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New members installed, service awards given at MVF Annual Meeting

by Mike Conroy

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors held its annual meeting on Thursday, March 31 in North Creek Community Center. During the meeting, newly elected members to the Board, Laura Franke and Jim Marsh, and incumbent Scott Dyer, were installed for their 2016-2019 term. Outgoing directors Linda Moore and Ricardo Camacho were thanked for their service to the Board and the community. Dyer, Franke and Marsh were announced as the winning candidates after the March 5 ballot counting.

Board President John Driscoll opened the meeting with an address to the Village,

noting highlights of 2015. Driscoll talked about the recently approved Montgomery Village Master Plan, and how integral the Vision 2030 Plan, Village residents and the MVF Board were in the process. He noted that the county was thankful for the input, and he was proud of the community involvement.

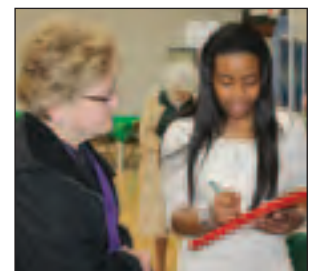
Driscoll mentioned several accomplishments of 2015 in-

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MVF Board President John Driscoll (center) welcomes newly elected Board members Laura Franke (left) and Jim Marsh (right) to at the Montgomery Village Foundation Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 31. Franke and Marsh were elected to serve a three-year term on the Board, along with Scott Dyer, who was re-elected to his third consecutive term.

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Montgomery Village claims 28th Tree City USA title

Montgomery Village has been named a 2015 Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 28th consecutive year Montgomery Village has received this national recognition.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Montgomery Village has met four criteria to become a Tree City USA, including a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; maintaining a community forestry budget; and holding an official Arbor Day observance.

Montgomery Village celebrated Arbor Day 2015 by planting a Yellowwood tree at Ed DeSimon Recreation Area. For 2016, a larger Arbor Day celebration is planned, including nature walks, tree plantings, Monarch Butterfly programs and demonstrations, lake cleanup and free seeds and seedlings. The program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at North Creek Lake and the Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood

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50th Anniversary
Arbor Day Celebration
 North Creek Lake Park & Nature Center
 20300 Aspenwood Lane

SATURDAY
APRIL 23
 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

50th Anniversary Arbor Day Celebration
North Creek Lake Park & Nature Center
20300 Aspenwood Lane

- Volunteer "Rake the Lake" Clean Up
- Seed Planting
- Tree Giveaways (seedlings)
- Learn how to create a Monarch Butterfly waystation and more

Parking available at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road
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Village Center COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

The Village Center was recently purchased by Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC). The owners of the property are holding a community meeting to meet with residents, discuss future plans for the center and receive feedback.

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Transportation, Development & Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

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

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

HORIZON RUN

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 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, April 26 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19402 Brassie Place.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 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, April 21 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, April 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 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, April 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, April 12 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

A Town Hall Meeting to discuss potential bylaw changes is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking back and moving forward



by John Driscoll

MVF President

After two years as your President, I have chosen to step down and pass the leadership role to some very capable and qualified Board members. Consequently, this is my last "President's Message." At the March Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, following my decision, the Board unanimously elected Pete Young as president and Dennis Clark as vice president. Pam Bort was elected to serve on the Executive Committee. All of these Board members have worked very hard for the Foundation and will continue moving the Village forward.

Looking back over this year, I can honestly say that I believe that the Board can be very proud of their accomplishments. The crowning achievement was the county passing the new Master Plan. I am pleased to say that the county planners followed the Vision 2030 Plan fairly closely, which was prepared by and passed by our Board in 2011. For those who are not familiar with Village's Vision 2030 Plan, the plan outlined those areas which were in need of repurposing, so they could be used more effectively. The new Master Plan sets the vision for the golf course property, the Village Center, Professional Center and the Lost Knife Road corridor. Although I am no longer president, I will continue to have an active role in the Village community, and I am looking forward to working

with the Board on developing this area.

The 2015 Board also spearheaded the approval of the Apple Ridge Pool and Bathroom Renovation Project, which will be completed in May 2017. The South Valley Park Restrooms and Concession Stand facility was completed and will be in use for the Summers at South Valley Park activities and MVSA sports seasons. The Lake Whetstone Dredging was completed and the county and their contractor are in the process of restoring the lake front. Lake Marion Community Center roof was fitted with solar panels that are already yielding considerable energy savings and helping with the Board's strategic goal of utilizing "green" operations. Speaking of green in the Village, we have partnered with the county to replace our dead and declining tree population, which will help restore our tree canopy. Finally, the new MVF website was launched in November 2015.

Congratulations to Scott Dyer, Laura Franke and Jim Marsh on their election to the Board of Directors. I know that they will do a great job on the Board. I would also like to acknowledge Scott and Glenn Gargan's leadership on the 50th Anniversary Committee. The kick-off event was a great way to start our 50th year. I look forward to all the other events the committee has planned throughout this coming year.

Finally I have to thank the Board, committee members, staff, all the MVF volunteers and Village residents for giving me so much help and support over the last two years. We always talk about what a great community the Village is, but it is all the great people that make our community so great. I know firsthand how much hard work and dedication goes into making Montgomery Village such a wonderful community, and I am grateful to have had such a pivotal leadership role here. Thank you again for all of your dedication to our town.

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION LIST

March 31, 2016

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held February 25, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Driscoll abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 29, 2016. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Webb moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the 2015 Financial Statement Audit. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Ms. Moore moved to authorize the EVP to execute a new five-year contract and lease agreement with Brickman to provide landscape and snow removal services for MVF. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Webb moved to appoint the 2016 Scholarship Committee and Chair as noted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Gargan moved to recess the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. to convene the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Webb moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Webb moved to nominate Pete Young for the position of President. The nomination was seconded and Mr. Young was elected by acclamation.
11. Mr. Gargan moved to nominate Dennis Clark for the position of Vice President. The nomination was seconded and Mr. Clark was elected by acclamation.
12. Mr. Marsh moved to nominate John Driscoll for the third position on the Executive Committee. The nomination was seconded and Mr. Driscoll was elected by acclamation.
13. Mr. Driscoll moved to nominate Pamela Bort for the position of alternate member of the Executive Committee. The nomination was seconded and Ms. Bort was elected by acclamation.
14. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the draft 2016-2017 Corporate Calendar. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
15. Mr. Gargan moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tree City

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<p>10</p>	<p>11 Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>12 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>13 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Committee on the Environment 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>14 Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 Investment Committee 7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>19 East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC TD&PF Committee 7:30 pm – NCCC</p>	<p>20 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC</p>	<p>21 North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR Community Meeting Re: Village Center plans 7 pm – NCCC</p>	<p>Village News 22 Annual Report Earth Day Passover begins at sunset</p>	<p>23 Arbor Day Celebration 11 am to 2 pm NC Lake and Nature Center • 9 am - Rake the Lake • 10 am – Tree planting • 10:30 am to 1:30 pm – Monarch Butterfly Program and other nature activities</p>
<p>24 MV Community Band Spring Concert 3 pm – WMHS Auditorium</p>	<p>25 Whetstone HC 7 pm – WCC Re: Bylaw changes Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>26 Primary Election Day Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office (Annual Meeting) Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR (Annual Mtg.) Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>27 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>28 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>May 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR Communications Committee 7 pm – MVF Office MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Village News 6 Summer Recreation Guide</p>	<p>7</p>

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

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

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

50th Anniversary Arbor Day celebration

As part of Montgomery Village's commitment to the Tree City USA program, each year the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) plants trees at Village parks or community centers. Just as having plenty of growing trees was part of the Kettler Brothers' original design for Montgomery Village, MVF maintains that philosophy through these plantings, as well as participation in county tree programs.

This year for Arbor Day, as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, we are connecting more with our natural surroundings and history. Join friends and neighbors to celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 23 at the North Creek Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane. Enjoy free family fun, nature activities and service opportunities from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

MVF will re-open the doors to the Nature Center for this fun-filled day! Originally, the building was used as a bus stop for commuting to Washington, D.C., before it was moved to the current location. Since then, it has been used for nature camps and programs along North Creek Lake.

Begin the day at 9 a.m. with MVF staff and members of the Committee on the Environment to "Rake the Lake" at North Creek Lake. This important community service project involves removing litter and debris from the park, lake and lakeshore, in an effort to maintain the environment for the wildlife



that live there and the aesthetic for visitors and passersby.

At 10 a.m., join the MVF Board of Directors for an Arbor Day Tree Planting at the lake. The planting is part of Montgomery Village's commitment to remaining a Tree City USA. MVF's landscaping contractor, The Brickman Group will donate the tree.

Following the tree planting, enjoy workshops on tree planting, creating a Monarch Butterfly waystation and Monarch Butterfly tagging. Families can take part in a nature walk around North Creek Lake, plant seeds to create a waystation, make butterfly-inspired crafts and take home seeds and seedlings to plant.

Parking will be available at the Nature Center lot on Shadow Oak Drive, as well as at North Creek Community Center; visitors will be directed through the tunnel under Montgomery Village Avenue for safe crossing to the activities. Don't miss this great opportunity to reconnect with nature in your own backyard. For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Activity Card Update 2016

Summer is right around the corner, but before you head to the pool, make sure you have taken the necessary steps to ensure that you will receive your Activity Cards on time! You should have received an Information Letter and Rights Form (if needed) in early March. Even if there are no changes, we need a current Information Letter every year in order to process Activity Cards. If you haven't received the Information Letter/Rights Form, please notify the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) as soon as possible.

Residents of East Village and Maryland Place will be receiving new photo activity cards this year. Residents from communities that received photo activity cards in previous years, Eastgate, Northgate, Middle Village (Clubsides), North Village, Patton Ridge, Poplar Spring, South Village (Dockside, Millrace, Nathan's Hill, Grover's Forge, Hamptons), Stedwick and Whetstone who do not yet have their photo activity card, will need to come to the MVF Office to get one this year.

