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MVF Board election underway

by Mike Conroy

Ballots for the 2016 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election were mailed to homeowners on Friday, Feb. 5. Four candidates, including one incumbent, will run to fill three seats on the Board; those seeking election are Scott Dyer (incumbent), Laura Franke, Neville Levi and Jim Marsh.

Each year, three seats become available for a three year term. This election will see at least two new faces on the Board, as only one member whose term is expiring has chosen 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 pertaining to their proposed goals for election to the Board, beginning on page 9. Additionally, residents can meet and talk with the candidates before the Thursday, Feb. 25 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 4. Results will be counted and announced on Saturday, March 5. New Board members will be installed at the MVF Annual Meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m., Thursday, March 31, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MVF Board Candidates voiced their views on current issues and answered questions from residents who attended the Candidates' Forum on Tuesday evening. A video of the forum will be available online at www.montgomeryvillagefoundation.com and a full transcript will be printed in the Feb. 19 issue of the *Village News*.

Something for everyone at MVF Summer Camps

by Mike Conroy

With the mounds of snow still on the ground and the thought of winter not over yet, it seems like a perfect time to think about summer; summer camps, that is.

Before you know it, spring and summer will creep up on us, school will be out, vacations will begin and you'll need somewhere productive for your children to go during the day. Now is the time to think, and register for, MVF Summer Camps. This summer, give your child(ren) a great opportunity to learn, interact and flourish, right here in your backyard.

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture offers fantastic opportunities at established camps for youth ages 4 to 12. Each week, campers will make friends, enjoy live performances, go on field trips, participate in active games, go swimming, create arts and crafts projects, participate in science experiments and of course, have fun! Camps Tiny Feet and Soaring Stars also offer swimming

lessons at no additional cost!

Currently scheduled trips include (trips vary per camp and are subject to change): Pirate Adventure on the Chesapeake; Splash Down Water Park; Bounce U; Borher Park; Mt. Airy Bowling Alley; Jimmie Cone; Red Zone Adventures; Six Flags America; SkyZone; Shadowland Adventures; and an End of Summer Cookout. Special visitors include: Eric Energy; Squeals on Wheels; and others to be announced.

New this summer are several specialty camps and programs to pique specific interests. MVF will be hosting Artistic Adventures, led by experienced Montgomery County Public Schools teachers. If sports are more your thing, then check out either All-In Sports and Games or ProsToYou Tennis Camp. Either one is a great way to stay active and participate in some of your favorite summer sports. If you're interested in swimming or nature, we've got

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8821 East Village Avenue

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Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance

Friday, Feb. 12 | 7 to 9 p.m.

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

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

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

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

HORIZON RUN

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

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Whetstone Community Center, 19401 Brooke Grove Court.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

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

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18 at the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PARK PLACE I

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

PARK PLACE II

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10 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. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

SOUTH VILLAGE

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

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 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. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

Be an Angel this Winter

Help someone in need
by shoveling snow for them.

Copy & Ad Deadlines

next issue
Friday,
Feb. 19

<p>COPY:</p> <p>E-MAILED OR ON DISK DUE:*</p> <p>TUESDAY, FEB. 16 AT NOON</p> <p>MAILED, FAXED OR TYPED DUE:</p> <p>FRIDAY, FEB. 12 AT 5 P.M.</p> <p>DISPLAY ADS:</p> <p>DUE:</p> <p>FRIDAY, FEB. 12 AT 5 P.M.</p> <p><small>*preferred method of receipt</small></p>	<p>Attention writers:</p> <p>Copy is gratefully accepted electronically!</p> <p>Provide text on disk or e-mail to mvnews@mvf.org.</p> <p>E-mail classifieds to classifieds@mvf.org.</p> <p>See page 3 for more on how to contact us.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Submissions received after the publication deadline will not be published in that edition.</i></p>
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50th Anniversary Birthday Party

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

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Join your neighbors and friends on the 50th Anniversary of the groundbreaking of Montgomery Village! Have a hand in creating a community mural, make memories in the photo booth, take part in a Village Trivia Contest, sign up for commemorative MV License Plates, race with a Nationals baseball president, get information for Village fitness walks, be entertained, see the historical presentation, attend a brief ceremony, help local Girl Scouts with a community badge and enjoy some cake and ice cream. Take home a limited edition 50th Anniversary giveaway.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Coming together as a community



by John Driscoll
MVF President

Let's all breathe a collective sigh of relief now that the vast majority of the cleanup from the Blizzard of 2016 has been completed. I would like to thank the MVF staff and the contracted snow crews for the excellent job they did during this historic snow event. I know our Community Management Department was on-call throughout the entire storm and its aftermath.

Even those towns in our northern United States that are accustomed to large snowfalls would find it challenging to handle plowing and removal of over 30 inches of snow. We in Montgomery Village are not in the snow belt, thus we are not as well-equipped as our northern friends to deal with such a large snow event. We have not seen numbers like this in decades. This storm was particularly difficult because our snow contractors could not pull personnel and equipment from other areas on the East Coast, as the storm impacted every city from Charlotte to Boston.

I also want to compliment the Village residents for their patience, by staying off Village streets until the snow crews had a chance to complete their work. I also know that many Village residents acted as good Samaritans, helping with snow removal in their own neigh-

borhoods and assisting their neighbors clean the driveways and walks.

Soon you will be receiving your election ballots with this year's slate for the MVF Board of Directors. Each year, there are three openings to fill on the nine member Board. The MVF Board helps determine the direction of the Village for the next several years. It is important each resident vote in these elections, as there are many important issues that will affect the residents of the Village for a long time.

Now is also the time when MVF asks for donations to the 25th Annual Scholarship Fund Drive for Village high school seniors at Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools. This scholarship drive was started to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Village. Because this year marks our 50th anniversary, it would be particularly appropriate for Village residents to reach deep into their pockets to support this worthy cause.

Speaking of the 50th Anniversary celebration, all Village residents are invited to attend the kick-off party at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on Sunday, Feb. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. February 28 marks to the day the 50th Anniversary of the ground breaking for Montgomery Village. Don't miss the Washington Nationals mascot George Washington, who will be on hand to commemorate the day.

Finally, I must report the passing of long time Village resident Bob Levine. Bob served the MVF in various volunteer capacities and epitomized the spirit of volunteerism that makes the Village so very special. Our hearts and sympathies go out to his wife, Sharon Levine.

As always if you wish to contact me, I can be reached at jwdriscoll235@yahoo.com.

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST January 28, 2016

1. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held December 3, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor except Ms. Bort who abstained.
- 2.
3. Mr. Webb moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the Northgate Homes Corporation Design Study. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the proposed revisions to the Northgate architectural criteria. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Webb moved to approve the East Village Homes Corporation Design Study. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the proposed revisions to the East Village architectural criteria. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Clark moved to approve the proposed revisions to the Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities to include rental by Non-Designated user residents. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the proposed changes to the Montgomery Village Community Center Use Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Ms. Moore moved to authorize \$75,000 in additional funding to cover the estimated costs and any unforeseen costs needed to install the pool heater. The motion was seconded and failed (2-5); Mr. Young, Ms. Bort, Mr. Gargan, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Webb were opposed.
11. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the 2014 MVF Retirement Plan audited financial statements. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor except Mr. Webb who abstained.
12. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the recommended clarification of item 1 and changes to item 5 of the "Special Cards" section of the Activity Card Distribution Policy to reflect recommended fees based on the 2016 designated user assessment as noted and on the draft revised Activity Card Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Dyer moved authorize the TD&PF Committee to further develop its idea for a Community Forum on Retail Development and to submit a more detailed proposal for the Board's consideration. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Gargan moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate and execute a sole source contract for custom website interface with Jenark in an amount not to exceed \$17,670 to be paid from reserves. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
15. Ms. Moore moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
16. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 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.

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>Don't Miss It!</p> <p>Feb 5 MVF Ballots Mailed 12 Daddy-Daughter Dance 14 Valentine's Day 15 Presidents' Day - MVF CLOSED 20 Baby Plus Bazaar 28 50th Anniversary Kickoff Party</p>		<p>Village News 5 MVF ballots mailed CARC 9:15 am - NCBR</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm - NCBR Garden Club 7:30 pm - WCC</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm - TCPR 50th Anniversary Committee 7 pm - MVF Office Northgate HC 7 pm - NCBR</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC Park Place II Condo 7 pm - NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Park Place I Condo 7 pm - Gaithersburg Library Gaithersburg Fine Arts 7:30 pm - NCCC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7 to 9 pm - NCCC (Pre-registration required)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Presidents' Day Holiday MVF Office Closed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC MV Community Band 7 pm - WMHS Maryland Place HC 7 pm - WCC Stedwick HC 7:30 pm - SCC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>North Village HC 7 pm - NCBR (Annual Meeting)</p>	<p>Village News 19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Baby Plus Bazaar 9 am to 1 pm - LMCC</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Horizon Run Condo 7 pm - NCBR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Center Court Condo 7 pm - Heron's Cove Office Middle Village HC 7 pm - TCPR Patton Ridge HC 7 pm - NCBR (Annual Meeting)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC South Village HC 7 pm - NCBR (Annual Meeting)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm - NCBR (7 pm - "Meet the Candidates")</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>50th Anniversary Kickoff Party 2 to 4 pm - LMCC</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Audit Committee 7 pm - WCC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC ARB 5 pm - NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Village News 4</p> <p>Deadline for MVF Ballots 5 pm Election Committee 7 pm - MVF Office</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ballot Counting 9 am - MVF Office</p>

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

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

All facilities are handicap accessible.

