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Vote in the MVF Board election

It's a new year, and the future is now! You have a chance to help shape changes in the Village by voting for the candidates who represent your views. Read the information in the pull-out section of this issue of the *Village News*, check out the MVF Candidate's Forum online at www.montgomeryvillage.com and watch your mailboxes for your ballots and statements of those who wish to represent you—and then, take the time to vote!

There is a lot of change coming to the Village, and our Village leaders will be working to ensure that your wishes are heard

over the next several years, as development and other decisions affecting our hometown are made.

This is our community, and your votes count!



Residents asked questions of the 2019 Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors candidates at the annual MVF Candidates' Forum held on January 31. Get additional candidate information in the pull-out section in the center of this issue. A video of the event can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

New this season: Pool Party Rentals

Montgomery Village residents who pay the Designated User (DU) fee, as well as those who purchase Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) pool memberships, will be eligible to rent a designated area at select MVF pools for parties this summer.

In December, the Recreation Committee discussed the idea of structuring a pool party rental, based on resident feedback relayed by pool staff.

Until now, residents and pool members could bring a limited number of guests to the pool using their guest pass, and although MVF did not take reservations for parties, party groups would often come to the pool. Limited picnic seating and multiple groups on the same day presented challenges for pool staff and regular pool patrons alike.

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AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Stedwick and Whetstone afterschool clubs—join us!

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Summers at South Valley Park concert series to see changes in 2019

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2019 MVF Summer Camp Guide—registration open!



See insert

MVF Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 28
Immediately following the MVF Board Meeting
(at approximately 7:45 p.m.)
NORTH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
20125 ARROWHEAD ROAD

Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to welcome newly elected Board members to their positions, receive a financial update, hear the President's address and congratulate community members awarded for outstanding service.

A regular MVF Board meeting will precede the Annual Meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., also at North Creek Community Center. The meeting agenda and packet information will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

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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. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, March 6 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact MVF 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 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The committee will review the 2018 audited financials prior to being presented to the MVF Board at the March 28 Board meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. The committee will review applications for MVF Student Representative to forward to the Board of Directors for selection at the February 28 Board meeting.

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road, #3. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 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. 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 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. 26 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. 27 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. 20 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. 11 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. 19 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Montgomery Village's "secret ingredient"



by Glenn Gargan
MVF President

I continually emphasize volunteering, as it is (as I always state in my closing remarks within my column) "the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village." While the so-called "filing deadlines" have passed for the MVF Board and many of the homes corporation boards as well, are you aware that we have many committees, which (like all MVF and community boards of directors) are comprised fully of volunteers?

As such, we are always encouraging our residents to volunteer for these committees as well. Full information on all committees, including what the committee purview is, who is on the committee (including chairperson), and location/dates/times of the committee meetings, can be found at www.montgomeryvillage.com/mvf/committees. I encourage every resident to have a look... you might be surprised at how your neighbors are contributing.

I enjoyed meeting so many of our neighbors at Bingo a week ago at Lake Marion Community Center; it's been many a year since I last played, and we had a great time, even though I left empty-handed (Lynda won though). The same goes for the Valentine's Wine & Paint event.

It has been a while since I mentioned the "What's your Story?" video series, which can be found on the MVF website. Several fascinating stories have been posted; you should have a look.

Some of the upcoming activities scheduled in Montgomery Village include those below. Please see our website (www.montgomeryvillage.com/events) for more detail, including registration information (where applicable):

Friday, Feb. 8: Ballots for open MVF Board of Directors' positions will be mailed... check your mailbox. Ballots are due back (in the provided envelopes - "YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED") by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Get to know the candidates with

the information in this *Village News*, and/or watch the Candidates' Forum online at <https://youtu.be/AQoWGLsiExg>.

Friday, Feb. 8: Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Get ready to dance the night away!

Saturday, Feb. 9: Mother-Son Valentine's Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Moms and sons can get in on the dancing action, now too!

Thursday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day...don't forget your special someone!

Saturday, Feb. 23: Indoor Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Free admission for shoppers!

Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10: Art, Craft, & Photography Show, 1 to 5 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Join the artists at a special Artist's Reception from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

Friday, March 15 by 5 p.m.: Complete and sign your MVF election ballot and return in the provided envelope to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

March 16: Ballot counting for the MVF Board of Director election commences at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road at 9 a.m. Results will be announced online and in the *Village News* following the final tally.

Saturday, March 23: Annual Home Show at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Come meet with local contractors and service companies to talk about spring projects for your home. Stop by the Architectural Standards table to make sure you have all the information you need for exterior modifications.

Sunday, March 31: Summer Camp Fair, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Come check out the fantastic camp options for your children, right here in your own backyard! Get details in the Summer Camp Guide inserted in this issue of the *Village News*.

Saturday, April 13: Flashlight Egg Hunt, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road. Get into the holiday mode with an egg hunt for youngsters (times vary with age, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com for details).

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MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTIONS LIST January 24, 2019

- Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 6 for and 1 (Ms. Bort) abstaining.
- Mr. Young moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Webb moved to approve the proposed 2019 Pool Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to approve the proposal of MVF Facilitating Pool Party Rentals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Jerome moved to approve the Pool Operating Policy as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Bort moved to approve the MVF Activity Card Distribution Policy and Annual Pool Membership Pricing as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to modify the Lawn Theater Music Series as recommended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Young moved to award the bid for the replacement of the copier to Capital Office Solutions (COS) for \$11,462.86 (plus tax) and enter into a service agreement which includes all supplies (less paper and staples), maintenance and repairs for the equipment for \$130 a month at an allowance of 20,000 copies per month (\$.0065 per page average charge). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Davis moved to accept the committee reports as a whole. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 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	
			Don't Miss It! Feb. 8 MVF Daddy-Daughter Valentine Dance 9 MVF Mother-Son Valentine Dance 18 Presidents' Day – MVF Office Closed 23 Indoor Flea Market 24 MVCB Winter Concert 28 MVF Board Meeting – Meet Candidates		Village News 8 Summer Camp Guide MVF Ballots mailed 11 th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7 to 9 pm – NCCC		9 1 st Annual Mother-Son Valentine's Dance 7 to 9 pm – NCCC
10 Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	11 Nominating Committee 7 pm – MVF Office Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR Park Place I Condo 7 pm – Gaithersburg Library	12 ARB 5 pm – NCBR Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Park Place II Condo 7 pm – NCBR	13 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC	14 NOL I Condominium 7 pm – NOLI Office (Annual Mtg.) North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)	15 Camera Club 10 am to noon – NCBR (Registration required)	16 Indoor Flea Market 10 am to 3 pm – LMCC	
17 Presidents' Day MVF Office Closed	18 Thomas Choice Gardens Condo 6:30 pm – TCPR	19 Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)	20 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)	21 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR (Meet the Candidates – 7 pm)	22 Registration for Art, Craft & Photography Show 3 to 8 pm – NCCC (\$3/entry)	23 Home Improvement Guide Spring Recreation Guide	
24 MVCB Winter Concert 3 pm – Watkins Mill HS, Timothy O'Shea Theater, 10301 Apple Ridge Road	25 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR	26 Audit Committee 7 pm – NCBR	27 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	28 Village News 8 Home Improvement Guide Spring Recreation Guide	1 45 th Annual Art, Craft & Photography Show 1 to 5 pm – NCCC	2	
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KEY:
 BMP..... Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)
 CTS..... Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.
 LMCC..... Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.
 NCBR..... North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
 NCCC..... North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
 SCC..... Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
 SVP..... South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.
 TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
 WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

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E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
My name is Kathy Ladipo, a 6+ year resident of the Patton Ridge Community in Montgomery Village (MV), and I am a candidate for the MVF Board of Directors. I was unable to participate in the Candidate's Forum on January 31, so I wanted to use this medium to share a little information about myself. I am a running for a Board of Directors position because I want to: 1) protect property values; 2) correct problems; 3) facilitate the development of retail and restaurant options; and 4) work with my neighbors to make MV the best place to live in Montgomery County. Below, I have summarized my thoughts on some of the issues raised at the Forum.

Coexistence with Wildlife Policy (CWP): I wholeheartedly support the CWP policy. The abundance of wildlife in MV makes our community special, so I think it is important that we maintain it.
Social Media as a Communication Tool: The Board's objective should be to communicate with as many members of the MV community as possible which requires the use of all available modes of communication, including social media.
MVF Board of Directors Agenda Summary of Topics: I will work to understand why the agenda is done the way it is and develop possible ways to summarize the information on the agenda to provide context to reader.

Increasing Participation at Summer Concerts: I think we will need to do a better job of promoting these events to increase participation and making the performances more representative of the people who live here. We should also consider adding ancillary activities at the concert venue that draw people in before the concert begins. If we can get people to show up, they will stay and then come every year thereafter.
If you have questions or need more information from me, send me an e-mail at kathy.ladipo50@yahoo.com.
Kathy Ladipo
Patton Ridge

Editor:
The Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) was discussed in the January 11 *MV News*. Of particular and practical interest to Village residents is the dispute resolution provision. When a resident of an MVF HOA has an irconcilable issue with its HOA, the resident can escalate the dispute to the CCOC for a fair and objective hearing whose outcome is legally binding.
Filing a claim is a straightforward process. First the claimant must exhaust the Dispute

Resolution Procedures of the HOA. A filing fee of \$50 must accompany the filing of a claim. If the CCOC decides not to accept the filing of the claim, the filing fee is returned to the claimant. Important to note, once a resident has filed a claim with the CCOC, any action by the HOA is stayed. The claimant and the HOA president are required to attend a hearing at the CCOC where the dispute is resolved with finality.
As a Whetstone resident of 50 years and a claimant in a CCOC dispute, I recently filed a CCOC claim disputing the

Whetstone assessment ceiling increase ballot and vote.
Once a resident files a complaint with the Commission, a stay of any HOA's action is automatically imposed, and the association may not take any action to enforce its decision until the Commission disposes of the case or lifts the stay.
I would be happy to field any questions on the dispute resolution process. Contact me at ONeillDon@aol.com.
Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Summers at South Valley Park concert series to see changes in 2019

On a typical summer Sunday evening, residents of Montgomery Village have had the option to relax with good music, a picnic dinner and friends or neighbors in South Valley Park. This concert series has been a staple of Village summers for quite some time, and it's about to get an upgrade.



As part of the Recreation Strategic Planning process, staff has taken a hard look at many activities, programs and offerings, and evaluated ways to improve resident experiences at each. The summer concert series is just one of those programs.

For the last several years, attendance during the 6 p.m. Sunday concerts has dwindled, sometimes with as few as 20 attendees. Based on the recent success of The Reagan Years concert at the end of the season, as well as a survey to gain feedback from residents, the Recreation Committee suggested modifications to the series, which were approved by the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors at their January 24 meeting.

For 2019 and beyond, concerts at South Valley Park will be scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evenings. Each year, rather than eight to ten performers, four signature performers will be secured, allowing more funds for bigger acts. In addition, other community events or performances, including the Montgomery Village Community Band, the Blue Notes and family movie nights will still be held.

The proposed signature concerts would be held on the second Saturday of June, July, August and September and feature beer and/or wine and food vendors.

The 2019 lineup has not been finalized. Stay tuned later this year for announcement of the full schedule, or check online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/events/summers-south-valley-park.

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IN THE NEWS

MVF Board accepts slate of candidates for 2019 election

by Mike Conroy

At the January 24 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, four candidates for the 2019 MVF Board election were presented by the Nominating Committee. Doniele Ayres, Andrew Bird, Scott Dyer (incumbent) and Kathy Ladipo will seek election to the three open seats on the MVF Board. These candidates were put forth by the MVF Nominating Committee after reviewing the applications submitted by the January 11 deadline; two additional applications were submitted, but withdrawn before the Nominating Committee met on January 16.

Read about these candidates' qualifications and positions in the election pull out section of this *Village News*, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/mvf/board-directors/2019-mvf-board-candidates.

AGENDA ITEMS

A number of items regarding the 2019 pool season were approved, including updates to the Pool Operating, Swimming Pool Use and Activ-

ity Card Distribution policies. Most of these changes were in reference to the Board's approval of MVF facilitating pool party rentals at Peggy Mark, Stedwick and Whetstone pools (see article on page 1). Residents will now be able to reserve a designated space at select pools to hold pool parties; rental details will be available later this year.

The 2019 Pool Schedule was approved, with the biggest changes being earlier opening hours at Whetstone Pool, and all Lake Marion, North Creek, Peggy Mark, Watkins Mill and Whetstone pools closing at 8 p.m., rather than 8:30 p.m.

