have been serving on that Board since 2009. My wife Joy, my son Joseph, and I live in East Village. My wife grew up in the Village and I have lived in the Village for over a decade, starting off at Christopher Court Condominium before later moving to East Village. I am currently employed as a Vice President by J.P. Morgan Chase and bring a background in customer service as a Client Onboarding Officer in my current role and finance as a Market-level CFO in my prior role. My prior work experience has included procurement and project management at

the Federal Government/USDA and State Government at the Maryland Department of Transportation. In 2011, the Village came together as a community to lay out our vision for the future of Montgomery Village. Vision 2030 gave the County planning staff a clear road map for the new Master Plan process that is currently nearing completion, including our desire for a Village Center, mixed use re-development, balanced with a need to retain and increase greenspace, as well as have better connectivity through walking and biking throughout. This year we celebrate the first 50 years of Montgomery Village. The work of both the current and past MVF Board of Directors has been dedicated to a Village that has stayed true to the original Kettler vision. Today's Village is one that is greener, has enhanced its amenities and services, is financially sound with a balanced budget and a reserve investment plan to ensure we're ready for what the future holds. Tonight begins the journey of the next 50 years for Montgomery Village. We're at a pivotal point where there are significant redevelopment and transportation projects proposed in and around the Village. We need a Board who can work effectively with residents, the County, elected officials. While much has been accomplished, I believe the best days of Montgomery Village are not behind us, but still ahead of us. Thank you.

Ms. Bort opened the floor for questions.

1. *Pam Mondell* - My name is Pam Mondell and I have been a resident for 41 years and lived in Patton Ridge for 37 of those years. I too have been MCSL, First President of the PTA at Watkins Mill, etc., etc. But I wondered what your commitment will be other than a meeting once a month to the Foundation Board of Directors? I'm always saddened at events that are part of the Village but are not part of the Board of Directors. How much time might you have

for that? I know you, Jim, said that your children were gone from the house at this point. So I always wonder, is it your work? What is it that keeps you from attending these other events where you're really looking for support from the leadership? Thank you.

JIM MARSH

Thank you, Pam. For those who have known me in my role in leadership at the school, our family and myself personally were very involved with the activities that we supported. The Booster Club at Watkins Mill is an all school booster club, which means that it is not only athletics, it is also clubs, theater, financial groups. In the same token, I understand that part of the responsibilities of a Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors member is participation in the community activities. I do read the *Village News*. I know what is going on as far as the Pumpkin Race, I have never actually been there, I look forward to it. I know that learning more about the operation of the Village means participating in the events.

LAURA FRANKE

As you know, my children are still in school and we enjoy going to some of the activities. As part of the swim team they've always done the 4th of July parade, that kind of thing. I would be committed to going to the other activities that maybe I haven't gone to in the past to represent the Board. I do think it is important and I would like to encourage more people to go. I would hope that would be one of my roles is to maybe think of new ways to get more people to come.

SCOTT DYER

Thank you, Pam. In addition to my seven years volunteering in the Village, I am also very thankful to a supportive wife who has volunteered as well in the Village. My employer is also supportive of my volunteer work. I will mention that I take great pride in being able to participate in the events, both

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as a resident and a Board member. I am actively involved on a good number of committees as liaison from the Board. Also very key, I am part of the 50th Anniversary planning committee. There has been a focus on really promoting the Village this year and what is great about it. I am really hopeful that everyone is going to really enjoy the events. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

2. Nsouka Erhlich - I have lived in Holly Pointe for about 8-10 years. I have seen it degrade, so have my neighbors and friends. We have a member of the Board sitting here that lives across from me. I want to ask all of you, I have two instances I cleaned my snow, paid a lot of money, I see my next door neighbor coming, shoveling his snow back into the parking lot. Please forgive me for being so upset, this is very personal. I see a person who is supposed to set an example of great behavior that absolutely wants to push for better relations among neighbors, for a better neighborhood. I'll talk about the neighborhood in a second, which is in deplorable condition, I am talking about Holly Pointe specifically. Nothing has been done, we have complained several times about the conditions of those properties. Neighbors who are doing and putting forth all efforts to embellish, to upgrade, so that homes do not lose their values; other people next door to them who absolutely destroy all the work that is being done by the neighbor who has all the intention to make it better. To go back to the snow event, my next door neighbor throws back the snow on the parking lot that I had just paid the person to pick up because I couldn't do it because of back surgery. I see one of the gentlemen come and help her, seeing that she is dumping the snow in my parking lot. It's not about the money, it's about the principle, it's about ethical behavior. It's about not stirring animosity between people, but being fair and impartial. Beside that point, this member that is sitting here on the Board knows that I would go to the yard of this neighbor to clean it up, to move the weeds, to pick up. We have a beautiful tree, a beautiful bush that we are trimming, I pay for it. I do not consider that half the tree is mine and the other half is hers, when I trim I pay for both of us. I also have my kid and I appreciate the kids and everyone, but I put them aside. The most important thing is the community, respect for the people, respect for Holly Pointe, respect for property. My children are one thing, but I do not bring them.

LAURA FRANKE
I just wanted to know, I was kind of curious to what you thought we could do?
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Alright, so what do I think can be done? I'm very sorry because that sounds awful. I feel so lucky because we have the exact opposite situation. One of our neighbors has a snow blower and he went around and helped people who had just had surgery or people that were elderly, just out of the goodness of his heart, and cleared their driveways and things. It does, it makes such a difference when you have neighbors helping neighbors. My husband went and helped people too. When I was driving down the road I did see people clearing their car and just throwing the snow in the middle of the street that had just been plowed instead of to the side. There are a lot of irresponsible people out there and it's hard without knowing the exact situation to offer something for you. Luckily it does not snow like that very often, so hopefully that would not be an issue again in the near future. But I am very sorry that happened to you.

SCOTT DYER
Thank you, Nsouka. We are fortunate in the Village that HOAs have PPM, Personal Property Maintenance, and policies for trash removal. The Village has architectural standards to keep our planned community beautiful. While the HOAs contract snow removal, it's definitely a good thing to help your neighbors

Pam Bort - Excuse me, this is a Candidates' Forum, it is not a Board meeting.

Nsouka Erhlich - I said I have questions for them.

Pam Bort - We have to limit the length of the question.

Nsouka Erhlich - Sometimes it is very important, this is why

I am here tonight, this is why I am not doing homework with my son. This is why I needed to come because I never come to those meetings. My question for these people, wonderful people with wonderful credentials, is that we expect to reach all the community to make sure that we will not see doors that are falling apart, seven, eight, nine bags of mulch in front of the houses, places that are deplorable, neighbors that are disrespectful. We are trying to reach people, trying to find ways to send letters. We do not have e-mails. I want to know how we're going to communicate with the Board members. We go on the website, I see no names, no link, no nothing. I want all of you to be aware that credentials is one thing, but being a wonderful, ethical person serving on the Board is another different thing. Thank you.

Pam Bort - Could you please state your name.

Nsouka Erhlich - It's Nsouka.

Jim Marsh - What is your last name?

Nsouka Erhlich - Erhlich.

Pam Bort - And you live in Holly Pointe?

Nsouka Erhlich - Yes.

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with their snow removal wherever you can. I think it is also an excellent reminder of things like bringing back the Village's Most Beautiful Garden Contest to help instill pride and upkeep of the homes. As well as continue to work with architectural standards on ways that we can continue to update and upgrade options for residents to keep their houses beautiful. Thank you.

JIM MARSH

Nsouka, I am not really familiar with your neighborhood. I know there's a lot of neighborhoods in Montgomery Village. There is 40,000 people and 10,000 or so homes.

Nsouka Erhlich - I can take you on a tour.

JIM MARSH

Fine, that would be great because I know that neighbor relations can be tough. There are certain things that we can and can't do as citizens, as neighbors. Sometimes we do not get to choose our neighbors. I think that it is important to try to find common ground. Not everyone is going to have the same level of neatness, but there should be respect. What can we do as community members? I think a lot of what you are talking about necessarily isn't in the realm of the Village as far as the functionality of what we do. Whether you neighborhood has contracted snow removal or not, no one should put their snow, their leaves, their trash in somebody else's property. I agree with you on that. I would be happy to tour your neighborhood.

3. Keith Silliman - I am Keith Silliman. I live in the Stedwick community. I am here tonight to ask our candidates about first their personal knowledge of Monument's plans for the development of the golf course and do they have an opinion as to pro, con, neutral, whatever, in terms of what those plans might do for the community in the future?

SCOTT DYER

I will say I am familiar with Monument's proposed redevelopment plans for the golf course parcel both being on the Board, as well as attending different planning committee meetings, as well as the Bloom charaettes. I will say that I initially raised concerns. I thought the project was much larger scope than I was comfortable with. I really felt that there needed to be a Master Plan process. I really was glad that the county responded there so that there could be a look at the entire Village rather than just the one parcel. It is a work in progress. It is one of those things where I think all of us need to see as the Master Plan process finishes and they begin the process of trying to apply for the permits and such to see

how the plan gets changed. They are still going to be taking our input. I thank you for your question.

JIM MARSH

Keith, I am very familiar with Monument Realty's plans for Bloom Montgomery Village. I was a player on the golf course when it did exist as a golf course. I understand that it was not business viable. I am very happy with the fact that we are going to get a lot of public green space that was never accessible through Village residency in the past. I believe that the sensitive nature of the way that Monument Realty has addressed the community in the three-year process along with the Montgomery Village planning board, with the county council. I think the result is going to be very positive for the community.

LAURA FRANKE

I think it is going to be very positive as well. A lot of what I know is because of Jim and all of Jim's involvement and just knowing him as long as I have that he worked really hard with Monument. I do think it's going to be great that they are going to be members of Montgomery Village, they are not going to be like their own community, they will be part of our community. Like Jim said, we will have access to parts we did not have the land before. Also that they are going to have a dog park, I am excited about that.

4. Edna Miller - My name is Edna Miller, I live in the Village about 13 years. As you know, I am very interested in what goes on here and sometimes it is important to understand things that have not occurred, such as teenagers. You all have children and I would like you to be able to extrapolate a little bit about what you would like to see in the Village for teenagers, whether it's a center or an activity or even a regular news article in the Village News. Let me know what you think. Thank you.

JIM MARSH

We have been talking about activity at the school level a lot and I have been a big advocate for not putting our schools down. I know a lot of people in the county look at the schools in the upcounty area as being different than down county. I disagree with that. I think we have a fantastic community of educators as well as students. There are certainly other factors out there as far as occupying people's time as well as hunger. The things that I think we can address from students and teenagers standpoint is creative activity, communication, and making sure that everybody is fed well. The schools take a big responsibility with that with their free and reduced lunches. I think

there is probably some capacity that we could do that at an after school program. I do not know what the limitations are, that is part of the learning process in my first term if elected. You guys may know that my wife runs a summer camp for middle school and elementary school kids called "March to the Mill," along that line.