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

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

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

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

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7. The *Village News* respects the privacy of individuals and residents; letters should not contain references to specific persons, except when endorsing candidates for MVF or Village homes corporation elections or referencing a previously published article with a byline.

8. Letters submitted by an author regarding the same topic must present new information or opinions; repetitive submissions and/or form letters submissions will only be printed once.

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

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

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.
- As with letters delivered to the MVF office in person or by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received prior to the publication deadline.

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion, and extends the same opportunities to homeowner or condominium association boards regarding letters specifically aimed at those boards.

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

E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org

Letters to the Editor



Editor:
I wish to thank the Eastgate Community Management team, especially Jo Anne Banky, for promptly addressing my, and others who live on courts, requests to have the snow plowers give attention to those of us that live at the end of the court where the snow was not plowed, as it was on the front part of the streets. Thank you!
But I have a question: I realize I was born in another century but in that century when there was a snow fall, there were teenagers and others with shovels knocking on doors to ask for jobs to shovel driveways.
In prior years, I did get a few knocks, but for the most part not from residents of Eastgate or East Village.
I did try to call the telephone numbers of a few that did this

job last year, but either the number was not in operation or I received no return telephone call.
I do assume it will snow again. Hopefully not so much, but still...I am concerned how we will be able to get out to our doctors or if there is an emergency.
Just curious, does anyone know if in this century of hi-tech devices to text message and to play games, is there an App that I can download to get my driveway shoveled? Is there any teenager or young person that knows what a shovel is (who may be interested in making money) or is this going extinct as CDs and DVDs, and all that is left is a Memory Card or the Cloud?
Marilyn Stein
Eastgate

Editor:
The Board of Directors of the Montgomery Village Foundation needs members with a strong commitment to the welfare of its communities, as well as a 21st century vision for its development. Neville Levi has both of these qualities and is strongly qualified to fulfil this mission.
Mr. Levi has a strong commitment to the Village as seen in his residency in the community and work on the Montgomery

Village Foundation Board. I served on the Foundation Board at the same time as he, during which he demonstrated a smart and rational approach to problems. As a former member of the Foundation Board, I observed how well informed and prepared he was to address issues and find consensus with other members.
This same commitment and interest has become evident at Center Court Condominium. As a recent resident, his partici-

pation and expression of ideas for enhancement of the community have been noteworthy. They show an understanding of community needs and ability to communicate and articulate amidst divergent views.
These qualities deserve representation on the Foundation Board.
Toni Negro
President, Center Court Condominium

Editor:
As a resident of Montgomery Village, I want to endorse Neville T. Levi, a current resident of Montgomery Village, for his third term on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. I serve with Neville Levi on the TD&PF Committee and TAME Coalition, and find him to be

highly intelligent, community oriented and knowledgeable about current issues facing Montgomery Village.
I know how important it is for Board members to be on the same page and have the ability to work together.
Edna Miller
Thomas Choice Gardens

IN THE NEWS

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

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling more than \$47,000. Scholarships are awarded to Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in community or civic activities. Applicants are screened by a committee at each high school, with MVF's Scholarship Committee making the final selections in May. As

established by the MVF Board of Directors, all contributions are voluntary, and no assessment dollars are used to fund the program.
The scholarship fund was launched by the MVF Board of Directors to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Montgomery Village and MVF. This year's fund totals and recipient names will be announced in late spring at school ceremonies and in the *Montgomery Village News*.
Donations by check must be made out directly to either Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or to the

Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund for either school, fill out the form below and return it to MVF at the address indicated.
The MVF Scholarship Fund is an excellent opportunity to bring Village residents and the WMHS and GHS school communities closer together. The impact these scholarships can make goes beyond financial assistance. They represent a commitment to our young people, a recognition of achievement and an investment in our future.

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

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


Please make checks payable to either
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Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund.

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IN THE NEWS

Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9400 block of Bethany Place on Jan. 11 between 6 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. Forced entry; property taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 18400 block of Lost Knife Circle on Jan. 14 at 8:05 p.m. Forced entry; nothing taken. The suspects were arrested.

Arrested: W/M, age 17, of Gaithersburg W/M, age 21, of Gaithersburg W/M, age 18, of Gaithersburg

A residential burglary occurred in the 18300 block of Lost Knife circle on Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. No forced entry; nothing taken. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: W/M, age 21, of Gaithersburg

A residential burglary occurred in the 20700 block of Highland Hall Drive on Jan. 19 between 10 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Forced entry; property taken.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred in the early morning hours of Jan. 8. No force; property taken. Affected streets include Little Pond Place, Mills Choice Road, Capehart Drive and Kardwright Court.

A theft from vehicle occurred in the early morning hours of Jan. 14 in the area of Eclipse Place. No force; property taken.

Summer Camp

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you covered here as well! Try Afternoon Aqua Club or Nature Explorers for some water or land-based fun.

Teens ages 13 to 16 can grow their skills by working with MVF Summer Camps. MVF offers either a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) or Leader-in-Training (LIT) program for those ages 14 and older. Gain valuable leadership and job experience, as well as Student Service Learning hours as a CIT or LIT. Early experiences like this will help build confidence and responsibility to flourish in future employment opportunities; many CITs have attended MVF camps and transition into camp counselor positions the following year.

MVF Summer Camps are convenient for parents, too! Besides being so close to home, affording you the ease of drop-off and pickup before and after work, camps Soaring Stars Racing Wind, Artistic Adventures and All-In Sports and Games also offer an extended-day option from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. to make sure you get to work on time.

Need to schedule around summer vacation plans? No problem—our flexible, one and two-week sessions make it possible to maximize your child's camp experience and minimize overpaying for a camp they can't attend all of.

Want more flexibility? The North Creek Summer Drop-in or Summer Sports and Activity Center at Whetstone may be perfect options for you! These super-affordable camp options



run the same eight weeks as the other camps, but allow campers to drop-in as necessary. North Creek Drop-in includes a variety of activities each day, while Summer Sports focuses on sports, group games and activities.

What happens when camp is over, but school hasn't started yet? We've got you covered there too! Awesome August Adventures is a great way to fill that end of summer gap. Campers can participate in LEGO, Mad Science, Tiny Chefs or Abrakadoodle sessions, finding their inner engineer, scientist, culinary genius or artistic talents.

MVF camps provide peace of mind with top-notch staff. Many of our camp staff and directors have years of experience with Village youth. And our manageable staff-to-camper ratio makes sure that your child receives care and attention, instead of just being another face in the crowd. Parents, guardians and campers are invited to meet the staff of their respective camps at the Camp Open House on Thursday, June 16. Times and locations vary per camp; for more information, call 301-948-0110, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Best of all, Montgomery Village camps won't break the bank! The weekly/bi-weekly sessions are broken down to affordable rates. Register by Sunday, April 10 and take advantage of Early Bird Specials!

To check out all the opportunities for your child(ren) to flourish this summer, visit the Summer Camp and Program Fair from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Meet camp staff and sample a wide variety of activities offered this summer.

If you can't make the camp fair, grab a Summer Camp Guide from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or view it online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. And with the convenience of online registration, you can register your child(ren) in just a few minutes! For more information or questions, call 301-948-0110, e-mail jserlo@mvf.org or find us on facebook (www.facebook.com/MontVillageMD) or twitter (@MontVillageMD). See you this summer!

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IN THE NEWS

Tips to safely shovel snow

With the first significant snowfall having recently pounded the Mid-Atlantic region, the Snow & Ice Management Association (SIMA), the North American trade association representing snow management professionals, relays these five tips for safely shoveling snow for future storms.



"Shoveling snow has a number of health risks associated with it, including the most serious one—a heart attack," said SIMA Executive Director Martin B. Tirado, CAE. "Other more common health risks include dehydration, back injuries, pulled muscles, broken bones and frostbite. But the good news is there are ways to safely shovel snow,"

Here are SIMA's tips for safe snow shoveling:

Stay on top of the snow. We aren't suggesting that you make snow angels but when there's heavy snow, the best advice is to stay ahead of the storm. SIMA recommends that you clear the snow every few inches instead of waiting for the snow to stop falling.

Layer it up. Wear loose layers of clothing so you can peel a layer off if you get hot. Avoid wearing wool or manmade material because they don't allow perspiration to evaporate—better choices are cotton and silk. And when it comes to footwear, waterproof boots with good traction will help ensure that you don't slip and fall. They aren't pretty but they are critical to preventing a fall.

Push, don't lift. Sounds like something a high school

wrestling coach might say, but if you push the snow to the side rather than trying to lift the snow, you exert less energy, thereby placing less stress on your body.