Starting Monday, May 2, photos will be taken at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning Thursday, May 12, the office will remain open until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings through July 7 and also be open on Saturdays from



9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning May 14 through July 9 (closed July 2). Please remember to bring proof of residence, such as a driver's license, so that we may take your photo.

Please note: If an assessment account is not at a zero balance as of April 30 in any year, beginning May 1, payment of any prior balance, as well as the full assessment amount through the end of the current fiscal year, must be received as a condition for issuance of

an activity card or validation sticker.

Residents will need a current validation sticker on their photo activity card for entry to all MVF, Inc. pools. Validation stickers for the residents who have received their photo activity card in previous years will be mailed in early May, to those residents who

have returned their Information Letter and Rights Forms (if needed), if their assessment account is current, and there are no architectural violations on the property.

We look forward to a fun filled summer! Please call 301-948-0110 if you have any questions about the Activity Card process.



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Letters to the Editor



Editor:

The Village Center has become so run down with the abandoned Chevy Chase Bank, the professional offices next to McDonalds and those across from the empty bank. No one cares for these properties at all. Leaves and mud have piled up for years, the pot holes on the street can mangle a tire rim and some windows are completely fogged up or are boarded up.

Did I mention the shopping carts? Don't get me started on the shopping carts! They are everywhere. I count them as I come and go through the Village. The most I've seen stranded along Montgomery Village Avenue in one day is

eight, yes eight! Who knows how many are hidden and dumped around corners.

The townhouse across from the car wash is still boarded up from a car driving into it over a year ago. I hate so say it but do you know what most people call areas like this? Yup, you guessed it, and I'm not proud to live near this or have my son walk through it starting next year. If we have such strict guidelines on what light fixture we have on our house or what paint color our front door is, why can't businesses be accountable for their property too?

For goodness sake, make the businesses put locks on

their carts or get a cart control system, and please make the building owners adhere to the same Village laws that residential property owners have to.

Kelly Pullen
Thomas Choice West

Editor's Note:

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IN THE NEWS

Scholarship Committee appointed at March MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

Prior to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Annual Meeting on March 31, the MVF Board of Directors held their regular March business meeting. The Board appointed the 2016 Scholarship Committee, whose duties involve reviewing applications from high school seniors and choosing award recipients from both Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high schools.

The 2016 appointments include Mary Helen Amery (chair), Clare Conlon, Jim Andary and David Cline.

The Board also accepted the 2015 Audited Financial Report, as submitted by auditors from Malvin Riggins & Company, P.C. MVF received an unqualified opinion and no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses with MVF's internal controls. 2015 financial information from the audit will be available in the Annual Report, which will

be published with the Friday, April 22 *Village News*.

Finally, the executive vice president was approved to execute a contract and lease agreement for landscape services with The Brickman Group. The 5-year contract proposes increases in years 1 to 3 and no increase in years 4 and 5, for an average of 2.1% increase each year. This proposal is reasonable considering the contract has remained steady for the last several years. Billable services will follow a similar increase. The new agreement would commence on January 1, 2017.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton notified the Board of an upcoming meeting with the new owners of the Montgomery Village Center, Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC). He said the purpose of the meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 at North Creek Community Cen-

ter, 20125 Arrowhead Road, was to meet with the community and discuss ARC's vision for the future of the Village Center. He encouraged the Board and residents to attend. Humpton also mentioned that there had been no significant movement on any of the previously reported proposed legislation at either the state or county levels.

In response to a question regarding development on the former golf course property, Humpton said that Monument Realty was currently in a study period, looking at environmental and other impacts. He noted that there have been no permits issued by the county, and the current process would be lengthy for Monument.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry gave the financial report for both the month of February and the year-to-date (YTD),

reporting on the Operating, Reserve and Fixed Asset funds.

Revenue was reported as under budget by approximately \$45,000 for the month and \$60,000 YTD, due primarily to assessments, collections and investments. Camps and classes were reported as favorable to the budget by about \$10,000. Personnel costs are running favorable to the budget YTD due to timing of payroll and are expected to level out throughout the year. Operating expenses are also favorable to the budget for both the month and YTD, but because it is early in the year, there are no noticeable trends for comparison.

Contributions to Reserves were made in accordance with the budget of \$85,434 for the month and \$170,869 YTD. The Capital Contribution Fee saw a \$6,633 increase in February and totals \$13,045 YTD.

Year-to-date, \$178,206 was spent on Reserve Related As-

sets. Net Income for both the month and YTD was reported favorable to the budget; approximately \$186,000 in February (favorable by \$8,000) and \$339,000 YTD (favorable by \$50,000).

The Balance Sheet as of February 29 continues to show MVF's solid financial position. MVF currently has \$7,878,698 in Cash and Investments, with \$1,833,151 in Undesignated Reserves and the balance in Designated Reserves.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. 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 - February 2016

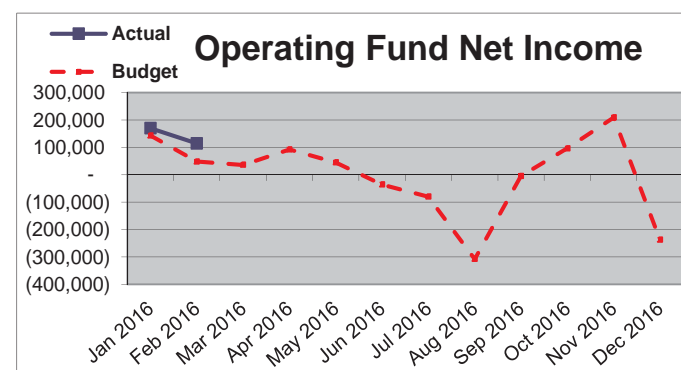
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	February 2016			YTD Feb 2016 February 2016		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	504,214	504,176	39	1,008,429	1,008,352	77
Assessment Fees	(9,306)	11,192	(20,498)	41,525	62,655	(21,129)
Transfer Fees	1,875	1,968	(93)	3,750	4,310	(560)
Disclosure Fees	7,407	5,856	1,551	16,294	14,576	1,718
Advertising revenue	7,837	8,105	(268)	18,076	14,815	3,261
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	2,774	5,969	(3,195)	11,178	15,716	(4,538)
Camps & Classes	15,372	8,479	6,893	36,419	26,701	9,718
Management Fees	65,250	65,208	42	130,751	130,417	335
Capital Contribution fee	6,633	4,315	2,318	13,045	13,415	(370)
Other Income	6,579	5,100	1,479	13,865	20,882	(7,016)
Total Revenue	608,634	620,367	(11,732)	1,293,333	1,311,838	(18,505)
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	224,228	237,851	13,622	431,289	476,952	45,663
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	79,068	76,073	(2,995)	155,978	152,292	(3,686)
Personnel Costs	303,296	313,924	10,627	587,268	629,244	41,976
Business Expenses	10,151	10,054	(97)	19,236	18,136	(1,100)
Office Supplies	2,971	5,277	2,306	4,693	10,414	5,721
Program/Maint Supplies	4,097	9,600	5,503	6,591	15,000	8,409
Occupancy	2,587	19,483	16,895	18,410	38,615	20,205
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	5,109	23,154	18,045	27,815	47,967	20,153
Equip Maintenance	34	750	716	34	4,450	4,416
Vehicle Expenses	1,500	1,998	499	2,682	3,997	1,315
Financial & Legal	8,975	14,481	5,507	12,651	34,499	21,847
Insurance	11,742	12,265	523	(4,069)	(4,386)	(318)
Printing	2,640	5,400	2,760	4,585	9,600	5,015
Landscape/Maintenance	37,275	57,115	19,840	129,257	110,830	(18,427)
Security	7,865	9,695	1,830	11,847	19,390	7,543
Other	68	-	(68)	21	-	(21)
Operating Costs	95,013	169,272	74,259	233,753	308,511	74,758
Contribution to Reserves	85,434	85,434	0	170,869	170,869	0
Contribution to CCF	6,633	4,315	(2,318)	13,045	13,415	370
Purchases of Assets	4,196	-	(4,196)	5,019	-	(5,019)
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve/capital	96,264	89,749	(6,514)	188,933	184,284	(4,650)
Operating Expenses	494,573	572,945	78,372	1,009,954	1,122,038	112,084
Excess/Deficit Revenue	114,061	47,422	66,639	283,379	189,800	93,579

MVF BALANCE SHEET

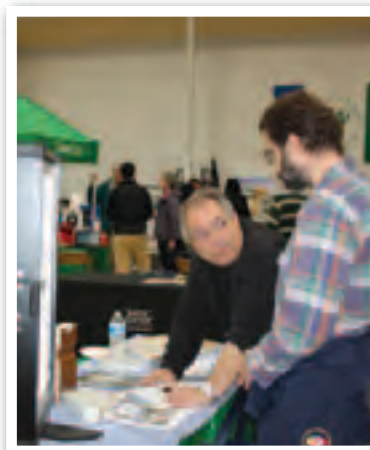
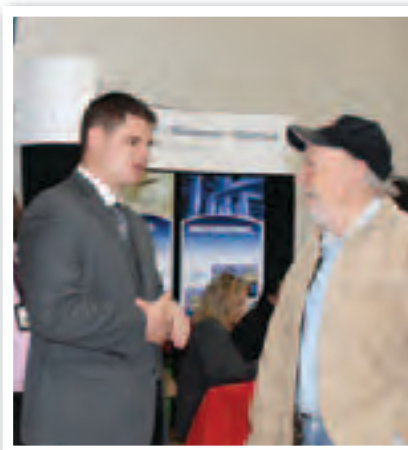
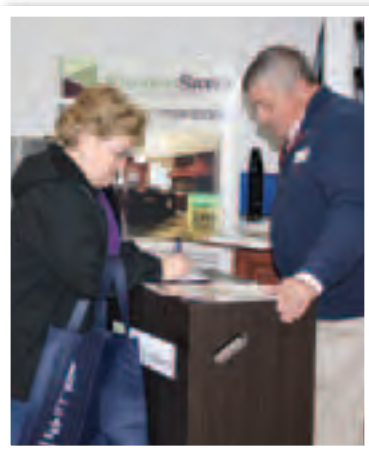
For the Period Ended February 29, 2016

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,383,748	2,531,375
Investments	5,494,950	5,131,374
Due from Reserves	8,435	244,767
Assessment Receivables	742,162	885,055
Other Receivables	79,911	59,345
Current Assets	8,709,206	8,851,917
Gross Fixed Assets	13,877,272	12,995,840
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,340,593)	(7,241,272)
Fixed Assets	6,536,679	5,754,568
Other Assets	62,213	49,853
Assets	15,308,098	14,656,338
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	8,435	244,767
Payables	299,098	338,001
Sunstream Cap Lease	126,418	-
Deferred Revenue Liab	800,266	729,363
Liabilities	1,234,217	1,312,131
Undesignated Reserves	1,833,151	1,603,528
Designated Reserves	12,240,725	11,740,674
Equity	14,073,877	13,344,202
Liabilities & Equity	15,308,098	14,656,338



IN THE NEWS

Residents and vendors collaborate on spring projects at the 2016 MVF Home Show



photos by Maria Pullifrone



Annual Meeting

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cluding: the beginning stages for renovation of the Apple Ridge Pool and Bathhouse; the completion of the South Valley Park Restrooms and Concession Stand; the county's dredging project at Lake Whetstone; the solar panel installation on Lake Marion Community Center; involvement in county tree programs; and the launch of the new Montgomery Village website.

