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MVF Board approves draft budget for publication

by Mike Conroy

Following a joint meeting with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors and Audit Committee on August 27, the MVF Board approved the 2016 Proposed Budget for publication (see pages 29 to 36). A 30-day comment period is now open for questions or comments on the draft budget.

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton began the meeting noting the work staff had done to prepare the draft budget. He said the focus for 2016 was minimizing assessment increases; funding strategic plan initiatives, the 50th Anniversary Celebration, priority capital projects, reserve requirements and staffing for programs and services; and updating the 5-year financial plan.

The 2016 budget calls for increases in both the MVF and Designated User (DU) assessments; the MVF increase is lower than previously projected and, and the DU increase is slightly higher than projected in the previous 5-Year Plan.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Financial Officer Greg Snellings presented the proposed budget summary, noting

that there would be small increases in both the MVF and DU funds, totaling \$1.90 per unit, per month. He said the MVF Fund increase is lower than expected, and he hoped that by the time the budget was ready for approval, that an even lower amount could be approved; the DU Fund increase is slightly higher than expected.

In his budget summary, Snellings noted that proposed assessment increases for 2016 were necessary to keep in line with the 5-Year Plan. **The MVF assessment is projected to increase \$.65/month**, but based on 2015 trends, may potentially be lowered before the budget is approved, and **the DU assessment is project to increase \$1.25/month**. This increase is in conjunction with spending \$258,000 from Undesignated Reserves. Over the next five years, the proposed increase in both the MVF and DU funds is approximately 3 to 4 percent per year. Increases in the DU fund will mainly be used to cover costs of renovating pools, according to the Pool Study. Apple Ridge Pool is set to begin renovation this year; upon further investigation, the North Creek and Stedwick pools have swapped places in the list, with North Creek being the next in line and slated for completion in 2019.



photo by Mike Conroy

During their August 24 meeting, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors honored retiring long-time recording secretary Karolyn Silliman (left) for her many years of service to the Board and MVF committees. Board President John Driscoll (right) presented Silliman with a certificate of appreciation, which was met with a standing ovation.

Snellings reported that since its inception, the Capital Contribution Fee has raised \$557,282 and a projects another \$108,400 in 2016. The budget proposes that \$100,000 be spent in 2016 on capital projects; \$40,000 for a new fountain in Lake Whetstone and \$60,000 for park amenities, once the county dredging and outfall tower projects are complete.

Personnel costs include general merit and benefit assumptions for staff. The budget proposes a 2 percent merit increase pool and a continued 6 percent 401k match for staff. Due to increases in healthcare, a \$20 per pay increase in flex benefit dollars is also proposed. No new positions are proposed; however, DU summer wages will increase slightly due to an increase in minimum wage requirements by Montgomery County.

Other proposed expenses include legal collection costs; bad debt; the 50th Anniversary Celebration; the final phase-in of Water Quality Protection Fee increases; postage for bi-lingual assessment notices; and user fee camp and class program costs.

Contributions to Reserves (CTR) increase slightly from 2015 to be in line with the Reserve Study, totaling \$1,025,212, the first time in MVF history that over \$1 million has been set aside for reserves. The MVF Fund will receive \$299,000 and the DU Fund will receive \$726,212, with

contributions made monthly. The budget assumes a CTR on funding 75 percent of replacement costs over a 30-year period.

Reserve expenses for 2016 include: tot lot replacement; concrete and asphalt repairs; Nature Center repairs; South Valley Park field restoration and goal post replacement; MVF Office technology; community center repairs and maintenance, including the Stedwick Community Center kitchen replacement; the Apple Ridge Pool renovation; other general pool repairs; and tennis court maintenance. This amounts to a necessary \$2,284,102 and another potential \$637,658 in reserve spending.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

The MVF 2016 Proposed Budget and budget presentation can be viewed in their entirety and are available for download on the Foundation website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. A full copy of the budget may also be viewed at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours. Residents are encouraged to review the budget. For the next 30 days, comments or questions can be directed to CFO Greg Snellings via e-mail at budget@mfv.org or in writing to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2016 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

EAST VILLAGE

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

MARYLAND PLACE

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE II

The Park Place I Condominium Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. The annual meeting will follow.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 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, Sept. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

STEDWICK

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

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place. The Reconvened Annual Meeting will follow.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Copy & Ad Deadlines

next issue
Friday, Sept. 18

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HOLIDAY HOURS

The Montgomery Village Foundation Office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday, Monday, Sept. 7. It will reopen for normal business at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Monday, Sept. 7 will be the last day that MVF pools (except Stedwick pool*) are open for the 2015 season.

*Stedwick Pool, which is heated, will remain open for an extended season. See pool schedule on page 5.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pools pull the community together



by John Driscoll
MVF President

Like everyone in Montgomery Village, I enjoy my Sunday afternoons in the summer poolside. This year has been especially enjoyable with the renovation of the Whetstone Pool, which was completed last year. It strikes me as how successfully the new design meets the community's needs. The original intent was to create a competitive pool. This would meet the needs of one of the community swim teams, the Whetstone Whales. Additionally, an innovative beach access was added to allow young children to participate in the swimming experience. It's really wonderful to watch this combination in action. Children are swimming laps, are enjoying the slides and water features, and adults are enjoying adult swim – there is something for everyone here. This pool, and its varied swimming experiences, happened because of the many community meetings which focused on our desires.