Do an exercise warm-up. Although you aren't running a marathon, shoveling snow is exercise. So warm up before you start with some simple stretches that engage your entire body—especially your arms, legs and back. Drink plenty of water and take breaks when you need them.

Call and text. We're not suggesting that you make calls and text while shoveling snow, but it is important to have your cell phone on you so you can make a call in event of an emergency.

Following these tips will help ensure that you survive and thrive through winter. After all, February is just beginning—winter is far from over! For more snow and ice removal tips visit www.sima.org.

Valentine's Day in the Village means sharing your adoration

On Sunday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day will be upon us with tons of chocolates and dozens of flowers being given to sweethearts all over the nation.

Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or e-mail it to mvnews@mvf.org. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 12 by 5 p.m.

Valentine's messages will be printed in the Friday, Feb. 19 issue of the *Village News*.

Here in Montgomery Village, in anticipation of Cupid's holiday, the *Montgomery Village News* will publish free personal classified Valentine ads for Village residents—no matter what the age (children must have parent permission).

If you would like to openly share your adoration for your parents, a sibling, a friend or significant other, fill out the FREE Valentine Personal Ads form and drop it off or mail it to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple

FREE Valentine Personal Ads

Show someone how much you care by writing a *FREE* Valentine personal ad and we'll include it in the Feb. 19 issue of the *Montgomery Village News*. Select a picture from below to accompany your heart-felt message.










All ads are due by Friday, Feb. 12 and may be sent to or dropped off at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.

Call 301-948-0110 or e-mail mvnews@mvf.org.

Write your ad here. Ads should be no more than 16 words, please.

Circle the picture you'd like to include in your ad.

If you are under 18 years of age check here.

 1.	 2.	 3.			
 4.	 5.	 6.	Daddy, who's your Valentine? Me. Love, Fern	Sheila, Will you marry me? Love, Mark	Dan, our love bloomed that special day ten years ago. Happy Anniversary Love always, Kim

examples Valentine Personal Ads

Montgomery Village Foundation reserves the right to reject or revise any advertisements that are distasteful or do not adhere to the overall mission of the Foundation. Children's last name and other personal information will NOT be included in the advertisement.

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IN THE NEWS

Design studies and criteria revisions approved by MVF Board

by Mike Conroy

Since 2014, the Architectural Review Board (ARB), in coordination with the Architectural Standards Department staff and the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Design Consultant, has been working to produce "Design Studies" for each homes corporation, which encapsulate the essential details that make those communities unique.

As each draft study is completed, input is sought from the homes corporation it would benefit, and then it is presented to the MVF Board of Directors for approval. The Northgate and East Village design studies were both approved by the Board at the January 28 meeting.

As a result of the design studies, often community criteria are also updated to reflect the essential features identified in the study, and provide a little more flexibility in the other features. At the January meeting, the Board also approved new criteria for all of Northgate and East Village, at the recommendation of the ARB. Some revisions were clerical, some are a result of new materials in the marketplace and others reflect a more accurate account of what the ARB is approving based on homeowner requests; the most common changes dealt with security lighting and storm windows. All the new criteria are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, through the resident dashboard.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Board also considered a number of Recreation items, including policy revisions and the potential to heat the Apple Ridge Pool, when renovated for the 2017 swim season.

The Recreation Committee recommended that Non-Designated Users (those residents who only pay the MVF assessment fee) be able to rent MVF facilities such as Lake Marion or North Creek community centers for private engagements. The committee noted that a slightly higher rental rate and proof of residency should be required for rental privileges. The Board approved this change to the Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities. Revisions were also approved for the Community Center Use Policy and its corresponding fee schedule. Fees for the 2016 Annual Pool Memberships, which can be purchased by non-Village residents, were also approved, based on 2016 Assessment Rates.

The Board also considered cost estimates for adding a pool heater as one of the design elements to the proposed renovation to Apple Ridge Pool. After consulting with Keller Construction Management and Paddock Pools, and reviewing bills associated with the Stedwick Pool heater costs, staff estimated it would cost between \$47,000 and \$51,000 to install a heater at the Apple Ridge Pool. This estimate, though, is without additional costs that may be incurred from Washington Gas to connect a gas line from the street to the building.

In order to accommodate the heater, a larger storage space would be needed. Additionally, to use the pool beyond normal pool season hours, similar to Stedwick Pool's operating hours, staff and operational costs would increase. Given that the renovation plan calls for relatively shallow water in most of the pool, the heater would not be heating as large a volume of water as at Stedwick Pool. In a

split vote, the Board ultimately decided not to add a heater to this pool during the renovation process.

In financial matters, the 2014 MVF Retirement Plan audited financial statements were accepted. Additionally, the Board authorized the EVP to negotiate and execute a sole source contract for database integration services with the new website. This expenditure allows the website and the resident database to communicate on a secure level and populate homeowner information on the custom member dashboard now part of the website.

Finally, the Board approved a request from the Transportation, Development and Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee to formalize a proposal on a series of community forums regarding the quality of life in Montgomery Village. Potential topics for these educational forums may include: retail development; education of Village students; environmental concerns; and senior-related issues. Information shared at the proposed forums would include that which may have been presented to the TD&PF Committee by county or state agencies. The overall goal of the forums would be to help residents develop solutions to issues affecting the community and become more involved in community affairs.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MVF Board Vice President Pete Young led the meeting in the president's absence. Young acknowledged and thanked the candidates for the 2016 MVF Board of Directors election for attending the meeting and speaking with residents beforehand. He also thanked all

those who worked to clear snow in Village communities, noting that it was an irregular storm, which made it hard to deal with on many accounts.

Young noted he had recently provided testimony before the Montgomery County Council regarding changes to the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC). He said the proposed changes to how the CCOC operates are not a benefit to MVF.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton spoke about the Montgomery Village Master Plan, referencing the details in January 22 article in the *Village News*. Humpton said that through negotiation with the county, the master plan is better now than it originally was; details and language regarding zoning and roads will benefit Montgomery Village.

The EVP also reported that the legislative session was heating up, with proposed laws that would affect Montgomery Village or homes corporations and condominium associations. He mentioned that he and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens would monitor legislation and report on issues that could affect Village operations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-ellen Berry reported on the financial health for both the month of December 2015 and the unaudited year-end projections for 2015. Berry said that overall, Revenue was on par with the budget with camps and classes, assessment fees and investment income running unfavorable to the budget; on a positive note, \$125,000 was recently received from the state for the South Valley Park Restroom and Concession facility.

Personnel Costs were favorable to the budget by approximately \$150,000, due to unfilled positions throughout the year and less than expected seasonal staff costs. Operational Expenses were also reported favorable to the budget by \$200,000, with only legal fees being projected over budget, including bad debt fees.

Contributions to Reserves were made in accordance with the budget for both December (\$82,250) and for the year, with the total year-end balance at \$987,000. Berry noted the Capital Contribution Fee yielded another \$10,000 in December and a total of \$136,000 for the year. MVF spent approximately \$1.3 million on Reserve Expenditures in 2015. Net Income for the year is projected to be \$778,000 for the year, which is favorable to the budget by \$334,000.

Berry said the Balance Sheet reflects MVF's solid financial position, showing over \$7 million in Cash and Investments. At the end of the year, MVF showed \$1.5 million in Undesignated Reserves and \$5.9 million in Designated Reserves. The Delinquency Rate was reported at 8.5%, which was down from 11% from the same period in 2014.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting is open to the public, and residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Residents are invited to "Meet the Candidates" at 7 p.m., and the regular Residents Time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

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MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2016 Board of Directors Election

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

The Montgomery Village Foundation is directed by an

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

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

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

Your VOTE matters!

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



2016 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

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



MEET THE CANDIDATES

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

	
SCOTT DYER	LAURA FRANKE
	
NEVILLE LEVI	JIM MARSH

Meet the Candidates

Thursday, Feb. 26
7 to 7:30 p.m.

*North Creek Board Room,
20125 Arrowhead Road*

Montgomery Village Foundation

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 5
Election ballots mailed to residents

THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.
MEET THE CANDIDATES
North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 5 P.M.
Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 7 P.M.
ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 9 A.M.
OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1 P.M.
Ballot count results announced online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2016 Board of Directors election candidates



SCOTT DYER



LAURA FRANKE



NEVILLE LEVI



JIM MARSH

SCOTT DYER

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?*

- Current Board member, Montgomery Village Foundation (6yrs), and East Village Homes Corporation (7yrs); MVF Committees: Communications, Recreation, Election; participation with MVF's Vision 2030. As a Board Member with MVF and EVHC, I've had experience working on behalf of the residents, including setting assessments, setting annual budgets and reserves, private property maintenance, working with Community Management, upkeep of the community, procurement, addressing questions and concerns of residents, seeking grants for projects, encouraging community participation at meetings and on Committees, long-term planning, etc.
- Current employment with J.P. Morgan; Finance and customer service experience (9yrs)
- Former employment with U.S.D.A. and M.D.O.T., included a focus on asset management, procurement, small/disadvantaged/minority business assistance, transit-oriented redevelopment, grants, public relations/outreach, involvement on several State committees, review of legislation, as a Mediator/Facilitator, emergency management and environmental compliance.