He noted that several local community members took new positions with their respective agencies, and that the Board looks forward to working with their replacements. Additionally, Driscoll looks forward to celebrating the Village's 50th Anniversary, and was thankful for the work the 50th Anniversary Committee had done planning events for this year.

Driscoll was appreciative of the variety of recreation programs, classes, camps and events that are put together each year, noting that residents often let him know they enjoy them as well. Finally, he was optimistic about new possibilities for community and economic growth, saying he enjoyed working on these projects as president for the last two years.

Board Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry reviewed the 2015 financials, following an unqualified opinion given in the 2015 MVF

Audit, by the audit firm Malvin Riggins & Company. Berry noted that the auditors continued to favor MVF's internal control procedures.

The year ended on a positive financial note. Net Income was reported as \$718,672, approximately \$123,000 ahead of the budget. The Operating Fund planned for a \$152,402 deficit, however ended the year favorable to the budget at \$217,987. Revenue was greater than the budget by approximately \$50,000, with better than expected revenues from management, disclosure and Capital Contribution fees. And Personnel costs were under budget by nearly \$150,000 due to vacancies throughout the year and lower seasonal wages.

Contributions to Reserves were made according to the budget, totaling \$987,050.

Berry said that \$1,030,740 was invested in MVF Assets, including the construction of the South Valley Park facilities; MVF Office equipment and technology upgrades; and pool equipment and community center repairs.

Berry also noted that the Whetstone Pool renovation was on budget, and costed \$1,977,953. The Lake Marion Solar Panel Installation costed MVF no money up front, and would yield approximately \$200,000 in savings over the life

of the contract. It is expected that the panels will replace 50% of the electrical use at the community center.

Finally, Berry was pleased to report that due to changes in the MVF Collection Policy,

delinquencies are at an 8-year low, at 8.5%. Outstanding balances decreased by \$200,000 and foreclosure cases were down 40%.

During the meeting, the Board also honored several

community members, organizations and staff members for their volunteer efforts, service to the community or years of dedicated employment.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

- Ian Franke for successful completion of his Eagle Scout Project, which consisted of coordinating volunteers and materials to add landscaping to the entrance sign at William Hurley Park.
- Secure Medical Care for their long-standing professional support and volunteerism for MVF programs and camps.
- Girl Scout Junior Troop 4206 for completion of their Bronze Award Project at North Creek Nature Center. The project consisted of coordinating supplies, volunteers and materials for landscaping at the Nature Center site.

SUPER SPONSOR AWARDS

- Presidential Heating and Air Conditioning for their superior customer service and quality workmanship, as well as a generous marketing plan that helps subsidize MVF publications and events.
- Georgetown Hill for their sponsorship and participation in MVF events, adding activities for young Village residents.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

- Ricardo Camacho
- Linda Moore

STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

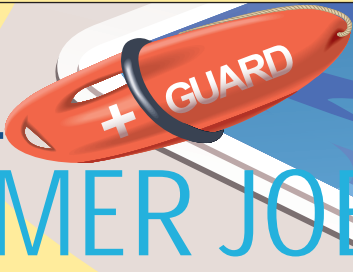
- Humberto Benitez, Sales & Marketing Manager - 5 years
- Juana Hernandez, Executive Assistant to the EVP/CFO - 5 years
- Heather Sharpless, Architectural Standards Administrator - 5 years
- Mike Conroy, Director of Communications - 10 years
- Erika Hottinger, Architectural Standards Administrator - 10 years
- Petra Padilla, Aquatics Manager - 10 years
- Nicole Meads, Office Manager - 15 years
- Rolando Castaneda, Building Custodian - 15 years
- Scott Gole, Assistant Directors of Recreation, Parks and Culture - 35 years
- Diane Stasiewicz, Director of Architectural Standards - 35 years

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Mike Conroy, Director of Communications
- Martha Cruz, Architectural Standards
- Scott Gole, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Mary Holmes, Finance and Administration
- Cristian Juarez, Community Management
- Melanie Maggi, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Maria Pullifrone, Communications
- Ron Schroers, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Dana Workman, Finance and Administration

IN THE NEWS

POOL SUMMER JOBS



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

*Contract completion bonus. **Salary based on experience. EOE

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture

Senior Pool Manager/Supervisor*

Starting at **\$17.50/hr.**

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

Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$10.30/hr.****

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

Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$14.00/hr.****

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

Assistant Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$12.26/hr.****

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

Senior Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$11.26/hr.**

Must be at least 17 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.

Desk Attendant*

Starting at **\$8.40/hr.**

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

MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) offers reimbursement for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2015 and the date they are hired by MVF. New Lifeguards who are hired for the 2016 season, work until the end of the agreement date in 2016 and work between 320 and 379 hours will be reimbursed **\$50**; those who work until the agreement date and work 380 hours or more during the 2016 season will be reimbursed **\$75**.



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IN THE NEWS

Presidential Primary Election fast approaching

This year the State of Maryland is implementing a new, paper based, optical scan voting system. Voters will now mark their selections with a pen on paper ballots prior to inserting them in the scanner for tabulation.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections encourages county residents to become familiar with the new, paper based, digital image scan voting system prior to arriving for the Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, April 26. Demonstration voting units will be available at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg. For more information, call 240-777-8500.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting Centers will be available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14 to Thursday, April 21. Any registered voter may cast a ballot at any one of these sites on the same voting equipment used on Election Day. Many voters find that early voting is more convenient than voting at their assigned polling place on Election Day.

Voters who missed the registration deadline may register to vote the same day they vote. Residents must have a valid Maryland photo id and proof of residency to register. Once registered, voters will be issued a ballot. This opportunity is not available on Election Day and is only available for new registrants during early voting times.

For information on the location of Montgomery County Early Voting Centers, visit www.777vote.org. During Early Voting hours of operation, the website will contain more information on early voting, including wait times for each center, updated hourly during voting hours.

ALTERNATE POLLING PLACES

If you vote in the State of Maryland, you are assigned to a specific polling place. This is important because there are different local contests on the ballot. However, in some situations, voters can request a different polling place. Requests for a change in polling place may be made for two reasons: accessibility concerns or religious principles.

Accessibility Concerns: For the 2016 Presidential Elections, all Montgomery County polling places are compliant with Maryland State Board of Elections accessibility guidelines. Contact the Board of Elections if you have concerns about a specific disability.

Religious Principles: If your assigned polling place is a religious institution, and entering that site conflicts with your religious beliefs and practices, you may request a nearby polling place. Reassignment request forms are available from the Maryland State Board of Elections at www.elections.maryland.gov/pdf/Request_for_Accessible_Polling_Place.pdf, or contact Christine Rzeszut at 240-777-8585 or e-mail christine.rzeszut@montgomerycountymd.gov.

If a substitute polling place with the same contests on the ballot is not available, residents may prefer to vote at an Early Voting Center or by mail.

For information on voting by mail, call 240-777-8550 or e-mail absentee@montgomerycountymd.gov. Applications for a ballot by mail must be received by Tuesday, April 19.

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

County Council to explore additional M-83 option

At the March 15 Montgomery County Council work session, the council discussed FY 15-20 Capital Improvements Program—Transportation Projects, specifically an additional option to M-83.

Previously, the Department of Transportation was directed to study (1) the preferred alternative, a 4-lane road in the master plan right of way, and (2) improvements to MD 355 with Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Glenn Orlin, the council's legislative aide for transportation projects, had also previously proposed another option

for study, that the council was asked to review. Orlin proposed a 2-lane reversible parkway in the M-83 Master Plan alignment. The county council approved a study of this option at a cost of \$75,000. Although most councilmembers went on record to say they were against M-83, they felt the cost was worth it to obtain information about the proposal and show that all alternatives had been explored.

Orlin noted that the purpose of these studies is not to support choosing or funding any of the roads described in the

options, but to give the Planning Board information so that they could develop better master plan statements and transportation expectations to base future development and other roads in future master plans, and to help decide whether M-83 should be removed from roadway master plan.

The study will not be finished until late fall, and it is likely that the county council will take up this issue after the Planning Board has reviewed it in late winter, or after the budget in June 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 18500 block of Boysenberry Drive on March 21 between 8:30 a.m. and 11:20 p.m. Forced entry; nothing taken.