LAURA FRANKE

My daughter participated in "March to the Mill". It is a wonderful program. Are you familiar with it? It is a program where the high school students volunteer and they teach the kids that come to the camp a different sport every day. One day it might be lacrosse day, one day it might be football day, for two weeks. It is very inexpensive and it is a great program. It gives the teenagers leadership skills and gives the kids exposure to some role models at the high school and some experience with the sports. As I said before, my kids did swim team. When my daughter graduated from fifth grade from Whetstone I organized the fifth grade pool party and I was shocked how many of the kids cannot swim across the pool so they could use the pool that day. One of the things I would like to see is more kids involved in swimming.

SCOTT DYER

Thank you, Edna, for the question. As a Board, we need to work with the schools to see where assistance can be provided. It is often the case of jumping ahead and saying I think we have the solution to it. I think a lot of times listening to the principals, listening to the PTSA to really see where they need assistance from the community. I know from the MVF standpoint, their staff is always trying to enhance activities to get the widest spectrum of involvement of all ages. Swim team is a great example, it is one of many different sports activities such that the Village offers for young people. But as residents, we also need to look at how to get involved. Whether it is our children or not, there is different groups, like Junior Achievement. I know they work with our schools. Seeing how we can get involved.

5. Karolyn Silliman - I am Karolyn Silliman. I have lived here in the Village for 40 years or it will be 40 years in April. I was a child when I moved here. I would like to aim this particularly at the two non-incumbents because you all talked about various things you were interested or had been involved in. Have you had any involvement with MVF committees or your own homeowners corporation boards or anything like that?

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I have not been on any committees for the Board or my homes corporation. Like I said before, pretty much all my volunteer time has been with my children and the things they have been doing. It has been harder in the past, you know when they are little, like the lady said about homework, dinner, and all those things. It has been harder to do the evening activities. That is why I would like to be involved with this and hopefully kind of combine the two experiences.

JIM MARSH

Karolyn, I have been fairly plugged into the activities. I have not participated as a member of the Whetstone homes corporation. I go to the meetings, I don't go to every meeting, but especially when there is an issue at hand and discussion. I understand the necessity for people to volunteer and I encourage that. I have done a lot of homework on what the committee structure is here for the Foundation Board and I know that we are required to be on at least two committees as far as liaisons. I look forward to that. Thank you.

SCOTT DYER

I will just briefly chime in how much I appreciate the volunteers. It is actually really helpful for the Board being involved on at least two of the committees so that they can see firsthand what the volunteers on those committees are bringing up, what they can help bring back to the Board, try to encourage involvement. I am currently on the most committees right now of any of the Board members, including the Executive Committee, Communications Committee, Committee on the Environment, 50th Anniversary Committee. I have also served on the Election Committee as a Chair, Nominating Committee as a Chair, and I have been on the Recreation Committee. I have seen the majority of the committees and I have also gone by to see some of the other ones in action. It is helpful because the volunteers come up with great ideas that are very helpful, ideas that will be brought before the Board for different policy changes and such. I am glad we have those committees and I encourage more people to get involved.

6. *Lisa Sarni* - My name is Lisa and I purchased my home in 2001. It did not really start going down until maybe in 2007. My question to you is, if you are elected can you be open and not biased with neighbors of different ethnic backgrounds and just be fair across the board? Just because you are on the Board you

are able to park your vehicle, even though there is guidelines as to what vehicles you can park there. And if you are running and you have your political signs on your car even though that is a no-no, you are not supposed to do it, but yet because you are on the Board it is ok for you to do. I guess my question to you is, can you abide by the same rules that are set for us as residents?

JIM MARSH

Lisa, absolutely. I think, if I understand your question, should there be any favorable treatment for anyone who is in an elected position, and the answer is no. As far as diversity and relations, that is also a hallmark of leadership is that you basically represent all the constituency. Thank you.

LAURA FRANKE

I agree and actually one of the things I love about Montgomery Village is the diversity. That is one of the reasons we chose to move here. I think it's great and I hope that I would represent everyone. I would not expect any special treatment and I think it is illegal to get special treatment. I wasn't aware that anyone was getting special treatment. No, I would not expect any extra treatment or take any extra treatment.

SCOTT DYER

Thank you, Lisa. I was thinking about 2007, the decline in the economy, we had a lot of people that were not able to pay their assessments. I was very proud of Board members that I have worked with that we made a decision to try not to increase the assessments really during the worst of times and how many homeowners that helped. We were able to start increasing it as the economy was improving. The Village is very diverse and we need to embrace that diversity. That is something I would love to see more of on the Board, I would love to see more of in our committees and attending our events. In terms of bias, board members all sign a Code of Conduct, whether you are on an HOA or on the MVF Board. As a Board member you are working with everyone in the community. It is a great opportunity to meet people and to help people.

7. *Jane Wilder* - We came here to the Village, our 30th year, on February 29. One of the things that attracted us was this wonderful, natural setting. I lived in Georgetown before that and it has its assets, but it does not have the beautiful wildlife and lovely open space, etc. I was on the Environment Committee for almost 30 years and we developed a policy of coexistence with wildlife because occasionally people had problems like with droppings on the walks from geese or ducks and things like beavers. We had a forum

in the early 2000's with some prominent environmentalists and animal people like HSUS, the largest humane organization in the United States. Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources were on the panel. Keith Silliman was liaison I believe at the time. He chaired the forum, it was a full house and we taped it and the committee worked on the presentation for months. We came out with the coexistence policy for conflicts like walks needed cleaned. We got a sweepster that would clean the walks and we had a pattern of times when it would be done, especially in the summer when the baby geese could not fly and the adults were molting. We had the beavers, you wire the trees and it works. I have a tree right in front of my house that they began to be interested in and we wrapped it and these things do work and it enabled us to have this beautiful, natural setting without conflict of any degree. Would you accept and will you support our coexistence with wildlife policy?

SCOTT DYER

Thank you, Jane. I definitely continue to support the coexistence with wildlife policy. I will mention that serving on MVF's Committee on the Environment is truly one of the highlights because there are a number of residents that have such great ideas. I think of in particular the recent work on the policy of any landscape work that is done around Lake Whetstone and Lake Marion to ensure the sensitivity of those areas for the wildlife and preserving them for future generations. I am also very proud of during my time on the MVF Board that MVF has looked at decreasing pesticide use, looked at ways to reforest, no mow areas, as well as going greener. Even just the lighting you see out in the parking lots and at the MVF office, the solar panels at Lake Marion. These are things I'm very proud of and I hope we continue them.

LAURA FRANKE

Yes, I do also support the coexistence with wildlife. I actually love animals and I also moved here because of the natural beauty. We enjoy it quite a bit. We have rabbits that live in our yard, we have the deer that come through. I actually saw a deer jump over my minivan once that was parked in the driveway. My kids love it. We love watching the geese and the goslings in the spring, the herons on Lake Whetstone. I agree with Scott that we need to minimize pesticides and things that would hurt the animals and that things like putting the fencing around the trees is a great idea with the beavers.

JIM MARSH

Hi Jane, how are you doing? I am very appreciative

for the work that the folks that have been engaged for the last several decades in preserving the wildlife in Montgomery Village. I have a strong macro belief in preservation of species, in recycling, in reducing human impact on wildlife. Yes, it is very important that we preserve the nature that we have here in our own backyard and coexist as you say. I have not read the policy word for word, so that is something I need to do. But from a gut level, I love wildlife. I commune with nature pretty much every weekend when I run through Seneca Creek Valley. I do understand the effects of man made improvements on watershed so I am sensitive to that. I support coexistence with wildlife.

Jane Wilder - The study is still available, you can get it from the office to read.

JIM MARSH

I'm going to do that. Thank you.

8. *Pam Mondell* - I just have a comment that there are 12,000 homes, 40,000 people and the faces on this Board of Directors and the candidates is not representative of the faces of the Village. I would like to know if you have any thoughts about increasing participation from the minorities in the Village?

JIM MARSH

Again, we cannot choose who runs. As far as what we do as a community, I know at the school level there was a pretty even mixture of different populations at Watkins Mill but the tendency was that we did not get a lot of participation from the immigrant or ethnic community. We reached out actively and that is all we can do is reach out actively. Again, visiting neighborhoods, encouraging participation, everything from the tree lighting to the parade. The parade would be a great time because there is a lot of inclusion and a lot of participation in the 4th of July parade. That would be a way to recruit and I'm all about recruiting.

LAURA FRANKE

One of the classes I mentioned that I taught was US Citizenship for immigrants. I also taught a class for parents who were immigrants at the elementary school and while their kids were in class the parents would be learning English. We really tried to work with the PTA to get those parents, even though they could not really speak much English, involved in the school and figure out how they can contribute and bring their culture to the school. That was a very positive experience for everybody. I would like to bring that to the Board like Jim

mentioned at events like the parade or the pumpkin race or things like find out what from other cultures we could add into those events to make them more attractive to more people.

SCOTT DYER

I will mention since Neville Levi was not able to attend tonight, I encourage you to learn about him, read his statement, because that is an example of someone that could increase the diversity of the Board. I also want to point out that diversity also includes having more females on the Board. That is important too. I will mention our committees are more diverse than the MVF Board. I think it would be great if we made it a focus to try to recruit more volunteers who are already participating to really take that next step. Maybe encourage them to come visit for one of the Board meetings, meet with the Board, and really take away the mystique of the time commitments and what is really involved because really it's the new ideas from new volunteers that is really going to help the future of the Village.

9. *Rich Wilder* - I am Rich Wilder, living at Lake Landing Road. Here is something that was sent to me today about a zoning text amendment that would be introduced by lead sponsor Hans Rimer. This would allow homeowners to legally rent out their properties on a short-term basis. This is in the Village. Currently, county homeowners are restricted from renting out properties on property services such as Airbnb or Roomorama. This zoning text amendment 1603 would amend the County's definition of a bed and breakfast and allow a bed and breakfast as a limited use in all residential mixed use zones. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 on March 8. Under the new zoning code, household living is defined as the residential occupancy of a dwelling by a household on a monthly or longer basis. Currently, an owner may not rent or loan for no charge their dwelling for shorter time periods. A bed and breakfast is separately defined use with different standards. Councilmember Rimer believes the limitations on short-term rental forecloses the opportunity for owners to benefit from the sharing economy. It goes on here to say that the short-term rental would be limited to five unrelated people or one family of any size. What do you think of this?

LAURA FRANKE

That is a really good question. I am not familiar with the zoning law for that but I know there are people in Montgomery Village that rent out their houses through Airbnb. I know it is a growing field all over the world, the sharing economy.

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It is one of those things that I think people should abide by the law, but I do think it is one of the things that is getting so popular that it would be hard to stop it.

SCOTT DYER

I am also not familiar with that particular zoning text amendment. I certainly will look further into that. I think it is important to understand the scope of it. There is a number of things that are brought forth by the county that really never materialize into anything, but that is the beauty of proposed legislation is that it gives the chance for comment. I certainly encourage, I am glad you brought it up, residents to learn about this and to submit feedback or go testify about it. Certainly it is something that MVF should look at and see whether we need to give testimony as well.