The Board also approved modifications to the Summers at South Valley Park Concert Series, hoping to gain a wider audience with fewer, higher-drawing performers. Concerts will be moved from Sunday evenings to Saturday evenings, and four signature concerts will be held from June to September (see article on page 5 for full details).

In addition, Capitol Office Solutions (COS) was awarded a bid for a new copier for the MVF Office.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Glenn Gargan noted that development projects in the Village—including BloomMV, the Village Center and the Professional Center (Lidl)—are all in various stages of movement. And, while things at the county level move slowly in this regard, progress is on the horizon. Following up on comments from Residents Time, Gargan reinforced the notion that while parking is a Village-wide issue, it needs to be managed at the HOA/COA level.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton said that he and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens would be reviewing bills and legislation coming through this year's session. They will keep the Board informed of potential legislation that would impact the community as information becomes available.

He also noted that staff recently had a productive meeting with county permitting agencies regarding the upcoming North Creek Pool

renovation. It was determined that MVF would need to have a contractor secured by summer 2019, as county processes could take up to one year to complete. Community meetings will be held later this year as the process moves along.

Humpton updated the Board on development issues, noting that HOC recently purchased the day care site at the entrance to Montgomery Village. He said their intention is to maintain the day care facility and potentially have a recreational space on the property in the long term. Humpton also confirmed that Lidl purchased the Professional Center property and that Aldi would be the anchor grocery store in the Village Center.

Finally, he said that for the digital sign project, MVF has received several letters of support, but now has to have a formal survey of the proposed location done before submitting to the county.

For more details on all these updates, see the EVP Report online at www.mvnews.online/boards/3.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Carey gave a preliminary report, since the 2018 MVF audit is pending. Overall, he noted the MVF ended the year approximately \$350,000 ahead of budget, with over \$8.2 million in cash and investments. He noted that investments were down from the previous year, but were slightly ahead of the benchmark. It was reported that delinquencies remain on the decline, at 7.3%.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time; before the meeting, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., residents have an opportunity to meet and speak with the candidates for the Board election. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - December 2018

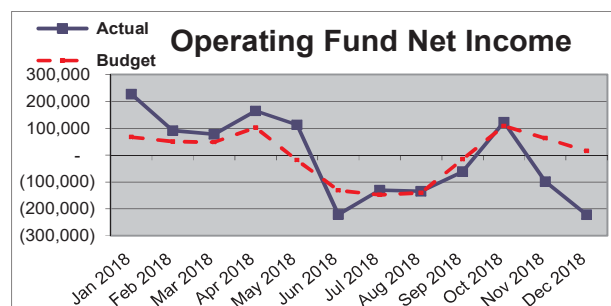
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	December 2018			YTD Dec 2018		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	527,587	527,548	38	6,331,132	5,803,031	528,101
Assessment Fees	18,437	12,920	5,517	209,790	184,830	24,960
Transfer Fees	3,375	3,119	256	39,450	34,381	5,069
Disclosure Fees	10,256	9,656	600	156,250	130,344	25,906
Advertising revenue	2,275	5,005	(2,730)	90,151	115,995	(25,844)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	3,225	4,220	(995)	125,955	107,939	18,016
Camps & Classes	1,873	6,959	(5,086)	279,688	243,041	36,647
Management Fees	66,814	66,707	107	814,389	733,782	80,607
Capital Contribution fee	13,477	11,952	1,526	315,169	133,048	182,120
Other Income	7,150	4,392	2,758	178,932	182,358	(3,426)
Total Revenue	654,469	652,478	1,991	8,540,905	7,668,749	872,156
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	331,637	402,759	71,121	3,771,158	3,443,101	(328,058)
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	103,500	121,604	18,105	1,089,729	992,666	(97,063)
Personnel Costs	435,137	524,363	89,226	4,860,888	4,435,766	(425,121)
Business Expenses	12,028	21,289	9,262	175,531	182,878	7,347
Office Supplies	1,375	5,742	4,367	33,671	40,760	7,089
Program/Maint Supplies	4,644	3,280	(1,364)	127,206	128,043	837
Occupancy	31,450	21,859	(9,592)	295,438	283,721	(11,716)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	19,577	28,931	9,354	337,108	358,188	21,080
Equip Maintenance	3,384	400	(2,984)	40,838	39,855	(983)
Vehicle Expenses	2,421	1,880	(541)	26,147	28,146	2,000
Financial & Legal	74,268	82,001	7,733	203,438	124,700	(78,738)
Insurance	12,057	12,085	29	120,471	110,535	(9,936)
Printing	14,995	13,750	(1,245)	73,974	71,100	(2,874)
Landscape/Maintenance	53,694	101,252	47,558	718,594	693,612	(24,982)
Security	1,071	1,979	908	1,800	4,421	2,621
Other	6	-	(6)	228	-	(228)
Operating Costs	230,969	294,447	63,478	2,154,443	2,065,960	(88,483)
Contribution to Reserves	195,910	195,910	0	1,250,918	1,055,008	(195,910)
Contribution to CCF	13,477	11,952	(1,526)	315,169	133,048	(182,120)
Purchases of Assets	433	433	-	28,941	31,762	2,821
Restricted Expenses	616	-	(616)	594	-	(594)
Other Equity Transfers	-	(389,423)	(389,423)	-	(38,000)	(38,000)
Reserve/capital	210,436	(181,128)	(391,564)	1,595,622	1,181,819	(413,803)
Operating Expenses	876,542	637,682	(238,860)	8,610,952	7,683,546	(927,406)
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(222,072)	14,796	(236,868)	(70,047)	(14,796)	(55,251)

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended December 31, 2018

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,379,019	1,350,855
Investments	5,870,386	6,271,767
Due from Reserves	647,707	1,231,409
Assessment Receivables	456,565	519,418
Other Receivables	118,138	106,016
Current Assets	9,471,816	9,479,464
Gross Fixed Assets	15,515,600	14,960,015
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,943,566)	(6,471,629)
Fixed Assets	8,572,034	8,488,387
Other Assets	54,266	26,931
Assets	18,098,116	17,994,781
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	647,707	1,231,409
Payables	542,321	446,750
Unstream Cap Lease	111,698	116,893
Deferred Revenue Liab	585,587	532,204
Liabilities	1,887,314	2,327,256
Undesignated Reserves	2,206,314	2,680,566
Designated Reserves	14,004,483	12,986,956
Equity	16,210,797	15,667,521
Liabilities & Equity	18,098,116	17,994,781



For complete details and explanations, please refer to the Treasurer's Report in the MVF Board meeting packet which can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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IN THE NEWS

Pool Rentals

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To add organization to the situation and minimize impacts to other pool patrons, staff suggested facilitating parties at select pools, and the committee discussed formalizing a program. The Recreation Committee recommended the following to the MVF Board of Directors:

- Designated User residents and Pool Members would be eligible to rent a designated area at Peggy Mark, Stedwick or Whetstone pools, as long as the facility is available. If the facility is not rented, then any

patron can utilize the space.

- On weekdays: \$75 per pool party rental at eligible pools.
- On weekends: \$100 per pool party rental at Peggy Mark Pool, and \$75 at Stedwick and Whetstone pools.
- Party rentals would be limited to 2 hours and 30 minutes, plus 15 minutes to set up, and 15 minutes to break down (a total of 3 hours).
- A Guest Pass for non-members would not be needed (all guests are included in the rental packet).
- A pool party would allow

a maximum of 25 participants, including the host.

The MVF Board of Directors approved the proposal at their January 24 meeting. Modifications to the Pool Operating Policy and the Swimming Pool Use Policy were made to reflect the addition of the pool party rentals.

Rental forms, including rental times, locations and dates, will be available later this year. Get ready for an awesome summer!

MVF's 28th 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 over \$51,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

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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 and is not a complete listing of every incident.

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 18200 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 6 a.m. on December 31. One suspect displayed a weapon and assaulted the adult male victim. The suspects took his cash and property.

Victim/Witness described suspect as: 5 B/Ms, ages unknown.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

A theft from vehicle occurred in the area of Watkins Mill Road and Apple Ridge Road between approximately 3 p.m. on January 1 and approximately 6:10 a.m. on January 2. No force; property was taken. No suspect(s) information available.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between January 7 and January 12. Affected streets included Wedge Way, Chadburn Place, Canadian Court and Delcris Drive. Force was reported in two events; cash and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

VEHICLE THEFT

A utility vehicle theft occurred in the 18200 block of Lost Knife Circle between approximately 5:30 p.m. on January 13 and approximately 6:30 a.m. on January 14. No suspect(s) information available.

A vehicle theft occurred in the 19100 block of Roman Way at approximately 7:10 a.m. on January 18. No force; the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked with the keys in the ignition. The vehicle was recovered on January 21. No suspect(s) information available.

A vehicle theft occurred in the 20100 block of Rothbury Lane at approximately 6:50 a.m. on January 18. No force; the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked with the keys in the ignition. No suspect(s) information available.

President

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A tip-of-the-hat to the management/maintenance teams, for a thus-far smooth and prompt clearing of the roads with the winter weather. With the winter weather still in a position to deliver us additional surprises in the weeks to come, a reminder that once the spring arrives, it's time to start training for our July 4th 5K run.

We can all start anticipating the upcoming Summers at South Valley Park concert series. If you haven't been to

one of our concerts yet, treat yourself and your family and plan to do so. The schedule will be released this spring, and the admission (free) is tough to beat!

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

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

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

Best regards,
Glenn



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IN THE NEWS

Winter heating safety reminders

In the winter months, especially with the recent extreme cold temperatures, the cost to heat your home with oil, gas or electricity can often be hard on a household budget. Many homes in the Village have wood burning fireplaces, and although this may not be enough to heat an entire house, it can help keep a room or two warm, reducing heating costs. Residents may also use space heaters to keep warm. Either option can help reduce strain on your furnace or heat pump, but all heating options need to be used carefully to avoid mistakes that could lead to house fires.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind this winter.

FIREPLACES

- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean your fireplace and chimney.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper or flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Burn seasoned hard wood (not pine) in the fireplace.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Be sure to let the fire burn out before closing the damper/flue.
- Place ashes in a metal container outside the home and away from the house.

SPACE HEATERS

- Make sure your heater works properly and has an emergency shut off in the event it is tipped over.
- Plug directly into a wall outlet, and make sure they are not near flammable items. Using an extension cord turns the heater into a tripping hazard.

- Place on a hard, level, flat floor surface, not on a carpet.
- Turn heaters off when you are not in the room with them.

HOME FURNACE

- Have your furnace inspected regularly and repaired by a qualified specialist.
- Make sure all controls and emergency shut offs work properly.
- Keep trash and other debris away from the heating system.

SMOKE ALARMS

To make sure you can be prepared for any emergency, checking your smoke alarms should be on your winter preparation checklist. Make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every level of your house.

Maryland has joined many other states in requiring battery-only smoke alarms be replaced with a 10-year, long-life battery smoke alarm. Smoke alarms should be retired once they are 10 years old or if they stop functioning before that. Be sure to test your smoke alarms monthly.

Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department offers free home safety inspections and can replace your smoke detectors for free. To schedule a home visit to inspect and replace your old smoke detectors, visit www.gwgovfd.org/content/moresafety/homeSafetyVisit.cfm.

For more information regarding fire safety, call the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service at 240-777-2400 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

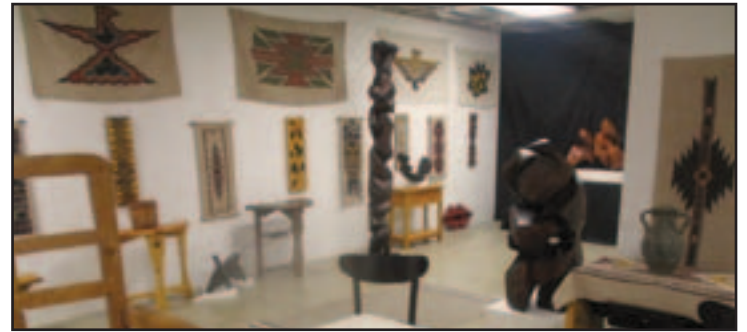
MILESTONES

Village resident opens pop-up gallery in Spectrum Town Center

Village resident Bob Portanova has opened a pop-up art gallery at Spectrum Town Center, featuring his artwork and goods, as well as those of local artist Dan Quinn.

Portanova's creations are southwestern-styled wood hangings and tapestries, with Navajo and Pueblo influence. Also on display are small, rustic wood tables and benches, made of 100% locally reclaimed wood. Says Portanova, "The gallery is truly unique and makes for a very interesting experience. There is a heavy sense of tribal ambiance."

