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MVF Board election underway

by Mike Conroy

Ballots for the 2018 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election were mailed to homeowners on Friday, Feb. 2. Three candidates, including two incumbents, are running to fill the three seats on the Board; those seeking election are Pamela Bort (incumbent), Glenn Gargan (incumbent) and M. Jerome Leonard.

Each year, three seats become available for a three year term. This election will see one new face on the Board, as one member whose term is expiring has chosen not to seek re-election.

Residents should read the candidate statements included with the mailed ballot to familiarize themselves with the candidates' respective platforms. Each candidate has submitted a brief résumé and answered three specific questions per-

taining to their proposed goals for election to the Board, beginning on page 8. Additionally, residents can meet and talk with the candidates before the Thursday, Feb. 22 MVF Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Ballots must be signed and returned to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 2. Results will be counted and announced on Saturday, March 3. New Board members will be installed at the MVF Annual Meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Warm weather is just around the corner and that means it's time to think about summer camp! Check out the fun and affordable camps, clubs and programs in the 2018 MVF Summer Camp Guide inside this issue.

Recreation items top agenda for MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

At the first Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting of 2018, recreation was the common theme on the agenda. The action items reflected a mix of committee recommendations, awarding of bids and policy revisions in preparation for the 2018 pool season.

On pool-related items, the Board approved the 2018 Pool Schedule and revisions to the Activity Card and Pool Operating policies. The Activity Card Policy included updates to pricing of special cards, as well as extending the timeframe for Activity Card renewal. The

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Ballots were mailed on Friday, Feb. 2. Residents are reminded to return their ballots for the MVF Board of Directors election to the MVF Office no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, March 2.**

If you do not receive your ballot by Friday, Feb. 9 or you misplace your ballot, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or come to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

For information on the candidates, see pages 8 and 9 and watch for the transcript from the Candidate's Forum in the next issue of the *Village News*.

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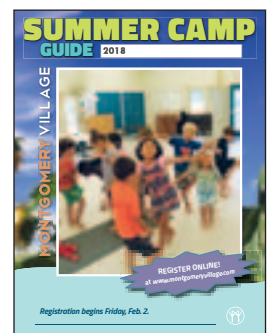
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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Candidates for the Student Representative to the MVF Board will be considered.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

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CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Heron's Cove office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Rd. #3. This includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just do it!



by Pete Young
 MVF President

I am sure that you have seen the news that the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has hired a new Director of Parks and Recreation — Duncan Mullis — who replaced the retiring Peggy Mark late last year. We were blessed to have Peggy lead this important department for many years, and now Duncan is in the process of planning the next great phase for the Village. Hopefully you saw the article about the strategic planning process that Duncan has kicked off regarding our Recreation and Parks — along with a link to fill out a survey — which will help him and the staff better understand how you all currently use these amenities and decide how to best move these critical assets and programs forward. If you have not yet had a chance to fill

out the survey, please do! Here is a link to the survey: <http://bit.ly/mvfrec>.

The Village has so much to offer all of us regarding our parks and recreational programs, and many of us have taken advantage of these over many years. As the community continues to evolve, however, Duncan and his team want to ensure that well loved and supported programs continue, but also introduce new programs and park assets that will engage us in new ways. We are all an important part of this process.

I love being out in our community and can say that I have enjoyed many of our parks on a regular basis, but some I have not seen before. This survey helped me realize that I need to explore more of our many assets, and also seek out some additional recreational options; in short, I need to "Just Do It!" Please join me in sharing your voice and self in some of the great ways to meet others, enjoy the outdoors, and marvel in our community.

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

Cheers,
 Pete



MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST January 25, 2018

1. Ms. Franke moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (4-0); Ms. Bort and Mr. Dyer abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Bort moved to approve the proposed 2018 pool schedule. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Marsh moved to appoint Ashton Foster and Sara Johnson to serve on the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Webb moved to approve the proposed changes to the Activity Card Distribution Policy as noted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Ms. Bort moved to approve the proposed changes to the MVF Pool Operating Policy as noted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Dyer moved to award the bid to Ecotone for \$21,600 and authorize an expenditure of \$23,760, which includes a 10% contingency for reimbursables and additional work if requested by MVF. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize staff to send 10 diving boards to Duraflex International for resurfacing and authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$23,840 plus 10% for unforeseen contingencies. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Dyer moved to consider the COE recommendation to create a tree planting program for North Creek Lake, to be held in conjunction with the Arbor Day Celebrations, to plant five new trees every year around the trail of the lake. The motion was seconded for discussion.
10. Mr. Dyer moved to amend the motion to support the COE recommendation to create a tree planting program for the Village, with the location of the new trees to be recommended by the COE in concert with staff based on priority. The amended motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Marsh moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



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CTS	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC	North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.	WCC	Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
LMCC	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC	Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.	WHPR.....	Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP	South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.		

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

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IN THE NEWS

MVF's 27th annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors underway

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 over \$50,000.

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 the Foundation'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 originally 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 the Foundation 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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Last call to have your say!

The Department of Recreation and Parks has created a survey to understand what residents think of our facilities, parks, pools and programs. We encourage all residents to have their say by visiting our online survey at <http://bit.ly/mvfrec>. This survey is broken

into five sections and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please note that the survey can only be completed once per device, and the deadline is Sunday, Feb. 4.

The time you invest in completing this survey will assist the MVF in making decisions

to improve and enrich the future of the Montgomery Village community. Thank you in advance for your feedback! If you have questions or comments, e-mail Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Millis at dmullis@mof.org.



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IN THE NEWS

Board

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Pool Operating Policy included housekeeping items and an update to safety regulations, requiring persons who are not water safe and/or under the age of 6 be within arms' reach of an adult at all times.

A bid for diving board resurfacing was awarded to Duraflex International, not to exceed \$23,840. As a matter of safety, 10 diving boards need resurfacing for the upcoming season.

The Board also appointed two new members to the Recreation Committee, Ashton Foster and Sara Johnson. Both community volunteers have an interest and/or expertise in recreation and want to work to positively impact Village residents.

On the environmental front, Ecotone was awarded a bid for \$21,600 for Lake Marion shoreline stabilization work to repair areas where the shoreline has eroded immensely. Ecotone has done work in the Village before and understands the lake and scope of work, which includes design preparation and submission of state and county permit application packages.

The Committee on the Environment (COE) recommended the Board create a tree planting program for North Creek

Lake, to be held in conjunction with the annual Arbor Day Celebration. The idea called for five new trees to be planted at the lake each year. The Board agreed with the idea of committing to planting at least five new trees in this effort each year, but did not want to limit the area to only North Creek Lake. The recommendation was modified to include areas that were deemed in need of planting, as suggested by the COE, and then approved by the Board.

PRESIDENTS' REMARKS

MVF Board President Pete Young thanked the candidates for the 2018 Board election for attending the meeting and spending some time before hand talking with residents.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton updated the Board on several development projects around the community. He noted his participation in the Gaithersburg Cluster School Selection Committee, which is looking for a new elementary school site for the cluster. Centerway Park was identified as a potential candidate early on,

but not favored at this time; the park is on a county-designated school site and can be repurposed as such when deemed necessary by the county.

Humpton also said that Monument Realty is currently negotiating with a home builder, following their site plan approval at the end of 2017. Monument anticipates breaking ground in mid- to late 2019. The new Central Park is slated to open by the completion of the 150th unit in the plan, so residents can begin to enjoy this amenity early on.

He reported that Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC), owners of the Village Center, are slated to go to the Planning Board in March to submit their latest plan, which has some changes. They are also expected to share those plans with the Commercial Architectural Review Committee in March. Humpton said that Transwestern, owners of the Professional Center, said there is a developer interested in purchasing the property for a townhouse project.