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

Careful integration of the development of the former Montgomery Village Golf Club and its new community, working to limit the impacts to the existing surrounding MV homeowners, and negotiating with the owner of the site on new amenities and other benefits to the Village; improving public safety; long-range planning and implementation of the new MV Master Plan; continued renovations of pools and facilities and working to ensure

our reserve investments can continue to pay for them; keeping assessments low; working with retail property owners to provide improvements and mixed-use redevelopment of those sites to improve offerings including the creation of an actual Village Center; increasing resident participation at meetings and on committees; protecting the environment; and advocating to elected officials.

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

- Full transparency and careful integration of the new community to be built on the former Montgomery Village Golf Club. Ensuring existing surrounding homeowners' concerns are addressed and limiting the impacts to them. Strategic negotiation with the MVGC property owner on desired amenities and other financial benefits to the surrounding HOAs as well as Village-wide. Working with County Planning Staff to assure compliance to the MV Master Plan.
- Continue to support the efforts to improve amenities and quality of life for residents. The completion of the MV Master Plan, the impending Gaithersburg Master Plan, development of the former golf course, along with key retail sites for sale, will have impacts on the future of the Village and retail offerings.
- Improving public safety – working with County police, local businesses, schools, community, and elected officials to address the rising levels of gang activity and other crimes in and surrounding the Village.
- Fiscal responsibility – keep assessments low for residents while managing the needs for improvements to the existing pools/facilities.
- Advocate for residents, to our elected officials; to ensure the Village does not become a dumping ground for undesirable projects, as well as protect our local environment.

LAURA FRANKE

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?*

With training and a background in education and international relations, I hope that I will be able to help build bridges between the diverse community that we have in Montgomery Village. I think that it is one of our strengths. As a parent with kids still in school, I hope that I can be a liaison for other Village families with the Board. I hope that as someone interested in sustainability, that I can support updates that make the Village more environmentally friendly. It is great to see solar panels being installed.

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

When people are looking for a home, they tend to consider, among other things, affordability, the quality of the schools, the ease of commute, employment opportunities, a sense of community, proximity to family and friends, amenities, the setting, crime and safety, HOAs/taxes, and the structure itself. The Foundation Board of Directors must balance these elements when they are stewarding the Village to keep MV a vital and desirable place to live.

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

I would like to continue to build upon all the good work done by former and current members of the Board. My priorities would be on maintaining the amenities that we have, keeping our budget on track, working with the County, and making small, inexpensive changes that benefit our residents and build a stronger community.

NEVILLE LEVI

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 tenured 16 years, at the Library of Congress' congressional research service congress "Think Tank". In October of 2001, I was appointed as Secretary of Congress Homeland Security Border Homeland Security Team.

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

I feel I am qualified for the position as Member of the Montgomery Village Board of Directors, because, of my breadth and depth of experiences, civically, professionally and in my personal life; as a citizen of Montgomery County for over 44 years. Through the Neville Levi job fair, I have created jobs for the community. During this time, I have held various positions.

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

I feel that the priority items that should be addressed are 1. Resident Safety (District 6) 2. Education 3. Maintenance of Montgomery Village, and support of our Vision 2030 plan; 4. Continue opposition to M-83 5. Familiar with Montgomery County local, state, and federal officials to monitor Airpark traffic, monitor assessments, and generate revenue to help Montgomery Village become economically viable.

JIM MARSH

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?*

From the time we moved to Montgomery Village in 2001, we have been involved in volunteer and leadership roles at our kids' schools and other community organizations. My personal activities have included leadership of the building committee that planned, fund raised, built and managed the new gymnasium addition for St. Bartholomew School in Bethesda; managed the highly successful Watkins Mill Booster Club which received county wide recognition for our success in growing membership and providing impactful improvements to the school com-

munity such as the new stadium field. This constant community engagement combined with the managerial and interpersonal skills required for my profession will serve my role well on the MVF Board of Directors.

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

Village issues include internal and external items. The internal priorities are fiscal management, overall property maintenance and improvements to amenities that are reaching end of life, e.g. pools, landscaping, recreational fields, and structures. A high priority is the finalization of the dedicated Montgomery Village zone by County Council and commencement of pending new residential development on Monument Realty's Bloom Montgomery Village property as well as other improvements envisioned for the Village Center, Professional Center, and Gateway sites. External items to be monitored and lobbied to the benefit of the village includes regional roadway and highway interchange, plans for the Lakeforest Mall property and county facilities.

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

My first activity as a member of the board will be to research the history, existing proposals, and progress of ongoing actions concerning the internal and external items listed above. I am familiar with the process of the pool improvements as we were engaged on the Whetstone project plan and implementation completed 2014. The current fiscal condition is healthy so requirement is to maintain good projection to hold course and anticipate any changes, whether positive or negative, as far out into the future as possible. I am not highly familiar with the many group activities offered to the residents such as MV Fit and other recreational programs for all ages so learning more and helping to improve these will be a good fit from my past roles.

MVF ELECTION

Candidate	SCOTT DYER	LAURA FRANKE	NEVILLE LEVI	JIM MARSH
Address	8535 Fountain Valley Drive	9804 Canal Road	10002 Stedwick Road	9408 Five Logs Way
Village Community	East Village	Whetstone	Center Stage Condominiums	Whetstone
Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	10 years	10 Years	+/- 17 years	15 years
Occupation	Vice President, Client Onboarding Officer, J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Washington, DC; also a Notary Public, a trained and certified Mediator and Facilitator, and a trained and certified Voter Registrar with the Montgomery County Board of Elections	Stay-at-Home Mom/Teacher	Paraeducator	Vice President - Sales
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	No	No	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	Board Member, Montgomery Village Foundation (6yrs) and East Village Homes Corporation (7yrs). MVF Committees: Executive, 50th Anniversary Planning, Personnel, Environment, Communications, Recreation, Election (Chair:2012/2015), Nominating (Chair:2013); participated in MV Vision 2030 and MV Master Plan	Since moving here, I have enjoyed participating in many Village offerings and events. My favorites include our neighborhood swim team, the Fourth of July parade, MVFit, and Foundation classes for my children and me.	Served 2 non-consecutive Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Director terms; Appointed unanimously Chair of TD & PF Committee; Founder, President of Neville Levi Job Fair.	Community advocate and leader with FutureMV, 2014-present; Montgomery Village Master Plan process engagement, 2014-present; Informational and community sessions for Vision 2030, other village planning and improvements; Volunteer and certified MCSL official for Whetstone Whales, 2002-2014.
Participation in Community Affairs	Twice-elected official (County Central Committee); former Realtor; additional volunteering: Rescue Squad, Public School System, Red Cross, Board of Elections; St. John Neumann (parishioner)	As a parent, most of my community participation has been focused on my children and their activities, such as the PTSA, MOMS club, swim team, Girl Scouts and Boy scouts, theater, marching band, various sports, etc. I also volunteer at Manna Food Center.	Founder, President "Neville Levi" Annual Job Forum; Member of St. Martin's parish.	Treasurer and president-Watkins Mill Booster Club, 2008-2014; Member and vice president-WMHS PTSA, 2007-2014; Organizer/coached off season lacrosse for MV Middle School and Watkins Mill High School, 2008-2014.
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	Former employment: U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) and Maryland Department of Transportation (M.D.O.T.); Business degree, Marymount University. Award recipient for leadership/community service: President of the United States' "Call to Service Award," Kiwanis, Maryland Governor, Marymount University. For more information please visit: HTTP://WWW.SCOTTDYER.COM	B.A. International Relations, UC Davis (Integrated Studies Honor Program, Study Abroad); M.A. English/TESOL, CSUSacramento; Subjects taught: English, ESL, U.S. History, Spanish, U.S. Citizenship.	HS diploma Walt Whitman HS, Bethesda, MD; Education B.A. University of MD, College Park; MPA American University, Washington, D.C.	Membership and participation: 7x24 Exchange Reliability Forum; AFCOM Data Center World; American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers; Washington Building Congress.

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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Choosing the color of your deck



STAINING

Fresh pressure treated lumber should weather out for a few months before staining to allow the oils used in the milling of the wood to disintegrate and the stain to properly penetrate the wood.

Many homeowners have expressed an interest in approved deck colors. In Montgomery Village, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) approves stained wood decks and pre-finished composite wood decks. In some town-home communities such as Arrowhead and Essex Place, there are standard deck colors in the community criteria. In other communities, deck colors are reviewed on an individual basis.

The intent of the ARB is that decks appear a natural wood color. To this end homeowners can seal and reseal their decks with clear sealants without having to apply to the ARB for approval. This clear sealant allows the deck to weather to grey. Many deck toners and products, however, are marketed as "natural" but are not completely clear. These

products have color additives whose pigments are red, yellow or burgundy when the toner dries; be sure to read the label to ensure the product does not have these pigments. Red, yellow and burgundy stains and pigments are not approved on decks.

The colors that are encouraged by the ARB are the brown and gray tones. With wood decks there are a range of products and brands on the market that a homeowner can apply for. Homeowners may submit their preferred grey or brown stain for consideration. Decks made out of prefinished materials should follow the same color guidelines.