Quinn's art is similarly made from locally sourced wood — from his own property — and includes large totem poles, African masks and



smaller abstract pieces, all with a craftsman's touch.

Spectrum Town Center is located at 120 Paramount Park, Gaithersburg (behind Firebirds Wood Fired Grill and across from Brewster's Ice Cream on Rt. 355); the gallery is between California Tortilla and Barking Mad Cafe. Works

from both artists are for sale and range from \$80 to \$3,000. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday, or by appointment. Those interested can check out the gallery and hosted events at www.facebook.com/Spectrum-Art-Gallery-217097575773837.

Resident publishes book about father and jazz musician Jamil Nasser

Long-time Village resident Muneer Nasser is a musician, author, songwriter and historian. Nasser's exposure to the jazz idiom was early and powerful. His lifelong commitment to jazz history evolved from the unique opportunities he had to meet many of the jazz greats that his father knew. Consequently, he has read over one hundred books magazines, and conducted informal interviews with jazz masters whose answers stimulated his quest to document jazz history, including that of his father, the late, great bassist Jamil Nasser.

"Upright Bass: The Musical Life and Legacy of Jamil Nasser, A Jazz Memoir" tells the life story of jazz bassist Jamil Nasser in "a book that uncovers why Miles Davis was so fascinated by the untold stories of how these Memphis musicians were so ahead of the others."

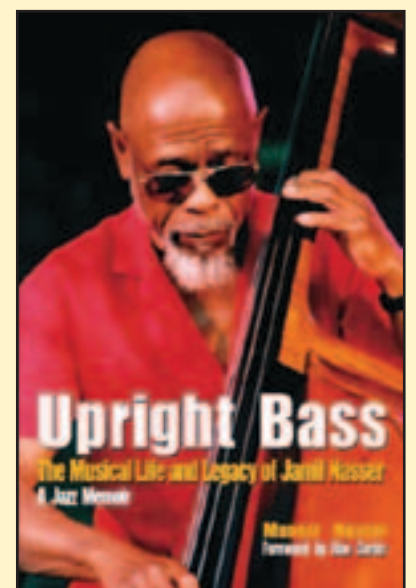
George Joynuner, Jamil Sulieman and Jamil Nasser are three names that appear on the records of Phineas Newborn, Lou Donaldson, Ahmad Jamal, Red Garland and many other jazz greats. These three names identify one jazz bassist, composer and jazz advocate, who made an indelible mark in the jazz world for over 50 years. "Upright Bass" chronicles Jamil Nasser's evolution from a young bassist on Beale Street to a top-flight bassist on the New York jazz scene.

Miles Davis harbored curiosity about the environment that produced Jamil and three Memphis musicians he hired in 1963. Nasser's narrative captures the untold stories of two piano giants Phineas Newborn and Oscar Dennard. He also shares anecdotes about his mentors, Papa Jo Jones, Lester Young, Charles Mingus, Oscar Pettiford and Ray Brown.

Jamil describes his decade-long tenure with Ahmad Jamal, which included a life-threatening imprisonment in South America; his plight as an outspoken jazz artist fighting for greater union representation; and the perils of heroin addiction in the music industry, media access, healthcare and self-ownership.

"Upright Bass" and Nasser's companion CD "A Soldier's Story" are available online at www.jamilsnasser.com, or at upcoming events.

See Nasser, listen to music or talks about the book on Friday, Feb. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. (\$5 cover) or Saturday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. (free) at Westminster Church, 400 I Street SW, Washington, DC (one block from the SW Waterfront Metro Station).



Top: Muneer Nasser, author of "Upright Bass The Musical Life and Legacy of Jamil Nasser"

Bottom: Cover image of the book



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WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone Homes Corporation 2019 candidates' statements

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

The following candidates' statements have been submitted by the Whetstone board of directors for consideration.

DENNIS BARNES

I am a current member of the Whetstone Homes Corporation. My wife and I have resided in Montgomery Village for over 40 years and over 7 years in Whetstone. We have been very impressed with our friendly neighbors, the landscape scenes, and the dedication of the board members to community management, the opportunity to continue to serve on the board and to participate in the performance of committee assignments would be a rewarding responsibility. Community property values depends on resident participation to achieve neighborhood stability and tranquility. I believe that public service is critical to achievement of these goals. My voluntary service as a member of the Upper Montgomery County Advisory Board which reports to the County Executive, provides me with the opportunity to communicate county government operations to the Whetstone Homes Corporation deliberation.

BILL OTT

My wife, Mary, and I have lived in Montgomery Village for 47 years, the last 40 of them in Goshenside of Whetstone. We were a pioneer family in Montgomery Village and raised our 3 children here. One of our children has lived in East Village with his family for the last 13 years.

We love Montgomery Village: the various neighborhoods, the bike paths, the lakes, the swimming pools, the tennis courts, the Village shopping center, the churches, the schools, the *Village News* and all the different activities sponsored by the Montgomery Village Foundation.

We especially love the oasis of Whetstone. As a board member for the last 4 years, I have been an active member of the maintenance committee and am presently vice-president of the board. I have suggested alternative solutions to problems associated with the future of the MV Professional Center in "Whetstone Watch" articles and testimony to the County Council. I have also testified against the plan to widen Goshen Road and suggested alternative solutions. My goal is to do whatever I can to maintain the community at the same high standards as when we moved

here in 1978. My current priorities include:

- Maintaining the ambience of the street lighting in Whetstone. I am against the extremely bright lights that are now common in parts of East Village that do more to ruin one's night vision than to improve security.

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

- Ensuring the integrity of the Whetstone community. It is important for all of us to respect our neighbors and community by following the covenants, supporting one another in community action, and doing our part in maintaining the beauty, value and security of our neighborhoods.

I worked as a research physicist and technical manager for 43 years at NIST before retiring in 2011. At NIST I participated in facility improvement projects, worked with budgets, and figured out how to balance them. I coached MSI youth soccer in the Village when our boys were young. My wife and I are long-term block captains in the neighborhood watch program. I can often be found working in our garden, walking the neighborhood with my wife, or playing with my grandchildren

on the tennis courts and swimming pools during the summer.

DEBORAH VERMILLION

My husband and I have lived in the Whetstone community for 34 years. I have had the opportunity to serve on the Whetstone Board for the last 17 years. During my time on the board I have played an active role as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Communications Chair, member of the Audit, Maintenance, Legal, Lakeshore committees and a Neighborhood Block Captain. 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.

- Closely follow the redevelopment of the Professional Center.

I am asking for your support so that I can continue my commitment of service to our community.

MAINTENANCE BRIEFS

At the end of January, in between snow days, 11 trees were cut down on Elger Mill Road, Sousa Way, Whetstone Drive, Kobe Way, N. Pike Creek Place,

Eclipse Place and in the open space behind the pool. After the stumps are removed, these trees will be replaced.

Contracts were let to replace metal rings or collars that had corroded and were no longer providing needed support for the middle parts of some of the larger concrete slabs over the water sewers on our streets.

Weather permitting, work is being directed at remediating a part of the lake path that becomes muddy and icy in wet weather. A 20-foot long drain will be installed along the path to direct water underneath the path to the lake.

To help to keep Diary Road accessible to emergency vehicles, the section of the road that bends sharply at the top of the hill has been designated as a no-parking-between-signs area. Homeowners affected by this change are encouraged to use their garages and driveways as efficiently as possible and to direct visitors to park in other open areas on the street.

Finally, as the snow is gently falling, please remember to park your car so that the snow plows can remediate your street and service vehicles can still drive on it without tearing up the grass wherever the street is narrow.

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



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East Village Homes Corporation candidates' statements

presented by the East Village Board of Directors

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 neighborhood 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 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 to offer.

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.

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.

STEDWICK SIGNALS

1,675.13

by the Stedwick Board of Directors

Approximately two years ago, the Stedwick Homes Corporation board investigated a program for disposing of pet waste sponsored by Montgomery County. With the help of Ana Arriaza, we installed seven pet waste stations in January 2018. Each station has bags to use to collect and dispose of pet waste.

Since February 2018, 1,675.13 pounds of pet waste was collected from these seven stations. The charts below show how much was collected from these stations. Since the program was free to set up and maintain for the first year, the board decided to give the program a try.

The stations are located in the following neighborhoods:

- #1 Clusters I near path between Clusters I and Cluster II
- #2 Clusters II intersection of Canadian Court and Capehart Drive
- #3 On Stedwick Road across from entrance to the Heights
- #4 Club Hill on Wedge Way by the Pepco right-of-way

- #5 Club Hill on Club Lake Road by the Pepco right-of-way
- #6 Forest Brooke on Crested Iris Drive
- #7 Forest Brooke on Royal Woods Court

The following amounts were collected from each station:

Station	Pounds
#1	408.6
#2	174.7
#3	433.7
#4	202.9
#5	116.13
#6	188.9
#7	150.2

Based on the results, the board voted to keep and maintain these stations. Help spread the word about these stations and keep up the good work.

If you have been wondering about what the board does, come to a meeting and find out for yourself. We meet the third Wednesday of every month

This is what was collected each month for the past year.

Month	Pounds
February 2018	40.4
March 2018	108.5
April 2018	135.1
May 2018	177.5
June 2018	161.2
July 2018	151.3
August 2018	192.1
September 2018	227.5
October 2018	187.0
November 2018	151.5
December 2018	143.0
January 2019	n/a

except July and December at 7:30 p.m. in the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20. If you have any issues in the meantime, please contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, or e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

KEITH E. SILLIMAN

I am a 42 year resident of Stedwick. My family and I have enjoyed living in the Stedwick community and I have been active in it for many years, having served on the Stedwick and MVF boards of directors, including having served as President of both. I am a candidate for reelection to the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors to continue to enhance the attractiveness of our common property and grounds and the sound financial management of the corporation.

My priorities are to be vigilant in maintaining and improving the appearance of our community, to continue to success-

fully manage the financial health of the homes corporation and to improve the parking situation in our townhouse communities. We have attractive common areas including both open greenspace and wooded areas, which need to be enhanced whenever possible. I would like to see more trees and shrubs planted to increase our community's tree cover. I would also like to see the continued implementation of RainScapes and RainGardens in our community to reduce storm water runoff.

LAUREN ZACK

My husband and I purchased our first home in Montgomery Village in 2016 and I joined the Stedwick Home Corporation Board of Directors in 2018; I currently serve as the Treasurer.

Since joining the board I have spent most of my time working as a member of the communications committee. I was responsible for the design and launch of the new SHC website and e-newsletter and continue to work on keeping both updated and published in a timely manner. I would like the opportunity to continue working with the Board for another term and if elected I will continue to work to improve communication between residents and the board.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Maryland Place Homes Corporation candidates' statements

presented by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

SANDY KIMBELL

I would respectfully like to submit my name for consideration for the position of Maryland Place Vice-President on the board of directors. I am proud to serve the board and have the desire to continue. What sets me apart from the other applications you have no doubt received? In a word, E-X-P-E-R-I-E-N-C-E. Over the

course of the last 25 years I have held administrative and secretarial positions with several area companies, associations, and a call center operator at Asbury Methodist Village. I am able to demonstrate discretion and professionalism, maintain confidentiality, multitask, work well under pressure and be highly organized and detail oriented, as well as a problem solver. I am friendly and understanding towards others, yet polite but firm when the need arises.

Why should you consider me over the others?

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

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

JOHN KOZO

Hello, My name is John Kozo

and I am running for the position of Director on the Maryland Place Board of Directors. I have lived in Montgomery Village/Gaithersburg since 1979 when I was in the 4th grade. I have lived in Maryland Place for 18 years with my family. My wife grew up in Maryland Place. I have been on the Maryland Place Board of Directors for the past five years and enjoy serving our neighborhood.

I am concerned about maintaining our neighborhood prop-

erty, increasing our personal property value while keeping our assessment fees as low as possible. One of our biggest problems is trash and speeding on neighborhood streets. I also want to make sure that all improvements to our neighborhood are done effectively and within our budget.

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTHGATE NEWS

Please get your ballots in!

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Please take a moment to return your Northgate election ballots in the postage-paid envelope to help make the necessary quorum. Without a quorum, assessment dollars will have to be spent on a second round of ballots. Please help avoid that expense.

Due to all the bad weather, contracted tree removal was delayed. Please be patient as the contractor catches up.

Lack of proper trash disposal continues to be an issue in some sections of Northgate. Please help keep our community clean by observing the appropriate pickup days for regular and bulk trash:

Regular trash pickups for Overlea and The Points are on Mondays and Thursdays. All other sections have pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays (McKendree I & II, Apple Ridge, Shadow Oak, Dorsey's Regard and Williams Range).