Finally, he reported on the pending sale of the Cider Mill Apartments. Humpton said that current owner, The Don-

aldson Group, had a private investor ready to purchase the property, however the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) has right of first refusal in Montgomery County. HOC is exercising that right and is working to secure the funds necessary to match the contract.

Humpton, Young and Pete Webb met with HOC staff to discuss the purchase and its impacts to Montgomery Village. All three stressed the need for good investment in the community, and the need to work with a community partner. HOC noted they would maintain and invest in the property, looking to keep the almost 900 units on the site affordable. HOC is aware of the site's current security and maintenance issues and is committed to working on those. If further development of the site was an option in the future, HOC would consider that option.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Board Treasurer Bob Carey gave the financial report, noting MVF's continued strong position. Carey noted that the

final December report was subject to the annual audit, but as of right now, was very positive. He said that assessment receivables were down, and the delinquency rate was the lowest it has been in many years, at 7.5%. Carey reported a 5.9% Return on Investments due to a strong market and changes in the investment strategy over the last several years.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. There will be a "Meet the Candidates" time prior to the meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., to meet the candidates nominated to run in the 2018 MVF Board election. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.



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MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village
Foundation 2018
Board of Directors
Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 2. 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.

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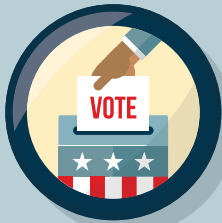
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 2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
 3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
 4. Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
 5. In the upper left corner of the return envelope, 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.
 6. 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.
 7. **All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2018.**
 8. Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 3, 2018, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
 9. The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 22, 2018 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
 10. For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their behalf.
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Montgomery Village
Foundation
2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, FEB. 2**
Election ballots mailed to residents
- THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 7 P.M.**
Meet the Candidates
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road
- FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 5 P.M.**
Balloting closes
- FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 7 P.M.**
ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
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- SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 9 A.M.**
OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING
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- SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1 P.M.**
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MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2017 Board of Directors election candidates



PAMELA BORT



GLENN GARGAN



M. JEROME LEONARD

PAMELA BORT

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

In addition to my service on the MVF and South Village Homes Corporation Boards, I have been employed for over 30 years in the areas of corporate law (including non-profits), banking, and public finance. I believe this experience is valuable to the MVF Board in its operations and with its oversight responsibilities.

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

I see the priorities facing the MVF Board as follows:

(a) Ensuring continued financial stability in a time of economic volatility;

(b) Ensuring that the plans for the golf course, professional center and Village Center development serve the best interests of Village residents;

(c) The future of the Village vis a vis the County and the State;

(d) The preservation of the Village's natural environment; and

(e) Examination and consideration of the Village's expanding parking issues with an emphasis on developing reasonable and fair solutions.

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

I would be an active participant in the budget process, with an emphasis on transparency, reasonableness and continued oversight. We need to increase resident participation in Village programs and give all residents a strong vested interest in implementing the Village's vision for its future. We must closely monitor and respond to County and State initiatives that affect the Village. This must be done to ensure the preservation of our woodlands, parks and lakes, the natural surroundings which are the hallmark of our planned community.

GLENN GARGAN

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

3 years ago, I recited many of the accomplishments in my Bio. In addition to those, I have added the experience these

past 3 years of hundreds of hours of MVF-specific Board and committee meeting, and hundreds of meetings with residents, state and local politicians, and law enforcement, addressing very specific issues of Montgomery Village (past, current, and future).

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

They would certainly include the continued development of the former MVF golf course; the renovation of the Village Shopping Center, as well as the revitalization of other commercial areas; ongoing Village transportation issues; the continuation of the strengthening of MVF's financial and reserve status; maintaining strong elected official relationships (and accountability) during this year of expected personnel changes in those offices; and our teamwork with local law enforcement on gang-related issues.

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

The same ones which we all utilize daily: ongoing communication; relationship building and maintaining; accountability; community involvement;

pragmatism; teamwork with Residents, the Board, MVF staff, and state/local resources. These approaches include ensuring elected representatives understand MVF concerns, and how various legislative actions would affect the Village.

M. JEROME LEONARD

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

I bring decades of experience in Federal, State, and Local public sector as well as private sector experience. I love the Village and look forward to helping it advance in the new chapter ahead. I have international experience as well that will help me understand our diverse population. I'm passionate about the major issue we face such as transportation, economic development, public safety, and youth.

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns? I believe the pending MV Bloom project and preparing

for major construction in our community is a top priority. We must work with all stakeholders who are on different sides of the changes ahead in the village. I believe transportation is another major issue we will need to address as population increases and our Village Center is modernized to become a destination. Naturally, managing our resources and governing so our community is vibrant and a place where residents, businesses, and employees flourish is a top priority.

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

I'm proposing strategic active engagement with the new developers building residential and commercial projects in the Village. This will be important to ensure that impact to quality of life is well known and managed properly. I'm proposing continued outreach to residents to get the awareness and participation levels as high as possible. I would like to use technology also to live-stream and record key meetings so residents who can't physically attend can still get the information virtually.

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MVF ELECTION

Candidate	PAMELA BORT	GLENN GARGAN	M. JEROME LEONARD
Address	9810 Islandside Drive, Dockside	8244 Collingdale Way	20104 Darlington Drive, Williams Range
Village Community	South Village	East Village	Northgate
Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	Residency 22 years; Homeowner 13 years	4½ years	15 years
Occupation	Senior Paralegal, Corporate, Public Finance and Healthcare, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP	President, The Viaggio Corporation	Technology Executive
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	No	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	South Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors, 2005-Present; Vice President, 2011-2014, Treasurer, 2014-2015; President 2016-Present; Montgomery Village Foundation Board, 2008-2011, 2012-2018; MVF Executive Committee, 2009-2011; MVF Board Liaison to the Committee on the Environment and the Communications Committees; Liaison to ARB; Liaison to Audit Committee.	MVF Board Member (current Vice President) since 2015; EVHC Board Member 2014-2017; MVMaster Plan 2014-2016; Whetstone, MV Middle and Watkins Mill High PTA Member 1992-2003.	Rotary International; Bloom MV meetings/discussions; Support children as <i>Village News</i> carrier.
Participation in Community Affairs	Contributor to the <i>Village News</i> on behalf of South Village Homes Corporation; affiliate, FOWL, 2004-Present.	Advisory Board Member–Jewish Council for the Aging–Heyman Interages Center 2010-2016; GSA Federal Accounting Standards Task Force Advisory Board Member (2011-2016) and Public Private Partnerships (2016-current).	Active in organizing and leading bible studies through Church of the Redeemer over the past 10 years; Served as a Montgomery College Foundation Board member, raised scholarship funds for students and advocated for closing the achievement and income gap; Served as student adviser with MCPS and the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education (MCBRE).
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	Education: University of Maryland, BA; Northwestern University, MAT; Georgetown University, Paralegal Program.	MBA, 2 separate BS's from the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland; Awards: HOA (performance); U of Maryland (mentorship); Interages (volunteerism).	Served as primary thought leader on MC 311 for quality management; Served as subject matter expert for end user requirements analysis, design-development code reviews, test construction-execution, training development-execution, and deployment.

The information provided by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors candidates is printed exactly as submitted.

IN THE NEWS

Stedwick Community Center playground replacement

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks has begun the process to replace the playground at Stedwick Community Center. This playground is being replaced due to its age.

Staff is looking for residents who use the playground or are interested in offering input on the new equipment to attend the upcoming Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Residents will be given the opportunity to view the proposed playground designs and give input on preferred options. Based on resident and committee input, staff will work with selected contractors to adjust designs if needed. It is anticipated that a recommen-

dation for a selection will be forwarded to the MVF Board for award at the Thursday, Feb. 22 Board meeting.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, offering

input or need more information, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.