Each proposed deck stain is treated on an individual basis. The ARB will review the submission based on the colors of the house and those on surrounding homes. In single fam-

ily homes where there is white or off-white trim, the ARB has also allowed the deck rails to match the house trim color. In some instances, rail systems with black pickets and white top and bottom rails have also been approved.

Whatever your preference, be sure to clearly fill out the Property Improvement Request Form and submit samples of your proposed color and materials to the ARB. If you have further questions, visit the Architectural Standards webpage at www.montgomeryvillage.com, e-mail ehottinger@mvf.org or hsharpless@mvf.org, or call 301-948-0110 to speak an Architectural Standards Administrator.

ARB APPLICATIONS

Apply before you buy!

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

APPLICATIONS ARE FREE.



Rental Facilities in the Village

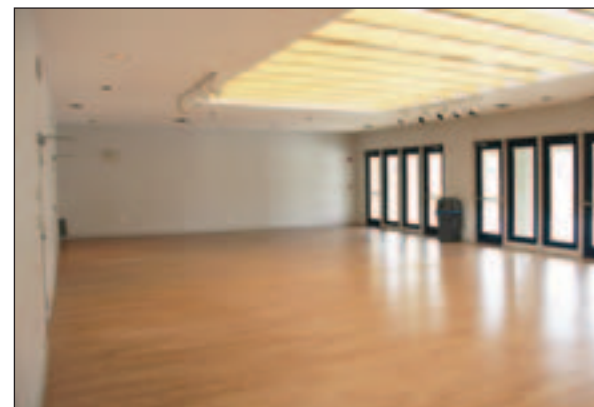
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

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

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



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

**Please note: there is a maximum of 75 people allowed per rental during pool season.*

HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village 2016 Parking Tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Towing for expired 2015 parking tags has been extended to Monday, Feb. 8 due to the snow. Many residents have not picked up their 2016 parking tags. You are able to pick up parking tags from the ComSource office. Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 prior to going to the office. If you have questions, e-mail Delphine Matthews at dmatthews@comsource.com. Towing for expired parking tags will begin Monday, Feb. 8 throughout the community. Big Tow will continue to tow vehicles for all other parking violations.

PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

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

frame as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trash cans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

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

TRASH

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

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

to ComSource anonymously.

LIGHT REPLACEMENT

Montgomery Lighting is continuing the light project that includes replacing pole lights and underground wiring throughout the community. The project will require digging in various areas of the community and is expected to take another 2 to 3 months to complete.

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.

Due to the snow, the January 26 Middle Village Homes Corporation (MVHC) board meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 2. The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Saying "thanks" during this storm

by Michael J. Gronsky

So to whom am I saying "thanks" during this storm? Certainly not to Mother Nature, who decided to dump more than 3 feet of snow in Montgomery Village, making roads and sidewalks impassable for days. And certainly not for the fact that we still have areas with mounds of snow that will eventually melt, perhaps finally in the summer (just when the pools are ready to open).

But there are many people to thank here, including the great crew members at J.B. Kline, who worked tirelessly and around the clock in shifts to continually salt and sand our roads, bringing in plows, bobcat equipment and front-end loaders and kept working to make the roads the best they could be under the circumstances. A special thanks to Brian Kline from J.B. Kline, who kept our maintenance/greenspace committee chairperson constantly updated on their progress, who in turn kept board members up-to-date, who in turn could give residents up-to-date information as well.

But the biggest thanks go directly to those who helped out other neighbors during this event. I saw so many people out there assisting their neighbors, shoveling out their cars and walkways. I saw neighbors who were fortunate to have bought snow blowers making the rounds through the parking areas helping others to get their cars out. I saw neighbors shoveling out fire hydrants to keep our community safe so the firetrucks could locate them if necessary. This is what truly makes a community great, and how we can all get together.

REPORTING DAMAGE

While the crews were pushing the massive snow around the streets and finding places

to put it, some damage has occurred throughout our communities. Please call or e-mail us to report any street signs that are now bent or on the ground completely, or any light fixtures that may have been hit or are inoperative. Our maintenance/greenspace committee members, landscape contractor and community manager will be out next week performing the monthly inspection throughout all Stedwick communities and will also take note, but as always, we rely on you as the "eyes and ears" of our community.

STORM DRAINS

As we continue to melt out, we ask that you please move any snow off to either side of the storm drain near your house to allow water to move through. This will prevent any flooding on your street. If you find that there is still flooding and you think a storm drain may be blocked inside after you clear it, please contact us.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first order of business, which is your time to share any ideas, comments or concerns on the community in which you live. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326 (please note this is now a direct number instead of going through Montgomery Village Foundation's front desk), or e-mail stedwickhc@mvf.org.

Until next time, folks...

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



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HOMES CORPORATIONS

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

The great blizzard

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

The Blizzard of 2016 has come and gone, but we won't soon forget the event or its remnants. Thanks to our residents for your patience and understanding. Nothing goes perfectly with a storm of this size, and not everyone will be satisfied. Montgomery County Councilman Craig Rice said, "Someone has to be first and someone has to be last." Obviously Councilman Rice gets it.

Let's put the effort to clear the snow in some perspective. Our contractor cleared 18,000 tons of snow from our roads and parking lots. To do this, they used 12 pieces of equipment and deployed 20 employees and subcontractors. This one storm exhausted our 2016 snow budget. Hercules had it easier cleaning the stables.

All streets and parking lots have been cleared curb-to-curb, where possible. That means that the storm drains are open to handle the forthcoming big melt. As of this writing, there are still sidewalks to be cleared along county roads, such as Arrowhead Road and Montgomery Village Avenue. The county was working to clear all lanes on Friday, Jan. 29. We will begin to clear the adjacent sidewalks after the roads are cleared. By the time you read this, that should be completed.

Snow removal in Patton Ridge was much more efficient than in many other communities in the greater metropolitan area, as the local television news bore out.

As with any storm of this magnitude, not everything goes accordingly to one's liking. And this was no exception.

The job was made significantly more difficult by residents clearing snow from their cars and throwing it onto the streets and parking lots—even after they had already been plowed. This of course required multiple re-plowings.

We did learn some lessons from this storm that we hope to never need to put to use again. We cannot afford to prepare for every snow storm as if it is going to be 3-feet deep.

As a result of our 2016 snow budget being used up, this means that planned projects for this year will need to be deferred to cover the cost of the snow cleanup. Please keep that in mind next year when we prepare our 2017 budget and assessments. Costs keep going up; so too must income, if we are to continue to maintain and improve our community.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our January Board meeting was cancelled due to the storm. The next regular meeting of the Patton Ridge Board of Directors will immediately follow our annual meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Snow in South Village

by the South Village Board of Directors

Well, the great blizzard of 2016 is behind us (sort of). As we dig out of the snow piles and assess our homes for damage, there are a few comments the board would like to share:

1. At least some of the delay in clearing the neighborhoods was due to the fact that Montgomery Village Avenue was closed to traffic by civil authority, meaning that we couldn't get crews in at all, let alone as fast as we wanted. That was a decision entirely out of our hands, indeed out of the Montgomery Village Foundation's control as well. In the end, blamestorming is useless. Learning from the experience isn't—but the principal lesson here appears to be that some things are just out of the control of your homeowners association, and while civil authority may consult us, it isn't bound to follow our recommendation or nurture our desire.
2. Yes, there were areas in which cleanup crews worked late into the night. Yes, their equipment made some noise. Would you prefer being stuck longer instead? Given the nature of the storm, this should be an easy choice. Some people will find an excuse to complain, no matter what.
3. A civil emergency is no excuse for uncivil behavior. There was at least one reported incident when a frustrated resident assaulted a snow removal contractor. A little common sense here, people. First, they are contractors, paid by the community to

do a job we have neither the inclination nor the equipment to perform. Second, they are human beings, with all the rights and privileges that go with the title. That means that our contractors don't expect shouts of joy for doing their job, but they need to be secure and certain they won't be beaten for attempting it. Of course, if you prefer to spend the storm in the county jail, that's your choice, but on the whole, we think it a poor one. There's an old saying that you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar. It may be worth considering next time you feel like "acting out."

4. The news wasn't all bad—there were instances of cooperation and neighborly spirit—people helping clear neighbor's driveways, folks unable to shovel running coffee or cocoa out to the workers or good Samaritans. We pause to thank those who understand neighborliness and true community. It wasn't exactly party time, but it's amazing what a little cooperation can do to make the whole mess more bearable. Thank you to all who helped, rather than hindered the effort.

THREE WAYS YOUR VOTE MAKES A CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE

South Village board member nominees were presented in a previous issue of the *Village News* and you should have ballots in hand by now. We can remind you to watch your mail for the ballot, complete it fully, address and sign the envelope and return it by the deadline, and those reminders still stand.

But it's not simply about the board's appreciation. You should know that your participation is crucial to the health and effectiveness of South Village Homes Corporation.