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mail to:
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Scholarship Fund Drive
10120 Apple Ridge Road
Montgomery Village, MD 20886



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Montgomery Village News Milestones Submission Form

For Montgomery Village News issue date: _____

Engagement & Wedding Announcements

Bride's Information

Bride's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Complete Address _____

 Employer _____
 Employment City, State _____
 Job Title _____
 Years of Service _____
 Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

 College Name _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Field of Study and Degree _____
 High School _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Awards/Achievements _____

 Bride's Mother's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Bride's Father's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Maid/Matron of Honor First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Groom's Information

Groom's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Complete Address _____

 Employer _____
 Employment City, State _____
 Job Title _____
 Years of Service _____
 Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

 College Name _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Field of Study and Degree _____
 High School _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Awards/Achievements _____

 Groom's Mother's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Groom's Father's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Best Man's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Engagement Date _____
 Wedding Date _____
 Wedding Location _____

Honeymoon Location _____
 Address Where Couple Plans to Reside _____

Birth Announcements

Child's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
 Length/Weight _____
 Mother's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Mother's Last Name _____
 Father's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Father's Last Name _____
 Address _____
 Hospital Name & Location (City, State) _____

Achievement Announcements

First Name _____ M.I. _____
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Anniversary Announcements

Wife's First Name _____ M.I. _____ Number of Grandchildren _____
 Last Name _____ Description of How Anniversary Couple Met _____
 Husband's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____

 Anniversary Date _____ Where Couple Was Married _____
 Number of Years Married _____ Wife's Employer/Location _____
 Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed) _____ Husband's Employer/Location _____

 _____ Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary _____

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS



Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Heather Sharpless or Erika Hottinger at 301-948-0110, ext. 2355 or 2351 or e-mail hsharpless@mvf.org or ehottinger@mvf.org. Questions may also be mailed to Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or faxed to 301-990-7071. Specific architectural standards criteria for each community in Montgomery Village is available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Making additions to your yard

Montgomery Village as a planned community has architectural rules that govern improvements to the exterior of residences. Homeowners should be aware that exterior modifications needing approval include objects placed on a permanent basis and equipment installations in both the front and back yards. While approval for most installations in front or back yards is approached on an individual basis by the Architectural Review Board (ARB), there are general guidelines that homeowners should consult for many of the most popular requests we receive. These guidelines can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com or at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

BASKETBALL UNITS

The installation of a basketball unit is one of the items that require prior ARB approval. Basketball backboards in back yards need to be positioned in such a way to have minimal impact on adjacent properties

and may require screening with foliage. The driveway is still the most popular location for basketball units, and they need to be located at the side of the driveway, 1/3 of the distance from the house, if not mounted on the garage.

CABANAS, GAZEBOS AND FREESTANDING SHADE STRUCTURES

Cabanas and other freestanding shade structures also require ARB approval. Their approval will depend on the type of house, and the impact the structure will have on the neighbors. Cabanas and gazebos are approved only in back yards, should be a neutral color and should be sturdy in appearance.

PLAY GYMS AND TRAMPOLINES

Requests for back yard play equipment will be reviewed on an individual basis taking into consideration the proposed location, size, lot configuration, color and impact on the adjoin-

ing neighbors. Play equipment will be approved only in back yards and should be natural in color to blend into the natural surroundings. On larger, single-family lots, two-story play gym units may be approved, but should be as open as possible to have as minimal an impact as possible. The number of play equipment items will depend on the size of the lot and proximity to neighboring properties.

HOT TUBS

Hot tubs or spas will be considered by the ARB when located in the back yard or in an enclosed area. Screening will be required depending on the location of the hot tub or spa and may include evergreens, privacy fencing or a combination of both. Where there is an elevated deck, the tub or spa recessed into deck or under the deck is preferred. Tubs or spas must also have wood skirting around the base. Homeowners should also note that within townhouse communities, hot tubs or spas will be approved

only if the yard is completely fenced.

As always, if you have a question or need more information about the application

process, you can visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, call 301-948-0110 or e-mail ehottinger@mof.org or hsharpless@mof.org.



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SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

New security company contact

by the South Village Board of Directors

Residents needing to contact our new security company, US Security Associates, should call the number for dispatch 301-384-7777.

As usual, report police incidents to 911 for emergencies and 301-279-8000 for non-emergency assistance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Year End Summary Report 2015

2015 was a successful year in South Village Homes. Throughout the course of the year, the community saw several projects in action.

- Concrete and asphalt projects were completed in Center Stage, Grover's Forge, the Millrace and Walker's Choice. Parking lots were also re-stripped and parking space numbers repainted in Center Stage and Grover's Forge.
- An ADA compliant ramp was installed in Center Stage, and concrete trip hazards were repaired on Docena Court.
- Concern over residents dumping trash and other materials illegally throughout the community prompted the installation of new "No Dumping" signs. Management and the McCarthy Grounds Maintenance company are working together to notify the county of violators. Letters continue to be sent to homeowners and residents who have been seen illegally dumping or improperly disposing of trash in the community. With community mailers as well as eyes and ears in the community notifying management, we anticipate a decline in this behavior in the future.
- New "No Parking Fire Lane" signs were installed in Nathan's Place, and new fire lane curb painting will be completed.
- Storm drains were cleaned, inventoried and monitored and the installation of grates was approved by the board of directors.

- The maintenance committee, along with McCarthy Grounds Maintenance, determined greenspace areas of in need of improvement throughout the community. Ground covering liriopie was installed and is thriving. Several trees on the watch list were deemed in poor health and removed. The maintenance committee continues to monitor and maintain a tree watch list for future removals. Tree pruning had been approved by the board of directors in preparation for the winter months.
- The Lake Whetstone Dredging Project began with concerns over non-resident parking on Islandside Drive. Islandside Drive parking passes were distributed, and the street was monitored by security for violators. Additional "No Parking-Resident Only" signs were installed. The dredging project is scheduled for completion in early 2016.
- Management is working with Montgomery County to participate in the Rainscapes Rewards and Tree Montgomery programs, which offer rebates and/or free trees that aid in water run-off and stormwater management.

We look forward to projects that 2016 has in store. The Hamptons stormwater management pond is scheduled to be retrofit, including replacement of the riser structure and conversion from a wet to a dry pond. Management working with the maintenance committee will be creating an inventory of wooden tie walls in need of repair come spring, and will also be relying on the Replacement Reserve Study to schedule additional roadway repairs and concrete sidewalk work.

As you see, we've done a lot in 2015 to make South Village a better place to live, but there's always more to be done. And this is where you, our residents, come in:

1. Volunteer! Volunteer to serve on a South Village committee. Volunteer to adopt a fire hydrant and ensure that

it remains snow free and accessible to the fire department during wintertime. Volunteer to check in on a neighbor from time to time if this is something they would accept. Let's all take part in caring for South Village and for one another, too.

2. Be a good neighbor; it's the little things that can help so much to promote harmonious relations! Take out your trash and recycling on the correct days and place them in the right locations. Don't dump furniture and other large items in the common areas without calling for bulk trash pickup. Keep up with maintaining the appearance of your residence. Take in your newspapers. Keep your grass mowed. In the wintertime, don't park in that parking space that your neighbor just cleared of snow. Observe the county noise restrictions. Show courtesy to our contractors. If you're a parent, know where your kids are playing and ensure that the location isn't a problem for other residents. Don't throw your trash on the ground for others to pick up. Pick up your dog's waste and don't leave it for others to step in (by the way, all of these have been complaints received from a resident by either our management agent or our board members in recent months).

3. Get to know your neighbors! We live in a wonderfully diverse community here in South Village, and nationalities from all over the world are represented among our 1,010 homes. Stop and chat from time to time with your neighbors — it's great to get another point of view on matters both large and small and who knows, perhaps you'll make a new friend as well. It's definitely worth it!

Looking forward to a great 2016 here in South Village.

Nancy M. Farrar, President
South Village Homes Corporation

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

"Thank You" from Stedwick

by Keith Silliman

A hearty thank you to Michael Gronsky for his many years of service to the Stedwick and Montgomery Village community. Michael had served on the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors for several years and as President of the board for most of those years.

The recent Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC) election resulted in the re-election of Keith Silliman to the board of directors and Paul Rabenhorst as a write-in candidate. Paul agreed to serve on the board of directors and joined the board as a member after the annual meeting on March 16. Thank you to Paul for his willingness to serve, and welcome to the board as the newest member. Paul is also the leader of Boy Scout Troop 1988.

The election of Stedwick board officers was held following the annual meeting. The elected officers for the 2016-2017 year are: Keith Silliman, president; Nancy Horn, vice president; and Jim Ott, treasurer.

The SHC Maintenance Committee has identified locations within our community for the planting of native trees to reduce stormwater runoff. The Montgomery County program will plant 37 trees in our community this spring and maintain them for two years at no cost to Stedwick. The program is funded by the water quality fees that we all (including Stedwick Homes Corporation) pay as part of our Montgomery County property tax. Individual homeowners can also obtain trees to be planted on their own properties. For more information, contact the Montgomery County De-

partment of Environmental Protection.

The SHC Maintenance Committee has also identified areas in the Burlingame stream valley and species of ferns to be planted to stabilize the stream bank, reduce erosion and slow the stormwater runoff there.

A community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to hear the Atlantic Realty Companies' (the new owner's) vision for the Montgomery Village Center.

Arbor Day will be celebrated from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 with family activities, including a tree planting, lake cleanup and Monarch Butterfly activities at North Creek Lake and Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane.

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of SHC-owned property in your neighborhood or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org, or consult our community website, www.stedwick.org. You can also bring any ideas or concerns to the board of directors during our regular meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first item on the agenda.

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

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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

New trash enforcement

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

One of the goals of the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation is to ensure maintenance of property values and the overall appearance within Patton Ridge. In order to do so, it's important to comply with the trash policy.

While a good number of residents do follow the rules, there are always those who simply don't care nor seem to get the message. In view of a deteriorating situation based upon those who are not compliant, the board will begin implementing an aggressive trash enforcement campaign.

Pictures will be taken each time and mailed to the homes stating the violation. First time violators will receive a warning letter. Thereafter, a hearing will be called with the board of directors to address the case and subject to a \$250 fine. It's not the intent of the board to do this for the sake of collecting money, but rather to have residents start changing their habits on trash and recycling days. A letter will be mailed to each homeowner with more detailed information along with the trash policy.

Do not place your trash or recyclables out for collection earlier than the evening prior to the regularly scheduled pickup day. You should return your recycle bins and trash cans to your property on the same day that items are collected. Trash will be collected from the curb on Tuesday and Friday. Recyclables are collected on Wednesday for all communities in Patton Ridge.