Staying Aware in the Village

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

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 19200 block of Watkins Mill Road in the early morning hours of January 7. The suspect displayed a weapon. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: B/M, age 32 of Capitol Heights

An aggravated assault occurred in the 18200 block of Contour Road at approximately 8:46 p.m. on January 12. One suspect displayed a weapon. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim.

Suspects: H/M, age unknown, B/M, age unknown

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 8300 block of Giantstep Place between approximately 11:30 p.m. on January 3 and approximately 10 a.m. on January 4. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

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IN THE NEWS

Staying warm this winter: 5 tips to weatherize your home

Now that we are in the middle of winter and temperatures keep fluctuating, there are several things homeowners can do to save energy and protect homes from damage during the coldest months of the year. Stay warm and save energy by following these five quick, essential steps from the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

- **Protect the exterior of your home from winter weather-related damage.**

Disconnect and drain all outside hoses, and empty rain barrels. If possible, shut off outside water valves to prevent hoses from freezing and breaking.

- **Keep vents clear of snow and ice.**

Remove snow or ice from any outdoor vents, including dryer and furnace vents. When they are blocked, air cannot flow freely and therefore carbon monoxide may build up in your home.

- **Remove fallen leaves and sticks from gutters.**

Check any downspouts and gutters for leaf buildup. By clearing away any leaf accumulation, you can ensure that melting snow can move off your roof freely, rather than freezing and causing problems on your roof or forming ice dams.

- **Get an energy audit.**

Participants may qualify to receive rebates up to \$7,500. Learn steps you can take to reduce your daily energy usage while still keeping your home cozy. All Montgomery County single-family homes and townhomes are eligible for \$400 home energy audit at the discounted rate of \$100 because of the EmPOWER Maryland Program.

These audits are available through Pepco, BGE or Po-

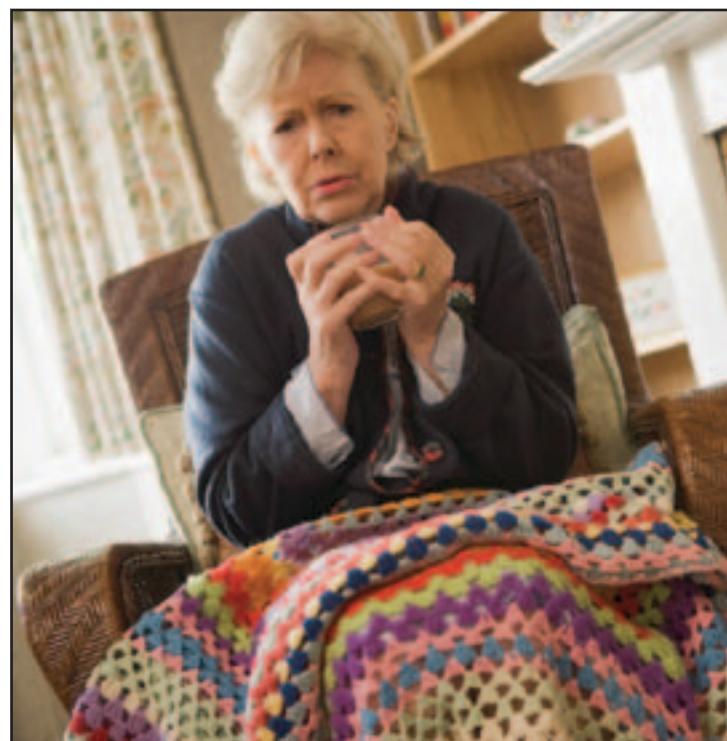
tomac Edison and include an installation of several simple measures – LED bulbs, wrapping your water heater pipe(s), ShowerStart™ shower head adapters, efficient-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and power strips – to make your home more energy-efficient, comfortable, healthy and safe. Participants also receive a detailed report on the potential energy savings by making the recommended improvements.

The Maryland utilities also offer rebates for work performed by participating Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractors. Montgomery County also provides an Energy Efficiency Tax Credit for certain home upgrades. Low-income Montgomery County residents may qualify for no-cost weatherization through Montgomery County's Weatherization Program or through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Low Income Energy Efficiency Program.

- **Test your home for radon.**

Radon is an invisible, radioactive gas created during the natural breakdown of uranium in rocks and soils. It typically moves up through the ground and into homes and buildings through cracks and holes in the foundation. You can test your home with a take-home

kit available at home improvement centers.



Education budget meeting

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith and President of Montgomery College Dr. DeRionne Pollard invite residents to attend the Fourth Annual Education Budget Meeting to discuss education funding in Montgomery County.

Topics at the meeting will include: how are budget deci-

sions made; what the county doing today to prepare for FY19 and beyond; and opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions.

Other dates and locations are available. For more information, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or e-mail Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county on several days at different locations. Locations convenient to Montgomery Village residents include:

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus Cafeteria

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Montgomery College, Rockville, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville Theater Arts Building

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Robert Frost Middle School, 9201 Scott Drive, Rockville Cafeteria



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Fireplace tips

Even though we've had a few recent days of warmer weather, this is the season for fireplace usage, and with the heavier demand on these wood burning fireplaces, we would like to pass on some tips and reminders for safer enjoyment.

- Always open the damper before lighting the fire, and keep the damper open until the ashes have cooled.
- Never use gasoline, charcoal lighter fluid, kerosene or other fuel to light or relight a fire because the vapors can explode.
- Do not burn charcoal or trash in a fireplace because of the danger of carbon monoxide build-up or deadly fumes.
- When starting your fire, light a paper torch near the damper opening to warm the flue and ensure an upward draft. Opening a door or window near the fireplace is also another way to get a proper up draft and prevent any reverse draft.
- Always place kindling and wood on a grate and not directly on the fireplace floor.
- Use seasoned dry hardwoods to promote a more complete hot burning fire. A hot fire produces less creosote (tar) than smoldering woods. An accumulation of creosote can cause dangerous chimney fires.
- Do not overload the fireplace. Extremely large fires can promote overheating of metal chimney walls or roof materials.
- Always use a screen around the fireplace to keep sparks from escaping and igniting clothing or items near the fireplace.
- Warn children of the danger of fire and do not let them play near or with fire.
- Make sure the fire is out completely before leaving the house or going to bed for the night.
- Have your chimney and fireplace flue maintained and cleaned by a professional annually.





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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

In this issue we follow up with more details of the meeting which was held on Thursday, January 18.

Our treasurer presented the financial report from November. The December financial report was not yet available because the books were being held open at year end for late invoices. She noted that there was \$144,000 in operating cash and that there was a positive net income at the end of November of \$2,000 due to a careful management of the budget. She added that the North Village Homes Corporation had done a good job of collecting bad debts. However, items that exceeded the budget were tree removal, fence replacement and bulk trash removal. She explained that security expenses were lower than budgeted, as was the water quality "tax." The good news on our investments is that the interest return on our investments is slowly rising.

In committee reports, the audit committee announced that the auditing process would begin in early February. The maintenance committee stated the bags in the pet waste stations were disappearing faster than expected and that people were taking multiple bags at once. New bags are on order, but residents are asked to please only take bags for your immediate needs.

In her management report, our community manager stated that for the four snow events so far this season she requested board approval of service for two events as snow accumulation was less than 2 inches. According to our policy, when snow accumulation is 2 inches or greater, management does not have to ask permission to plow. The last event required substantial chemicals to make conditions safe on the icy streets. The cost of these small storms has been high.

Our community manager also presented data on her negotiations with the insurance com-

pany for the replacement of the Picton entrance sign which was destroyed last November. The driver was identified through the police report, but the driver's insurance company estimated the cost to replace the sign to be far below the estimate that we received from our contractor.