JIM MARSH

Hey Rich, how are you doing? It is interesting because when I bought my house in 2001 in Whetstone it actually was operated as a bed and breakfast before I bought it. We actually got the *Bed and Breakfast Today* periodicals for a time after we moved in. The reality is that I'm an Airbnb user. When I go into a town for work and the hotels are \$400 a night and I can find a nice, clean home for \$100 a night, it's a great benefit. I think that the idea of shared economy is new, but it is not that new. I think everyone is familiar with *vacationsbyowner.com*. One of the things that drives that business is the fact that the homes and the people that rent them are rated. If there is any negative experiences, it is reported online. In reality, most of the properties involved in that business are kept very well. I do not know the specifics of the policy you're referencing, but I would be interested in reading more about it before I give an opinion. But I am not 100% against it, I think it is part of the reality of today.

10. Pam Mondell - *I am wondering if you believe or you have any thoughts on the perception that the Board of Directors is closed-minded, does not participate, does not reach out, does not have town halls, does not listen to the community; no, you have to go here, you have to tell them this, you have to wait for a telephone call, you have to email. It is so difficult and for people that are not fully assimilated it is even more difficult on how to reach your representative to get anything done. I think that it is not perceived as a friendly environment and someplace where you can come in, vent, ask a question, and not that you can handle homes corporations because by their nature that is what they are there for to represent your homes*

corporation. But I think a lot of people do not feel warm and fuzzy about the Board of Directors.

SCOTT DYER

Pam, I appreciate the question. As a current Board member I will mention that I have my own personal website that includes my cell phone, email address. Many residents use that to contact me. My MVF website bio has my email address that also is utilized to contact me. I speak to residents at events, when I am out shopping in the Village, out in the neighborhoods.

Pam Mondell - I do see you.

SCOTT DYER

I appreciate it, I always appreciate seeing you as well. I will mention that is important as a Board member to be out in the community and that is supporting our local retail, that is supporting our events. If you're not, you should be. I will say that I do not always agree with my fellow Board members, but that is one of the things that I think really makes the strength of the Board is differing opinions. Having the resident feedback allows for further dialog.

JIM MARSH

I think perceptions are extremely important. The community has got to feel like their representatives are representing them. I think the makeup of any group of leaders can change from term to term. I think folks that know me think pretty much that I am social and engaging and concerned with anyone that I am working with and representing. I hope that we can help change your perceptions.

Pam Mondell - I was talking about the public at large.

JIM MARSH

I know, but you are saying that you represent, it sounds like you are saying that you feel like the perception.

Pam Mondell - Oh no, I could not get my words out.

JIM MARSH

So you feel warm and fuzzy about the Board? I know it is not a two-way dialog. I understand what you are saying. I know that different PTSA's have had different perceptions of being warm or not. I hope we can be warmer.

LAURA FRANKE

I have had a very good experience as a candidate working with the Board. Pete Young and Dave Humpton and my fellow candidates have all been very friendly and warm. I am sorry if other people have not had that experience. I know on the website some people have no contact information and I do agree with Scott that if you are going to be on the Board you need to be able to be contacted.

11. Nsouka Erhlich - *My question is, if one of you lives in a neighborhood would you have the curiosity, the desire, to be walking around in your neighborhood, in your development, to see the state of affairs in that particular development? To see if there is room for upgrading? If you see something striking your attention, if you start seeing the whole place falling apart, whatever area you are supposed to approach, would you have the desire to be walking around, to have suggestions, to have a pad and pencil, whatever you want to use in order to take notes and say hey, we could write letters, we could try to change? Because me, as a neighbor, I have already helped three, four neighbors that have bad landscaping with little ideas and it looks so much better because I have a taste for esthetics and I like when things are neat. Because when things fall apart, which we have been talking about, money goes down, value goes down, you will never get back the money that you paid and everybody is losing and no one is winning. Would you have that curiosity and that desire to communicate, especially if these properties are across from your eyesight, in front of you? Things are falling apart and every time you are driving into your neighborhood you are demoralized because you see that it looks like a very bad place.*

JIM MARSH

Again, the condition of property is codified. In other words, the property that you are talking about that is falling down, that really is the responsibility of the owner of the property. Yes, I do walk around and I do pay attention and I do volunteer to help my neighbors. That is all well and good, but on the bigger picture we need to figure out how to avoid properties from falling into disrepair. That means holding owners accountable for their property. Yes, taking notes and taking action is what is necessary.

LAURA FRANKE

I agree and I do not know if you have reported these things to the Foundation.

Nsouka Erhlich - Oh yes, several times, endless times.

LAURA FRANKE

I know it is hard if the owners won't do anything to get something done. Like Jim said, I do walk around and I do notice those things. Maybe as a Board member, not only do we need to walk around our own neighborhoods but we need to walk around the other neighborhoods in the Village too.

SCOTT DYER

I will say in addition to the HOA PPM, that more and more you are seeing the county is also actively responding because there are county codes

on the upkeep of properties. I enjoy walking around the community. Having my son keeps me active. I always take the mindset of MVFit. When I see things I certainly note them down. I will say that a lot of the HOAs, their maintenance committees are actively out. They respond about any reported issues and can address it through PPM.

12. Keith Silliman - *I am Keith Silliman. Question relative to Goshen Road. For the last seems like ten years at least someone has been planning to widen Goshen Road. Apparently it has sort of resurrected again and in the next one, two, or three years Goshen Road will be widened based on yet another design. I would like your opinions as to your enthusiasm or lack of enthusiasm regarding the potential widening of Goshen Road and what you think will be the outcome of that.*

LAURA FRANKE

As I said, I live in Whetstone and I drive on Goshen Road quite frequently, pretty much every day. Now that my children are teenagers and learning to drive I look at it in a whole new light. Having gotten my own driver's license when I was 16 I'm fine driving on it, but I get nervous when they are driving on it and they are not experienced. I do think it will be safer if it's four lanes. I do support the widening, it's very bumpy, lots of potholes. I want it to be not expanded widely, but as narrowly as we can, but four lanes.

SCOTT DYER

I will mention the county definitely has the funding ready to make that happen with the Goshen widening. I would say personally, I am always concerned anytime there is talk of taking anyone's property. I am also sympathetic to the idea that there are safety issues along that road. You have people that are walking along that road and there is not a sidewalk. The lanes are always very tight with just the two lanes. It's going to happen, but there has been a lot of great input from MVF and residents to try to minimize the width of the proposed road. It will happen, but I think it is going to happen better than it would have without that input.

JIM MARSH

Keith, I am also a resident of Whetstone. I actually wrote an email to Ike Leggett a couple years ago because Goshen Road is in such disrepair it's actually a safety issue. The reality is in 2007 the Mid-County Corridor Study came into being and there is a 2030 horizon out there and there are a number of roads slated to be improved and Goshen is one of them. One of the factors that has lobbied against is the

widening to 104 feet. The fact that it is going to be two lanes in each direction is a fact. I do not have a problem with that, I think the population in Montgomery County is growing. I oppose any road improvement that will split our Village. But in fact, Goshen Road is a safety hazard for cars and pedestrians so I do support a limited widening of Goshen Road. Thank you.

13. Rich Wilder - *There used to be a Board Executive Committee until I think it was last year when it was shut down. What the Board Executive Committee did, a few members from the full Board that attended, it was held one week before the full Board meeting, the meeting was not really long, it was probably 15 minutes or so, but it gave a chance for residents to come and speak at Residents' Time and also hear how things were selected to be on the Board meeting. To me, this is a transparency problem by shutting this down because all of the sudden we get a big packet of things that are on the Board and we do not know how it got there. Emails are not open meetings. I feel strongly about bringing that back. Also at the same time there were a number of committees that were cut back on the number of times they meet. My question is, how do you feel about having enough meetings for each committee to determine how many meetings they have? I know it is a staff consideration to support the thing and everything, but I do not think it is unfair to have a meeting every other month or something like that. Right now it is like every three months or something for some committees. How do you feel about this? Thank you.*

SCOTT DYER

Thank you, Rich, for the question. Just prior to being a member of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee public meetings were removed. I certainly would be open to again returning to the public meetings and participating and hearing that feedback prior to the actual MVF Board meetings. Of the committees that I am participating on, as well as the other ones, I am certainly open to more committee meetings where they are needed. We currently have the flexibility to add meetings whether it be for COE or any of the other ones. It has been done to add meetings when a topic has come up as timely, balancing scheduling for people being able to participate and enough public notice the meeting is going to be held. I certainly appreciate your feedback, we will see what we can do over the next year.

JIM MARSH

Rich, I am open to the concept of potentially reinstating. I think the function of the Executive Committee meet-

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ing was to set the agenda. The idea was to save getting together and transporting to a place for 15 minutes that with modern communication we could do it or the committee could do it electronically. If in fact that is not the case, then it is something that we can talk about. As far as the frequency of committee meetings, I think that is really up to individual committees. I think some committees only need two meetings a year. The Nominating Committee really only needs two meetings a year. There are certain committees that meet monthly. I think really that is part of the role of the Board members to help advise to that. I understand what you are saying, but I think it is really up to the committees.

LAURA FRANKE

I agree with Jim. Like he said, some committees are going to need to meet more frequently than others. It will be up to the committee members and the liaison, the Board members, how frequently they meet. I am not familiar enough with the Executive Board Committee and why it stopped meeting to comment on that part of it. I would definitely be interested in finding out why and what we could do to mitigate some of the downsides

of not meeting but maybe still keeping it short or using email but involving more people.

14. Jane Wilder - *The issue that Rich was speaking to in part was transparency and that people know what is going on with the Exec Committee. For example, I used to attend all those meetings and the idea of getting rid of our gazebos was brought up at one of them and the Board members that were on the Committee didn't even know about it, it was a staff generated thing. The by-laws say the Board makes policy, not the staff, they support the Board. I think that is very important that all the Board members are conversant with things and they do not get surprised and that they are fully knowledgeable on things that come up before them. I would like more transparency between the staff, the Board, and the residents. What do you think about that? I think it has decreased since some of these committees have fewer meetings. I would like to see more openness than less.*

JIM MARSH

Jane, I agree that the staff basically is maintaining the functionality, but command decisions need to be run by the Board. I think that is something coming into first term I will have to see for myself, but I appreciate your input there.

As far as communication goes, it's again a problem that seems to be sort of universal because not everyone necessarily reads the *Village News*. I love the paper, I read *The Post*. I like paper, but there are folks who do not read paper, they read electronically. Having all of the *Village News* online, having the minutes from all the meetings online, just about everything that happens in this Village is fully accessible. Everything that Montgomery Village planning did for the county council is fully accessible. A lot of people say I didn't know and you have to engage. If it is out there and it is not put in front of you, you have to figure out how to find it.

Jane Wilder - Some computers can't take all the stuff that is online, they are not sophisticated in that.