- Participation affects the pace of South Village business. 110 eligible households must return completed, valid ballots to have a quorum. Any fewer and the business of the annual meeting gets deferred several weeks. Time-sensitive business, such as decisions on direct service to residents, can be significantly affected by such delays.
- Feedback influences action. Your votes let management and board members know what's important to the community.
- Participation is a way of safeguarding value. Whether the value of your assessment dollars or property values, board members are charged with responsibility and effectively spending and investing for the benefit of the community. Your votes help assure that the best possible decisions are made.

You've likely heard this in every area of your civic life, and it's no less true in our neighborhoods: Your vote counts. Please complete, sign and mail your votes as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the South Village community manager at 240-243-2326 or through your member dashboard on the MVF website, www.montgomeryvillage.com.

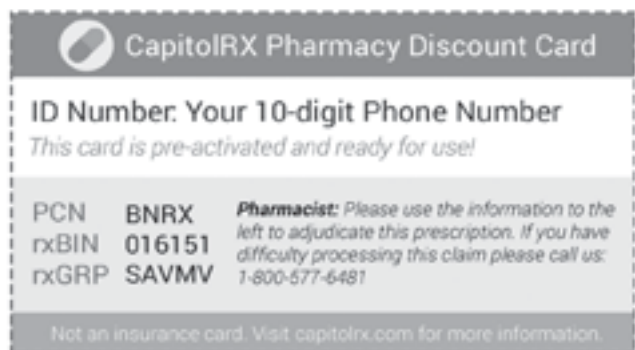
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HOMES CORPORATIONS

WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone Homes Corporation 2016 Candidate Statements

DENNIS J. BARNES

I have lived in Montgomery Village since 1975 and served on the North Village Home Corporation Board for 15 years as Treasurer, Vice-President and President. There are 950 single family resident and town houses served by that Board. My wife and I moved to Whetstone five years ago. Subsequently I have attended County Council and Planning Board meetings on my own behalf to become knowledgeable of the proposed County Master Plan for Montgomery Village and for the Whetstone community. I was appointed to the Up County Citizens Advisory Board which reports to the County Executive in 2015.

I worked as a Human Resource Specialist and Budget Analyst for the Federal Govt. for 26 years. Priorities include:

- 1) Maintenance of Whetstone streets important to ensuring property values and residential character of Whetstone.
- 2) Ensuring street lighting maintenance, safe dock area, careful landscaping of green spaces, and satisfactory performance of county services including refuse collection.
- 3) Communication of County Master Plan developments to Whetstone residents and formulation of recommendations regarding the Master Plan to County authorities.

- 4) Ensuring that changes to Board budget policies are reasonable, considering the financial needs of the community.

- 5) Covenant enforcement to ensure respect, safety, and integrity of our community.

DEBORAH VERMILLION

I am running for re-election so that I can continue my service to the Whetstone Community.

My husband and I have lived in the Whetstone community for 31 years. I have served on the Whetstone Board for the last fourteen years. During my tenure on the board I have played an active role as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Communications Chair, member of the Audit, Maintenance and Lakeshore committees and a Neighborhood Block Captain.

Whetstone is facing important challenges brought about by the implementation of the County Planning Board Master Plan which will allow an increase in density and height for the Professional Center site, the redevelopment of the Village Center, and the widening of Goshen Road.

If re-elected my priorities will include:

- Continued funding of Reserves for long term projects.
- Careful spending of assessment funds to maintain and improve Whetstone's assets.
- Promote updates to our By-Laws to protect the residential quality of the Whetstone community.
- Working with the other Whetstone board members to serve the best interest of our community.

DUNCAN MULLIS

My wife and I have happily resided in Goshenside since 2012; prior to that I worked for the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) as part of the Recreation Department. It was while I was working for MVF that I realized what a nice community Whetstone is, so when we decided to buy our first home, this was where we decided to locate to.

While at MVF I enjoyed interacting with the community by helping create the MVF Farmers' Market, Futsal league, tennis tournaments,

senior programming and more. Since moving to Montgomery Village I have continued to actively stay involved, most notably by volunteering to chair the 50th Anniversary Committee. I currently still work as a public servant for the City of Rockville, and look forward to getting even more involved in the neighborhood where I live.

I am applying to run for the Whetstone Board of Directors as I have a passion to serve my community. If elected I hope to make the decisions that will enable Whetstone to continue to be a great place to live, while embracing change that will make this community thrive.

WILLIAM R. OTT

In 2015 I filled a vacant position on the WHC board, serving on the maintenance and legal committees. In December I testified before the County Council on my own behalf against the MC Planning Board's proposal to change the nature of the MV Professional Center. I am not against change, only bad changes.

I worked as a research physicist and technical manager at NIST before retiring in 2011. My wife, Mary, and I have lived in Goshenside for 37 years. I aim to maintain the community at the same high standards as when we moved here. Priorities include:

- 1) Maintaining the ambience of Whetstone's street lighting. I am against the extremely bright lights that do more to ruin one's night vision than to improve security.

- 2) Keeping the assessments as low as possible. Creative solutions are preferable to expensive ones.

- 3) Participating in planning for the professional center location. I believe there is still a need for a professional center, more than for apartments, shops, or other commercial ventures.

- 4) Ensuring the integrity of our community by respecting our neighbors, following the covenants, supporting one another in community action, and maintaining the beauty, value, and security of our neighborhoods.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village January board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The board held its first regular meeting of 2016 on Thursday, Jan. 21, in the North Creek Board Room. Items on the agenda included the approval of the tree removal contract, winter storm preparations and discussion of the newly required county training program for board members of common ownership communities. Submittal of ballots for the North Village Board of Directors election concluded on January 21. Ballots will be counted and the results will be announced at the annual meeting later this month.

SNOW STORM

The large snow storm at the end of January was very disruptive to our community. A few days after the storm had ended, your board of directors realized that the cleanup was going more slowly than anticipated, even given so large a storm (and we received many complaints from residents). We needed to enable people to get to work, get medical treatment, get to the store and simply get back to normal.

Faced with that situation, the board enlisted additional help from another contractor on an emergency basis, who did an excellent job clearing the streets curb-to-curb. While residents were generally patient, it was clear that snow removal was just not proceeding as expected. Bringing in another contractor to finish clearing the snow became a necessity, despite the added expense. Hopefully we will not have any more storms like this for the remainder of the winter season, and we no doubt have more than exceeded the snow removal budget for the year.

Everyone must think of his neighbors after such a storm. We are thankful for folks that stayed put during the storm so that our contractors could do the plowing. We are also thankful for many residents who made that extra effort to help one another, and for clearing snow from fire hydrants and mail boxes.

Having said this, we have a few requests of North Village residents. Please do not clear your parking spot and clean off your car by dumping the snow in the middle of the plowed street; move it to your front yard or to a common area. Please do not park your car so that it blocks the snow plows; we recognize that it is

not always possible to get cars totally off the street due the limited parking in some of our communities that do not have driveways, but at least make an effort to park away from intersections and fire lanes. Also, please do not park in your neighbor's reserved parking space, at least not without asking first. Even if this neighbor does not have a car, this is still their reserved spot.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

On the front page of the January 22 *Village News*, there is excellent coverage of the January 11 working session of the Montgomery County Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee, which presented the Montgomery Village Master Plan to the county council. On page 3 of that same issue, the Montgomery Village Foundation Executive Vice President, David Humpton, gives his own account of the work session. Mr. Humpton was in attendance and gave testimony. Some of your board of directors were also in attendance at that meeting. We urge you to read those accounts.

Some of your board members also attended a meeting on January 20 that was sponsored by the Greater Goshen Community Association (GGCA). At that meeting, our County Council Representative Craig Rice, and County Councilmember (and past mayor of Gaithersburg) Sidney Katz addressed the group on the many issues dealing with the Master Plan, M-83 and the Goshen Road widening. One good bit of news for North Village from both meetings is that the county council does not want to widen Wightman Road.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be combined with the annual meeting, and will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The board meeting starts at 7 p.m. and the annual meeting starts at 8 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village Homes Corporation 2016 Candidate Statements

DAVID CLINE

I have been an East Village resident since 1992 and it has been my privilege to serve the residents of East Village as a board member, and most recently, as Board President.

With your support, I'd be happy to serve another term on the Board of Directors.

Over the past few years, there have been several challenges we've faced as a community. I'd like the community to work together to make East Village better in these areas:

1. **Montgomery County Airpark:** We need to work with the FAA, the Airpark, and pilots, to make sure our growing community is not put at unnecessary risk. Our community is larger than it was in 1992, and the Airpark needs to adapt to the changing circumstances.

2. **Environment:** As our community ages, more and more trees need to be replaced. I have been proactive in working with the Maintenance Committee to remove trees that are in danger of falling over in a storm. We will implement a forward looking program to plant young trees resistant to disease and drought.

3. **Webb Tract:** Work with the county agencies that will be using the site for police and fire and rescue training.

4. **Safety:** Work closely with Montgomery County Police and residents to form neighborhoods watch committees.

With your vote, I'll continue to work for all residents of East Village to keep our community safe and attractive to current and future residents.