Management has received continuous complaints from the residents of the townhouse communities about parking. Homes with four or more vehicles are using all of the visitor spaces. To alleviate the strain on parking, management asked our security company to target these areas for violations. Unlicensed or disabled cars will be towed. Parking is a Village-wide problem and we are working with management to discuss possible solutions.

Under new business, the board reviewed options for the replacement of the path lighting in the community. Sample lamp styles were presented followed by a discussion of an incentive

program offered by Pepco and a list of participating vendors in that program. The project would replace the old lighting "balls." The board selected an attractive LED style with frosted glass and directed management to issue requests for proposals.

Next there was a discussion of the performance of our snow and ice removal service during the past four snow events. The board was concerned about the cost for snow removal. Our treasurer stated that the storms were costing on average \$4,500 to \$5,000 each for the very small storms this season. Management will meet with a representative from the contractor to discuss these expenses.

ANNUAL MEETING

Every February your board of directors holds their annual meeting at which the president of the board will enumerate the accomplishments of the past year, the treasurer will review the financial status and the results of

the recent board elections will be announced. The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the February board meeting (see below). If you never attend board meetings, you should try to attend the annual meeting for an overview of how your assessments are being used to maintain and improve your community.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting will follow the annual meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Leaf collection

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

At the last Whetstone Board meeting, which took place on January 9, a concerned resident shared his experiences and comments regarding this year's community leaf removal. There was some confusion due to the change from two collections to one collection. The single leaf collection for 2018 will be much later in the season.

In a few instances, after leaf removal occurred, leaves that had been raked into the street were left unbagged for weeks. This can be challenging, particularly when the wind redistributes one resident's wealth of leaves onto the recently-raked yard of a neighbor. Whetstone residents, as a group, take good care of their homes and property and don't require reminders or encouragement to remove the leaves. Fortunately, in most instances these issues were resolved, sometimes with the

help of able-bodied community-spirited neighbors. Stories of neighbors helping neighbors provided a reminder that this community has a ready store of goodwill. It is a resource that we are fortunate to have.

SHORT TERM RENTAL COVENANT AMENDMENT

The Montgomery County Council has enacted Zoning Text Amendment ZTA 17-03, Short Term Rental Housing.

The introduction of short term rental housing in Whetstone would have a negative impact on our community property values and our close-knit neighborhood. The consequence of this type of transient housing is serious and affects resident tranquility. The safety of our children, elderly and all residents becomes a major issue. Parking will become more of a problem with the addition of cars belonging to short term

rental properties competing for limited parking spaces.

The Whetstone Homes Corporation Board of Directors has included with the 2018 ballot a questionnaire and space for your input and comments regarding the need for a covenant amendment prohibiting short term rentals in our community. You can indicate your interest in working on this issue with the board by sending an e-mail to vermillion.whc@gmail.com.

WSSC PLANNED CONSTRUCTION

In the coming months, WSSC will be working on the following streets: Blue Willow Lane, Chimney Place, Digging Road, Whetstone Circle and Whetstone Drive.

WSSC will provide a 48-hour advance notice to residents who will experience service interruption, parking restrictions, etc.

BOARD VACANCY

The board is seeking a Whet-

stone resident with an interest in community service to fill an unexpired term through March 2020. If you have a few hours each month and are interested, please send a statement of interest to Community Manager Andrea Mandato at amandato@mvf.org.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

In small and big ways Montgomery Village continues to take steps to improve the facilities available to residents. Approximately a year ago, the *Montgomery Village News* featured on its cover a photo of the Apple Ridge Pool project. Last summer Apple Ridge Pool (rededicated Peggy Mark Pool) joined our Whetstone Pool as the summer swimming destination of choice in Montgomery Village. Recently, Whetstone residents may have noticed that, as announced in the last issue of the *Village News*, construction

has begun on the new community playground next to the Whetstone Community Center. Once construction is complete, residents will benefit from new, handicapped-accessible play equipment that will provide enjoyment for families in the years to come. While construction is ongoing, please refrain from playing on the equipment.

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

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

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EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village 2018 Candidate Statements

submitted by the East Village Board of Directors

JACK HELENEK

My name is John (Jack) P. Helenek III. I have been a resident of Montgomery Village since 1972. I have lived at Mills Choice (Herons Cove), Highfield, The Points, Glenbrook, and for the last 25 years, my wife (two children) and I have lived in Wethersfield in East Village.

Obviously I grew up in Montgomery Village and worked for the Village Foundation. As a child, I was a substitute lifeguard at the pools and I ran the South Dock boat house. As a father, I was a volunteer for the Lake Marion Swim Team as a stroke and turn judge, starter and Head Referee for 15 years and served on the swim team committee. I have run my own residential remodeling business; JAXCO Inc., since 1994 and I would like to lend my experiences to the East Village Board.

TERRY O'GRADY

As a current board member and past President of East Village Homes Corporation, my focus has been on community safety, maintaining green space, roads, and development. During my Presidency we created an ongoing maintenance program for lighting, streets, green space, and trash pickup. Sponsored Neighborhood Watch, and restricted unsafe parking on community roads.

Established the Private Property Maintenance Program, to help maintain property values and quality of life.

Created a strong team to represent your community with county and state legislative bodies, working continuously on behalf of East Village. Successfully requested EV representation on the County Airport Advisory Board. Met with County Council and testified on issues impacting our community; relocation of the Shady Grove Service Park, Police/Fire Training Academy; parking issues, concrete operation, M-83 construction, purposed school on Centerway Park, Gaithersburg Master Plan, ambulance fees, the importance of our Community Safety Officer.

Co-founder of Mid County Citizen Alliance, with the residents help we prevented the relocation of 400 school buses to our community. Worked with the Maryland Department of Environment and Montgomery County insuring the development on the Nike Site would be clean of hazardous materials. September 2017, Appointment by the County Council to represent East Village for three years on Montgomery County Airpark Liaison Committee. The committee was established to increase communication among interested groups and individuals concerned with the operation of the Montgomery County Airpark. Representing

the residents of East Village has been and honor, and I look forward to continuing representing our great community.

JAYANT SKUKLA

As a resident of our community since 2011, I am honored to offer my services to the community as a Treasurer for 2018 having served for a brief period in 2017. After having a successful career in the Finance and Accounting field as shown below, I thought I could apply my knowledge and experiences for the benefit of the community. I am not used to speaking about personal achievements but my short bio below reflects my professional career.

As a human being, I am constantly learning and updating my interpersonal skills in the ever changing world environment. It allows me to interact in a friendly non-aggressive and confident manner with fellow citizens and all individuals. I believe human relationship is essential to civilizations and is continuity. It is also my favorite subject. Dealing with the community issues is like dealing with human issues. I am glad to offer my services to the community for the next term if selected.

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Accounts Officer - Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) - Kolkata, India

Education & Training - Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com) - University of Kolkata, India in 1970; L&T Training Programs - Communications, Human Relations Development, Public Speaking

Language-Skills and Notable Attributes - Fluent speaker of English, Gujarati, Hindi, and Bengali; Conversational speaker of French (studied at Alliance Française du Bengale in Calcutta, India)

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.

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2018 Parking Tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Several vehicles have been seen in the Middle Village parking lots displaying the 2017 parking tags. Those vehicles are subject to towing without notice

The 2017 parking tags expired on December 31, 2017. Vehicles of homeowners/tenants will now be towed if they are parked in their reserved space or open space, anytime of the day or night, and display an expired parking tag.

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

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking policy states: "All vehicles parked overnight in the community are required to display a MVHC parking tag/permit or they are subject to immediate towing. For purposes of these Rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle in Middle Village anytime between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

"Parking tag/permit must be clearly/properly displayed, on the driver's side, facing the front windshield, on vehicles parked in a reserved parking space, or parked in the community overnight. Tags/permits can be hung from the rear view mirror or taped to the driver's side dashboard or front windshield, front side facing toward the windshield."

"Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/permit will lead to immediate towing - even if vehicle is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

"No commercial vehicles or trailers of any type, campers, or recreational vehicles shall be permitted to remain overnight on either the property of a private dwelling unit or on the community-owned property within Middle Village. For purposes of these Rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Commercial vehicles include vehicles with any type of writing or printing (letters, words, pictures, insignia, etc.) identifying a firm, organization, service, product, etc., of any kind, type or description. All vehicles carrying ladders, pipes, ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded tool boxes, etc., will be considered commercial. Vans used for delivering, storing or transporting goods or cargo are

also considered to be commercial vehicles and are prohibited from remaining overnight in the community. Police vehicles are exempt."

"No commercial vehicles (including commercial pickup trucks) shall be permitted to remain overnight in the community. Pickup trucks must not have ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded toolboxes. Further, pickup trucks may not park overnight in the community with any cargo, items or material of any kind in the truck bed (landscaping debris, tools, boxes, trash, equipment, etc.) that exceeds the height of the truck bed sides or that extends beyond the tailgate. Pickup trucks with cargo that meet this description will be considered commercial vehicles and are not permitted to park in the community overnight. Violations are subject to immediate towing."

The full MVHC Parking Policy is available online at www.comsource.com.

TRASH PICKUP MISSED?

Did Potomac Disposal neglect to pick up your trash on collection day? Call them immediately at 301-294-9700 to report the oversight, and leave your secured trash can in its regular pickup location. Call ComSource if your trash is still not collected after you report the missed pickup to Potomac Disposal.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand: 877-241-1265
Big Tow: 301-424-4869
Potomac Disposal: 301-294-9700
Montgomery County Police
Non-emergency: 301-279-8000
Emergency: 911
ComSource: 301-924-7355

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Stedwick 2018 Candidate Statements

presented by the Stedwick Nominating Committee

TERRY HENDERSON

I have been a resident of the Club Hill subdivision since 1987. For the first 10 years we were here we rented, and we have been owners for the past 18 years. Over the years, consulting with other neighbors and residents of the community, being a renter as well as an owner, has given me a better understanding of both sides. I have served multiple terms as a board member of the Stedwick Homes Corporation. I also attend bi-monthly meetings of the Management Advisory Committee as a representative for the Stedwick Homes Corporation. I feel that my knowledge and experience has served to benefit the enhancement of the entire Stedwick area as well as the Club Hill subdivision. I would like the opportunity to serve again with this panel and help make our area not just a good place to live, but a great place to live.

AUDREY HOUSER

I have been a resident of Stedwick for the past 40 years. I am retired from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) where I was a system analyst. I now spend my time volunteering at a local church, providing support for the sick and elderly, and volunteering as a current board member of the Stedwick Homes Corporation.

Currently I am the Maintenance Chair and a member of the Greenspace Committee.

As Maintenance Chair I strive to keep the overall community well maintained. Stedwick is fortunate to have large common areas of greenspace and forested areas, but it is also an older community with many areas needing more attention such as retaining walls and trees. The Greenspace Committee performs lengthy monthly inspections of the common areas of all the neighborhoods as well as relying on residents' input to identify trouble spots. I also spot check neighborhoods throughout the month. We strive to have the problems resolved in a timely manner. Besides dealing with problems we try to add improvements to the landscape such as new gardens, shrubbery and trees. One of the new improvements was the installation of conservation landscape gardens. I was instrumental in getting these gardens partially funded through the Montgomery County Rainscapes program. These gardens are lovely to view but also help to decrease the amount of water run-off into our drains and streams.

I think Stedwick is one of the most pleasurable areas in the Village, and I am interested in continuing to work to keep a well maintained and safe community.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Maryland Place 2018 Candidate Statements

presented by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

WILLIAM HOLCOMB

My qualifications for the board of directors include degrees in engineering, as well as service on many committees for professional organizations involving both financial and administrative management during my professional career. I have served the past 10 years on the Maryland Place Homes Corporation Board of Directors as well as serving 7 years as Secretary and Vice President in the 80's and 90's.

I have been a resident of Montgomery Village and Maryland Place since 1974 and I am most interested in seeing that Maryland Place continues as a desirable community in which a family can take pride.

Several priority issues I am interested in include: 1). making sure the covenants are adhered to; 2). making sure that the assessments paid by the residents are spent as wisely and effectively as possible, and 3). making sure that all areas of Maryland Place receive equal services.

SYLVIA LAKE

As a member of the Maryland Place Homes Corporation, I have worked on concerns that my neighbors and other residents face. A former member of the Montgomery Village Board of Directors, I believe in working families and our ability to afford living in Montgomery County. I will continue to join neighbors to improve the appearance, safety

and value of our community as a whole while maintaining reasonable assessments.

I like to see a quick response to problems or hazards that detract from the safety or aesthetic quality of Maryland Place. I want to minimize the infringement of proposed development projects in the surrounding area on our neighborhood. I will work to enhance existing developed areas like the off price center and the Village Plaza, while utilizing existing green space. I support the widening of Goshen Road, but I am firmly opposed to M-83. I participate in the FOWL cleanup of Lake Whetstone (as well as our stream cleanups) and will put my continued energies toward litter, trash and parking informational campaigning to keep up the appearance of our community.

If elected, top priority items I will work on are the following:

a) To minimize the usage of outside contractors where a Village Company can be secured. Encouraging competition among contractors to get the best price and best work out of our vendors.

b) To educate residents on how to best care for community property and our own residences. To publish materials into Spanish and other languages (where possible) to supply the best understanding of Maryland Place policies and guidance, meeting with residents one on one.

c) To fix and prevent problems of shared concern such as traffic and pedestrian safety,

school pathways and snow removal. I think we need to look at school traffic around the school entrance to enhance safety. I believe we need calming measures at the entrance of MD Place to slow traffic and announce the presence of an elementary school and pedestrians. I am presently working with staff and the county to identify solutions.

d) To continue to improve the level of personal and property security that we enjoy, working with MVF and the county government, while budgeting to maintain low assessments.

e) To consider another neighborhood cleanup day in the fall and additional tree pruning and brush removal.

ALICE SUMMERS

My name is Alice Summers; I have resided in Maryland Place with my husband and children for approximately 29 years. Presently I am serving as a member on the Maryland Place Board of Directors. My concerns are raising property values while maintaining assessments at a reasonable level. I want to work with residents, since we are the ones that are affected by changes or decisions concerning our community. One person, one voice cannot do it alone. I would like to continue to serve on the board to work on community issue such as parking which is a major problem in Maryland Place.

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

NORTHGATE NEWS

Please get your ballots mailed!

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Please mark and mail your Northgate ballots. Establishing a quorum is essential so the association (you) does not have to pay for an additional mailing. Even if you do not mark your ballot, please place it in the postage-paid envelope, sign it and mail it ASAP. It is expensive to do mailings to a large community and we appreciate your help in avoiding unnecessary costs.

PARKING AND TOWING POLICIES

Revised Parking and Towing policies will be mailed to homeowners in the next few

weeks. The policies have been updated to comply with Montgomery County Code. Northgate worked with input from county enforcement agencies and the association's legal counsel. Over time, new signage and some curb painting will be installed. In anticipation of increased enforcement, warning stickers have been placed on certain vehicles.

LIGHT POLE PAINTING

At the January meeting, the board approved a contract to start painting light poles that have faded. We will begin with 100 poles and then determine how many more may need to be done.

TRASH

Finally, trash dumping continues to be a major issue and the cost to the community is significant. As more residents get security cameras, Northgate is getting some good information on the people dumping, but it is not enough.

We will keep repeating the Northgate trash information as long as problems in the community exist: Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should

cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>Left on 355>almost immediate Left into Transfer Station).