JIM MARSH

That is why I think you need to have multiple formats.

LAURA FRANKE

I agree that transparency is really important. The staff works for the Board, but the Board works for the residents. You should be fully informed of the issues and what is going on and we should know what you think. That would be important to me if I was to be elected, to make sure that we

are very transparent and that we get your feedback.

SCOTT DYER

I am going to concur with both Laura and Jim that transparency is important. I will mention the scheduled night of the Executive Committee still does exist since the Personnel Committee which coincides the same members, which include myself, also meet on that evening when needed there for that committee so it could be returned. It does pose a question, if you did have a Board member that does not use the internet, does not use email, could they participate on the Executive Committee?

Jane Wilder - Is that in the Village News when the Exec Committee meets? I do not think so.

SCOTT DYER

Every meeting is announced in the paper, as well as on the website, ahead of the meeting.

When the Personnel Committee meeting occurs it is mentioned in the paper. If the Executive Committee returned to occurring, it would show up in the paper.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY MODERATOR/ ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bort thanked everyone for attending. She added that the Candidates' Forum is being both audio and video recorded and the video will be posted on YouTube and the MVF website. Ms. Bort noted that the written transcript will appear in the next issue of the *Village News*. The program concluded at 8:10 p.m.

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FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

KEY
 AApproved
 AWMApproved w/modifications
 DDenied
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EASTGATE
7755 HERITAGE FARM DR - Solar Systems, AWM

EAST VILLAGE
8205 RAINBOWVIEW PL - Storm Door, A
8205 RAINBOWVIEW PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
20652 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Garage Door, AWM

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM
9645 HORIZON RUN RD - Storm Door, A

MARYLAND PLACE
19325 KEYMAR WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
19325 KEYMAR WAY - Storm Door, A

MIDDLE VILLAGE
10129 RIDGELINE DR - Solar Systems, A
59 BRASSIE CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM

NORTHGATE
9505 ASPENWOOD CT - Front Door Replacement, AWM

9505 ASPENWOOD CT - Sidelight, AWM
9400 BETHANY PL - Radon System, AWM
9424 BETHANY PL - Miscellaneous, AWM

NORTH VILLAGE
20569 STRATHHAVEN DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
20613 PRUITT CT - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
8878 WELBECK WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
20813 ASPENWOOD LN - Fence and Gate, AWM

PATTON RIDGE
9346 BREMERTON WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
9346 BREMERTON WAY - Storm Door, A
9521 BRIARGLENN WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
19803 GREENSIDE TER - Exterior Light, A

POPLAR SPRING
9313 PENNYWISE LN - Storm Door, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE
18914 MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AVE - Railing, AWM
18922 MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AVE - Replacement Windows, AWM

STEDWICK
10208 KINDLY CT - Solar Systems, D
10400 CAPEHART CT - Railing, AWM
10425 KARDWRIGHT CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
10557 CAMBRIDGE CT - Fence Removal, AWM
10557 CAMBRIDGE CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
19201 SENECA RIDGE CT - Garage Door, AWM
10624 SENECA SPRING WAY - Miscellaneous, A
19336 FRENCHTON PL - Front Door Replacement, A
19336 FRENCHTON PL - Storm Door, A
19336 FRENCHTON PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
19336 FRENCHTON PL - Sidelight, A

10401 MERCADO WAY - Fence and Gate, AWM
19518 DIVOT PL - Gutter, AWM

WHETSTONE
9816 CANAL RD - Vinyl Siding, AWM
9729 LOOKOUT PL - Garage Door, AWM

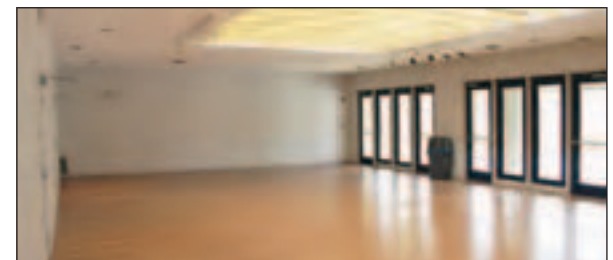
Rental Facilities in the Village

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

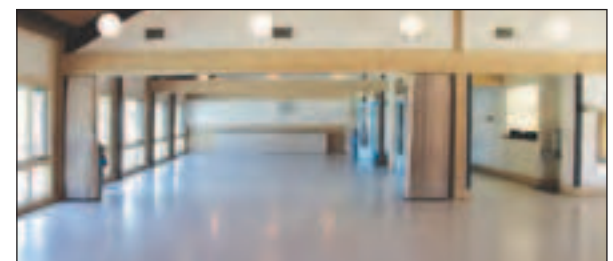
Lake Marion has a wood-floored room with a maximum capacity of 85 people, as well as a full-size gymnasium available for rent at Lake Marion.

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

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



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



North Creek, 20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

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

ARB APPLICATIONS

Apply before you buy!

Every exterior modification must meet established ARB application and approval requirements regardless of whether modification or replacement material has been approved in concept in the past.

APPLICATIONS ARE FREE.



HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Vote for Whetstone

by John Saltzman

Every so often, a beautiful gemstone needs to be polished to restore its luster. When a diamond ring has been worn for 50 years, it requires attention and care in order to shine as brightly as the day it was purchased. With the proper care, it can be appreciated for the qualities it possesses, and be treasured for many more generations.

Residents who have lived here since Whetstone's inception have appreciated the features, amenities and the intelligent layout of the neighborhood for decades. As new families have moved into the area, my family included, some have chosen to live here because of those very facets. The founders' foresight led them to create our gem of a community some 50 years ago.

Many Whetstone residents, as well as those who have visited the area recently, would attest to the wonderful transformation of the iconic original swimming pool into the new oasis-like summer neighborhood centerpiece. The change came about when it was necessary to fix the old pool, however the decision to reconfigure the pool into what it is now revitalized it for generations to come. In addition, this summer our tennis courts were restored and the ongoing lake clean-up aims to help make our neighborhood more enjoyable.

Recently, the North Dock of Lake Whetstone was removed when it was deemed unsafe. The dock was a community asset, and there have been discussions and debates about how to proceed with replacing it and future community assets that fall into disrepair. Some residents would like to see it replaced exactly as it was, while others prefer a more conventional or updated replacement and there are still others who are in favor of not replacing it all. In the

near future this decision, and similar decisions, will be made within our neighborhood. The outcome of these decisions will have lasting effects on the current and future residents of Whetstone.

There will be a total of five items that will be put to a vote on the upcoming ballot. The items that we are seeking your vote on are as follows:

- Whether to allow or disallow the usage of dwellings to provide adult day care services.
- Whether to change or not change the quorum requirements regarding covenant changes.
- Whether to allow or disallow a 1% assessment increase per year to help offset inflation.
- Whether or not the WHC Board of Directors has final say on decisions regarding replacing or removing community assets.
- Whether to allow or disallow non-commercial pickup trucks to remain overnight on private driveways in Whetstone. This proposed change would not apply to residences without driveways.

The WHC board encourages every household to vote. Signs promoting a "Vote for Whetstone" campaign will begin to spring up all throughout Whetstone. Flyers will also be sent out with a friendly reminder to please cast your vote, because every vote matters. Each household from the Courts, Lakeside, the Ridges, and Goshenside of Whetstone will have the opportunity to cast their vote. Let the WHC board know what kind of luster you want to see on our neighborhood going forward. Please Vote for Whetstone.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

EVHC and MVF election reminders

by the East Village Board of Directors

Every homeowner should have now received two separate ballots by mail, one for the East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC), and the other for the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). If you have not received a ballot for either election, or you have misplaced your ballot (or the return envelope), please contact EVHC Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail eastvillagehc@mvf.org as soon as possible. Your vote matters and will determine your representation on important issues that impact our community.

Candidates for the East Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors include: David Cline (incumbent), Suzanne Renee Jubert and Martin Sharpless, AIA (incumbent).

Candidates for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors include: Scott Dyer (incumbent and East Village resident), Laura Franke (Whetstone resident), Neville Levi (Center Court Condominium resident) and Jim Marsh (Whetstone resident).

BLIZZARD CLEANUP RECAP

With the remaining remnants of the 38.5 inches from our recent blizzard's snowfall (plus several more inches that fell over the President's Day weekend) finally melting away in the warmer temperatures, it's a reminder that even a good Snow Removal Policy and a skilled contractor will still face significant challenges when a storm of that magnitude impacts our community. The EVHC Board of Directors wants to thank Community Manager April Steward, as well as her manager, Karen Kodjanian (MVF Director of Community Management), for their tireless support around

the clock to help coordinate with residents and our contractor, Brickman. The board would also like to thank Brickman for rising to the challenge to bring our roads and sidewalks back to normalcy as quickly as possible. Above all, the board would like to thank the residents for their patience throughout the storm, and for keeping in touch with us through facebook, e-mail, phone and in some cases, in person, as your feedback was helpful.

TRASH POLICY REMINDER

Trash collection occurs every Tuesday and Friday morning with recycling collection on Friday mornings as well. Residents are required, by both county laws and EVHC covenants, to place their trash bags in vermin-proof containers. A "vermin-proof" container is a trash can with a tightly fitting lid. Loose trash bags left out for collection are not vermin-proof! Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) investigates more than 450 incidents of illegal dumping and spends over \$100,000 for cleanup and enforcement. EVHC also has to spend annually on inspections, cleanup, enforcement and vermin extermination efforts due to this issue as well within our community.

Please report any residents violating these laws and covenants to your community manager at 240-243-2344 or e-mail eastvillagehc@mvf.org.

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 15

The next EVHC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The EVHC Annual Meeting will also occur as part of the agenda, which will include the announcement

of the newly elected directors, and the selection of officers for 2016.

As always, these board of directors meetings are open to 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 the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up to receive e-mail communications from EVHC by e-mailing eastvillagehc@mvf.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@mvf.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.

HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Changes around Stedwick and the Village

by Wayne Rowland

As you are all aware, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of Montgomery Village. Many residents have been here for the most if not all of that time. I met a man the other day who was born here in 1970, lived in Clusters III, then left the Village in 1995 and has returned. He has been living in Whetstone since 2005. He commented that a lot had changed in the 10 years he was gone, but it was also still the same. I myself have been a resident since September 1999. I enjoy our community and Montgomery Village as a whole. A lot has changed since I have been here and there are many changes still to come. I joined the board because I want to preserve our community and at the same time ensure that we make the changes that will keep us a viable community for another 50 years.

On February 9, the Montgomery County Council approved the Montgomery Village Master Plan by a 9-0 vote. This plan is the basis for all future growth within Montgomery Village.

GOSHEN ROAD

There will be a public hearing on the Goshen Road South

Project at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1 at Whetstone Elementary School, 19201 Thomas Farm Road (off Centerway Road). If you want to find out what is involved in this project, I urge you to attend. Basically the county plans to widen Goshen Road from 2 to 4 lanes from Girard Street to just north of Warfield Road in Gaithersburg.