If you need a bulk trash pickup, please place your items out on the following schedule:

Thursdays: Overlea and The Points

Fridays: Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Shadow Oak and Williams Range.

All bulk pickups must be placed curbside. Residents of Overlea and McKendree I & II must bring their bulk items to the curb. No recyclable items will be taken as bulk, nor will construction material generated by a contractor. If a resident places a rug or carpet out for bulk pickup, it is acceptable. If a homeowner has a carpet or rug contractor replacing rugs or carpet in the home, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the carpet or rugs.

Collections on the following holidays will be made on the next regularly scheduled service day: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Happy "New" Year, or the "same old, same old?"

by Amani Emmanuel Jude

At the beginning of a new year, some people make resolutions in committing to "turn over a new leaf" and start new ventures or projects. In the December "South Village Scenes" article, residents were notified that beginning January 1, 2019, South Village hired a new trash removal company, J & J Trash Service (800-465-2350). Trash pickup continues to be on Monday and Thursday (with trash placed in a plastic container the night before at 7 p.m.).

Please note that there will be no trash pickup on federal holidays that fall on a Monday; the next pickup will be on Thursday (except for Thanksgiving when there will be no pickup). The federal holidays observed are: New Year's Day; MLK, Jr. Day; Memorial Day; July 4; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; and Christmas Day.

Additionally, please note that when the Montgomery County trash facilities are closed (due to inclement weather), there will be no trash

pickup that day; pickup will resume on the next scheduled pickup day.

Trash service also includes bulk trash pickup (unlimited non-construction items, on Thursday only), but must be arranged by calling the office beforehand.

At our monthly board meetings, one of the top repeated complaints from residents is the continual trashing of our neighborhoods, and bulk trash dumping throughout the community.

This same subject was the topic of two articles in the December *Village News*, and one of them, which was quite informative, was our own "South Village Scenes." If simply reading about it isn't enough, here is photo evidence that may persuade the need to keep our community looking clean.

This photo is a far too fa-

these and more homeowner information. Please take time to read or re-read them to make sure you're up to date on the collection procedures and penalties associated with violation.

Recycling bins and pickup are also a challenge throughout the community, in part due to the fact that this service is provided by the county and follows a different schedule, especially around federal and county holidays. For information about the county recycling program, including holiday schedules, closings or transfer station hours, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep. You can also sign up for text reminders and alerts regarding service changes (standard text and data rates may apply).

In closing, I surmise that to the readers of this community periodical, these points



miliar site within our various neighborhoods and demonstrates several failures within our communities:

1) This photo was taken the night of January 1, the day after trash was picked up in our neighborhood (which happened to be the last day of the previous trash contractor, and speaks to the need for a new trash contractor, and why I am happy as a resident; as these bags were ignored and left by the old contractor).

2) This pile of trash (furniture and otherwise) was simply left at the corner by residents when they moved out over the weekend; which was a day or two before the usual trash pickup, and is demonstrative of either indifference or ignorance to the rules, bylaws and community standards of South Village Homes Corporation.

Our Trash Collection and Trash Storage policies can be accessed online through your Resident Dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com; if you don't have one already, register for a free account to get

may be like "preaching to the choir" – that of engaged, community-minded residents and owners. It's my hope that you will continue to work with your neighbors, community management and the board of directors to keep our community appealing. Please join me as a fellow community activist in keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean, and a pleasant place to live and raise a family. If this is to be truly a happy new year, then we must collectively do better, with a renewed dedication to our community. So please spread the word and share all the information and links herein with your neighbors and family members.

Let's make 2019 the best year ever, with a renewed spirit of "The Beloved Community" and the Village!

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



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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Parking/snow removal rules

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Certain locations within Middle Village are designated as snow storage areas and are designated 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.

In the case of snowfall that is 3 inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with their 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. More than one cone with the same address will be removed and discarded. Additionally, cones that do not have the address clearly written on them, or that remain in spaces for more than the permitted timeframe as described above, will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

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

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

"Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/

permit will lead to immediate towing – even if vehicle is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

"No commercial vehicles or trailers of any type, campers, or recreational vehicles shall be permitted to remain overnight on either the property of a private dwelling unit or on the community-owned property within Middle Village. For purposes of these rules, over-night is defined as parking a vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

"Commercial vehicles include vehicles with any type of writing or printing (letters, words, pictures, insignia, etc.) identifying a firm, organization, service, product, etc., of any kind, type or description. All vehicles carrying ladders, pipes, ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded tool boxes, etc., will be considered commercial. Vans used for delivering, storing or transporting goods or cargo are also considered to be commercial vehicles and are prohibited from remaining overnight in the community. Police vehicles are exempted."

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

DID YOU KNOW...

All vehicles parked in unreserved parking spaces, whether covered or uncovered,

must be moved at least every 30 days. If the vehicle is not relocated, a violation sticker/tag will be attached to the vehicle and the vehicle will be subject to towing—at the vehicle owner's expense—48 to 72 hours after the sticker is attached.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand:

877-241-1265

Big Tow: 301-424-4869

Potomac Disposal:

301-294-9700

Montgomery County Police

Non-emergency:

301-279-8000

Emergency: 911

ComSource: 301-924-7355

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Other meeting dates for 2019 are Tuesdays, April 23, June 25, Aug. 27 and Oct. 22. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place, unless otherwise stated.

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Patton Ridge Parking Policy changes

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

The board of directors adopted several changes to the Patton Ridge Parking Policy at our January meeting. Beginning immediately, residents are permitted to call our approved towing contractor directly to have unauthorized vehicles removed from their reserved/numbered spaces. This also applies to vehicles blocking your reserved space. You will be asked to provide your space number and a description of the vehicle (i.e., color, tag number, make and model). You will also be requested to sign the tow ticket.

Residents are asked to act on a "good neighbor" basis regarding parking in any other unit owner's reserved space. It would also be prudent to ask your neighbor to have vehicles belonging to contractors moved before resorting to calling the tow company. Keep in mind that unnumbered spaces are not reserved and do not belong to any home owner, even when such a space is directly in front of your residence. You may not request vehicles to be towed from such spaces.

The name and phone number for our approved tow company can be found on the large signs throughout your community. Our current towing contractor is Authorized Towing, and their phone number is 301-562-4020.

The board also made a change to the policy regarding stored vehicles. All vehicles parked in numbered spaces must be moved at least every 30 days. Vehicles parked in unnumbered spaces or elsewhere on community property must be relocated at least every 15 days. Additionally, vehicles must display license plates and current registration stickers according to the laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered, even if the vehicle is covered.

The full text of parking policy can be found on your resident

dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com; if you do not have an account, sign up for a free one by clicking the "Login/Join" link in the upper right hand corner. We suggest strongly that all residents register to take full advantage of the information contained there.

HOWARD COHEN

Mr. Cohen served on the Patton Ridge Board for 10 years before stepping down to dedicate more time to his family and occupation. He served as vice president for the past many years and chaired our communications committee. We will miss Howard and his unfailing dedication to improving life in Patton Ridge. Good luck, Howard, and thank you for your service.

SNOW

Please keep in mind that even when it snows, residents are obligated to clean up after their dogs. The mess left behind after this past storm is quite disgusting. Remember that we installed 10 pet waste stations throughout Patton Ridge, and we are exploring the addition of several others.

We also ask that residents who have driveways remove your vehicles from the parking lots and roads when we have a snow storm. This will allow our contractor to clear the snow from the road surfaces in a more efficient manner.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes.

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



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Paper Carriers

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



HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Fiscally sound

by the North Village Board of Directors

We ended 2018 on a sound financial basis and we will work hard to provide the services required to maintain North Village as a pleasant environment for all our families while exercising reasonable fiscal constraint.

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Just a reminder as the mornings turn colder: do not to start your car to warm it up and leave it unlocked. Please stay safe during the extreme days of cold.

SAY IT AIN'T SNOW, JOE

If there is a winter storm heading this way, we will have developed a plan to combat the snow, rain and sleet expected within a 12 to 18-hour period.

Our contractor will pretreat the roads to prepare as necessary for the event. At the end

of the storm, if there is accumulation of two or more inches, they'll plow the roads.

Ice patrol and sidewalk treatment will be performed in the early morning hours in preparation for the morning commute and school openings.

Place a sign or something about not parking close to fire hydrants, and to not block entrances to parking lots. It's against the law to block those hydrants and entrances as fire trucks and school buses have to get by for safety purposes.

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

Be sure to clear all the snow off your car windows front, back and sides so you can safely see your way in traffic and at intersections.

NEW PARKING SIGNS

Our new contractor for parking has erected new signs in the Highland Hall subdivi-

sion about parking restrictions. These signs are in accordance with the parking regulations in our covenants, and they are intended to clearly iterate those regulations and restrictions.

PRESIDENT'S DAY RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION REMINDER

Monday, Feb. 18 is President's Day. No county-provided recycling collection will occur on this day. Trash will be picked up as usual. After the holiday, recycling collection will slide one day and be collected on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT PAST DUE

You should have received your new 2019 assessment booklet in the mail. Your quarterly assessment was due on January 1. With all of the ex-

citement of the holidays, you may have forgotten to send in your assessment payment. Payment can be made either by mail or direct delivery to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a convenient drop-off box. Your community cannot function without the contributions of the residents.

Assessments are used to maintain our physical property such as the roads, street lights, curbs, storm drains, bike paths, sidewalks, common areas, tot lots, fences, signs, trees and all other community property. Assessments are also used to obtain trash and security services and to set aside reserve funds for larger maintenance items, such as road resurfacing. In the face of increases in several of our contracts, your board of directors struggles each year to keep increases in the assessment as low as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the North Village Homes Corporation is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The evening begins with our Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. and is followed by our regular February meeting.

Please remember that if you wish to address the board you must arrive at the start of the meeting and sign in. Our corporate calendar is posted on your Resident Dashboard online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344.

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



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Please be a responsible pet owner...



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AT YOUR LEISURE

Photo sharpening techniques

The Montgomery Village Camera Club invites residents to join the discussion and demonstration of basic photo editing techniques. On Saturday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, participate in a discussion and tutorial on photo sharpening.

All digital images require sharpening. When the camera produces the final image (JPEGs), it is the camera manufacturer who determines the

amount of sharpening applied, regardless of subject. When you save images as "raw" files, the camera does not process the photo, providing the photographer much greater control over the final image—you need to provide the sharpening that the camera doesn't.

Topics to be covered at the meeting include demosaicing and deconvoluting images, as well as why, when and methods of sharpening photos. Michael Brown will demonstrate cap-

ture sharpening (pre-process), creative sharpening (for specific elements in an image) and output sharpening for print and for the web, using techniques in Lightroom, Adobe Camera Raw and Photoshop—the same techniques are available in most photo editing software.

This meeting and demonstration is free. No fee is required. For more information or questions, call Michael Brown 301-801-0866.

Gaithersburg Library FOL's Used Book Sale

On Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Friends of the Library, Gaithersburg Chapter, will be holding a used book sale in the Gaithersburg Library Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 (upstairs). Children's books will be priced from \$0.25 to \$1; adult fiction books \$0.50 to \$1; and special and nonfiction books will similarly priced, with a few exceptions. Music CDs will be \$0.50, movie DVDs will be \$0.50. FOL book bags will also be available for purchase at \$4 each.

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

The Gaithersburg Chapter of FOL funds the Summer Reading Program, the purchase of items for the Discovery Center, receipt printers for book check out, special programs such as the Lunar New Year program and STEM programs for children, in addition to supporting staff appreciation.

The Library is located at 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg. For more information, call 240-773-9490.

AAUW meeting

Dealing locally with global climate change will be discussed at the Saturday, Feb. 16 meeting of the Gaithersburg AAUW (American Association of University Women). David Cleaves, of the Forest Climate Working Group and former Climate Change Executive with the US Forest Service, will be the speaker.

All are welcome for refreshments at 10 a.m., followed by

the program at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Rosborough Center at Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odend'hal Avenue, Gaithersburg. Proceed straight from the gatehouse to the second stop sign where you will find parking on the left and the Rosborough Center on the right.

For more information, call 301-840-5443.

Living fences do good neighbors make

Homeowners must have boundaries. They need to know where to stop mowing or just how far the dog can roam. There's always chain link, but that's cold and forbidding. Wood is warmer, but pickets need paint. Big plastic fences do the job almost too well, with no way to see beyond.

Suppose homeowners could find a friendly fence that would delineate the yard, provide privacy and be beautiful all at once. A "Living Fence," made up of plants not plastic or chain links, where a variety of shady trees and shrubs are grouped to create property lines.