SUZANNE RENEE JUBERT

My name is Suzanne Renee Jubert, and I am asking for your vote to join the East Village Homes Corporation board for a 3-year term. I have been a resident of East Village since 2006 and have enjoyed getting to know many of my neighbors as well as the wonderful amenities that the Village has.

I have been a licensed stationary building engineer for more than 20 years. During that time I have been responsible for the day to day running and maintenance of various commercial properties in the metropolitan area. Part of my core responsibilities is to maintain budgets, positive tenant relationships, as well as organizing various outside trades' people including cleaning crews and landscape contractors. I also have day to day accountability to the property managers, building owners and tenants.

My areas of interest in joining the Board are for the maintenance of our common areas as well as public safety. In my prior work experience I have worked with and directed landscape contractors on the commercial properties that I have been responsible for running. Regarding public safety, I was one of the trained neighborhood watch members for my community and would like to see the neighborhood watches return to our community in a more organized manner.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to win your support.

MARTIN SHARPLESS, AIA

I have lived in East Village for over 17 years and am currently the Treasurer on the EVHC Board. I work at Astra Zeneca's MedImmune campus in Gaithersburg, am a licensed architect and have managed construction for over thirty years. My family has lived in Montgomery County since 1995. I have two daughters; one is currently in Gaithersburg High School.

My positive contributions to East Village address budget, community management, contracts, maintenance and the quality of life issues facing our community. Montgomery Village is the best development in our region, with large natural areas and consistent homeowner leadership. East Village is showing signs of aging - but our Board's efforts to repair and replace street lighting, walkways, trees, plantings and our other common space improvements - reflect our Board's positive focus. Through careful stewardship our maintenance costs are holding steady while we implement these improvements.

Caring leadership is needed to maintain the community as we enjoy it today. I will use my knowledge of construction and management to assure our community will continue to prosper.

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.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Spring Gardening Conference

The Montgomery County Master Gardeners are hosting the 16th Annual Spring Gardening Conference on Saturday, Feb. 20 (snow date Saturday, Feb. 27). The conference "Exploding the Myths: Fascinating Facts to Help You Avoid Common Gardening Myth-stakes!" will offer gardening workshops at the University of Maryland Extension Montgomery County Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood.

The daylong event offers multiple workshops, morning snacks, a delicious bag lunch, door prizes, networking with other gardeners, answers to your gardening questions, handouts and reference materials. Participants can attend three of nine concurrent workshops, all taught by Master Gardeners. This year's topics include Lawn Care, Garden Design, Healing Herbs, Native

Plants, Garden Pests, Pruning, Seed Starting and much more, plus several lunchtime presentations.

The registration fee for the conference is \$55 (\$50 each for groups of two or more). The price covers coffee and refreshments, bag lunch, presentations, handouts, door prizes, access to speakers and online reference for presentations. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 16. Space is limited, and workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Montgomery County Master Gardeners is a program of the University of Maryland Extension. For more information, contact LeeAnne Gelletly at 301-569-6199, e-mail lgelletly@gmail.com or visit www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/spring-miniconference.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Lenten services at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

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

Join the church for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from

5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. On Wednesday, Feb. 10 residents can receive ashes at the Ash Wednesday "Ashes-to-Go" Drive-through from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the church. From 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., ashes and prayers will be offered from

the comfort of your car. Regular Ash Wednesday services will be held at noon and 7 p.m.

For more information, call 301-355-7189 or visit www.saintbartholomews.org.

AAUW meeting

The Gaithersburg chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be hosting Fredric Abramson, PhD. at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Asbury Methodist Village.

Abramson will present "Wellness Genetics," discussing the use of individual genetic assets for personal growth and achieving lifetime goals. Brunch will be served during the presentation. The presen-

tation will be held in Conley Hall, Building 401, Asbury Methodist Village. Enter at 301 Odendhal Avenue, Gaithersburg.

For more information, call 301-840-5443.

Chinese Culture alive at Lakeforest Mall

Seventy-foot dragons, thirty-foot calligraphy banners, five-foot lanterns and a 210-foot representation of the Great Wall of China painted by renowned artist Bertrand Mao will set the backdrop as Lakeforest Mall prepares to conduct its 17th annual Lunar New Year celebration. The year marks number 4714, the Year of the Monkey.

In cooperation with the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc. (CCACC), Lakeforest Mall will host two weeks of performances, displays and demonstrations through Sunday, Feb. 14. Weekend entertainment taking place in the center court includes performances and demonstrations of traditional dragon dance, lion dance, martial arts, Chinese opera, folk dance, painting and calligraphy, flower arranging and much more. Children will have plenty of opportunities to participate in hands-on arts and crafts workshops in the side courts.

Throughout the two weeks, visitors will also enjoy displays of Chinese art and culture located throughout the shopping center. The theme of this year's exhibition is the "Hakka Arts and Culture," showcasing Hakka architecture, tea culture, festivals and literature. A gallery of bilingual posters filled with beautiful photos and music will show the uniqueness of Hakka culture. The entire event is free to the public.

LAUNCH EVENT

The Lunar New Year celebration at Lakeforest Mall officially kicks off in the center court with a lively dragon dance and lion dance at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6. A ribbon cutting ceremony

with local dignitaries will launch the celebration.

ENTERTAINMENT

On the weekends of the celebration, center court will be the site of exciting variety



shows, which will include dragon and lion dances, folk dances, martial arts and other performances. A closing ceremony will be held on Sunday, Feb. 14 starting at 5 p.m.

CULTURAL DISPLAYS

Throughout the common area of the shopping center, visitors will find displays of Chinese art and culture, including New Year traditions, traditional Chinese paintings, calligraphy, silk flowers and more.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Area school students will join the celebration in several ways. Hundreds of students in several of Montgomery County's Chinese Immersion Programs will perform on the center stage with their colorful costumes and vivid songs and skits. Many students will also work as volunteers, show-

ing their enthusiasm for their culture and earning valuable service learning credits as well.

CCACC was established to sponsor activities to promote the understanding of Chinese culture, philosophy and his-

tory. The organization presents a platform for community services for needy people, and provides educational and training programs to anyone who is interested in Chinese culture and language. CCACC is a nonprofit, non-political and non-religious organization whose funding comes from membership dues, donations, grants, and the classes and activities that it conducts. This year marks the 33rd anniversary of CCACC serving the community.

A complete program of events and activities will be available at the Lunar New Year Information Desk in Lakeforest Mall's Center Court. For more information, call the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center at 301-820-7200, or visit www.ccacc-dc.org or www.shoplakeforest.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program offers free tax preparation

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program is providing free tax preparation assistance. This service is available to low-to-moderate income taxpayers who live or work in Montgomery County. Special attention is given to those 60 years or older.

The Tax-Aide program has more than 100 volunteers who are trained to prepare simple federal and Maryland state

tax forms. Taxes are prepared at more than 20 different locations across Montgomery County and an appointment is required. The program runs during tax season, the first week of February through April 18.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-2577 or visit www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide/overview.

Helping senior neighbors get around town

What if you had to give up your car keys and depend on someone else to get you where you needed to go? This is happening to more and more of our senior neighbors every day.

Consider volunteering with the Senior Connection to drive seniors to medical and other appointments. Training and liability coverage are provided, and you can set your own volunteering schedule. New volunteer trainings take place each month. The next

trainings are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring.

The Senior Connection is dedicated to providing programs and services that preserve and foster independence, mobility and quality of life for seniors. For more information, call 301-962-0820, e-mail volunteer@seniorconnectionmc.org or visit www.seniorconnectionmc.org.



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MV Kids Learn About SNOWMEN

A snowman is a snow sculpture having human characteristics often built by children in regions with sufficient snowfall. Snowmen are traditionally built with three spheres depicting the head, torso, and lower body with some additions including branches for arms, a smile made from coal or small rocks and a carrot for a nose. Clothing, such as a hat or scarf, may be included.



"Snowman in Indiana 2014"

Snowman History



Bob Eckstein, author of *The History of the Snowman* documented snowmen from medieval times, by researching artistic depictions in European museums, art galleries, and libraries.

Left: The earliest known photograph of a snowman, c.1853 "The Snowman No. 2 (4095825226)" by Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru

Giant Snowmen

In 2015, a man from Wisconsin was noted for making a large snowman 22 feet tall and with a base 12 feet wide.