BALLOTS

You all should have received your ballots by now, and they are due to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 4. Please be sure to vote, because regardless what you think, your vote does matter.

All that I have stated above is about change that is happening in and around our community. MVF has a vision for Montgomery Village that was used to adopt the county's master plan for us. People moving in and out represent change. Transportation projects within and near the Village are part of the change to improve "life" within the Village. Lastly, voting for new board members of the Stedwick Homes Corporation is

change. Change happens — you can be a part of it by being informed and participating, or you can stand on the sidelines and let it happen.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Stedwick board meeting will be our annual meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. The regular meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. with residents time as usual. Board business is conducted until 8 p.m. when the annual meeting begins.

In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326 (please note this is now a direct number instead of going through Montgomery Village Foundation's front desk), or e-mail stedwickhmc@mvf.org. See you at the annual meeting.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Lighting outages on Ridgeline Drive

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Montgomery Lighting is continuing the lighting project that includes replacing pole lights and underground wiring throughout the community. There have been numerous complaints regarding the lighting outages on Ridgeline Drive. The outages are due to a delay by Pepco in completing the power connections. Pepco has been contacted on numerous occasions. We thank you for your continued patience, and please know that everything possible is being done to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

2016 PARKING TAGS

Towing for expired 2015 parking tags has begun. Many residents have not picked up their 2016 parking tags. You are able to pick up parking tags from ComSource throughout the month of February; contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 prior to going to their office. If you have questions, e-mail Delphine Matthews at dmatthews@comsource.com. Towing for expired parking tags has begun throughout the community. Big Tow will continue to tow vehicles for all other parking violations.

PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

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

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

TRASH

Trash continues to be an issue in our community. Scheduled trash removal is on Tuesday and Friday each week, and recycling collection takes place on Wednesday. It is the responsibility of each resident to place their trash can in the appropriate location for pickup and to collect their trash cans/recycling containers and place them back on your property on the day that trash/recycling is collected.

Unmarked trash cans and recycling containers are often left in common areas all week. This attracts rodents, and has a negative impact on the appearance of our community and our property values. Any trash cans or recycling containers that are not marked with an address will be collected and disposed of. If you see a resident dumping bulk or loose trash and you know their address, you can report them to ComSource anonymously.

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 MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19402 Brassie Place.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Winter news

by the Northgate Board of Directors

We are hopefully through the worst of the winter storms, but it has become increasingly hard to gauge when temperatures run from 0 to 50 degrees in the course of two days.

The board does want to thank McFall & Berry for the excellent response to the blizzard and the ice storm. We also want to thank all of you who took the time to compliment their effort.

As a reminder, the snow removal policy is: Primary roads receive plowing first in a storm of six (6) inches or more. This assures each residential area is in proximity to a plowed street and that emergency services can be provided. The primary roads in Northgate are: Aspenwood Lane, Bethany Place, Cape Anne Place, Aspenwood Court, Ash Hollow Court, Sparrow Valley Drive, Shadow Oak Drive, Brookridge Court, Forestview Place, Maple Leaf Drive, Torrey Pond Place, Darlington Drive, Darlington Court and Swallow Point

Road. Initially, only one lane may be cleared in order to open streets in each subdivision.

When snow falls during sub-freezing temperatures, clearing procedures will begin after an accumulation on the roads of approximately two (2) inches. If it is going to warm up shortly after the snowfall and if it is less than two inches and no other conditions warrant action, Northgate will usually let the snow melt. If it is going to be freezing after the snowfall, the contractors will be ready to plow the snow, shovel the sidewalk areas Northgate is responsible for, and use salt/ice melt where needed.

Northgate residents are reminded of the Montgomery County snow and ice removal ordinance. The owner or occupant of property immediately adjacent to a sidewalk is responsible for the removal of any snow or ice that accumulates on the sidewalk. Removal must be done within 24 hours after the ice forms or the snowfall ends.

Please be patient when it starts to snow.

BALLOT REMINDER

If you have not already done so, please return your ballot for the Northgate election. Lack of the required quorum would force us to do another mailing at the community's expense. Thank you!

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE REFRESHER

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.

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

ADVERTISE in the *Village News*

Call 301-948-0110, ext. 2359 or

email hbenitez@mfv.org

HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

2015 Financial highlights

by the North Village Board of Directors

It is the week of our annual meeting, and our pre-audited financial statements for 2015 have just been completed. This article summarizes our financial picture.

The snow story is a broken record in multiple ways. The year 2014 started with a deluge of snow that immediately exhausted twice the \$20,000 budget. In 2015, the snow cost

viding new landscaping and tree planting. We also held off on spring fertilization as we recovered from heavy snow expenses. We hope to catch up in 2016. We have tree credits from Pepco that should help as a result of their removal of some trees on our property.

We saved about \$7,000 on security costs by "going without" a security service for two months as we evaluated bids and negotiated a new contract.

\$74,250 from unappropriated (undesignated) reserves to designated replacement reserves. At the end of 2015, we had nearly \$1,400,000 invested for replacement reserves.

We undertook about \$380,000 in capital projects during 2015. The major project was the road repaving in McRory and Salem's Grant. Costs were very consistent with our expectations. We also replaced the cedar shake roof

	2015 Actual (pre-audit)	2015 Budget	2014 Actual
Income (Assessments and Other)	\$618,868	\$583,350	\$634,799
Operating Costs			
• Maintenance	\$192,527	\$183,500	\$198,745
• Security and Trash	84,161	93,500	89,685
• Non-Maintenance	157,855	181,350	165,219
Total Operating Costs	434,543	458,350	453,649
Net Income Before Contribution to Reserves	\$184,325	\$125,000	181,150
Contribution to Reserves (Including interest and roadway reimbursement)	159,251	125,000	157,712
Net Income	\$25,074	0	\$23,438

was nearly twice the budget again and affected our spending decisions for much of the year. And Snowzilla 2016 is fresh in your minds!

We experienced savings in other areas. With Governor Hogan's reduced "rain tax," water quality bills in 2015 were less than half of the prior year's and the budget. Termination of our security contract in October saved on security costs because our new contractor, US Security, did not begin actual service until mid-January. With these savings and some delayed landscaping work, late in the year we contracted for removal of a large number of dead and dying trees. This should help remove stress on the 2016 budget.

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES

Tree removal was the largest non-contract maintenance item besides snow removal and the most over budget. We spent over \$42,000 on tree removal, far exceeding the budget. There has been no respite in the number of trees leaning dangerously or ill. Snow removal was the next largest item, amounting to \$37,000, compared to a budget of \$20,000.

We were delayed in pro-

ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-MAINTENANCE) EXPENDITURES

Non-maintenance expenditures were significantly under budget and under the prior year mostly because of lower bills for the water quality tax. We saved on legal expenses in both years.

Collections continue to be a concern. Our delinquency rate is dangerously high and somewhat above the average across Montgomery Village. The good news is that a number of homes whose residents have long been delinquent were vacated and sold in 2015. Besides removing a number of severely delinquent accounts from our receivables list, we will hopefully collect assessments from the new homeowners.

CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

We added nearly \$160,000 to our Capital Reserves during 2015, including \$125,000 from assessments plus \$28,400 from interest on our investments and \$5,800 received from the county's roadway reimbursement program. In addition, our board of directors voted late in the year to reclassify

on the gazebo at the corner of Aspenwood Lane.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

Record-breaking snows do not fit within the tight budget limits imposed by our covenants. We must budget and manage fairly conservatively where we have a choice. We increased the snow removal budget for 2016 as much as we could, but not enough for Snowzilla, certified as dumping 34.2 inches of snow on Montgomery Village. We will likely be digging out of the resulting budget hole for the rest of 2016!

We have a few open items remaining from 2015. Our 2015 unaudited net income of nearly \$25,000 looks healthy pending our audit. Our investment accounts are consistent with where our new reserve study indicates we need to be.

If you have questions, contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-2433-2344 or e-mail asteward@mvf.org.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Maryland Place 2016 Candidates' Statements

SANDY KIMBELL

I would respectfully like to submit my name for consideration for the position of Maryland Place Vice-President on the Board of Directors. I am proud to serve the Board and have the desire to continue. What sets me apart from the other applications you have no doubt received? In a word, E-X-P-E-R-I-E-N-C-E. Over the course of the last 25 years I have held administrative and secretarial positions with several area companies, associations, and a call center operator at Asbury Methodist Village. I am able to demonstrate discretion and professionalism, maintain confidentiality, multitask, work well under pressure, and be highly organized and detail oriented, as well as a problem solver. I am friendly and understanding towards others, yet polite but firm when the need arises.

Why should you consider me over the others?

Here's another word... D-E-D-I-C-A-T-I-O-N. I commit wholeheartedly to each and every position I work. I subscribe to the philosophy that "early is on time, on time is late."

While I recognize that there are good days and bad days with any position, I view this as an opportunity to serve with joy and anticipation.

JOHN KOZO

Hello, My name is John Kozo and I am running for the posi-

tion of Director on the Maryland Place Board of Directors. I have lived in Montgomery Village / Gaithersburg since 1979 when I was in the 4th grade. I have lived in Maryland Place for 15 years with my family. My wife grew up in Maryland Place. I have been on the Maryland Place Board of Directors for the past two years and enjoy serving our neighborhood.

I am concerned about maintaining our neighborhood property and increasing our personal property values, while keeping our assessment fees as low as possible. I also want to make sure that all improvements to our neighborhood are done effectively and within our budget.

Thank you and I look forward to serving on the Maryland Place Board of Directors.

EARL PFEIFFER

I am currently on the Board of Directors of Maryland Place Homes Corporation for the second time. I volunteer for several organizations in the Gaithersburg area. I am an avid gardener and I am responsible for the upkeep and care of the Peony Garden at Seneca Creek State Park. Being the avid gardener I am concerned about the green spaces, trees and plants throughout the Maryland Place Community. If elected I will work with our landscapers to maintain Maryland Place's appearance so that we may all enjoy our community.

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MVF Architectural Standards • MVF Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Nu Look Home Design • Renewal by Andersen • Sandy Spring Bank • SolarCity
Thompson Creek Window Company • Tri County Fence & Decks • TW Perry
Wellman General Contractors

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Lake Marion Community Center • 8821 East Village Avenue



For more information, call Humberto Benitez at
240-243-2359 or e-mail hbenitez@mvf.org.