Montgomery County requires that your trash be stored in a container with a lid. This is intended to keep birds, insects, rodents and other wild creatures from getting into your trash and littering the grounds.

Spilled trash can attract disease carrying vermin and create a potentially serious health and a safety threat for all concerned.

This has a trickle-down effect, as we have to pay for pest control and bait stations throughout Patton Ridge.

Our trash vendor, J&J Trash Company, is contracted to collect from each household on the curb in front of your home – not on common property. Hence when a resident calls to report trash on common property, or when it is spotted during maintenance inspections, the cost to remove it comes as a price. Each pickup is billed to Patton Ridge and paid out of your assessments. We spend about \$4,000 annually to clean up after those residents who dump their trash on common property – we could all put this money to better use.

Each household is permitted four bulk pickups per year at no extra charge, with the exception of major appliances. Arrangements for bulk item disposal must be made directly with J&J Trash Company, Inc. at least 48-hours in advance by calling 1-800-465-2350. Please note that J&J will not pick up yard waste (grass, leaves, etc.) and the recycling folks will not pick up yard waste in plastic bags.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 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 five minutes.

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



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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village annual meeting

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Per the governing documents of the Middle Village Homes Corporation, this serves as notice of the 2016 Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

The Middle Village Board of Directors is composed of nine directors, of which, three positions are open for nomination, each for a three-year term. Board membership is an important way to serve the community. The board is responsible for establishing parking, towing and other policies, setting the amount of assessments each year for everyone, ensuring the common areas of the community are properly maintained and adopting the annual budget for the association. One candidate résumé has been returned so far, but nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Residents can nominate themselves or others at that time. Board members do not need to be homeowners in Middle Village.

RECONVENED MEETING

If a quorum is not in attendance in person or by proxy at this meeting, notice is hereby given, that a second meeting will be scheduled, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 5-206 (a), Section 5-206 (b), and Section 5-206 (c) of the Annotated Code of Maryland which states:

"At the additional meeting, the members present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present in person or by proxy may approve or authorize the proposed action at the additional meeting and may take any other action which could have been taken at the original meeting if a sufficient number of members had been present."

PROXY/BALLOT

Please complete and return the Proxy/Ballot no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 25. The Proxy/Ballot can be returned via e-mail to dmatthews@comsource.com, fax 301-924-7340, mail to 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney, MD 20832, or put in community mailboxes that will be temporarily installed at the main entrance on Brassie Way and the two entrances on Ridgeline Drive. Please note that the community mailboxes will only be available until Monday, April 25.

2016 PARKING TAGS

Towing for expired 2015 parking tags continues. If you have not picked up your 2016 parking tags, you need to do so from ComSource as soon as possible. Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 prior to visiting the office. If you have questions, contact Delphine Matthews at dmatthews@comsource.com.

Towing for expired parking tags has begun throughout the community. Big Tow will continue to tow vehicles for all other parking violations. Please note that homeowners/tenants will not be reimbursed for towing charges if they are parked in their reserved space but displaying an expired parking tag.

TRASH

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

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

dress, you can report them to ComSource anonymously.

SOURCELINK/ACCOUNT ACCESS

Please contact Shirley Umali at sumali@comsource.com to create a Sourcelink account. Use Sourcelink to pay assessment balances quickly and easily if you are an owner. You can view your account information 24/7, and access community documents, including parking policies and architectural guidelines. You will also be able to receive updates on any new policies quickly via e-mail. Landlords can provide online access to tenants by adding them as an additional user and setting permissions according to preference.

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

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EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village election results

by the East Village Board of Directors

East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) held their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 15. David Cline, Suzanne Jubert and Martin Sharpless were elected by the residents to serve as directors for a three-year term (March 2016 to March 2019). Terry O'Grady was chosen to serve as EVHC's Representative to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) for any potential votes requiring each of the communities within Montgomery Village; Scott Dyer was chosen to serve as the Alternate.

The EVHC board also selected their officers for 2016-2017: David Cline, president; Kevin Linck, vice president; and Martin Sharpless, treasurer.

Also, a special congratulations to EVHC Director Scott Dyer on his re-election last month to the MVF Board of Directors, to serve a third three-year term until March 2019.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Personal Property Maintenance and Architectural Standards Inspections - A reminder that both inspections are currently underway for all of the homes throughout East Village. Residents will receive a follow-up letter from the inspections if any action(s) are needed to bring their home into compliance with the EVHC and MVF policies and covenants.

The Reach Tot Lot Equipment Replacement - The existing tot lot equipment is scheduled to be replaced later this year within The Reach. Planning work has begun to examine options for the new equipment. More details to follow in an upcoming issue and on EVHC's facebook page.

Glenbrooke Stormwater Maintenance Pond - The two

aeration fountains have been re-activated. The regular maintenance schedule for algae and weed control will begin in early May, in addition to scheduled weekly trash removal within the pond and surrounding area on Fridays.

FEMA Assistance - With Maryland Governor Hogan's State of Emergency declared during the record snow event in January, EVHC has filed the necessary paperwork with FEMA to seek relief funding available for municipalities' and communities' cleanup and damage expenses. If approved, funding would cover a maximum of 48 hours of plowing and associated charges.

Trash Rules and Regulations - East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) reminds residents that both the county and EVHC require all trash to be placed in "vermin-proof" containers. All homeowners agreed to these rules and policies upon the purchase of their homes, and are also responsible for ensuring that any renters or guests of their property are also aware and compliant. A "vermin-proof" container is a trash can with a tightly fitting lid. Loose trash bags left curbside are not vermin-proof! EVHC trash collection days are Tuesday and Friday mornings, recycling collection is only on Friday mornings, and trash and recycling containers should be placed out after 7 p.m. the night before collection. In addition to EVHC's frequent reminders, weekly community inspections are also underway to help identify and cite violators of the trash rules and regulations, to help improve compliance. Please report any violators to EVHC Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or eastvillagehc@mof.org.

BOARD MEETING APRIL 19

The next EVHC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

As always, these board of directors meetings are open to public, and each meeting begins with residents time for residents to ask questions or make comments; comments are limited to three minutes to allow time for all residents to speak. Each Board meeting is followed immediately by a separate closed session not open to residents (*Pursuant to Section 11B-111(4), Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to - (iv.) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.*)

The EVHC Board of Directors meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, April, May, July, September, and November.

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Check out the EVHC facebook page at www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc, or search "East Village Homes Corporation;" be sure to "Like" our page to receive updates. Our Community Manager April Steward and the EVHC Board always want to hear from residents. If you have questions, suggestions or just kudos, e-mail eastvillagehc@mof.org, or call 240-243-2344.

East Village Echo: for residents of The Downs, The Reach, The Estates, Essex Place II, Candle Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke, Meadowgate, Ashford, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield.

WHETSTONE WATCH

April at last

by Ed Stennett

April! April at last. Our winter brought us only one bad snow - a big one to be sure. But all in all, the winter was milder than the previous two, and our spring is in full swing; the violas at our entrances have come back to life with vivid color, and the Cherry trees throughout Whetstone are beautiful.

After nearly 50 years, Whetstone remains a very attractive community. It is a community for people who value greenspace. On a per housing unit basis, we have more greenspace than any other community in Montgomery Village. And in comparison to the new developments going up along Route 27 and other nearby areas, we have infinitely more.

Keeping Whetstone attractive is a community effort. We are not a condominium where all exterior maintenance is provided. The Whetstone board, with the guidance of the maintenance committee, spends a lot of money each year keeping the common property looking good. But resident effort is also essential. The vast majority of the residents in Whetstone take pride in their property, and the appearance of their home reflects that pride. And the vast majority of Whetstone residents are sensitive to the need to heed the architectural control constraints established long ago. But from time to time, a resident who fails to observe a policy or covenant must be reminded of his/her obligation to the community. The Whetstone board, through its management representative, initially informs residents of their violation via a friendly reminder letter. If that does not work, there are legal remedies available to the board.

Applicable policies are available to residents online at www.montgomeryvillage.com via the Resident Dashboard. If you are fuzzy on our policies, it's easy to review them online.

As a longtime member of the

maintenance committee, I have observed two policy issues that periodically need attention:

1) Private trash removal is a resident responsibility! It is unfair to other residents if you leave your trash or yard waste on community property hoping that WHC or MVF will remove it. It is unfair to other residents if you leave trash on your property longer than a single overnight (unless stored in an approved temporary container sometimes required for a house renovation or remodeling).

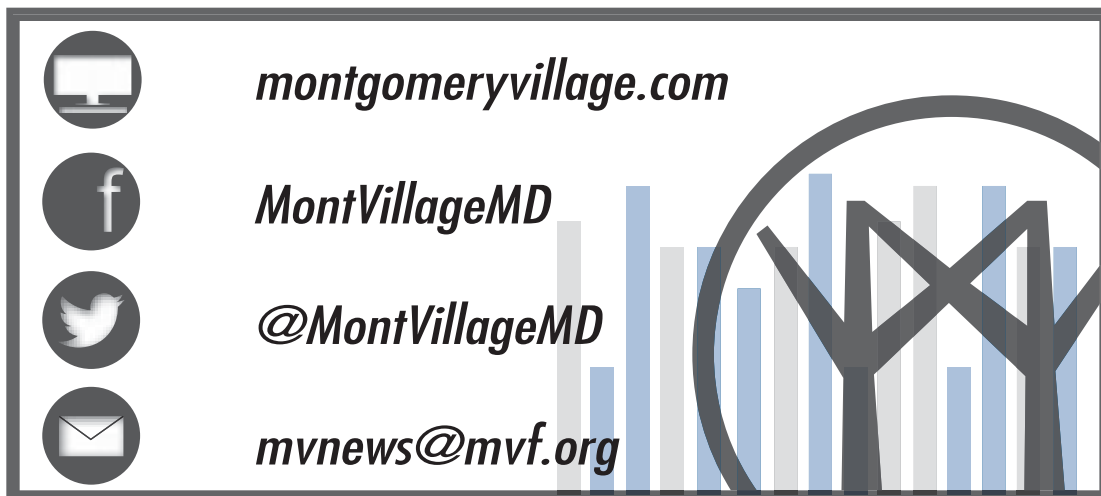
2) Parking in a manner that causes trucks to drive over community property is costing our community a distressing amount of money. When we feel a trucking company has been careless, we attempt to get the company to pay for repairing the damage. But all too often, because of poorly parked resident cars, the driver of a big truck cannot navigate our small streets without damaging turf and or curbs. Our Parking Policy states that when we can identify a resident whose poorly parked vehicle gave the truck driver no alternative but to drive over community property, that resident will be billed for the repair.