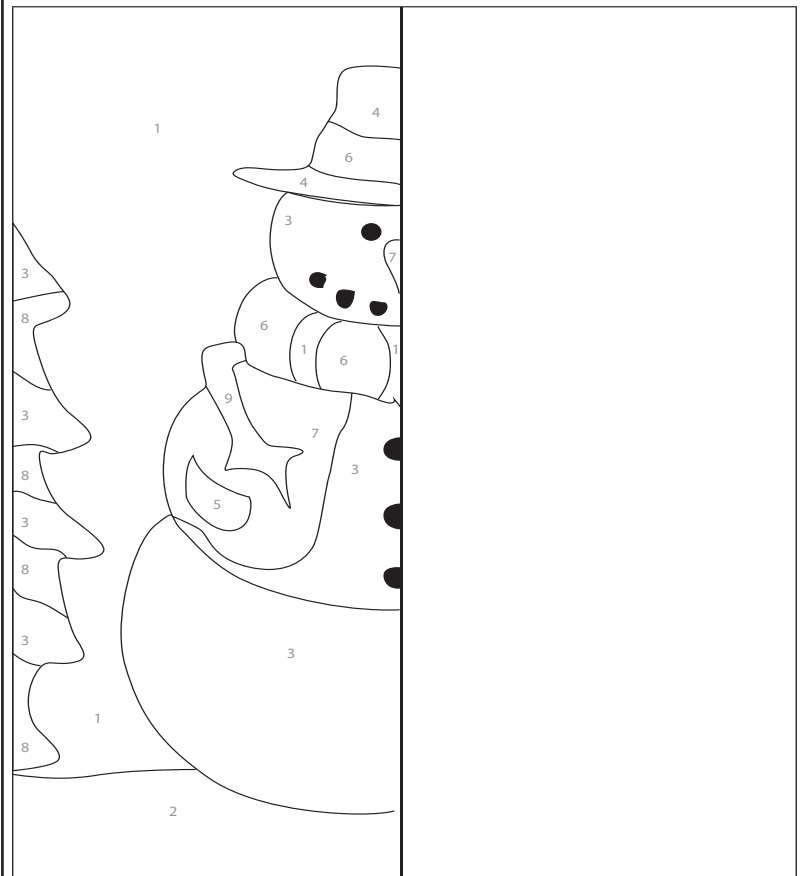
The record for the world's largest snowman was set in 2008 in Bethel, Maine. The snow-woman stood 122 feet, 1 inch and was named in honor of Olympia Snowe, a U.S. Senator representing the state of Maine.

A large snowman known as "Snowzilla" has been built each winter in Anchorage, Alaska.



Above: "OlympiaSnowWoman-BethelMaine" by Chris Darling.

Finish the picture of Mr. Snowman and color by number



Key: 1 - Blue, 2 - Grey, 3 - White, 4 - Black, 5 - Yellow
6 - Red, 7 - Orange, 8 - Green, 9 - Brown



RECREATION

POP Pilates

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

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

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

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



Argentine Tango at North Creek Community Center

This adult dance class taught by Viviana and Isidoro Levinson, is suitable for everyone from beginners to experienced Tango dancers. The instructors will focus on a variety of skills, including open and closed embrace, pivots, la cruzada (cross) and more.

Class is held Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Participants are encouraged to register for the full session, but may choose to drop-in for just \$10 per class. To register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 301-948-0110.



Introduction to Meditation

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

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



30 Minute Core



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

Classes will be held at Stedwick Community Center,

10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 22. Pair this class with POP Pilates to round out your weekday workouts.

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

SPRING BREAK CAMP

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Children ages 5 to 14 can have a fun, engaging week while school is out! Campers will enjoy a half-day version of the popular MVF All-In Sports Camp and during the other half of the day, they will embark on a series of engineering adventures with Play-Well TEKnologies interactive and hands-on LEGO programs. Children must bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Pre-registration required. Register for the full-day week or half-day week.

LEGO		
Full Day: \$250/Resident, \$265/Non-resident		
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4007.207	Ages 9 to 14	Morning All-In Sports Camp, Afternoon Lego Camp
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4007.208	Ages 5 to 8	9 a.m. to noon
4007.209	Ages 9 to 14	1 to 4 p.m.
½ Day Sports: \$99/Resident, \$109/Non-resident		
4007.210	Ages 5 to 8	1 to 4 p.m.
4007.211	Ages 9 to 14	9 a.m. to noon

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

Extended-day option (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) available based on minimum number of participants enrolled.
Full day: \$105/week, AM only: \$45/week, PM only: \$60/week.
Non-residents pay an additional \$10/per camper for extended care.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2314.

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NORTH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER, 20125 ARROWHEAD ROAD

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
7 TO 9 P.M.

Register Online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

\$18/Resident pair, \$23/Non-resident pair
\$7 additional family member

Bring your imagination and creativity, and we'll supply lots and lots of Legos, refreshments and more! In addition to tables of Legos for free-building, Play-Well instructors will be orchestrating Battletrax competitions, which they'll teach participants how to build before going to battle, as well as assist everyone in building a giant tower – as tall as we can get it! This event is for children and adults ages 5 years and older.

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

RECREATION

42nd Art, Craft and Photography Show

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

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

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

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



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION CATEGORY

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



OPEN HOUSE

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

Whetstone Community Center
19401 Brooke Grove Court

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

CREATIVE PLAYTIME

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

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

<p>Creative Playtime 3's No. 4008.410</p> <p>Mondays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. to noon</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2016 to May 17, 2017 (No class Oct. 3, Oct. 12, Nov. 7, Nov. 8, Nov. 23, Dec. 19 to Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, April 10 to April 17)</p> <p>\$1656/Residents: \$184 due at registration \$184 due on Sept. 1, Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Feb. 1, March 1, and April 1</p> <p>\$1,989/Non-residents: \$221 due at registration \$221 due on Sept. 1, Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Feb. 1, March 1, and April 1</p>	<p>Creative Playtime 4's No. 4008.412</p> <p>Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2016 to May 17, 2017 (No class Oct. 3, Oct. 12, Nov. 7, Nov. 8, Nov. 23 to Nov. 25, Dec. 16 to Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 20, April 7 to April 17)</p> <p>\$2457/Residents: \$273 due at registration \$273 due on Sept. 1, Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Feb. 1, March 1, and April 1</p> <p>\$2,952/Non-residents: \$328 due at registration \$328 due on Sept. 1, Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Feb. 1, March 1, and April 1</p>
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- Non-refundable deposit is due at registration.
- Children must be toilet-trained by the first day of class.
- Children must be three years old (for the Creative Playtime 3's) or four years old (for the Creative Playtime 4's) by Sept. 1, 2016.
- All supplies are included.



Lego Block Party

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 7 TO 9 P.M.
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You bring your imagination and creativity, we supply the rest! This is an event that the whole family will enjoy, with lots and lots of Legos, refreshments, photo opportunities and more! In addition to tables of Legos for free-building, Play-Well instructors will be orchestrating Battletrax competitions as well as assisting

everyone in building a giant tower.

Early registration is encouraged! Cost is \$18/Resident Pair, \$23/Non-resident Pair and \$7 for each additional family member. For more information or to register, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

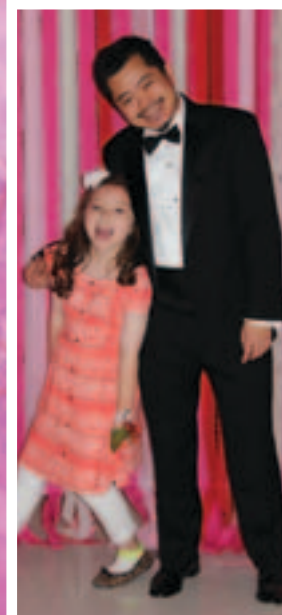


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Friday, Feb. 12
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North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road



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WINTER/SPRING SESSION



Flick Friday

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



Holy Cross Balance Testing

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



GAMES & SOCIAL HOUR!

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

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



Steering Committee

Interested in helping create, plan and organize Seniors in Action programs? Come to our monthly Steering Committee meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Stedwick Community Center. Hope to see you there!



Spring Field Trip

Keep your eye out for details about our upcoming Spring Field Trip.

All Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture classes and programs, and all other activities scheduled to be held in MVF facilities, will be cancelled if Montgomery County Government is closed or in the event of sleet, ice storms or snow with an accumulation (or anticipated accumulation) of six inches or more. When the Montgomery County Government is closed, the Montgomery Village Foundation Office will be closed.

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
Feb. 8: Candy Making
Feb. 15: Closed



Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month Feb. 22: "Pearl of China" by Anchee Min and "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

WEDNESDAY



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

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

FRIDAY



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

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

REGISTRATION

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

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

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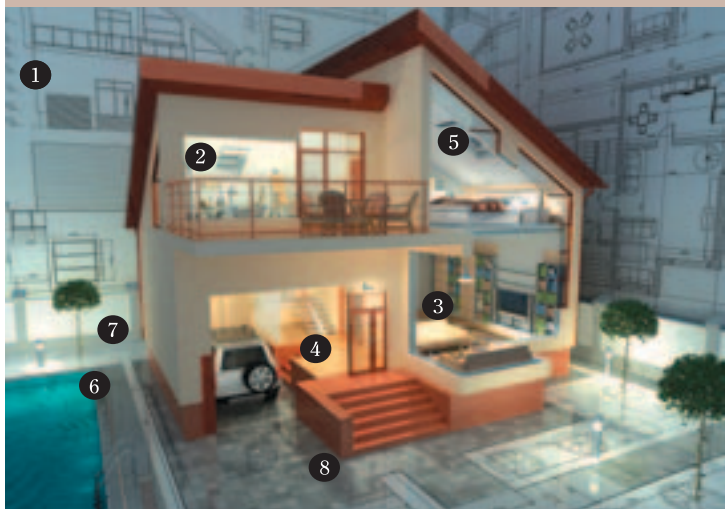
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