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

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

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

AT YOUR LEISURE

Beginning Bonsai

Bonsai is about so much more than growing little trees. The grower's creation of an exquisite miniature pine or elm is the reward for practicing quiet patience and pruning skills. With careful shearing of roots and branches, a tiny "tree" is fashioned and exhibited for viewing as a sweet source of contemplation. The display of a pint-sized juniper or a bushy little azalea has no reason for being but to delight and inspire the beholder.

On Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, the Montgomery Village Garden Club will present LeAnn Duling, a Bonsai

enthusiast with extensive experience in the design, maintenance and cultivation of the Bonsai. She is a volunteer at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum in Washington, D.C. In her talk, Duling will cover the nature of Bonsai, tips on getting started and further resources for the beginner. Refreshments will add to the evening's enjoyment.

For more information, contact Garden Club President Carol Plummer at cjplummer@verizon.net.



Gaithersburg Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Gaithersburg Chapter of Friends of the Library (FOL), will be holding a used book sale in the Gaithersburg Library lobby from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adult fiction paperback (\$0.25 each) and adult hardback (\$0.50 each) mystery, science fiction, popular fiction books will be available. Children's books (\$0.25 to \$0.50) will be available. Selected non-fiction books will be available at varying prices.

Music CD's and movie DVD's will be on sale for \$1 each. FOL book bags will be available for purchase for \$5.

This is a great opportunity to stock up for your wintertime reading and support your local library's programs for adults and children!

The Gaithersburg Chapter of FOL funds the Summer Reading Program, the purchase of items for the Discovery Center, receipt printers for book check out, special

programs such as an Irish dance group, a Black History Month performance, a Lunar New Year program, a Harry Potter birthday party and a Sunday afternoon jazz concert for the community, in addition to supporting staff appreciation.

The library is located at 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg. In case of inclement weather, confirm that the library is open by calling 240-773-9490.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION
Department of Recreation and ParksMVF CLASS
REIMBURSEMENT
PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is offering a

\$100
reimbursement

for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2017 and the date they are hired by MVF, and work at least 320 hours during the 2018 season.

Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$14.25/hr.****

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.**

Assistant Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$13.25/hr.****

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.**

Senior Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$12.75/hr.**

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.**

Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$11.75/hr.****

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

Desk Attendant*

Starting at **\$8.75/hr.**

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.

Swim Instructors

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



For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail ppadilla@mvf.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. **Salary based on experience. EOE

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bilingual voters needed for 2018 Gubernatorial Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election workers at polling places for the Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 26.

- Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages are also needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polling places.
- Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county, particularly in Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Potomac and Rockville.
- Students 16 or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the state. Students serving as election workers may choose to earn 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of the stipend.

To serve in this paid volunteer position, all election workers must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland, able to speak, read and write the English language and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. This includes an online quiz and classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working the election. We offer several different positions, all-day and part day, as advertised at www.777vote.org. To apply online, or for more information, visit www.777vote.org and select the "Election Workers" link.

For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <https://elections.maryland.gov>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook, Twitter (@777vote) and Instagram@777vote.



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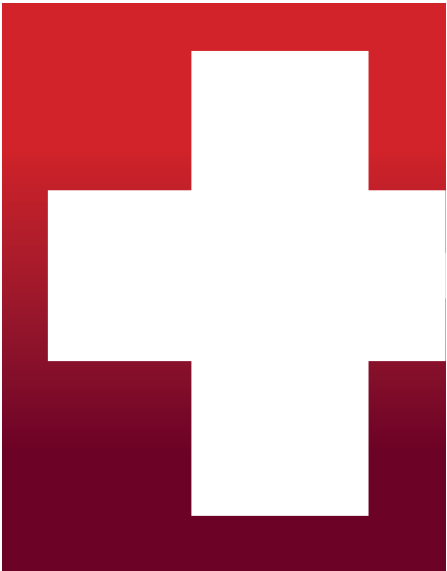
For more information, call Humberto Benitez at 240-243-2359 or e-mail hbenitez@mvf.org.

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American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

Lifeguard Training Course
(Includes CPR/AED and First Aid)

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



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;** all classes are subject to change.

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.

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.

4015.110 (Registration closes on Thursday, Feb. 22)

DATE	TIME
Friday, Feb. 23	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 2	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	5 to 8 p.m.

4015.202 (Registration closes on Thursday, March 22)
MCPS Spring Break

DATE	TIME
Monday, March 26	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 29	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, March 30	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4015.204 (Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

DATE	TIME
Friday, April 20	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 21	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22	5 to 9 p.m.
Monday, April 23	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 29	5 to 8 p.m.

SPORTS



MVSA Soccer

Although the temperatures outside are cold and not ideal for sports, the Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA) is certainly not hibernating this winter. Over the past several months the MVSA team has been working with a purpose: expanding its current offering of sports to include soccer, a favorite of many Village youngsters. MVSA Soccer is ramping up to kick off its first season this spring. The soccer program will be offered to both recreational and competitive players from kindergarten to high school age. MVSA Soccer has partnered with local competitive teams to be able to offer affordable soccer programs along with top notch coaching and facilities.

A few teams that will be part of this program for its inaugural season are already working hard at Lake Marion Community Center to get ready. The 2005 Barcelona USA boys team that recently qualified and competed in Florida at the Super Y League North American finals are getting ready for a challenging spring season in the prestigious EDP league. The 2003 boys will also have a busy schedule as they compete in Region 1 and State Cup, in addition to EDP league this spring. The 2003 boys have had a successful winter thus far

with recent wins in both the East Coast Classic tournament in Delaware and the Southampton FC Cup in Baltimore. They also reached the North American finals of the SYL Cup in Florida in December which helped boost them to a number 14 rank in the country (GotSoccer.com).

Player Isaac Amaya pointed out, "We have a very strong team and challenge each other hard every day on the field, but after practice ends, we are all really good friends. This discipline will help me next fall as I start high school and try out for the Watkins Mill High School soccer team." Nico Carrillo, also a defender on the under 15 team, is looking forward to MVSA's partnering with local teams in 2018. He stated, "I am very excited about the opportunity to practice and play soccer in my neighborhood. I can't wait to have a home game that is actually in my hometown as we face some of the best teams in the country."

To inquire about joining travel soccer teams for boys born between the years 2002 and 2005, or for additional information about our recreational MVSA program for boys and girls, e-mail juanma_carr@hotmail.com or visit the MVSA Soccer facebook page.



\$50/Resident
\$65/Non-resident

First Team Practice
March 14 at 5 p.m.



4024.210 Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 1
Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Sign your player up to play for Montgomery Village's Boys T-ball team that will play in the City of Gaithersburg's T-ball league. Under the leadership of Coach Christian, participants will develop the skills of hitting, base running, fielding, throwing and catching, all in a fun atmosphere!

Games will be played on Saturdays at Lakelands from April 7 to May 19.

There will be one practice per week. Weekday practices will be held at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, or Patsy Huson Ball Field, 20300 Fulks Farm Road, at 5 p.m.

Coach Christian will give additional practice and game information at the first team practice.



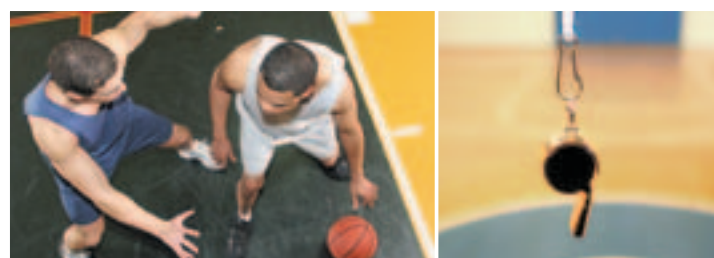
For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367, e-mail chayes@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



4703.103
\$48/Resident
\$60/Non-resident
\$5/Drop-in

Wednesdays
through March 28
8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



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



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



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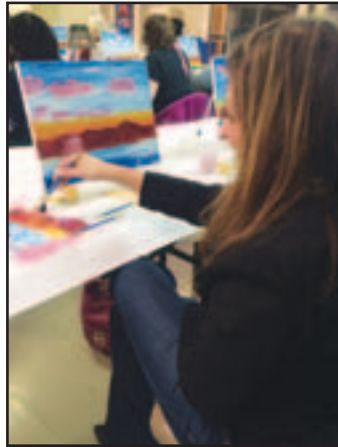
Valentine's Wine & Paint

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

Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide you step-by-

step through this unique and easy painting with acrylics on stretched canvases. No experience necessary! Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. The cost for this event is \$32/Resident and \$38/Non-resident; participants must be 21 or older to attend.