Please keep trucks in mind when you park your car, especially during the days when the trash and recycling trucks are in Whetstone.

TOWN HALL MEETING

The WHC board will be holding a Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court to discuss potential changes to Whetstone bylaws. This is an important meeting and residents are encouraged to attend. We need your input and support!

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



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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Spring cleanup

by the North Village Board of Directors

Now that spring has finally arrived, we ask that all residents address any maintenance issues which may have resulted from this past winter. Items such as yard cleanup, painting, plant pruning and trash pickup will greatly enhance the overall appearance and appeal of our community. Let's keep our community always looking good.

AUDIT REPORT

Last week we received the revised draft audit report for North Village Homes Corporation for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. This draft addresses comments from the board of directors after they had reviewed the draft report and will be presented to the board for approval at the Thursday, April 21 meeting.

APRIL ASSESSMENT DUE

If you have not already done so, please send in your assessment payment that was due on April 1. You can either mail it in or you can drive it to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, and use the drop box. Remember that activity cards will be issued soon but only to those who are current on their assessments. Also, your assessment dollars are needed to maintain your community: roads, storm drains, lights, pathways, curbs, trash pickup, security patrols, tree and green space maintenance, etc.

MORE ON M-83

MVF Executive Vice President Dave Humpton informed us that transportation projects were on the agenda at the March 15 county council work session. Glenn Orlin, the council's legislative aide for trans-

portation projects, proposed a new option to be studied as part of the Midcounty Corridor Study. His idea is a 2-lane reversible parkway in the M-83 Master Plan alignment. The county council approved the new study at a cost of \$75,000. All council members, except Craig Rice, went on record to say that they were opposed to M-83, but that they felt for this cost, it was worth it to develop the information and to show that all alternatives had been explored.

The 2-lane reversible parkway would have a much smaller footprint than the 2013 Preferred Alternative. The road would operate entirely southbound during morning rush hours, and entirely northbound in the evening rush, and two-way at other times. It is expected that this proposal would reduce construction costs substantially.

COVENANT REVIEW

With the beginning warmer weather residents are spending more time outside, maybe barbecuing, gardening or just taking a walk around the community. With the advent of outdoor activity, it is a good time to remind everyone about our covenants. Covenants play a central role in the governance of North Village. It is good to review the covenants from time to time and, if you have never read them, you should acquaint yourself with their precepts. Their official title is the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and they are part of the North Village Homes Corporation Legal Documents.

These covenants were originally established in 1979 when the first homes in North Village were built. They were established "for the purpose of the efficient preservation,

protection and enhancement of the values and amenities of North Village." Lately, there have been a number of violations of three precepts which are intended to promote a quiet, peaceful and beautiful outdoor environment that can be enjoyed by everyone. The first prohibits the repair of automobiles in the street, parking area or private driveway. The second forbids offensive activity, e.g., playing loud music. The third bans the storage of trash or junk that is visible to others in the community.

Please visit the MVF website, www.montgomeryvillage.com, and sign up for a free account to access the NVHC covenants and documents from your resident dashboard.

NEED FOR BOARD MEMBER

After the last election we are still left with a vacancy on the board. Someone with financial experience would be particularly valuable. Please give some real thought to joining the North Village Board of Directors and contact our community manager with any questions or to express an interest. Her contact information is given at the end of this article.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Storm cleanup and more

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The high winds last weekend brought down trees and branches across the community. Anything on community property is being cleaned up by Northgate's landscaping and tree contractors. If you see an area needing work, please contact Sean Farrell at NorthgateHC@comsource.com.

Trees from a private residence falling onto community property will only be cleared to the owner's property line. Northgate will not remove private property trees. That is the responsibility of the owner.

Trash continues to be an ongoing concern in some areas of Northgate. The board hates to harp on the issue, but the message appears to need constant repeating.

Each household gets two trash pickups per week, recycling once a week, and multiple bulk trash pickups. You can also get appliances picked up on your recycling day simply by calling the day before.

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

For missed trash pickups, call Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700. For free appliance pickup, call Montgomery County at 311 by 11 a.m. the day before your recycling day. Then, have your metal items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling day. Scrap metal items need to be separated from blue bin recycling items. Also, if you notice an appliance on community property, please call the scrap metal recycling number so the community is cleaned up faster. It's that simple!

Please do not dump trash. There are many free options available to you. The dumping of trash is the single largest complaint the board receives. Northgate will fine any resident caught dumping trash. Please share this information with neighbors if you think they do not understand the options they have for proper disposal.

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

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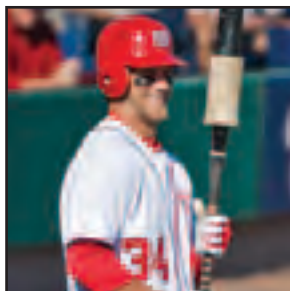
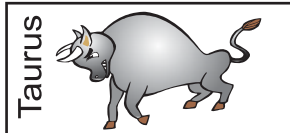
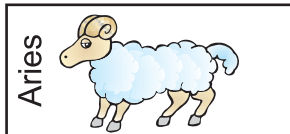
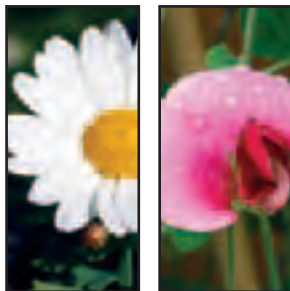
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MV Kids Learn About April

April is the fourth month of the year, is considered the second month of spring and has a length of 30 days. April's birthstone is the diamond. The birth flowers are the Daisy and the Sweet Pea. The zodiac signs for the month of April are Aries (until April 20) and Taurus (April 21 onwards).

April Facts

- Birthstone: Diamond
- Birth Flower: Daisy and Sweet Pea
- Zodiac Signs:
Aries – March 20 to April 20
Taurus – April 21 to May 20
- April comes from the Latin word "to open" — like trees in springtime.
- April in other languages:
Danish - april
French - avril
Italian - aprile
Latin - Aprilis
Spanish - abril
- April is a time of planting and spring cleaning.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The diamond of April symbolizes innocence.
- The Boston Marathon is held in April.
- The Japanese fiscal year for most businesses starts on April 1.
- In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a sign that spring has begun.
- The professional baseball season begins in the United States in April.



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April Showers Song

(to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")
Contributed by Leanne Guenther

Pitter patter rain drops
(wiggle fingers to imitate rain)
Falling from the sky
(wiggle fingers downward)
Here's my umbrella
(action of opening an umbrella)
Hold it high!
(hands over head)
When the rain is over
(bring hands down slowly)
and the sun begins to glow
(make sun with arms)
Little flowers start to bud
(Kneel down)
then grow, grow, grow!
(slowly stand up)

April Rhymes

In April's sweet month,
When leaves begin to spring,
Little lambs skip like fairies
And birds build and sing.

April showers
bring May flowers

April is made of
such wonderful things
Sunbeams and tulips
and butterfly wings

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?

A: Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

April Books



SCHOOL NEWS

Living Grace Christian School makes its mark at ACSI Math Olympics

On March 14, 22 students in grades 3 through 8 represented Living Grace Christian School (LGCS) in the Association of Christian Schools International Math Olympics contest conducted by the Forcey Christian School in Silver Spring.

After four 11-minute rounds of working either 48 Computation problems or 20 Reasoning problems, the LGCS team found they had placed six of their contestants in the top 5 for Computation and three contestants in the top 5 for Reasoning. It was good work all around, but there was more! Two of the LGCS Computation contestants won first place in

their grade level, along with a special medal for achieving scores higher than 85%.

Living Grace Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies and other school-administered programs. The school is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, visit www.lgcs.northgatecc.org.

The LGCS contestants by grade and award were the following:

Third grade – Ire Alabi, 1st place Computation; Joshua Switzer, 4th place Reasoning; Godwin Johnson, Celeste Rauda-Andrade

Fourth grade – Daniel Gomez, 3rd place, Computation; Deborah Holdbrook, 4th place Computation; Andrew Wong, Valeria Monchez, Tre Phillips

Fifth grade – Yohanna Michael, 4th place Reasoning; Peniel Johnson, 5th place Reasoning; Gloria Majorian, Melissa Salas, Ronald Davis, Daniel Elike

Sixth grade – Josue Escalante, Lidia Michael, Promise Johnson

Seventh grade – Nehemiah Switzer, 1st place Computation and a special medal; Emily Parr, 2nd place Computation; Ara Alabi

Eighth grade – Liliana Gomez, 1st place Computation and a special medal

AT YOUR LEISURE

USA Science and Engineering Festival

Why did dinosaurs go extinct? Are aliens out there? What do magic tricks and hip hop have to do with math? What will be the next medical breakthrough? What does baseball have to do with physics? Explore these questions and more at the 4th USA Science & Engineering Festival, with Founding and Presenting Host Lockheed Martin.

Designed to inspire the next generation of inventors and innovators, the Festival is a free, family-friendly expo that allows kids and adults to participate in more than 3,000 hands-on exhibits, experiments and incredible live performances by science celebrities,

explorers, astronauts, athletes, physicists, musicians, authors, inventors and experts in fields like cryogenics, robotics, genomics, paleontology, space exploration, 3D printing and more. The Festival also features a career pavilion hosted by Booz Allen Hamilton.

The event kicks off on Thursday, April 14 with the X-Stem Symposium, presented by MedImmune featuring “TED-style” talks for kids by science visionaries.