On Monday, Feb. 11, at 7:15 p.m., Master Gardener Lee

Anne Gelletly will present "Living Fences" for the community and the Montgomery Village Garden Club at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Gelletly brings knowledge gleaned from her work at the Master Gardeners' Derwood Demonstration Garden and her continuous study of botany and gardening.

Village residents are reminded that all exterior modifications must be approved by the Architectural Review Board before installation.

For more information on Montgomery Village Garden Club events, e-mail Nina Chace at NinaGC@comcast.net.

Brews and Bulbs

What do beer and lightbulbs have in common? They both come in a variety of colors! Come find out what color light bulb you should have in every room of your house and then order a beer in that hue!

During the months of February and March, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection Energy Programs is partnering with local breweries. These events will show residents how to reduce their energy bills, switch to LED bulbs and keep money in their pocket all while enjoying a cold brew.

Residents are encouraged to bring their old incandescent and CFL bulbs to the event to swap them for LED bulbs. You can bring as many bulbs as you like to the event, but there is a 3 to 4 bulb maximum per person for new LEDs.

During February and March, DEP will be visiting the following breweries in Montgomery County, please join us at one of these locations:

- Sunday, Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. at Denizen's Brewing Company, 1115 East-West Highway, Silver Spring
- Thursday, Feb. 28 from

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Silver Branch Brewing, 8401 Colesville Road #150, Silver Spring

- Friday, March 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Saints Row Brewing, 1211 Taft Street, Rockville

- Thursday, March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Waredaca Brewing, 4017 Damascus Road, Gaithersburg

- Friday, March 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 7 Locks Brewing, 12227 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville

- Thursday, March 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookeville Beer Farm, 20315 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville

COMMUNITY SERVICE

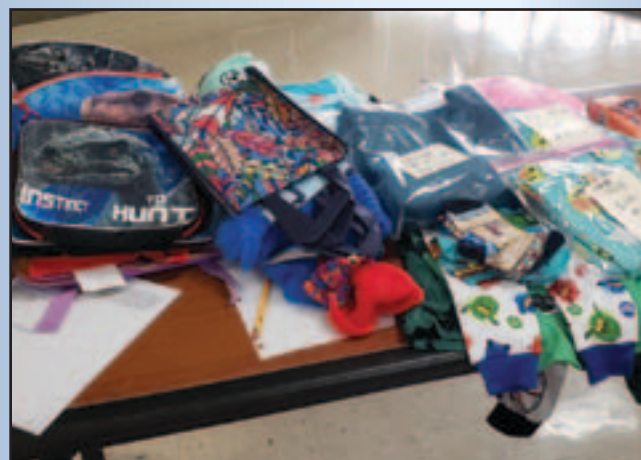
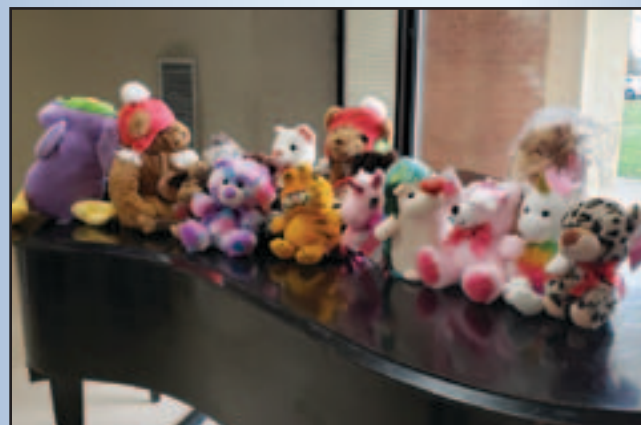
DAR and Comfort Cases assemble cases for foster children

The Goshen Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met at Asbury Methodist Village to inventory and assemble cases for foster children, in coordination with the national organization of Comfort Cases.

Comfort Cases provides a small duffle bag or backpack with the purpose of providing comfort for youth as they enter the foster care system. The case provides the essentials for

the first few days in a new place, as well as comfort items to help ease a scary transition. The women of the Goshen Mills Chapter of DAR provided pajamas, stuffed toys, coloring books/crayons, toiletries, backpacks, blankets and books to read.

The DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. The neighborhood DAR chapter meets at Ashbury Methodist Village on a monthly basis.



RECREATION

What will you submit?

Show off your creations at this year's 45th Annual Art, Craft & Photography Show, open to all members of the community! The show is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday March 9 and Sunday, March 10 at North Creek Community Center (NCCC), 20125 Arrowhead Road. Participate in this

annual event and showcase your artistic talents!

Winners will place in categories such as oil/acrylics, watercolors, pastels, crafts/textiles, drawings, digital art, pottery and more! Bring your registration forms (located at www.montgomeryvillage.com or at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge

Road) to NCCC from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. Entries cost \$3 per entry; limit four entries per artist.

For more information, contact Kendall Thomas at 240-243-2338, e-mail kthaomas@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Indoor Flea Market

Looking for a place to sell all of those flea market treasures? Why wait until spring, when you can start moving merchandise on Saturday, Feb. 23! Buy or sell all kinds of treasures from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

If you are looking to sell items, you must pre-register. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and cost \$25/Resident and \$30/

Non-resident. All spots are 6' x 8' and include one 6' x 2.5' table and one chair. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24.

Free admission and parking for shoppers.

To register and secure a spot to sell, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mof.org.

MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Take advantage of this opportunity to get a sampling of the excellent summer camps offered by Montgomery Village Department of Recreation. Bring the family to this free, fun filled event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 31 at North Creek Community Center.

Parents will have a chance to meet with supervisors and staff to learn about all the fun to be had right here in Montgomery Village this summer. Kids will enjoy sampling best loved camp activities, as well as learning some new games. There will be chances to win camp discounts and other

prizes. This is a great way to find the best fit for your camper and to explore other exciting summer programs for the entire family.

Check out all of the camp offerings in the 2019 Summer

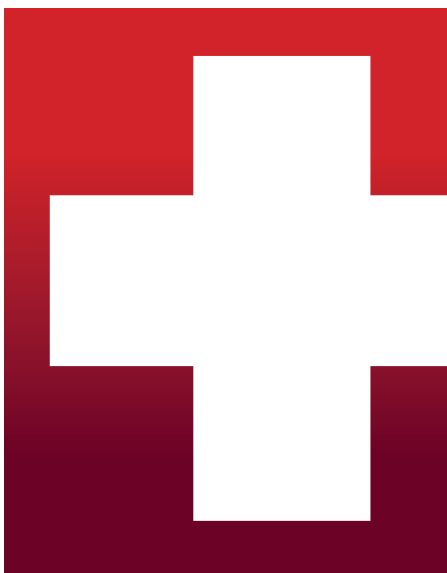
Camp Guide included in this issue of the *Village News* or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

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

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



The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course will certify you in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. **Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course** (proof of age required) and **pass a pre-screen test** (300-yard continuous swim with rhythmic breathing using front crawl or breast stroke; 10 lbs. brick retrieval within one minute forty seconds; and tread water using legs only for two minutes) on the first pool day in order to continue participation in class. If you do not pass the pre-screen, you will be issued a full refund. Space is very limited. Class sessions will be held at the **Rockville Swim & Fitness Center (355 Martins Lane, Rockville)**. A detailed course schedule/syllabus will be provided on the first day of class. **Students MUST attend all class sessions as scheduled.** **Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville;** all classes are subject to change.

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: You can register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, in person at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office (10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886), or by calling 301-948-0110. **Make checks payable to: "Montgomery Village Foundation."** Payment is due at the time of registration. If you have any questions, call 240-243-2363 during business hours or e-mail ppadilla@mof.org.

4015.110 (Registration closes on Thursday, Feb. 22)

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

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

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

4015.204 (Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

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

RECREATION

Family Bingo

Over 100 residents joined us at Lake Marion for a night of fun and BINGO!

A special thanks to all of our generous sponsors: Adventure Park USA, Boomerang Pirate Ships, Bowl America in Gaithersburg, Castle Laser Tag, Earth Treks, First Watch, Go Ape, Kid Museum, Kids First Swim School, Ledo Pizza, Monster Golf, Shadowland Laser Tag, Silver Star Gymnastics, Sky Zone, Wegmans and Zava Zone.



Lake Marion Summer Camp

Tired of all the snow and the cold weather yet? Start thinking about 2019 Lake Marion Summer Camp to get you a little warm! Check out field trips, themes and more in the Montgomery Village Foundation Camp Guide inserted in this issue, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

We will make this a

summer to remember for your child, including the Talent Show during Week 5! You don't want to miss out on all the fun at Lake Marion Summer Camp. Fees vary per session.

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

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Stedwick and Whetstone afterschool clubs

Students in grades K to 5 can have afterschool fun in a well supervised and friendly environment. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts and crafts and homework help. Snacks will be provided for participants by the Division

of Food & Nutrition Services of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). No club when MCPS are closed for a full day.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum 20-day punch

card. Punch cards expire on Thursday, June 13 or last day of school.

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

Montgomery Village T-ball

Manny Machado back to the Dodgers? Yankees and Rockies in the 2019 World Series? All of these questions and more will be answered in the upcoming months. While we wait for all of these answers, make sure to sign your child up for the Montgomery Village 2019 Spring T-ball team.

Spring registration ends on Friday, March 1. Boys and girls ages 5 to 8 are welcome to participate. Register today – spaces are filling up fast! Montgomery Village will play in the City of Gaithersburg T-ball league.

The first practice is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednes-

day, March 13 at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road. T-ball costs \$60/Resident and \$70/Non-resident.

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

MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Sunday, March 31
2 to 4 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Discounts and Door Prizes!

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

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





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





www.montgomeryvillage.com

45th Annual ART, CRAFT & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

North Creek Community Center • 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, March 9 | 1 to 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 10 | 1 to 5 p.m.

Artists' Reception Sunday, March 10 from 4 to 5 p.m.




Registration: Thursday, March 7 from 3 to 8 p.m. \$3 per entry. Limit 4 entries per artist. Pieces must not exceed 28-inches in any direction and must be mounted and ready to hang **with wire**—no tape, string, yarn or fishing line.

Divisions: *7 and under (for exhibit only), 8 to 12, 13 to 17, 18 to 25, 25 and over, Professional

Each division will be judged in the following categories:

- A. Oil/Acrylics
- B. Watercolors
- C. Pastels
- D. Crafts/Textiles
- E. Drawing/Printing/Graphics
- F. Digital Art (imagery created entirely on the computer or captures using a digital camera and having significant changes made)
- G. Photography/Black and White (minimal adjustments to original)
- H. Photography/Color (minimal adjustments to original)
- I. Pottery/Sculpture
- J. Mixed Media/Miscellaneous

Artists can download registration forms at www.montgomeryvillage.com, pick them up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or e-mail kthomas@mvf.org. No entries will be accepted before registration on Thursday, March 7.

For more information, call Kendall Thomas at 240-243-2338, or e-mail kthomas@mvf.org.

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

WINTER Session

through May 17

No meeting Feb. 18

MONDAY

Pickleball Group **10 a.m. to noon**
(March 18 to May 17) Pickleball enthusiasts of all skill levels meet for fun on the Stedwick Community Center Tennis Courts.

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

Book Discussion Group **10 to 11 a.m.**
third Monday each month
Feb. 25: "Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver
March 18: "Thirteen Days in September" by Lawrence Wright

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Pickleball Group **10 a.m. to noon**
(March 18 to May 17) Same as Monday.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Up next...

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING?



MANY OLDER ADULTS EXPERIENCE CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING AND RESTRICT THEIR ACTIVITIES. A MATTER OF BALANCE IS AN AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO MANAGE FALLS AND INCREASE ACTIVITY LEVELS.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Classes are held once a week for 8 weeks for 2 hours each. Program is FREE

Registration is required:

Please call **301-754-8800** or online WWW.HOLYCROSSHEALTH.ORG

Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Fridays
10 a.m. to noon
March 15 to May 3

8 sessions:

March 15
March 22
March 29
April 5
April 12
April 19
April 26
May 3



HC HOLY CROSS HEALTH
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Moving Life Ahead.

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



SIA FIELD TRIPS

We are currently in the planning stages for the winter/spring session field trip. Check for new information in the *Village News* and at Stedwick Community Center.



SIA E-MAIL LIST

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

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

REGISTRATION

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS**HELP WANTED****MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:****COMMUNITY STANDARDS
CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST**

Do you enjoy being outside of the office, driving through neighborhoods looking at homes and working with residents to keep a community beautiful? No experience with HOAs or architecture required, but if you enjoy customer service, have a keen eye for details, strong organizational skills, and an interest in home design, then we want to meet you!