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



Tiny Tots Playtime for ages 5 and younger

Help your little one burn off energy this winter while you come to play time in the gym. Have fun interacting with your little one while you play with balls, hula-hoops, scooters, parachutes, climbing mats and more! Parents must supervise children at all times.

Join the fun from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Fridays through March 16. Tiny Tots Playtime costs \$30/Resident, \$40/Non-resident and \$12/additional children in the same family. Not sure you will be able to come every Friday morning? Try it out with the Drop-In op-

tion for only \$3/Resident and \$4/Non-resident each week.

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

Whetstone Afterschool Club

Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m. from January to June!

Students in grades K to 5 have after school fun in a well supervised and friendly environment. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts & crafts and homework help. MVF staff will pick up participants from Whetstone Elementary School immediately after school dismissal and walk them to Whetstone Community Center (WCC), 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Students from Stedwick and Watkins Mill elementary schools are welcome to participate; parents/guardians are responsible for

transportation to WCC. Snacks will be provided for participants. Please note, there is no club when MCPS is closed for a full day.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum 20-day punch card. Punch cards expire on Tuesday, June 12.

Not sure if the program is right for you? Come and try it out! For a free one-day trial, or to add days to your registration, call 301-948-0110. Pre-registration required.

For more information, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mof.org.



Kids at Whetstone Afterschool Club enjoyed fun parachute activities.

Montgomery Village Community Band

Winter Concert

Sunday, Feb. 25
3 p.m.

Watkins Mill High School
Timothy O'Shea Theater
10301 Apple Ridge Road
FREE Admission!

Musical selections include:

Marche Des Parachutistes Belges Pierre Leemans
(March Of The Belgian Paratroopers)

American Salute Morton Gould

Variants on a Medieval Tune Norman Dello Joio
Peter Kielar, Guest Conductor

Havendence David Holsinger

Rhapsody in Blue Gershwin/Hunsberger
Jim McIntyre, Piano Solo

Steven C. Wampler

Music Director

For more information, call 301-948-0110 or visit
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RECREATION

Youth Leadership Workshop

Get on the fast track to MVF's Counselor-In-Training Program! Teens ages 13 to 17 can attend the

Youth Leadership Workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27 to Thursday, March 29 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This interactive workshop provides an opportunity for teens to engage in exciting and empowering activities that will further their leadership skills and give them priority in the CIT selection process.

The workshop will focus on program planning, leading

activities, job readiness and interview skills. Portions of this workshop will be eligible for Student Service Learning hours, with the ability to earn up to 12 hours during the three-day program. Those who complete the program are also invited to participate in the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED blending learning course offered by Montgomery Village Foundation in June at our reduced staff rate (\$29).

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

Twoosy Doodlers

Our youngest artists get the chance to explore paints, modeling compounds, watercolors and other wonderful art materials. They roll, scribble, paint and pound as they learn about color, shape and form while building the hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills that they'll need later in school to write and draw. They will build confidence while exploring creative and innova-

tive materials. Your budding artist will shine!

Join us from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 13 to March 6 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Program cost is \$78/Resident and \$88/Non-resident.

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

BANG Power Dance™ with Heidy

Our Zumba instructor is taking on a new class—join Heidy on Tuesdays for BANG Power Dance! This urban-inspired dance/fitness class is a fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training. This class will take your workout to a whole new level. Using a carefully designed mix of today's hottest music, BANG Power Dance will inspire you to get fit and move!

Join the fun from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 20. Class cost is \$66/Resident, \$76/Non-resident or \$7 to drop-in. For more information or to register call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.



POP Pilates

New year, new moves! Join Alysha Cunningham for a fusion of ab-chiseling, total-body-defining moves choreographed to everyone's favorite Top 40 hits! This intense mat-based work-out is for all fitness levels and ages. Fitness moves focus on developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles.

Classes are held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Stedwick Com-

munity Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Drop-in for \$7/class, or register for the full session.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>. Stick around for BANG Power Dance™ with Heidy from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to take your Tuesday evening workout to a whole new level!

SSL Opportunity

The MVF Department of Recreation and Parks has an opportunity for students to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

In preparation for the 2nd Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt, we'll be filling nearly 3,000 plastic eggs with candy and other fun goodies! While we fill eggs, we'll also be talking to students about the SSL opportunities this summer and have Counselor-In-Training

applications available.

For information or to sign up to help, e-mail Melanie Maggi at mmaggi@mof.org. Students must be 13 ½ years or older.

10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance

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

Pull out your prettiest dress and Daddy's favorite tie! It's time to dance

the night away while you enjoy sweet treats with your sweetheart. Father/daughter duos can count on favorite dance tunes, tasty refreshments, fun raffles and a charming balloon drop at the end of the evening. Couples will also receive a keepsake photo!

Don't delay—this event

always sells out!

Cost is \$22/per person (Resident), \$27/per person (Non-resident).

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

Mark your calendar—Flashlight Egg Hunt

The annual Flashlight Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 24.

Bring a flashlight and your own basket to gather plastic eggs filled with candy/prizes. Early hunt times for the younger set will not require a flashlight.

Hunt times are based on age categories:

Please arrive 10 minutes before your category start time.

The Flashlight Egg Hunt will be held at Gordon W. Bowie

Ages 2 to 4 - 7:10 to 7:20 p.m.
Ages 5 to 7 - 7:30 to 7:40 p.m.
Ages 8 to 12 - 7:50 to 8 p.m.
All Ages - 8:10 to 8:20 p.m.

Music Pavilion in South Valley Park, 19300 Watkins Mill Road. If registering before Thursday, March 22, the cost is \$3 per participant; cost day of is \$5 at the gate.

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

Valentine's Wine & Paint



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Friday, Feb. 16 | 7 to 9 p.m.

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

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

RECREATION

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

Babysitting is often a teenager's first business. Babysitter Training from the American Red Cross builds confidence to hold, feed and care for infants and toddlers; work with children safely; and deal with emergencies. It also teaches lifelong entrepreneurial and career development skills.

The fun, fast-paced class includes hands-on activities, videos, role-plays, take-home training materials and discussion that will teach:

- basic child-care skills such as diapering and feeding
 - choosing age-appropriate games and toys
 - handling bedtime and disciplinary issues
 - identifying safety hazards and preventing injuries
 - caring for common injuries and emergencies
 - communicating effectively with parents
 - finding and interviewing for babysitting jobs
- Participants should bring a

non-perishable lunch.

Babysitter Training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. To add on CPR and First Aid Certification, students must attend on Saturday, March 17 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. as well. Classes will be in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

Free Winter Concert

The Montgomery Village Community Band, under the direction of Steven Wampler, will present their annual Winter Concert at Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road, on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. This free concert is open

to the public and will be held in the school auditorium. Musical selections will include Morton Gould's "American Salute," Holsinger's "Havendence" and "Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin/Hunsberger.