The Festival Expo is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 17 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt Vernon

Place NW, Washington, D.C.

Hundreds of leading scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and technologists, and science-related celebrities will be present, including: They Might Be Giants; actor Wil Wheaton (Big Bang Theory); Sick Science’s Steve Spangler; Helen Greiner, robotics engineer and Founder and CEO of CyPhy Works; Doktor Kaboom, science comedian; Tyraine Ragsdale (a.k.a. Grand Hank), presents the Superpowers of Hip Hop; “Science Bob”; Paleontologist Scott Sampson (PBS Kids’ Dinosaur Train); and the Science Cheerleaders.

Olde Towne Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring an Olde Towne Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Walk on Saturday, April 23. The 10km walk, with two 5km options, is rated 1A. The Olde Towne trail is on paved surfaces mostly on city sidewalks through several historic neighborhoods with houses from the 1900 era.

The shady hamlet of Washington Grove began in 1873 as a Methodist religious retreat. With its clapboard and shingled gingerbread cottages, Washington Grove is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Both trails are suitable for strollers but not wheelchairs.

The Start/Finish point is at Java Junction at the Gaithersburg MARC train station, 5 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg. The start point at Java Junction will be outside at the back of the coffee shop, away from the train tracks. The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3.

The start time is between 8 and 11 a.m. and participants must finish by 2 p.m. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point. Pets are not allowed in the start point. Pets are allowed on the walk, but must be leashed at all times during the walk.

For more information, contact Joan Meunier at 301-602-1069 or e-mail justjoan9740@msn.com.

New art exhibit at BlackRock Center for the Arts

The Art League of Germantown (ALOG) hosts its 33rd Shades of Spring Show and Sale with a new “Artists in Action” format, from Wednesday, April 27 through Sunday, May 1. Visit the exhibit and see artist demonstrations at the BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.

On Wednesday, April 27, from 4 to 7 p.m., the show opens with a live model drawing session in the Kay Gallery for ALOG members. Bill Mapes, accomplished portrait artist and long-time ALOG member, organized this part of the show featuring costumed model, Shadiyah, who will pose for ALOG members. Visitors are invited to come view the exhibit display and see the ALOG members in action.

On Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, the ALOG will feature members creating in the Kay Gallery. View the art on the walls and placed around the gallery while interacting with artists as they work on projects. Dozens of artist members will participate, and you will find different artists at work each day you return to the gallery during the scheduled dates of the show.

On Sunday, May 1, from 1 to 3 p.m., all artists will be on hand at the Artists Wine Reception to greet and chat with patrons about their work. Refreshments will be provided, and the public is welcome. Admission to the exhibit and all events are free.



The show is open on: Wednesday, April 27 to Friday, April 29 from 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1 from noon to 5 p.m., with an Artists’ Wine Reception from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.alog.org.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

Celebrate spring with a shopping spree! Finding a special gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, weddings and graduations will be a piece of cake at the 41st Sugarloaf Crafts Festival in Gaithersburg. More than 250 American artisans will personally show and sell their handcrafted work at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17.

Sugarloaf brings together hundreds of amazingly tal-

ented artists from around the nation (as well as local talent) in one place. Visitors get to know the artist entrepreneurs behind the amazing work, who are always happy to chat about their techniques, influences and inspiration. Many artists will even be demonstrating their craft on the show floor.

In addition to viewing captivating demonstrations, visitors can indulge their palates with small-batch foods to try and buy from specialty purveyors. Children's entertainment

makes the show a fun weekend activity for the whole family.

The festival is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$8 online or \$10 at the door and valid for all three days; children 12 and under and parking are free. For more information, including driving directions and admission discounts, visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com or call 800-210-9900. Free parking is available on site.

Fifth Annual Grow It Eat It Open House

The Montgomery County Master Gardeners, part of University of Maryland Extension, will host a Grow It Eat It Spring Open House from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at the Montgomery County Extension, Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Activities are available for both adults and children. Learn how to grow your own food! Most parts of the event are free, although donations are appreciated.

Take a class, visit the garden, meet with Master Gardener consultants to discuss your gardening plans, attend demonstrations, pick up a free composting bin, view a beekeeping frame and build a bamboo trellis. You can join a seed swap (bring your own seeds to exchange), help your children participate in gardening activities and visit the plant sale sponsored by many local suppliers.

Take a class on one of the following topics (most are free without any registration; classes with an * require a fee and pre-registration):

- Basic Vegetable Gardening
- Growing Backyard Berries
- Hydroponic Gardening
- Growing Tomatoes
- Asian Vegetables
- Edible Flowers
- Soil Improvement
- Edible Plant Propagation*
- Badge programs for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and children*

Class registration and fees are available online at: <http://extension.umd.edu/growit/montgomery-county-vegetable-gardening-classes-and-events>.

For more information, call the extension office at 301-590-9638.



AAUW hosts panel on STEM

The Gaithersburg Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presents "Paths to Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, second floor, Room 1.

Sharon Altman, Ph.D., Virologist, MRIGlobal; Jillian Wendt, Ed.D, Professor of science education, University of the District of Columbia; Amy Belton, Ph.D. Biomedical Life Scientist, Leidos Health; and Amanda Pertzborn, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineer, NIST, will discuss challenges and opportunities for women in STEM fields.

Montgomery Village residents are welcome to attend. For more information, call 301-840-5443.



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MILESTONES

Resident volunteer receives promotion

On February 1, Scott R. Dyer was promoted to the title of Vice President at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Washington, DC. He is a Client Onboarding Officer with J.P. Morgan Private Bank, and has been employed there since 2007. Scott is an elected director with both the Montgomery Village Foundation (since 2010) and the East Village Homes Corporation (since 2009). Scott lives in East Village with his wife Joyce Kraus Dyer and son Joseph.

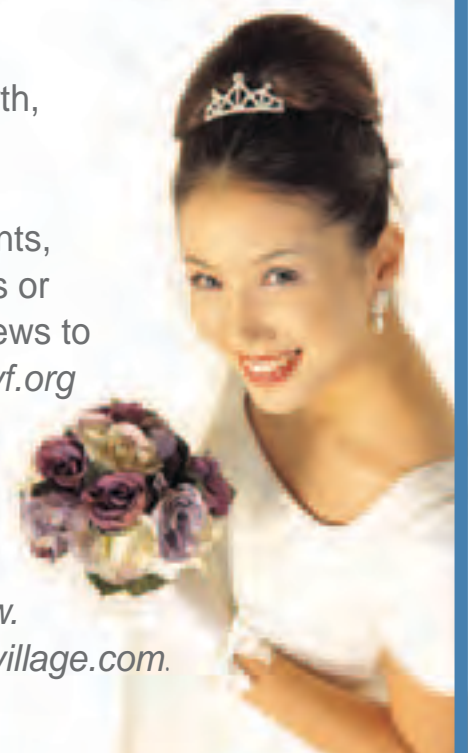


MVF and East Village board member Scott Dyer

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg Rotary Clubs to celebrate heroes on Memorial Day weekend

The Rotary Club of Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg Rotary Club are working together again this year to bring the 3rd annual "Flags For Our Heroes" to the City of Gaithersburg's Bohrer Park during the Memorial Day weekend. Together, the organizations will place 750 large American flags in the Field of Honor to commemorate sponsored heroes and their service to our country.

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, rain or shine. Representatives from the city's government, members of a local Scout troop, the Junior ROTC from Gaithersburg High School and other participants will gather to remember those heroes being honored by members of our community. Both Rotary organizations and ma-

major sponsors of the event will make brief remarks as well. A Closing Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30 at 4:30 p.m. before the flags are removed from the Field of Honor.

The Field of Honor flags are sponsored by business organizations and individuals who wish to recognize one or more of their personal "heroes." A hero can be a current member of the armed forces or a veteran, a first responder, teacher, mentor, coach, family member or anyone else whom the sponsor wants to honor or remember. Corporate sponsorship levels are also available for the event.

In prior years, similar events were organized by the Rotary Clubs of Easton, Maryland and Lewes-Rehoboth, Delaware. Each of these events was highly

successful and enhanced their respective community's celebration of Memorial Day. In 2014, the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village organized the first local area Flags For Our Heroes celebration with significant assistance from former Mayor Sidney Katz and

other city and county officials. This year, the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg Rotary Club wish to thank Mayor Jud Ashman and the City of Gaithersburg Recreation Department for their continued support.

For more information

about this community celebration of heroes, please visit www.FlagsForOurHeroes.org. For additional information about the respective Rotary Clubs who are sponsoring this program, visit either www.mvrotary.org or www.gaithersburgrotary.org.



photo by Eric Long

Montgomery Village Boy Scouts Food Drive

by Sam Henry, Second Class Scout

One part of being a Boy Scout is giving back to the earth and to others. Montgomery Village Troop 1988 has been doing many great deeds and plenty of fun activities like camping, caving and rock climbing. However, what we feel needs more attention is tending to the less fortunate. Our Boy Scout Troop wanted

to give back to the community by collecting food and then donating it to the Gaithersburg Help food pantry.

Troop 1988 collected food donations by distributing bags to the Montgomery Village neighborhoods. One week later, we went out again to collect the bags filled with many canned goods, cereal and pasta to give to those who really need it. Once we finished collecting

it, we sorted it all into big boxes to bring to the Gaithersburg Help food pantry. With your help, we collected 800 pounds of food to donate.

Residents who are interested in joining Troop 1988 should visit www.bsatroop1988.org. Troop 1988 does many fun activities like camping, fishing, hiking, backpacking and much more. We hope to see you soon!



ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 16
4 to 7 p.m.

Laytonsville Fire Department
21400 Laytonsville Road
Laytonsville, MD 20882



Meal includes:
Spaghetti (with meat or meatless sauce),
bread, salad, coffee & tea

\$9 Adults \$5 Kids 5-11
Kids under 5 eat FREE!