You will:

- Conduct inspections in a variety of communities within Montgomery Village to ensure compliance with community architectural standards
- Provide excellent customer service to residents by phone, in person, and in writing
- Process inspections using a variety of computer and mobile applications and software programs
- Keep work products and files organized
- Manage your time effectively to complete multiple tasks on time and meet monthly goals
- Conduct outreach to residents at Montgomery Village events
- Work well on a team that is passionate about keeping Montgomery Village a beautiful place to live

Salary range is \$31,755 to \$32,500 annually, DOQ with an excellent benefits package.

Must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license to complete the inspections.

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

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS
SUPERVISOR**

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking an individual with strong leadership skills to direct crew of five teens on park and environmental projects. Typical work hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 8am – 1pm, for 6 weeks from June 25 through August 10, with additional training hours during the week of June 17. Conservation Corps Supervisor will be required to work July 4. Additional hours may be available with other duties. Supervisory experience working with children/teens preferred.

Pay rate begins at \$13.75 per hour.

Requirements:

- Minimum age 18 years
- Valid drivers' license with good driving record

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS
WORKERS**

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens to spend six weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects will include park clean up and wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management project and more.

Candidates must have a work permit and be available to work from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, from Tuesday, June 25 through Saturday, August 10. Conservation Corps Workers will be required to work Wednesday, July 4. There are a limited number of these positions available.

Pay rate: \$9.00 per hour or Student Service Learning hours

Application deadline is Friday, April 5. Interviews will be scheduled in April.

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

**CAMP COUNSELOR
(SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week.

Salary: \$12.25/hour.

Job summary: Implements and leads planned activities of the daily camp program for age groups K - 6th grade. Ensures all supplies and program needs are available and that camp site is clean after activities. Responsible for the safety of campers and for following all day camp policies. Interacts with children at all times, taking part in the activities.

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification

For more information please contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or chayes@mvf.org.

SWIM INSTRUCTORS

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

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

CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 25 to 40 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$14.50 to \$15.50/hour DOQ.

Job summary: Plans and leads recreational and cultural activities at a summer camp program for age groups K to 6th grade. Assists with evaluating program activities. Manages, supervises and evaluates subordinate staff.

Requirements:

- Must be 21 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

For more information please contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or chayes@mvf.org.

ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$13.25 to \$14.50/hour DOQ.

Job summary: Plans and leads recreational and cultural activities at a summer camp program for age groups K to 6th grade. Assists with evaluating program activities. Manages, supervises and evaluates subordinate staff.

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

For more information please contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or chayes@mvf.org.

Applications can be submitted online at www.montgomeryvillage.com or at the MVF Office at 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Montgomery Village Foundation is an EOE. M/F/D/V

**DOCK MANAGER AND
ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER**

Work outdoors this summer at the Lake Whetstone Dock. Rent boats to visitors, collects fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcement of park rules.

Full job descriptions, salary and requirements can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Work is performed outdoors in various weather conditions. The typical hours of work are 10:45 am to 7:15 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day and Labor Day on a rotating schedule. This seasonal opportunity runs from May 4 through September 29.

SERVICES OFFERED**ETELVINA'S
CLEANING SERVICES**

Provide cleaning/organizing services in apartments, townhouses, single homes and offices. Even homes on the market! Available 7 days a week. 15 years experience, references upon request. Free Estimate. Contact Etelvina: 301-366-3603 or etelvinavasquez69@gmail.com

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CONTRACTORS, INC.**

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**CLASSIFIED AD
DEADLINE**

**MONDAY
MARCH 4**



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Dede Burrell

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e-mail: dedeburrell@gmail.com
301.502.4041

Welcome
to the Neighborhood

On the Market



COURTS OF WHETSTONE \$448,500
MOST POPULAR MODEL IN THE COURTS!
4 BR, 2.5 BA, hardwood floors, office, separate LR & DR, fin. basement w/rec. room & craft room – renovated kitchen w/breakfast room, moveable island, lots of counter space – front & back courtyards w/ decks, gazebo, planting beds & brick walls – fabulous home!

Coming Soon



WILLIAMS RANGE OATLAND MODEL
5 BR, 3.5 BA with new windows, new floors, fresh paint, gas heat, upgraded kitchen and updates throughout – beautifully landscaped yard – close to schools and commuting routes – wonderful home ready for quick move-in!

Under Contract



THE DOWNS \$525,000
BIG ADDITION!
This beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA home has added space for a DR, breakfast room and FR – renovated kitchen with custom cabinets, upgraded stainless appliances, 2 cooktops, butlers pantry, – 1st floor BR and FBA. Media room with projector, screen and sound system.



HERITAGE HARBOUR/ \$398,500 ANNAPOLIS
OVER 55 NEIGHBORHOOD!
Single family rambler in over 55 neighborhood – great home with 2 BR, 2 FB, family room with gas fireplace, sunroom, deck, hardwood floors, new carpet, new HVAC, new roof, garage.

Coming Later

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2018 Sales

10366 Jacobsen Street	\$930,000
19014 Coltfeld Court	\$299,900
154 Kendrick Place #28	\$259,000
18614 Nathans Place	\$195,500
20402 Shore Harbour Drive	\$200,000
13262 Meander Cove Drive	\$207,000
18912 Smoothstone Way	\$110,000
13201 Astoria Hill Court	\$187,500
9827 Docena Drive	\$195,700
9225 Frostburg Way	\$225,000
19018 Coltfeld Court	\$290,000
8610 Castlebar Way	\$460,000
9640 Shadow Oak Drive	\$309,500

9501 Briar Glenn Way	\$375,000
8601 Lime Kiln Court	\$467,500
20333 Pleasant Ridge Drive	\$454,500
9229 Frostburg Way	\$310,000
9833 Meadowcroft Lane	\$450,000
18909 N Meadow Fence Road	\$460,000
9718 Eclipse Place	\$520,000
4261 Charley Forest Street	\$501,500
20509 Highland Hall Drive	\$521,500
161 Brinkwood Road	\$575,000
9327 Bishopgate Drive	\$725,000
18815 Walkers Choice Road	\$283,200
416 Denham Road	\$309,000

mobile 301-502-4041 • office 301-258-7757 x 604

A donation from each sale goes directly to Children's Miracle Network local hospital - Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.



MVF ELECTION



Montgomery Village Foundation
Board of Directors

Election
Guide

A decorative graphic featuring a blue and white star pattern, a red and white ribbon, and a blue and white star pattern, all set against a background of red and white stars.

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MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2019 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 8. 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.

2019 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

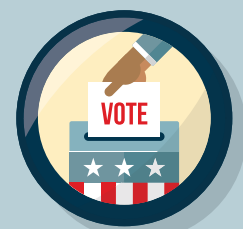
1. For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2018 (paid by Feb. 28, 2019).
2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
4. Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
5. In the upper left corner of the return envelope, print and sign your name. Write your Village address if it is different from the mailing address shown on the label. The printed name and signature must be from a person whose name appears on the deed as owner of record.
6. Only one ballot may be submitted per private dwelling unit. If duplicate ballots arrive, the ballot with the earliest postmark will be considered valid unless it is personally withdrawn by the voter and another ballot is re-submitted.
7. **All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2019.**
8. Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 16, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
9. The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 28, 2019 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
10. For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their behalf.

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.



YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

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



MEET THE CANDIDATES

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



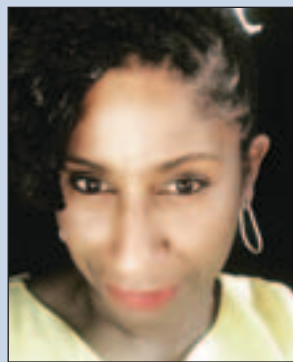
DONIELE AYRES



ANDREW BIRD



SCOTT DYER



KATHY LADIPO

Meet the Candidates

Thursday,
Feb. 28
7 to 7:30 p.m.

North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road

Montgomery Village Foundation

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Election ballots mailed to residents

THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 7 P.M.

Meet the Candidates
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 5 P.M.

Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 7 P.M.

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
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Montgomery Village Foundation 2019 Board of Directors election candidates



DONIELE AYRES



ANDREW BIRD



SCOTT DYER



KATHY LADIPO

DONIELE AYRES

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

In my professional career, I have led large and small teams. My educational career has trained me to be a practitioner and scholar which has allowed me to learn, lead and be an active and engaged team member. As a director on the South Village Board, I understand the needs of the community and engaged with MVF to improve our community.

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

The Montgomery Village Foundation should have priorities of providing economic growth for business, a livable community for residents and be fiscally responsible with the funds of all Village communities.

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

The foundation Board of Directors can and should work with state and county partners to create business opportunities in the village, assess the assets of the Village to improve safety and Village standards while moving forward in current housing trends. Finally, I would work to make sure the budget reflects the priorities of the Village residents.

ANDREW BIRD

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?*

My experience and qualifications are very simple although multi-faceted. My experience in the military instilled an

incomparable work ethic and problem-solving skills. Analyzing situations in difficult environments allows me to develop sound solutions that get the job done. My experience as an analyst and a Program Strategy Manager for one of the biggest financial institutions in the country, has prepared me to think vertically and horizontally about issues; this directly applies to Montgomery Village as it is diverse culturally, socially, economically and ideologically. Being able to understand these complexities and develop solutions that touches all facets of these diversities will bring great success to our community.

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

My main priority is to focus on making Montgomery Village the beacon of community living while increasing its vitality and modernity without demanding obscure assessment increases from our residents while maintaining transparency and ethicacy. Priorities change, and without knowing the full picture of our community, I cannot properly develop specific priorities at this time. However, no issue is void of being a priority; from parking policy reform, landscape maintenance changes due to global warming, and pool utilization to the changing commercial and real-estate climate in our community; all things must be considered and every opinion heard.

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

My proposals may vary depending on the complete picture developed from all available information and the results of any feasibility studies that are in progress or have already been completed. Propos-

als should be developed once all comparable information can be analyzed, interpreted and considered depending on the current need or priority at the given time, and with complete information. I first would want to speak to as many residents as possible to determine what they think the priorities should be and any concerns they may have.

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?*

Village Homes Corporation (7yrs); MVF Committees: Environment, Executive, Personnel, Communications, Recreation, Election/Nominating, and 50th Anniversary. As an MVF Board Member and (prior) EVHC, I have experience working on behalf of the residents, including: setting assessments, setting annual budgets and reserves, upkeep of the community, working with elected officials, marketing the Village externally, vendor contracts, addressing residents' questions/concerns, seeking grants, encouraging community participation, long-term planning, protecting the environment, supporting local businesses and schools, etc.; Current employment with J.P. Morgan; Finance and Customer Service experience (12yrs); Former employment with U.S.D.A. and M.D.O.T., included a focus on asset management, procurement, small/disadvantaged/minority/veteran 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 redevelopment of the former Montgomery Village Golf Club, the Montgomery Village Shopping Center, and Medical Center sites, including limiting the impacts to the existing surrounding homeowners and maximizing retail offerings and amenities, as well as creation of an actual Village Center, for the benefit of the entire 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 our local businesses and schools to find ways to partner and support; 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, with resident input, of the redevelopment of Golf Course, Village Shopping Center, and Medical Center sites, as well as any future sites; ensuring existing surrounding homeowners' concerns are addressed and limiting the impacts to them, maximizing the benefits for new retail offerings and amenities through negotiation with property owners and working with County Planning staff to assure compliance to the MV Master Plan on all redevelopment.

- 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, redevelopment of the Golf Course, Village Shopping Center, and Medical Center, will have impacts on the future of the Village, and our community needs to own its destiny.

- Improving public safety – working with County police, local businesses, schools, and elected officials to keep residents informed and advocate for increased resources for our community.

- 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

KATHY LADIPO

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?*

Served as co-chairman on the Diversity Task Forced for the city of Bowie, MD. In that capacity, I briefed the city council and conducted Bowie resident town hall meetings.

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

1) Keeping the neighborhoods clean, visually appealing and safe.

2) Keeping property values high by bringing businesses like Chik Fila to Montgomery Village and instilling pride in the community.

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

Would like to engage high, middle and even elementary school students in beautification projects. By doing so, parents, the actual property owners will be engaged as well. Would also establish an advisory committee comprised of high school students to advise and support the board's initiatives. Offering prizes and other incentives for well maintained yards or outstanding curb appeal. Hold property owners who are renting their properties accountable for the outward condition and appearance of their properties.