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Montgomery Village Foundation
Valentine Personals

PAMILA,
Yeah right, love you more!
Luv, Tony

MICHAEL WAYNE,
Happy Valentine's Day.
I love you to Mars and back.
Mom

JUSTIN,
I could not be prouder of you
than I am now. I love you.
Mom

MORGAN
Roses are Red, Violets are
Blue, we are so blessed to
have a daughter like you.
Love, Mommy and Daddy

**THE TWO OF US LOVE
YOU VERY MUCH,
MOLLY!**
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Daddy & Lauren

MARK HICKS
You are my
forever Valentine.
I Love You
Jan

MM
Sorry your work spouse
is so much more attractive
than your actual spouse.
WW

**UNCLE LEV
& UNCLE JUST**
I love you both.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Sky

**MOMMY, DADDY,
MOM-MOM & DAD-DAD,**
Love you mucher than much!
Joseph

GRACE
We're going to assume
it isn't an HR violation
to wish you a
Happy Valentine's Day.
M & L

**I LOVE YOU
DAVID AND NOA**
You two angels are the light
of my life!

EDIII
Lets be frank! We'd relish
having you for our Valentine.
M & L

STILL SUPERMAN,
We are blessed – 14 years
and counting.
Vappy Dalentine's Hay!
Still Sunshine

DADDY
Happy Valentines Day,
you color my world with
happiness and joy.
Love, Morgan

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY MI DUSHI**
You're the best!
Love, Butzele

BRANDO,
Stop giving your dad
stories to tell. Happy
Valentine's Day.
CG & MP

WIFEY,
You are a beautiful cupcake
in a world full of muffins.
Love, WW

DADDY
Who's your Valentine? Me.
Love, Annabelle Lee

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY**
From a secret admirer
who really exists
And isn't just sending this
to herself.

**TO MY BEAUTIFUL
YOUNG PEOPLE,**
Much love and appreciation
for you
KKO, AEO & KCO
Love, Mom

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY MOM AND DAD**
Thanks for everything
you do!
Love, G (Tweeto)

MIKE WILLIAMS
Love you so!
HappyV alentine's
to my eye candy
XOXO

**YOU'RE ALWAYS
THERE**
To give advice and love me
Through thick & thin.
Love you to the moon
and back.
Love, Kellie & Shellie Jackson

**TWO HEARTS, ONE
LOVE, HONEY**
My true Valentine
Love, Pam

BB
With fondest of
memories – treasured, &
Happy Whatever's to Be.
Happy 40th Anniversary.
dd

CHARITY,
Valentine's Day = CANDY!
Oh, forgot we were at work.
Working.
Maria

MOM.DAN.DOT
The Good Lord had other
plans for thee
God Bless all three
XO Family

DEAR MOUNTAIN
Hope you have a good
Valentine's Day.
From Wikkid Lebowski

DEAR PATTY
Happy Valentine's Day!
Buzz Lightyear

DEAR CHOPS –
Have a good Valentine's Day.
Yer Drinking Buddy.

RBC –
26 years and many
more to go.
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Marlu

CHLOE & GRUFFY
Although you're not a couple,
your love for each other
is easily seen.
Tara

LINDY
I Love You NMW!
Truly, Mom

BRANDEN
You have been our 'miracle
son' for almost 23 years and
we LOVE you dearly.
We are forever thankful for
you and incredibly proud!
Love, Mom & Dad

YESENIA,
I love you more than you
could imagine.
You complete me.
Love, Wilson

MARY CHRISTINE
"Christy the Cat" your mom
cat loves you!

FOXY,
Are you gon be my
Valentine, Foxy?
Love, Basil

**YOU KNOW WHOOOO
IS THE BEST DADDY?**
YOU!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Molly

JOY,
Love always
and forever,
Scott

HEY BOB
We sure are lucky!
XO

ANDRÉ
I'm so blessed to be married
to you. Love from your
Valentine,
Theresa

**ALLY CAT AND
BOOBOO**
So glad God picked me
to be your mom!
Happy Valentine's Day

LAURENT
Thank you for being my
husband and my friend.
Love, Ethel

DADDY
Roses are Red, Violets are
Blue, my heart is full of love
for you. Love, Sydney

**HAPPY
VALENTINES DAY**
to my beautiful wife Sandra.
I love you, Matt.

ANDREW
I'm on a diet, so you can
buy me diamonds for
Valentine's Day instead!
Love, Melly

SYDNEY
Happy Valentines Day,
you are loved more than
you will ever know.
Love, Mommy and Daddy

ROSES ARE RED
violets are blue, I am the
luckiest woman in the world,
because of you two!
Love, Mommy Dee

**GUESS WHO IS MY
VALENTINE?**
Love, Saba and Pouya

GABY
I love you so much!
You're so full of energy and
you make my day brighter
every day!
Te amo, mama!

WITH LOVE
and deepest gratitude
to the best neighbors anyone
could wish for!
Roz

MELANIE
I'm Purrrrty sure you drive
me Catnip, but I wouldn't
have it any other way. Meow.

MARIA
You're the best co-worker
ever!!! You are so kind,
generous, and
always there for me!

LAUREN
What I'd do to have an
anchor like you. Happy
Valentines my flowering Lily.

SCHOOL NEWS

Goshen Elementary fourth graders propose future businesses for Montgomery Village

by Mike Conroy

As Montgomery Village turns 50, and the Montgomery Village Master Plan is nearing completion, there has been a lot of talk about the future of our community. Conceptual plans and ideas for redeveloping key parcels of land, updates to existing amenities and road improvements are all topics residents have been discussing, both informally and at organized meetings.

While current homeowners are pondering the future of their community, so too are the children of the Village. Fourth graders at Goshen Elementary School took up the task again this year of researching the community and formulating "business proposals" for businesses they would like to see added to Montgomery Village. On February 5, three classes of students spent the afternoon talking about their ideas, the natural and capital resources needed to build them and justifying why their suggestion would benefit the community as a whole.

According to Media Specialist Elisabeth Portocarrero-Pitt, the students in Ms. Huntt, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Perera's classes took on this first research project with great enthusiasm. She added that because this was the second year students were participating in this program, both the teachers and students had a clear expectation of the end product, but all were surprised at how much above that the students performed.

The fourth graders studied Montgomery Village and prepared their presentations over the course of eight weeks, using that time to develop many new skills including research habits, fact checking, presentation creation, public speaking and critical thinking. Students looked at current retail and commercial businesses in the Village and compared those and other "missing" businesses against demographic data to determine their "best fit." They talked about what kinds of businesses their families would frequent, or what they already drive some distance to go to.

Using two potential areas to establish their business in the Village—the former golf course property (for large proposals) and the former Rita's Ice location in Goshen Plaza (for small proposals)—the students identified natural and capital resources they would need for a successful business. The common themes were capital/investment dollars; staff/personnel; construction supplies/materials; office supplies; and utilities such as power and water.

After putting their plans together, each student prepared a PowerPoint presentation outlining their proposal, justification, resources and photo examples of similar businesses. Using their newfound skills and confidence in public speaking, the fourth graders then presented their ideas to their class and a few guest community professionals.

Ms. Huntt's class had many ideas centered around stu-



photo by Mike Conroy

dent's interests, most notably indoor recreation facilities and arcades or video games. Activity centers including an indoor pool, bowling alley, dance center and sportsplex were common themes. It was suggested that several of these students' ideas could be combined into one large "fun center" including these, video arcades, laser tag and food to meet all their recreational needs and service the entire community, all in one central location.

Some students proposed the resurgence of historical Village businesses, including a new YMCA and a movie theater—two former businesses that are well remembered by long-time Village residents. Other ideas

such as a hospital, a veterinary clinic/animal hospital and library are resources that are currently close to Montgomery Village, but are not immediately in the Village; students knew that they residents frequented these types of places and thought more convenience would be appealing to current and future residents.

Other unique ideas from Ms. Huntt's class included a: landfill; toy store; pet store; Star Wars themed park; and a special food bakery that catered to residents with all types of food allergies. It was clear that the fourth graders applied a mixture of personal interest and critical thinking skills to envision all these ideas in their

proposals for the community.

Montgomery County Senior Planner for the Montgomery Village Master Plan Renee Kamen noted that students were really interested in how different businesses and resources get approved at the county level. She relayed information about her position and how what the students proposed was a first step in looking into the viability of establishing new business. She commented, "It's great to see the students investing time and thinking about the future of their community at a young age. These are our future leaders."

Watkins Mill Mulch Madness

On Saturday, March 19, the Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) Booster Club will be selling 3 cubic-foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch at the school, 10301 Apple Ridge

Road. Bags cost \$4.75, and free delivery is available with purchases of 10 or more bags.

Order by Saturday, March 12; fill out the order to the right or online at <http://wmhsboosters.com>.

For more information, call Dick Campbell at 301-580-4932 or e-mail WMHSMulchSale@gmail.com.

Montgomery County Automotive Trades and Information Technology students to host used car and computer sale

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, Feb. 20 (snow date Saturday, Feb. 27) at Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 301-929-2197, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org or www.itfcareers.org.




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Watkins Mill scholarship donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Thank you for your donation!
Order online at:
<http://wmhsboosters.com>

AT YOUR LEISURE

Gardening Questions? Visit a Plant Clinic!

During the 2016 growing season, Montgomery County Master Gardeners will answer gardening questions at Walk-In Plant Clinics located around the county. Bring your full and intact plant and insect samples, garden problems and questions to a location at right and just ask a Master Gardener!

For more information or descriptions of programs, visit www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/montgomery-county-master-gardeners. Montgomery County Master Gardeners is a program of the University of Maryland Extension.

Derwood Extension Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, lower level, Ballard Room
Drop off plant and insect samples, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, year-round; Plant Clinic and Helpline, 301-590-9650 or e-mail mgmont@umd.edu, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., March through Oct.; Demo Garden, Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, April through October, weather permitting.

Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April to September

Germantown Library, 19840 Century Boulevard
Wednesdays, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., May to September

Kentlands Farmers Market, 301 Main Street
First Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May to October

Quince Orchard Library, 15831 Quince Orchard Road
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., May to October

Rockville Central Farm Market, 11806 Rockville Pike
Third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April to October



Lenten services at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Montgomery Village residents are invited to attend Lenten services at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 21611 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville.

Residents are invited to join in church services leading up to Easter on Sundays at either 9 or 10:30 a.m. for prayer, or on Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m. for Communion services. Additional special services will be held from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday.

Call 301-355-7189 or visit www.saintbartholomews.org.

Palm Sunday, March 20 - 9 and 10:30 a.m. services
Monday, March 21 - 6 p.m. Seder ritual led by two Orthodox Jewish women
Tuesday, March 22 - 6 p.m. prayer in the church
Wednesday, March 23 - 6 p.m. evening prayer
Thursday, March 24 - 7 p.m. traditional Maundy Thursday service with choir and Eucharist
Friday, March 25 - Noon and 7 p.m. Good Friday solemn worship
Easter Sunday, March 27 - 6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn service at the original site of St. Bartholomew's (meet in the parking lot at 6:15 a.m.)
9 a.m. contemporary worship
10:30 a.m. celebratory worship with choir, hymns, Eucharist
Easter egg hunt for the children following the 10:30 a.m. worship

Singers without Borders seek new members

Musicologist and long-time Whetstone resident Sanja Grujic-Vlajnic recently initiated a community chorus group that she calls "Singers without Borders."

"The group started when one of my neighbors asked if there was a 'singing club' where people who like to sing for fun and pleasure could join," said Grujic-Vlajnic. "I thought it would be nice to have something like that in Montgomery Village, where there is a community band, but not a chorus."