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RECREATION

No School Day of Sports

Children will get a kick out of this new fun-packed day designed to ignite a passion for sports. School's out, but sports are in from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Youth ages 6 to 12 will have a blast playing a variety of sports during this one day sportacular event. Sports include indoor soccer, counselor kickball, indoor

track and field, basketball and flag football. The focus will be on hand-eye coordination, team work concepts and sportsmanship.

The sports filled day takes place at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Participants should bring a non-perishable lunch. This program costs \$55/Resident and

\$70/non-resident – there is an extended day option (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) available based on a minimum number of participants.

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

Basketball Express – new session to start!

Sharpen your basketball skills with Coach Charlie! Basketball Express provides quality basketball training for children ages 4 to 12 who desire to learn the fundamentals of basketball while enjoying a fun and energetic atmosphere.

This class is taught by experienced instructor and referee Charlie Williams, and is held at

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Our next session begins soon! Sunday classes are scheduled from April 24 to June 26 (no class on May 8, May 22, May 29 or June 19). Ages 4 and 5 will meet from 10 to 10:50 a.m.; ages 6 to 8 from 11 to 11:50 a.m.; and ages 9 to 12 from noon to 12:50 p.m. Monday classes are

scheduled from April 25 to June 20 (no class on May 30) from 6 to 6:50 p.m. Ages 6 to 8 will be on court #1 and ages 9 to 12 will be on court #2. Fees are \$115/Resident and \$125/Non-resident.

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

Free fitness class demonstrations

30 Minute Core and POP Pilates instructors Tara Smith and Alysha Cunningham will be offering free demonstration classes prior to the start of the spring session. The 30 Minute Core demo class is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, and the

POP Pilates class is scheduled for on Thursday, April 14. Both classes will be held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Limited mats are available for new participants.

Tiny Tots Playtime

Bring your tiny tot, ages 5 and under, to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for playtime in the gym! Have fun with balls, hula hoops and scooters—even bring your own riding toys!

This session meets Tuesdays, April 12 to May 17 from

9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Fees per session are \$40/Resident and \$50/Non-resident with a \$12/additional child per family fee. Parents must supervise their children at all times.

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

Karate for ages 3½ and up

Instructor Michael Tull of Champion Karate provides karate classes for all ages 3½ and older. Classes are held Friday evenings, April 15 to June 10 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

For specific class information and times, check out the Spring Recreation Guide or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.

MV Community Band/Blue Notes seeking sticks, sax

The Montgomery Village Community Band and the Montgomery Blue Notes Jazz Band are seeking percussionists of all kinds to join the fun! Additionally, the Montgomery Blue Notes, an off shoot of the Montgomery Village Community Band, is seeking saxophone players to complete their instrumentation.

The MV Community Band meets on Wednesday evenings and the Montgomery Blue Notes meet on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Both groups meet at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.



In addition to regular rehearsals, the band regularly performs at MVF events including seasonal concerts, the Montgomery Village Foundation Summers in South Valley Park concert series, Falcons Landing, Sunrise Senior Living and other venues.

For information, contact Band Director Steven Wampler at jazzwamp@gmail.com.

Aerobics

Lose weight, burn calories, reduce stress and more! Jacki Sorensen's Aerobic Programs offer a wide variety of classes to fit just about anyone's busy schedule.

Morning Aerobic Dancing is scheduled for 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, April 11 to June 13 (no class on May 30). Aerobic Dancing Workout is scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through June 9. Aerobic Workout is scheduled for 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays,

through June 11. Body Sculpting is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through June 9. All classes are held at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Fees are as low as \$8 to drop-in a class at any time! Fees for one, two or three classes per week are also available for the session, and vary based on the class you would like to attend.

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

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North Creek Community Center

20125 Arrowhead Road

Sellers must register in advance and provide all their own display equipment. Spaces are filled on a first-come/first-served basis.



Cost per Space

\$23/Resident

\$28/Non-resident

Support the
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The Arc Montgomery County will provide a donation truck for clothing, linens, shoes, belts, handbags, backpacks and house ware items.



Find inclement weather information by following MVF on twitter, facebook, checking www.montgomeryvillage.com or by calling 240-243-2367. Rain date is Sunday, May 15.

RECREATION

Friday Night Futsal

MVF Futsal (indoor soccer) is kicking off a new season Lake Marion Community Center, and we are calling out all teams who think they have what it takes to win the gold! Futsal is a quick paced game of soccer on a hard court that will challenge player's improvisation, creativity, technique and ball control in small spaces.

Teams will take the pitch for 40 minute games, playing 5 on 5. This league is welcome to all skill levels; however, knowledge of the sport is encouraged. MVF Recreation staff will develop teams from those registered to participate in each league and select team colors. Uniforms are not distributed for this league; members of each team must wear the same color shirt.

League kick-off is Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost per team is \$500 if registered with minimum of 7 players; individual or additional players to a team roster cost \$50 each.

Call 240-243-2361 to register today!



Spring Flea Market

Mark your calendars now! Don't miss this chance to clean out and recycle the lost treasures from your basement, garage or attic. Bargain hunters will be looking for great deals at the MVF Spring Flea Market, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Sellers must register in advance and provide all their own display equipment. Parking spot-sized spaces are

\$23/Resident and \$28/Non-resident. Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't delay! Support the Boy Scouts as they sell sweet treats and drinks. The Salvation Army donation truck will be on site. Rain date is Sunday, May 15.

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

Primetime Basketball for Ages 18+

Maintain your basketball skills and stay fit! Adults ages 18 and over are invited to sign up for Adult Basketball. Play pickup style basketball going full or cross-court, depending on the number of participants.

This program is held at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on

Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Our next session runs from April 13 to June 1. Fees are only \$40/Resident, \$50/Non-resident or \$7 to drop-in per evening.

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



Creative Playtime Open House and registration

Join Creative Playtime teachers Kathi Hufnagel and Christine Zeman from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 to experience MVF's recreational and supplemental educational program for preschool-age children.

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays for Creative 3's, and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Creative 4's. Students explore reading, writing, science, math,

music, drama, movement, crafts, nature and playtime.

Interested families and their children are encouraged to attend the Open House. The teachers will go over the daily routine with perspective students and answer any questions. If you can't attend the Open House, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 to set up a personal tour of the facility during class hours.



Detailed information and pricing regarding the 2016-2017 school year can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com or in the Spring Recreation Guide.

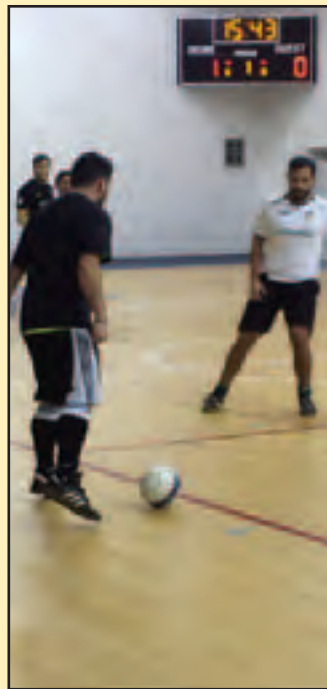
Winter Futsal

The winter futsal kicked off post-season play on Friday, April 1 at Lake Marion Community Center. Four games were played throughout the night to decide who would make it to the next round of the knockout stage.

The first and third games of the night were dominated by the higher seeded teams as the #1 seeded AD Lima team defeated #8 Chelsea FC 12 to 5; and #2 Colombia FC defeated #7 Peru FC 12 to 3. However, there were a few

middle seed teams who proved victorious as both the #5 Gaitherburgers and #6 Blues defeated their respective opponents.

Play continues on Friday, April 8 as the Gaithersburgers take on top seeded AD Lima, and The Blues band together to dethrone last year's champions Colombia FC. Games will begin at 7:05 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. We hope to see you come out and enjoy the competition!



KARATE

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Karate classes are designed for ages 3 to adult and are taught by instructors of the Champion Positive Impact Martial Arts.

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Fridays
April 15 to June 10

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Ages 5 1/2 and older

4014.208
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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4014.207
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4014.201
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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WINTER/SPRING SESSION



Holy Cross Balance Testing

For members only

Holy Cross Germantown Hospital will be conducting another balance assessment on Wednesday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This assessment utilizes the state-of-the-art Biodex Balance System and gait and balance testing to determine your personal falls risk. Please e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org for your timeslot; members who walk-in the day of will be added to the end of the list if time is available.



Pickleball

Mark your calendars! Pickleball returns to Seniors in Action starting Monday, March 21. We will return to the outdoor Pickleball courts every Monday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. Must be a SiA member to use the courts at this time, and limited equipment is available for use.



Holy Cross Memory Academy

This 5-week course is scheduled for Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., April 21 to May 19 and was created by UCLA Center on Aging. The class provides memory improvement techniques designed to work for everyone. The course explains how memory works; offers quick strategies for remembering names, faces and numbers; provides basic memory tools such as linking ideas and creating visual images; and maximizes the effectiveness of using memory aids such as lists. Each class includes multiple hand-outs including a summary and skill-builder (homework) to reinforce what has been learned. The cost of the class also includes "The Memory Bible" by Dr. Gary Small. (This program is not intended for people with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia). **This course costs \$25 and is for Seniors in Action members ONLY.**



Active Aging Expo

Seniors in Action will not have any programs on Monday, May 2 due to the Active Aging Expo at The City of Gaithersburg Activity Center at Bohrer Park. This free event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. SiA will have a table at the event.



Seniors in action enjoyed a Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise on April 6 aboard the Spirit of Washington.

REGISTRATION

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

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
April 11: Watercolor with Sue Kay
April 18: Coaster and Cookie Making



Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month
April 18: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee



Pickleball

11 a.m. to noon

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Join the game with your SiA friends every Monday!

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

WEDNESDAY



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

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.



Pickleball

11 a.m. to noon

One day isn't enough! Join your SiA members for another round of the friendly game!

FRIDAY



Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch Noon to 2 p.m.

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

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

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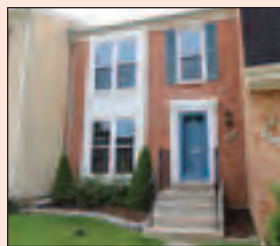
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