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Candidate	DONIELE AYRES	ANDREW BIRD	SCOTT DYER	KATHY LADIPO
Address	18727 Pier Point Place	19000 S. Pike Creek Place	20408 Cherrystone Court	20017 Doolittle Street
Village Community	South Village	Whetstone	Northgate	Patton Ridge
Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	6 years	3 years	14 years	6 ½ years
Occupation	Federal Financial Manager	Program Strategy Manager	Client Onboarding Officer (Vice President), J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Washington, DC; also a Notary Public in both MD and DC, a trained and certified Mediator and Facilitator, and a trained and certified Voter Registrar with the Montgomery County Board of Elections	Writer
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	Yes	No	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	2014-2018 South Village Homes Corporation Treasurer; 2018-Present South Village Homes Corporation President	Frequently engage in conversations for community improvement and policy change ideas.	Current Board Member, Montgomery Village Foundation (9yrs); (prior) East Village Homes Corporation (7yrs). MVF Committees: Executive, Personnel, Environment, Communications, Recreation, Election (Chair:2012/2015), Nominating (Chair:2013), 50th Anniversary; participated in MV Vision 2030 and MV Master Plan.	Attend parades, flea markets. Helped son deliver newspapers.
Participation in Community Affairs	2006-2017 Montgomery County Election Judge; 2018- Montgomery County Chief Election Judge	---	Volunteering: Junior Achievement (Instructor, Montgomery Village Middle School); Mary of Nazareth Catholic School (Basketball/Soccer Coach); St. John Neumann Catholic Church; Former MV Realtor.	---
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	2009-Present Independent Business Owner, Traci Lynn Jewelry; 2000 Bachelor of Science Degree Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI; 2001 Master of Elementary Education Howard University, Washington, DC; 2003 Master of Business Administration Degree, University of Phoenix; Present Student, Doctor of Business Administration School of Advanced Studies, University of Phoenix	I have a B.A. in History and an A.A.S. in Media Production. I am a Program Strategy Manager for Capital One in McLean. Previously I have worked at the Pentagon as an analyst for the Marine Corps Communication Directorate, I have also served as a Management Analyst at Glenstone Foundation, a Media Coordinator at Discovery Communications and I am also a nine-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps where I served as a unit leader, instructor and recruiter and have received multiple medals.	Former employment: U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.), Maryland Department of Transportation (M.D.O.T.), and Long & Foster Real Estate. Business degree, Marymount University. Award recipient for leadership/community service: President of the United States' "Call to Service Award," Kiwanis, Maryland Governor, and Marymount University.	None to report

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

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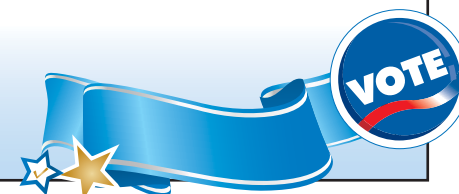
Montgomery Village Foundation 2019 Board of Directors Candidates' Forum

MVF CANDIDATES' FORUM – 2019

The Montgomery Village Foundation held its annual Candidates' Forum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31 at North Creek Community Center.

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

Ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15.



WELCOMING REMARKS

Ms. Bort, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. She noted that Ms. Ladipo had a prior commitment and is not able to attend the Candidates' Forum. Ms. Bort explained that each candidate will be allotted two minutes for an opening statement. She added she will then solicit questions from the audience, and each candidate will have one minute to respond to the question.

OPENING STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES

SCOTT DYER

Good evening, my name is Scott Dyer. I am a 14-year resident of Montgomery Village and a life-long resident of Montgomery County, Maryland. My wife, Joy Kraus Dyer, who grew up in the Village, and I married in 2005. We started off living in Christopher Court Condominium before moving to East Village and finally to Northgate. During our time in East Village, both Joy and I served as elected directors on the East Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors. I am currently an elected director on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors and seeking re-election this year. I have volunteered in other capacities, including notably as an instructor for Junior Achievement, which included as a classroom instructor for 6th graders at Montgomery Village Middle School. I also coached basketball and soccer. Beyond this, I bring over 12 years of current experience in finance and customer service as a Vice President for JP Morgan Chase. I have prior applicable experience as a realtor for Long & Foster, including in the former Montgomery Village office, in the state government, as well as in the federal government. My priorities for the next three years are to continue to ensure residents' interests, concerns and ideas are heard and advocated to our county and state elected officials, as well as to the MVF Board; to continue to protect our local environment; to continue to provide support for services and activities for our seniors aging in place; to continue to support and partner with our local schools and businesses, as well as our local police; to continue to upkeep the community and modernize architectural standards; to continue to embrace our community's cultural and economic diversity; to continue to plan for the future so the Village can own its own destiny; to continue to promote the positives of the Village, both internally and externally; and above all, to continue to always put the Village residents first. I thank you for the trust and opportunity given to serve you and I ask again for your vote

to continue to represent you over the next three years. Thank you.

ANDREW BIRD

Good evening. I want to thank everyone who is here tonight, some residents, whoever here is a family member and obviously the candidates. My name is Andrew Bird and I am a resident of Whetstone. I live with my partner Zoey; she grew up in Montgomery Village. Together we have five children and we plan to raise them here in Montgomery Village. My professional background is diverse and eclectic. This is my first time seeking election for the Board of Directors. I currently serve as a program strategy manager for social content and governance for brand focused social media at Capital One. Prior to this, I was a media analyst for the United States Marine Corps Communications Directorate at the Pentagon. While there I led a project that changed public opinion and institutional policies regarding gender equality, gender integration and inclusion for women marines. I also have served as a management analyst for Glenstone Art Foundation, I was a media coordinator at Discovery Communications and I did serve nine years in the Marine Corps where I was a unit leader overseas, a Marine Corps Officer instructor and a recruiter. As a director of Montgomery Village Foundation, I will bring a very diverse, logical, organized and pragmatic approach to my conduct, questions and my decisions. I am volunteering to serve the community I enjoy. It is a community my family loves and a community I believe has a great future ahead of it and through service I want to be a part of that. The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others, and I hope I can do that for Montgomery Village. Thank you, and I look forward to all of the questions.

DONIELE AYRES

Good evening, I am Doniele Ayres. I am a six-year resident of Montgomery Village. I live in the South Village Homes Corporation, and I am currently the serving President of South Village Homes Corporation. I have served on the Board for about four years now, first as Treasurer and now as President. In terms of my professional background, I have worked for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for more than 15 years now as a financial manager. The mission of that particular institute is to research current infectious diseases and to develop vaccines, not just for U.S. residents but for those across the world. I believe that service in that area is extremely important and is one of the reasons why I continue to work in the federal government. I am

also a small business owner coming up on my tenth year in business, so I'm pretty excited about that. I am a doctoral student with a business management concentration at the University of Phoenix. I anticipate completing that degree very soon, it's been quite a lot of work and exciting work. I opted to run for the Board to continue my service to my community. I really enjoy Montgomery Village. The people, the residents, the location, the area have all been wonderful for me and my family. My family is my two daughters, my son-in-law and my grandson. We all enjoy the things the Village has to offer. I would like to continue to grow those things with our state and county partners, with the other directors on the Foundation Board and obviously with my South Village Homes Corporation directors. Thank you.

Ms. Bort opened the floor for questions.

1. *Jane Wilder – My name is Jane Wilder, I live in South Village. I am an active environmentalist and professional journalist. We moved to Montgomery Village because of the beautiful environment and wildlife and have done everything we could in the over 30 years we have been here to preserve that. One of my chief interests is the wildlife and we have a coexistence with wildlife policy that officially was voted on unanimously in 2001. We had a forum on this and the Environment Committee, which I have been very active on, had a forum, elaborate study with the aid of professional organizations, government organizations, Humane Society of the United States, etc. The forum was conducted to a full house. It was audibly recorded and I still have a copy of the document, it's a lengthy document, and we studied the issue from all angles. Conflicts potentially with wildlife that we have, geese, beavers, deer, multiple species of birds, etc. In our research we learned additional ways to what we had for coexisting with wildlife.*

PAM BORT

Do you have a question, Jane?

Jane Wilder – Yes, do you approve of this policy with the ability of the residents, for example, to fence things against beavers, clean walks when the geese are flightless, and provisions against deer being where they shouldn't be? Do you approve of the coexistence with wildlife policy?

SCOTT DYER

Jane, I'll start off by saying yes, I do support the coexistence with wildlife policy. I thought to tie that in, of the eight committees I have served on while I have been on MVF, the Committee on the Environment has actually been

the longest one I have been on and it's actually really fascinating because of the depth of knowledge and expertise on the environment that we have in the Village on that committee. It has been an eye-opening experience. I enjoyed the opportunity to take nature walks with the Committee and learned about our natural resources in the Village. Also, we have been able to do great things like the Arbor Day celebration, to have events that spotlight why it is important to protect our animals, why it's important to protect North Creek and Lake Whetstone not only for our generation, but for future generations. I appreciate everything you're doing, everything Rich Wilder is doing, everything the Committee is doing and I hope over the next three years I will continue to be on that Committee. Thank you.

ANDREW BIRD

Jane, I appreciate the question. I'm with Scott as well, I agree with the policy for the coexistence with wildlife. I live in Whetstone and it's one of the things I like about Whetstone is that I can walk outside and I can feel like I don't live in the middle of Montgomery County. There's just a lot of wildlife there and we really enjoy it, me and my family, we enjoy walking around. I am just going to say yes, I agree with the policy. I don't need to say any more.

DONIELE AYRES

Thank you for your question, Jane. I do support the policy. I grew up in a big city where we didn't have much wildlife. That is one of the things that I enjoy most about living here in the Village. I live very close to the lake and it's nice to be able to see all of the wildlife here. Now that my grandbaby is growing up, I can take him down and we can enjoy the lake. You've given me some ideas about some things I need to think about for South Village. Thank you for your question.

2. *Rich Wilder – My question is, this is for all candidates, how do you feel about discussion of Village issues, like we normally do Letters to the Editor in the Village News and also the Village website, but to keep this discussion away from social media? In other words, stay away from Facebook and everything else. We all know the problems there, there is privacy issues, there is fake news I guess, a lot of different things happen on social media. Our Communications Department has said a lot of this back and forth stuff that's been going on in the past be discussed in social media. I think we ought to stay away from social media, that's my own opinion and I just wondered how everyone here feels about that.*

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DONIELE AYRES

Thank you for your question, Rich. I am actually excited about social media. I understand your concerns about privacy and about the tone of conversations on social media. I think social media is an effective communication tool. One of the things that I know having millennial children, working in a multi-generational agency and organization, and even with my customer base and even as a student, is that we receive information much differently now throughout all of the things that we do. Social media can be used to engage dialog, it can be used to provide information, it can simply be a tool where we can share information. For the type of community that we have, it's such a diverse community, it's an important tool because it can be used for all of those types of things. I certainly understand people's concerns regarding privacy and I would absolutely suspect and know that our Legal Department, Communications Department and the entire Foundation Board would make sure that we follow all guidelines to ensure privacy for residents as well as protect the Foundation's actual content and protect it legally. Thank you for your question.

ANDREW BIRD

Can I ask a question to clarify what he was asking? Are you more concerned about correspondence in the *Village News* making it on to social media?

Rich Wilder – No, I think it should be kept there and stay away from social media.

ANDREW BIRD

So the question is, what do we feel specifically about social media as it pertains to Village issues? I think social media is a very valuable tool. There are various methods of social media. You have different channels, you have Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube. There are probably some that I don't even know about yet. Each one is developed to reach a particular group of people, an age, race, culture, all of that. Some people may not read the *Village News* and I think that it's important that we communicate as effectively as possible. If people don't want to be on social media they don't have to, that is your privacy, that is your right to do that. But if people want to find out stuff about the Village, some only find out on Facebook, some find out on the *Village News*. I think it is important that Montgomery Village Foundation uses all ways to reach everyone in the community.

SCOTT DYER

Rich, I would say that my time on the Board it has been looking at how to strike an effective balance between where things are heading towards, more electronic interaction versus the printed newspapers and in-person interaction. One of the things I learned, both before I was on the Board as well as while currently on the Board, we have an outstanding Communications Department at the Foundation, as well as an outstanding Communications Committee that works with them. I had the opportunity to serve on that committee for

a while. We have done a lot to improve the social media outreach, update the website and that has helped get word out about events, classes, board meetings, other happenings in the Village. It doesn't take the place of discussions like this, actual in-person discussions, coming to the board meetings the fourth Thursday of every month. I would love to see more of that in-person interaction. I floated the idea that I would love to see a quarterly, more casual interaction with the residents. Bring it around to each of the community centers to hear from the residents, not have a time limit, not have a set day but let's bring people together because there are a lot of great ideas. We are fortunate for the many volunteers that serve on the committees and those that step forward to be on the boards, both the HOAs and MVF. There are so many people out there that want to be heard, so many people that want their concerns addressed. That is something I'm looking forward to continuing to focus on over the next three years. Thank you.