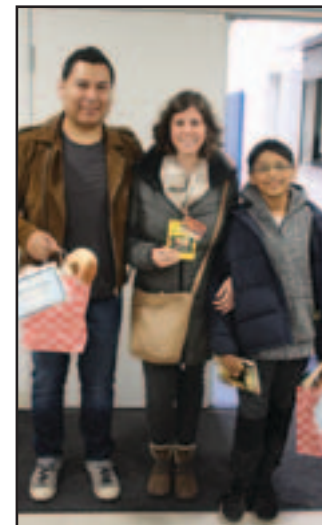
Family Bingo Night

Nearly 75 residents came to Lake Marion Community Center for Family Bingo on January 20 for a night of fun with their friends and families. Everyone was excited to meet neighbors and enjoy new company.

Prizes included a variety of items ranging from passes for bowling, gift cards for local restaurants, laser tag and a hair studio.

MVF would like to extend a special "Thank You"

to the following businesses who made Family Bingo such a success: Wegmans, The Frederick Keys, Rockin' Jump, MV Mom's club, 31 by Lisa, MJ Hair Studio, Bowl America, Splash and Dash of Gaithersburg, Storm the Castle Laser Tag of Gaithersburg, Monster Mini Golf of Gaithersburg, Earth Trek, Monkey Joe's, Auto Zone of Montgomery Village and Ledo Pizza.



MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Sunday, March 11
2 to 4 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Discounts and Door Prizes

Bring the family to this fun-filled afternoon where you can meet with supervisors and staff representing the wide variety of summer day camps and activities offered by MVF Department of Recreation and Parks.

There will be activities, crafts and games for potential campers and loads of information for curious parents. This is a great way to find the best fit for your camper and to explore exciting summer programs for the entire family.

Field Trips • Aquatics • Art • Cooking • STEM • Activity Centers • CIT Opportunities

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MV SENIORS

seniors in | action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road
\$20/Resident, \$40/Non-resident

WINTER Session
now through May 18
No meeting Feb. 19

MONDAY

- Arts and Crafts** 10:15 a.m. to noon
Various creative projects for all levels.
- SiA Social Games** 10 a.m. to noon
Games, conversation and refreshments.
- Pickleball** 10 a.m. to noon
beginning March 19
This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong!
Limited equipment available for use.
- Book Discussion Group** 10 to 11 a.m.
meets once each month
Feb. 26: "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict
March 19: "When Paris Sizzled" by Mary McAuliffe
April 16: "Mission to Paris" by Alan Furst

TUESDAY

- Light Cardio Workout** 9 to 10 a.m.
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an
interactive exercise video.
- Seated Tai Chi** 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low
impact movements of Tai Chi.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

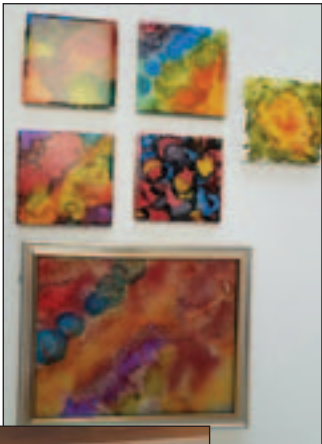
- Light Cardio Workout** 9 to 10 a.m.
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an
interactive exercise video.
- SiA Social Games** 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.
- Total Body Tune-Up** 11 to 11:45 a.m.
Fun and easy to follow exercise for all fitness levels.

FRIDAY

- Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch** Noon to 2 p.m.
second Friday each month
Bring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with
friends. Free for members, \$2/Non-member
Next Play Date: Feb. 9

There is something to do
Monday through Friday
every day of the week!

A look back...



SiA members enjoy Arts and Crafts including crocheting and fired ink art as well as a variety of fitness classes.

Up next...

Welcome back Seniors in Action members!

Please remember to sign in when you attend a program at SiA. You will find the sign in sheet at the front desk when entering Stedwick Community Center. Let's have another great year at Seniors in Action!



Lunch Bunch

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

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Montgomery Village Department of Recreation and Parks follows Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) cancellations, early closing and delayed opening for activities and programs.

1. When MCPS are closed for the day Monday through Friday, all MVF Department of Recreation and Parks classes and programs scheduled for that day will be cancelled.

2. When MCPS dismisses school early and/or when after-school activities are cancelled, all afternoon and evening MVF Department of Recreation and Parks classes and activities scheduled to be held in MVF facilities will be cancelled. When there is a two-hour delayed opening of Montgomery County Schools, all Department of Recreation and Parks classes and programs that begin prior to noon, will be cancelled (except Seniors in Action and Creative Discovery, which will meet at 10 a.m.).

REGISTRATION

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS IS SEEKING:

VOLUNTEER - SPRING BREAK MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

Spend spring break helping out your community and earning up to 25 SSL hours! The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens ages 14 to 16 to learn skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 26 to Friday, March 30. Each day there will be a different project. Projects will include park cleanup, beaver mitigation, routine playground maintenance and more. Interviews for these limited volunteer positions will be held at the beginning of March.

To apply, send a résumé and cover letter to Amy Roswurm at aroswurm@mvf.org. Successful completion and good performance in this volunteer spring break program will lead to hiring preference for the six-week summer program.

For more information contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.

DOCK MANAGER

Duties include supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation. Rent boats to visitors, collect fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcing park rules. The Manager opens and closes the boat dock each business day, monitors and performs maintenance of boats and completes daily operating reports.

Salary starting at \$13.00 per hour.

ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER

Assist in the supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation. Rent boats to visitors, collect fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcing park rules. Assist with the opening and closing of the boat dock each business day, monitor maintenance of boats and complete operating reports as requested.

Salary starting at \$12.50 per hour.

SUBSTITUTE ASST. DOCK MANAGER

Assist in the supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation, on an as needed basis. Rent boats to visitors, collect fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcing park rules. Assist with the opening and closing of the boat dock each business day, monitor maintenance of boats and complete operating reports as requested.

Substitutes are called on an as-needed basis and there is no guarantee on the number hours offered.

Salary starting at \$12.50 per hour.

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Work is performed outdoors in various weather conditions. The typical hours of work are 10:45 am to 7:15 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day and Labor Day. This seasonal opportunity runs from May 5 through September 23.

Requirements: Min. age 18, CPR & First Aid certified, Maryland Boating Safety Certification or have the ability to obtain one prior to employment.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Assistant needed for Whetstone Afterschool Club, Monday to Friday, 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. Assists with the daily operation of afterschool club. Supervision, leadership, setup and cleanup. Must have experience and love working with children. For more information contact Jana Serlo at 240-243-2334 or e-mail jserlo@mvf.org.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens ages 14 to 16 to spend six weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects will include park clean up and wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management project, etc. Candidates must have a work permit and be available to work from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, from Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, Aug. 4. Conservation Corps Workers will be required to work Wednesday, July 4. There are a limited number these positions available.

Pay rate: \$8.75 per hour or Student Service Learning hours

Application deadline is Saturday, March 31. Interviews will be scheduled in April.

Applications may be obtained at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS SUPERVISOR

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking an individual with strong leadership skills to direct crew of five teens for park and environmental projects. Typical work hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for six weeks from Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, Aug. 4, with additional training hours during the week of June 18. Conservation Corps Supervisor will be required to work Wednesday, July 4. Additional hours may be available with other duties. Supervisory experience working with children/teens preferred.

Pay rate begins at \$13.00 per hour.

Requirements: Minimum age 18 years, Valid drivers' license with good driving record

SWIM INSTRUCTORS

If you are an experienced swimmer, have good command of the basic swim strokes and are interested in working with children and/or adults, this might be the summer job for you. Hours are limited, with weekday morning, evening and/or Sunday evening hours available. Minimum age to apply is 16. Red Cross certification is preferred but not required. Current and former competitive swimmers are encouraged to apply. Training is available.

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2314 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org. EOE.

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Call me anytime and leave a message 301-518-9798.

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240-243-2359

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Classified Advertising Order Form

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Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday prior to issue date

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