Grujic-Vlajnic also volunteers as an accompanist to her students at two seniors communities in Montgomery Village, where she often encourages the audience to join in and sing along.

"Through my 20 years as a music and piano professor at Montgomery College and in my Whetstone studio, I always encourage students to use their voices and sing. Singing is beneficial for our physical and mental health, and one of the best ways of socializing."

The chorus group is oriented toward traditional American and folk songs, and there is no audition or fees for participation. The group meets at Grujic-Vlajnic's Whetstone music studio several times monthly, and everybody is welcome to join.

Those interested in participating in this new and fun music club, contact Sanja Grujic-Vlajnic at 301-869-5399 or e-mail sanjagvo@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board of Elections "Future Vote" program

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking students in grades 6 to 12, to participate in its "Future Vote" Program. Students will serve as Election Day aides during the 2016 Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, April 26. There are also opportunities for students to assist the Board of Elections with a variety of activities before Election Day.

Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to participate in the Future Vote program and, if applicable, students will receive

Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action.

The Future Vote program is available to all Montgomery County students within public, private, independent, religious or home-schools. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite and students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

In the 2012 Presidential Election, more than 2,000 Montgomery County students par-

ticipated in the Future Vote program, including 473 students with bilingual skills and 15 students who were available at polling places to assist voters using American Sign Language.

Parents/guardians may register before Monday, Feb. 29 by visiting www.777vote.org, or by e-mailing future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov.

For information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

SPORTS

Germantown HEAT Basketball tryouts

Attention athletes: upcoming open tryouts for Spring/Summer travel teams (grades 4 through 11) under the Germantown HEAT Basketball Association will be conducted during February and March. Montgomery Village residents are encouraged to participate but parent permission is required.

A special tryout for boys ages 7 and 8 for a one time

ALL STAR tournament will also be held. This is a special tournament—all participants will receive free jerseys!

Additionally, coaches looking to lead teams are encouraged to contact the Heat. For more information, contact Shone Whitsett at shonewhitsett@hotmail.com or visit www.leaguelineup.com/germantownheat.



GERMANTOWN HEAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

OPEN TRYOUTS

FOR THE 2016 SPRING/SUMMER AAU TRAVEL BASKETBALL SEASON

TEAM	COACH	GRADE	TRYOUT LOCATION	DATE	TIME	TRYOUT FEE
HEAT	Hyde	4 th	Sequoyah Elem.	2/24	6-7:30 pm	\$20
ALL STARS	Whitsett	7-8	Lake Seneca Elem.	3-2, 3-9	7-8:30 pm	\$20
HEAT	Mayo	4 th	Lake Seneca Elem.	3-7	7:30-8:30 pm	\$20
HEAT	Whitsett	9 th & 10 th	Clarksburg High School	3-1, 3-3	7:30-9 pm	\$20
HEAT	Leonard	8 th	Shady Grove MS	2/29	6:30-8:30 pm	\$20
HEAT	Leonard	8 th	Thurgood Marshall ES	3-3	7-8:30 pm	\$20
HEAT	Lee	4 th	Neelsville MS	3-2, 3-9	7-8:30 pm	\$20
HEAT	Toliver	5 th	Neelsville MS	3-2, 3-9	7-8:30 pm	\$20
HEAT	Thompson	10 th	NO TRYOUTS			
LADY HEAT	SANDERS	4 th	NO TRYOUTS			

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MILESTONES

WMHS artist wins JHU competition



For the last 10 years, Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Montgomery County Campus has hosted a high school art show, showcasing artwork by teens from around the county. This year, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary, the theme was "Grab Bag," whereby each school was randomly assigned a previous year's theme.

Village artist and Watkins Mill High School student Raheel Raad received first place in the competition, which was comprised of 188 submissions from 17 Montgomery County schools.

Raheel, a senior in Mrs. DeKel's class, had to paint under the theme "Secrets." Her work, "Revealing," features a woman

whose chest is wrapped in yellow caution tape. Her work represents human problems associated with secrets, in this particular case, human trafficking.

For more information about the show and Raheel's work, visit <http://mcc.jhu.edu/news/an-artful-evening>.

Mother of God School presents teacher with excellence award

On Friday, Feb. 5 the Mother of God School student body gathered in the gym for a special awards assembly which included the Christian Character Awards and Academic Excellence Awards for the second semester of the school year.

Following these awards, a very special Excellence in Teaching Award was given. The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for Excellence in Teaching—inaugurated in 2008—is presented every few years by the School Board of Mother of God School. This year the award was presented to First Grade teacher Mrs. Kimberly Lee-Mott. Mrs. Lee-Mott came to Mother of God School in 2005. First Grade is her home, and she excels in that grade, especially for her expertise in teaching reading.

When Mrs. Lee-Mott's name was announced as the winner

of the award, the entire student body rose as a sign of their agreement that this choice for the award was their choice as well. Mrs. Lee-Mott has distinguished herself as a gentle, calm, and most kind teacher. When a visitor enters her classroom, everyone is working and continues to work peacefully and calmly. She is a treasured member of our faculty.

Mrs. Lee-Mott's name will be added to those of the previous winners of the award on a plaque in the entrance hall of the school: Mrs. Jean-Anne Rabil, Mrs. Meave Duggan, and Mrs. Sheila Martin.

The school assembly concluded with the officers of the Student Council announcing



the class winners of various fundraising activities during this last semester. It was a great beginning of the final day of special activities for Catholic Schools Week.

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Village author honored by library association

"Imagining Katherine," by Village author Carol Westreich Solomon, has been designated a 2016 Sydney Taylor Notable Book by the Association of Jewish Libraries. The Sydney Taylor Book Awards honor new books for children and teens that exemplify the highest literary standards, while authentically portraying the Jewish experience.

"Imagining Katherine" is set in the segregated Jewish suburbs of Baltimore in the early 1960s and transports readers to the heart of the civil rights movement through the eyes of a young Jewish teen discovering life's tragedies and triumphs for the first time. Katherine's life is changed forever in ninth grade when Charlotte, the first black student in the school, enters Katherine's English class. This coming-of-age novel has cross-generational appeal—both to women

who grew up in the 1960s and to today's teens who are introduced to the cross-currents of the civil rights movement and Holocaust memories. The novel also explores the complicated relationships between mothers and daughters and the painful search for acceptance and belonging.

Carol Solomon, who grew up in Baltimore, now lives in Montgomery Village. She previously served as a magnet administrator at Richard Montgomery High School and an English teacher at Poolesville and Wootton high schools. Her writing has appeared in publications including "Jewish Fiction.Net," "Persimmon Tree," "Poetica," "Seltzer," the "English Journal" and the "Washington Post."

"Imagining Katherine" is available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble online, and at independent bookstores.

Village couple celebrates 30 years

Valentine's Day has an extra special meaning for Village residents Bonnie and Russell Lee; this year they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary!

The couple, who were married in Rockville, met each other by chance, just walking past one another on Piney Branch Road, on a routine trip to the store. Bonnie, who is retired from Safeway in Germantown, and Russell, who works for Montgomery County Transit/Ride On, have three children, Russell Jr., Anthony and Zachary, as well as five grandchildren.

The couple plans to celebrate their anniversary with a quiet weekend away. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Lee!

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KIDS PAGE



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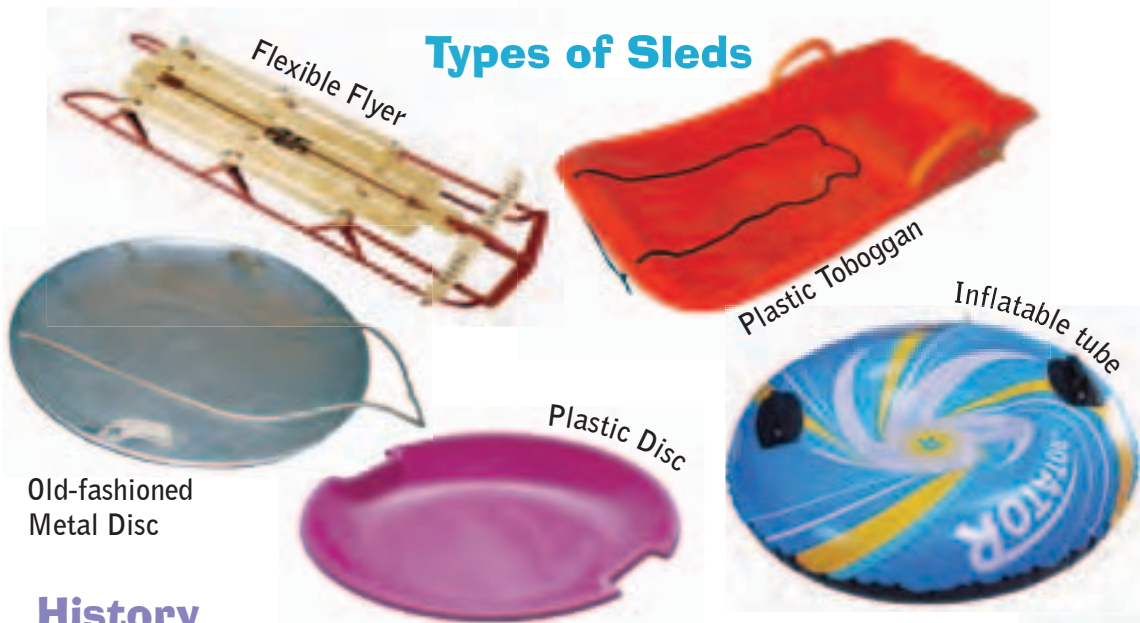
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MV Kids Learn About Sledding

Sledding or tobogganing refers to traveling down a snowy hill using a sled, such as a flexible flyer, with wooden slats and metal runners. It is usually done during the winter when there is plenty of snow. Flat plastic or aluminum discs and improvised sleds (trash bags, baking trays, sheets of cardboard, etc.) may also be used.

Types of Sleds



Best Area Snow Tubing

Pennsylvania
Liberty Mountain Resort
78 Country Club Trail, Carroll Valley, PA
717-642-8282, www.libertymountainresort.com

Roundtop Mountain Resort
925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, PA
717-432-9631, www.skiroundtop.com

West Virginia
Canaan Valley Resort
230 Main Lodge Road, Davis, WV
800-622-4121, www.canaanresort.com

Virginia
Massanutten Resort
1822 Resort Drive, McGaheysville, VA
540-289-9441, www.massresort.com

History

Sleds were developed in areas with consistent winter snow cover, for practical uses as vehicles to transport materials and people. Early designs included hand-pulled sizes, as well as larger versions that were pulled by dogs, horses or oxen. Early examples of sleds were found in the Oseberg Viking ship excavation. The Toboggan sled is also a traditional form of transportation used by the Innu and Cree native American people of northern Canada, and the people of Ancient Egypt are thought to have used sleds (on the desert sand and on ramps) extensively for construction.