3. Jane Wilder – This relates to that same subject. I am very concerned, there are lawsuits all over the world on social media, things that go on. People do not know what their privacy rights are and they do not know that they have them. We are encouraging people to use social media and I'm wondering if there is going to be a class action lawsuit at some point that is going to involve the Village and we are pushing this as an alternative and going back on our printed communication. I do not want to be someone paying in that lawsuit. We do not have Facebook, etc. Also, you are requiring people to have a computer and that costs money. I remember before we used to have a very lively Letters to the Editor section of the *Village News* and it was very popular and I miss that. Now you get one letter and you are lucky.

PAM BORT

Do you have a question, Jane?

Jane Wilder – The question is concern about future liability. The more you hear every day there is something breaking open with social media, Facebook, other forms of that. What about the possible monetary damage to residents with pushing this?

ANDREW BIRD

I work in social media and I understand a lot of your concerns. A lot of times people are hesitant to join social media, it can be kind of an interesting place if you do not have a computer or you are not very knowledgeable on something. I would like to talk you afterwards if I could about some of your concerns that maybe some of the other residents have as well. My answer to that is social media is not required, it is definitely something that you volunteer to do. Montgomery Village Foundation utilizes the social media as a tool, it's just another tool in the toolbox to reach a different group of people. This is an inclusive community and we need to keep it that way so we need to be able to use all the tools in the toolbox to reach as many residents as possible. If someone does not want to use social media, they do not have to and we still have the *Village News*.

SCOTT DYER

Jane, in terms of social media, I totally agree with Andrew, it has always been a tool, and it has been an outreach tool. The focus has been the messages going out from the Village to inform those that are already on social media. There has not been an attempt to try to recruit anyone to join any particular social media. It is a group of individuals that are being reached that previously had not been reached. There is no interest in eliminating the Village newspaper. In fact there is still the printed Village paper, while it has been reduced down, there is an electronic version that is now available on the website to reach another audience. I understand your concern on the Letters to the Editor. I think the letters sometimes can be helpful from the standpoint of hearing messages, but it did not allow for a dialog. A concern would be raised and then you would end up having to wait, have a response from someone else writing a letter in the following paper and it did not create a dialog. I think there is a lot of value in going through these issues in person, we get emails, we get letters. All these channels are being utilized to get that feedback. There is no interest in eliminating the opportunity for those that are not on social media, not using email to still be able to communicate with the Board, the staff or other residents.

DONIELE AYRES

Jane, I certainly understand your concern. I will say to you that I am an active social media user. You did hear me say that I am a federal employee and during my career my information has been stolen several times. One of those times being from the Office of Personnel Management. However, that is something I had to provide to them as a condition of my employment. That does not mean that I expected, nor did they expect, that there would be a breach. I am sure that they did everything that they thought was required to ensure my privacy and the safety of my information. As Andy and Scott have both said, our social media tool is a communication and information tool. I am excited about the social media content right now. I like the pictures, I like the information that is there, I like getting the text messages when things are cancelled. I did mention before that I am sure that the social media department, as well as our legal department, will work together to mitigate our risk as well. I do not think that we would certainly want to put anyone's information in jeopardy. I know that the *Village News* is not going away although its delivery may have been reduced. It is still a tool and something that is going to be provided. Certainly, you are welcome to contribute content. I think we are going to be just fine using social media.

Jane Wilder – I want to clarify, I am concerned about paying the same assessments as everybody else and I think those with social media are getting more for their money than I am.

4. Rich Wilder – I noticed during board meetings on the voting items that are put on an agenda sheet, if you look at the agenda

sheet there is not a lot of information on there that you can really understand what is going on. If you get the packet, which we do, it has all the information in the packet. My question is, this is for all the candidates, how do you feel about having a little bit more when you present an issue, present the pros and cons of that issue in a very succinct way. I have a feeling that a lot of residents don't understand what's going on there, they do not have the packet. Also, some of the people on the board, unless they read the packet, they might not understand all the issues either. I know the staff does a lot of the background work and everything else, but I would like to see a little bit more discussion in the Board. A lot of it, somebody makes a motion, approve or not approve and then there is the vote taken, very little discussion if any. One or two people do discuss things, but most of the people do not. How do you feel about having a little bit more information in there so the people can understand what the issue really is?

DONIELE AYRES

As the current President of the South Village Homes Corporation, I understand that our agenda includes an overview of the items being discussed, specifically those things that are public and can be made public. I understand a lot of the information that is part of the meeting should be part of something that is in executive time. While I am not currently serving on the Foundation Board, I suspect that the agenda is developed in the same way. What is public information is available. I think an agenda is an overview and a guideline, an outline of the way the meeting should flow. While it would be nice to maybe have more information, I think that it really is just an outline and probably will be reduced based on the content of the meeting and what is going to happen. I do not know how to approach the change to an agenda.

PAM BORT

I think I will insert myself here. With the exception of Scott, who has seen more board packages than he probably wants to, Andrew and Doniele have not really seen the board packages that are prepared for the Foundation Board. They do differ from the style of the South Village packages. I think what Rich was talking about was that we have the agenda, which lists out the agenda items, including the subject matter of the various items we must consider, and then backing that up are memos prepared by the staff, which lays out the factors that are to be considered and the staff's recommendation. In the case of a purchase we will be given various bids on that purchase, but the staff has researched it all and makes a recommendation. I think what Rich is saying is we should provide more information to people and there should be more discussion during the meeting among the board members for the benefit of the residents. So, I just threw that in.

ANDREW BIRD

I was able to attend the one meeting and look through the packet and they are very big. I think I understand what you are saying, that maybe there needs to be a bit more context sometimes and understanding what is going on at a board meeting. But I think pragmati-

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cally speaking, it would be very hard to provide that much conversation when board members have the opportunity to look through the material beforehand and come up with kind of what their vote is going to be. If the Board provided too much context, there would not be enough time for the residents to stand and voice their opinion on matters that are important as well. Just because it needs to be an expedited, once a month type of thing you can't get through everything. I do understand what you are looking for, so finding the balance between that kind of context and giving time to the residents and all the other things that go along might be a bit difficult.

SCOTT DYER

The packets are provided in advance with the instruction to let staff know if there are any particular questions on the information in advance of the meeting to try to prep staff. Give you an example, if we had an item that was going to be something for the Recreation Department, Duncan would come and he would speak to the Board and present and clarify. So for some of the items you will get that overview at the board meeting for the benefit of the residents, they will hear that. A lot of times we try to ask those questions in advance. Sometimes the more you think about it you might come back with a question that day and will mention at the board meeting. But a lot of times, we have already reviewed the information, and while I try to keep an open mind going into it because sometimes there is going to be that discussion, I'm not going to say definitely one way or another how I'm going to vote before the meeting because some of that interaction might lead to a different decision to be made

on it. I agree, in thinking back before I was on the Board, going to the board meetings, they have a copy of the agenda sitting there and unless you are requesting one of the packets that is all you are seeing. You are sitting there and you are following and you are seeing this item is coming up with a bid and it is very quickly gone through because everyone has already looked over the information, they have come to a decision. Some of it can move very quick whereas some will be going on for ten minutes discussing something back and forth, so it can vary. I agree we could look at whether the memo or such perhaps could be up on the screen or something. It is something we could look into further of how we can better explain what is going on for the residents attending.

5. *Rich Wilder - I try to get to many concerts, we have a great amphitheater there. We have a lot of nice concerts there and a lot of times very few people come there. How do you feel about trying to get more people to come to these concerts? We are very lucky to have free concerts, especially when you have military bands, stuff like that you have the best in the nation. A lot of times I do not see a lot of board members there. My question is, how do we get more people to appreciate these concerts and get them out there?*

SCOTT DYER

At the last board meeting it was announced that we are going to look to consolidate down, to put more effort into doing more with less shows in the coming season. It is looking at if you have this whole agenda of concerts and they are on Sundays, you could have a rain out, you could have 90-degree temperatures, you could just have a

group that just did not draw as many people as we expected. It is looking at what worked well. The biggest draw was The Reagan Years. That drew not just Village residents, but people from outside the Village who had the opportunity to interact with Village residents and experience the Village, some for the first time, some have come back from a previous year coming to a concert. It is trying to look at what worked well, what we should put our budget towards. We are extremely lucky to have that outdoor theater and it is looking at how we can maximize it. When I was on the 50th Anniversary Committee, we tried to look at what can we do to really kind of up the game with those concerts. The Reagan Years was kind of going outside the box, we changed up the venue even the first time to see would that draw more people. We are always taking feedback, we are always trying to improve upon it. I enjoy going to the concerts, it does not always work schedule wise. We are trying to change it to where it is on a Saturday, see if that draws more people. We have the outdoor movie that brings in an entirely different audience. It is trying to have things that pull in various audiences because we have such a diverse Village and we really want something for everyone.

DONIELE AYRES

I like the idea of the concerts and I was excited to hear about the upcoming season. I think advertising to the community, outside of the community is definitely going to be one way to increase attendance and participation. I like the idea of having a full season schedule available so that people can know potential dates of the concerts and movies so that they can plan their

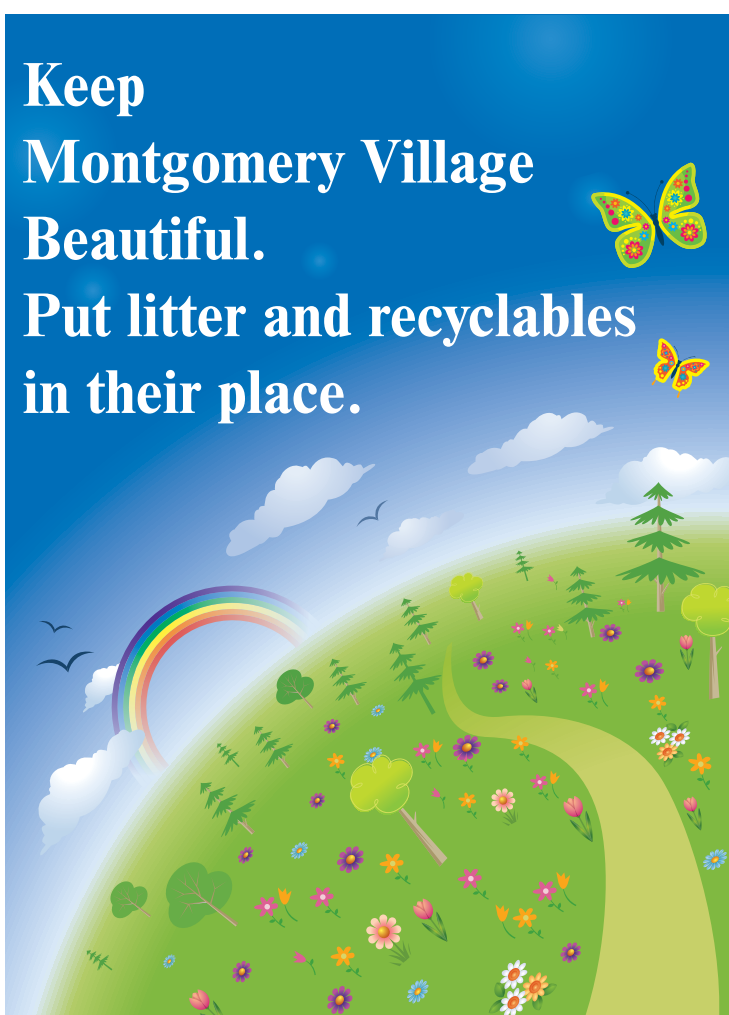
schedule to attend. I also think that it is an opportunity for residents to share feedback about who they would like to see performing in the Village and what types of events they like and that could help guide the Recreation Department and the Board in order to be able to provide that type of entertainment.

ANDREW BIRD

I think right now is a good opportunity to thank Duncan for his presentation at the last board meeting. He did an amazing job basically presenting what is potentially going to work based on the data, which is great, data is good. I think his plan to focus on making events bigger and better by making them more focused and not having as many is a great thing. I think that leveraging the Communications Department and coming up with some good ideas on reaching people. I mean most of the people who are going to come to concerts are going to have children as well, get out there and run around. They are going to be on social media, you want to get out there and bring them in because they will come and they will spend money on all the other things that are at the events. The second question is, because there was a second question in there, I think it is the responsibility of the board members to talk among themselves who is going to represent the Board at particular events that way there is representation there. I look forward to those as well.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY MODERATOR/ADJOURNMENT

Being there were no further questions, Ms. Bort thanked everyone for attending. The program concluded at 7:54 p.m.





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