Snow Tubing

Snow tubing is rumored to have begun as far back as the 1820s in the Alpine Mountains. Tubing on snow is a wintertime activity that is similar to sledding. This kind of tubing is almost always performed on a hill or slope, using gravity to get the rider to the bottom. The low amount of friction between the inner tube and snow allows riders to reach pretty high speeds, especially on steep slopes. Because of the circular shape of snow tubes, they may spin slowly while descending the hill.

Some ski resorts offer courses devoted solely to tubing which often have slopes on each side of the course to guide the tube down the hill safely and barriers at the end of the course to help slow or stop tubers. Motorized pulley towlines are often used to tow riders and their tubes back to the top of the course after riding to the bottom.



RECREATION

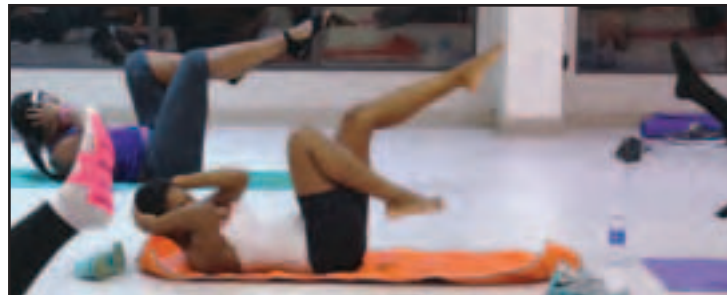
POP Pilates

Join your friends and neighbors on Thursday evenings at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, for POP Pilates workouts with instructor Alysha Cunningham. Designed for all fitness levels, this ab-chiseling, full-body-workout is designed to strengthen your muscles from head to toes.

Class begins promptly at 7 p.m. Drop-in for only \$7 per

class. Please bring a mat to class; limited supply available for new participants. For more

information, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.



Youth Leadership Workshop for ages 13 to 17

Get on the fast track to MVF's Counselor in Training program! Youth Leadership Workshop is a development program that combines interactive workshops with the fun atmosphere of a summer day camp! Those who successfully complete this workshop will be given priority during the Counselor in Training selection process in April.

The goals of this program are for youth to learn skills to effectively lead others in activities and feel confident in their program solving skills, both independently and in a team setting. Youth Leadership Workshop participants will have the opportunity to earn up to 12 SSL hours planning activities and interacting with campers at MVF's Spring Break Camps on Friday, April 1.

Youth Leadership Workshop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, and at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on Friday, April 1.

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

Introduction to Meditation

Relax and learn meditation techniques with this two-hour workshop on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Participants of this workshop will be guided through seated meditation, mindfulness meditation and meditation in motion. This class is suitable and beneficial to all adults.

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



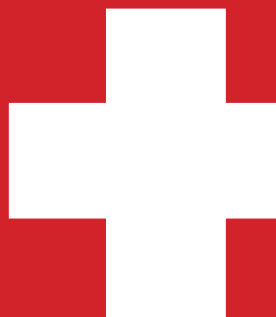
MVF Futsal Update

The winter Futsal league has kicked off, and teams are starting to catch full stride. During the first three weeks of play the standings are as follows:

1. Colombia FC
2. Asociacion Deportivo Lima
3. Peru FC
4. Tekkers

5. Gaithersburgers
6. Sport Peru
7. The Blues
8. Chelsea FC

If you think you or your team have what it takes to become the next Futsal champions, contact Elijah Davis at 240-243-2361 or e-mail edavis@mvf.org. The next session begins on Friday, April 15.



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** (300-yard continuous swim with rhythmic breathing using front crawl or breast stroke; 10 lbs. brick retrieval within one minute forty seconds; and tread water using legs only for two minutes) on the first pool day in order to continue participation in class. If you do not pass the pre-screen, you will be issued a full refund. Space is very limited. Class sessions will be held at the **Rockville Swim & Fitness Center (355 Martins Lane, Rockville)**. A detailed course schedule/syllabus will be provided on the first day of class. **Students MUST attend all class sessions as scheduled. Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville.**

Lifeguard Training Course

(Includes CPR/AED and First Aid)

Montgomery Village Resident: \$185, Non-resident: \$195

4015.110 (Registration closes on Wednesday, Feb. 24)

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

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

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

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




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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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

Make checks payable to: "Montgomery Village Foundation."

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

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 be 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 through March 22. Pair this class with POP Pilates to round out your weekday workouts.

Residents can drop-in for only \$7 per class. For more information or to register for the remainder of the session, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.

Spring Wreath

WORKSHOP

Register Online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

Tuesday
March 1
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road




Every participant will walk away with a festive handmade spring wreath to show off all season long. No prior craft experience is required.

4019.120
\$19/Resident
\$29/Non-resident





For more information or to register, e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org or call 240-243-2338.

RECREATION

42nd Art, Craft and Photography Show

All are invited to this popular annual event at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. Registration is on Thursday, March 10 from 3 to 8 p.m. only.

The cost is \$3/entry, with a limit of four entries per artist. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.montgomeryvillage.com, are available by e-mailing mmaggi@mof.org or may be picked up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

Judging categories: a) oil/acrylic; b) watercolors; c) pastels; d) crafts/textiles; e) drawing/printing/graphics; f) digital art; g) photography/black and white; h) photography/color; i) pottery/sculpture; j) mixed media/miscellaneous. Each category judged by group: 8 to 12 years old; 13 to 17 years old; 18 to 25 years old; over 25; and Professional for those artists who instruct others or sell their works.

For more information of questions, call Melanie Maggi 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mof.org.



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION CATEGORY

Residents are invited to enter art works illustrating "Montgomery Village" which they may have collected over time. As this is an exhibition category, the submissions do not need to be the work of the owner. Artists with Village scenes that they would like to have judged should enter them in one of the judging categories. There is no fee to enter works into this category.



OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 8
9:30 to 11 a.m.

Whetstone Community Center
19401 Brooke Grove Court

Montgomery Village Foundation invites prospective students, ages 2 to 4, and their families to join us for a morning of learning in the Creative Playtime schoolroom! Long-time teacher, Kathi Hufnagel, will lead the children through a condensed version of the daily routine.

CREATIVE PLAYTIME

A learning and enrichment program for 3 and 4-year-olds

MVF's recreational and supplemental educational program for preschool-age children, under the direction of Kathi Hufnagel. Enhance your child's social, emotional and physical development. Your child will explore reading, writing, science, math, music, drama, movement, crafts, nature and playtime.

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- Non-refundable deposit is due at registration.
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Primetime Drop-In Basketball

The second session of our Primetime basketball program (for ages 18 and over) is scheduled to tip-off on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The second session will run until Wednesday, March 30,

allowing participants six more weeks of indoor gym time. The cost is \$30/Resident and \$40/Non-resident; participants can play on a drop-in basis for \$7 a day. Sign up today by calling 301-948-0110 or visiting www.montgomeryvillage.com.

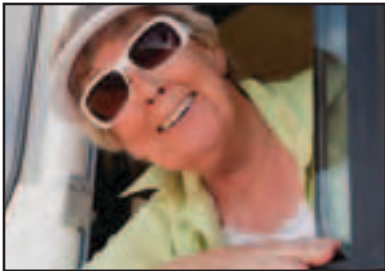


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Spring Field Trip

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Flick Friday

Back by popular demand, it's Flick Friday! Join your friends on select Fridays throughout the session for a variety of film screenings! Grab your popcorn and seat at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, on Friday, Feb. 26. Screening begins at 10 a.m.



GAMES & SOCIAL HOUR!

Interested in learning how to play Bridge or Canasta? SiA has qualified volunteer instructors to teach you every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center. We are also looking for those interested in playing Mahjong.

*Must be a member of Seniors in Action to participate.



Seated Tai Chi

Join us from noon to 12:45 p.m. every Tuesday through May 20 as instructor Marcy guides you through the low-impact movements of Tai Chi as you enjoy benefits like longevity and relaxation.



Holy Cross Germantown Hospital came out to SiA to conduct free balance testing for members using state of the art Biodex Balance System. Keep an eye out for our next balance testing date in late spring!

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Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
Feb. 22: No-sew fleece pillow cases
Feb. 28: MV Art Show work
 *all of these crafts can be donated to those in need if you choose to keep them at SiA



Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month

Feb. 22: "Pearl of China" by Anchee Min and "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

WEDNESDAY



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

Enjoy a variety of card and board games, conversation and refreshments.

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

FRIDAY



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

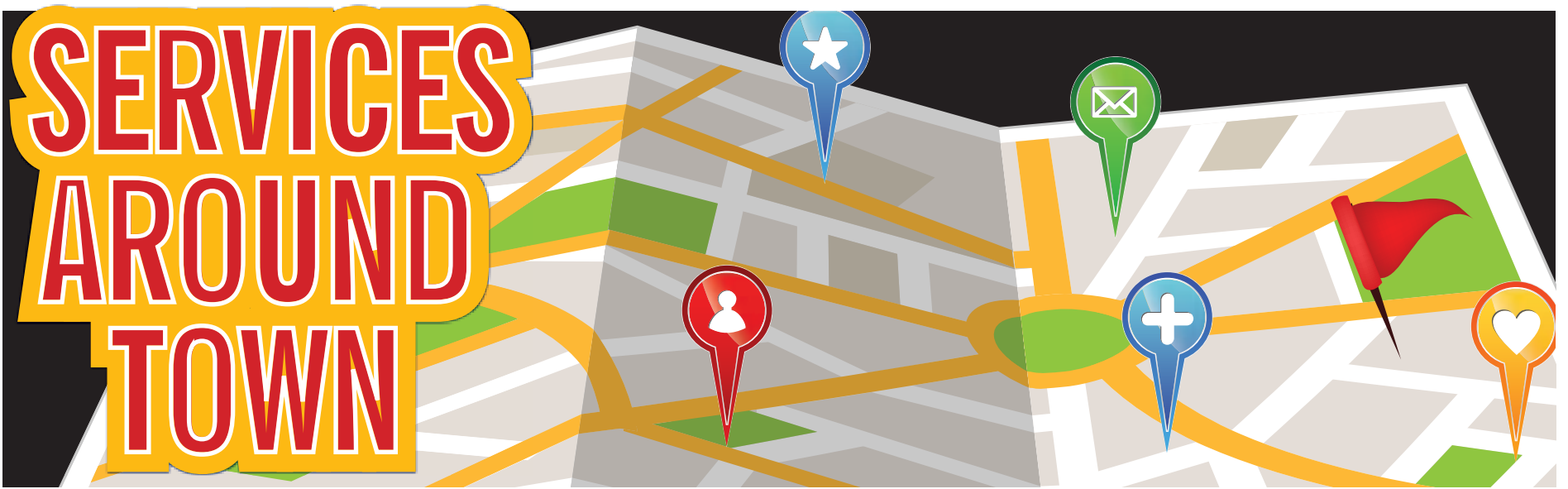
Free for SiA members, \$2/Non-member. Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.

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!

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@mfvf.org.

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