Next on the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors' agenda is the development of a new pool at Apple Ridge. As I see it, this will be a very different swimming experience. By contrast, this will be a leisure pool, not a competitive pool. We will have the same process in place as we did with the design of the Whetstone Pool. Consequently, it is very important to have community input. If you

have an interest in developing what kind of swimming experience you wish to have at the Apple Ridge Pool, please make certain that you attend the upcoming meetings which will determine the shape and form of the pool.

Last Monday, Aug. 24, I testified before the Development Planning Amendment Hearing Examiner in favor of Monument Realty's proposal to develop Area 4 of the former golf course property. The plan is in alignment with the Vision 2030 Report and the proposed Montgomery Village Master Plan. It is also in compliance with the current available population credits for Montgomery Village.

Since the proposed development of this area on the property is in harmony with the Village vision, the future master plan and the current zoning regulations, I see no reason why Monument Realty should be restricted from proceeding with this development.

On Thursday, Sept. 10 there is a public hearing on the Montgomery Village Master Plan. MVF Board Vice President Pete Young will testify at this hearing in my absence. The Board has some concerns about how the county has zoned some Village properties, as well as some issues about widening some of the roads in the Village that are listed in the draft plan. All people interested in the future of Montgomery Village should try to attend this hearing. The final Montgomery Village Master Plan will shape the future of the Village for the next 20 years. If you care about our community, you need to attend.

The hearing is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room of the Montgomery County Council Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville.

As always you can contact me at JohnDriscoll235@yahoo.com.

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MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST August 27, 2015

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held July 23, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Clark moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2015. 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. Clark moved to approve the publication of the 2016 draft budget for public comment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Young moved to approve the revised Walker's Choice fence criterion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Gargan moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate and execute a five-year contract with US Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$117,661 for the first year, plus a contingency of 10% and no more than a 3% increase each year for the remainder of the contract term. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Webb moved to follow the staff recommendation and defer sending the TD&PF Committee recommended letter on M-83 to the County Council, County Executive and Planning Board to allow the state Department of Transportation to complete evaluation of another option. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Webb moved to approve the draft letter regarding the Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan to be sent to the Montgomery County Planning Board for the public record. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:04 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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| <p>6</p> <p>Labor Day MVF Office Closed</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Park Place II Condo 7 pm – WCC (Ann. Meeting) Whetstone HC 7 pm – NCBR Gaithersburg Fine Arts 7:30 pm – NCCC Nominating Committee 7:30 pm – MVF Office</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Camera Club 10 am – Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave. Wheaton, MD - \$8 "Wings of Fancy" Exhibit</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Fall Flea Market 8 am to 1 pm – NCCC Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CSLC ProsToYou Tennis Mixer 10 am to noon Apple Ridge Tennis Courts</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah Thomas Choice Gardens 2:30 pm – TCPR Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – TCPR (Reconvened Annual Meeting)</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Eastgate HC 7:30 pm – WCC East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC Maryland Place HC 7 pm – WCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>Village News 18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Fall Shredding Event (Free) 8:30 am to 12:30 pm MVF Office Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm Christ the Servant Lutheran Church</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – SCC</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Yom Kippur begins at sunset Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Office Middle Village HC 7:30 pm - TCPR</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Yom Kippur Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC South Village HC 7 pm - NCBR</p> | <p>24</p> <p>MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm Christ the Servant Lutheran Church</p> |
| <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p> | <p>October 1</p> | <p>Village News 2</p> <p>CARC 9:15 am - NCBR</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm Christ the Servant Lutheran Church</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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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

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

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

5. All letters are subject to condensation or deferral to the next issue by the

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

6. All letters may not exceed 300 words. Longer letters will be eliminated from consideration for publication in the *Village News*. As time permits, the writers may be notified and given the opportunity to shorten the letter for future publication. Letters exceeding 300 words which meet all other criteria of this policy may be published on the MVF website.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IN THE NEWS

Think vintage photos for the annual Village Calendar

Each year, the Montgomery Village Foundation runs a photo contest for our annual calendar, asking residents to highlight their favorite things about living in the Village. These photos usually showcase wildlife, recent events, parks, flower displays and snow scenes. For the 2016 calendar, and in celebration of Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary, we are looking to showcase some of the Village's unique history through submissions of vintage and historical photographs.

Residents are asked to submit photographs that may recall historical events or programs, early development of the Village, original Village landmarks or any other nostalgic and "uniquely Montgomery Village" scenes. With resident help, the final calendar will showcase the best of the Village over the last 50 years!

The annual calendar contest requires photos that are at least

10" (w) x 8" (h) at 300 dpi (high resolution suitable for commercial printing) in JPG format. Photos must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2. Two photos will be chosen to represent each month, one large and one small; each entrant can submit up to five photos for the contest.

Photos can be e-mailed to mnews@mof.org, with the appropriate contest name in the subject line. Original photos or those on CD may be dropped off at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Please include name, address and phone number for identification purposes. For more information or questions, contact Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 301-948-0110, ext. 2331 or e-mail mconroy@mof.org. The 50th Anniversary edition of the annual calendar is expected to be delivered with a December issue of the *Village News*.



CALENDAR CONTEST RULES

- Photos must be received by MVF by close of business on Friday, Oct. 2, 2015.
- 35mm photographs must be in color and no smaller than 3" x 5" in size.
- Digital photographs must be 300 dpi in JPG format.
- Digital photographs must be at least 8" x 10" in size.
- Digital photographs will not be accepted in print.
- Original photographs will be returned to contributors after they are scanned; CDs, disks and other materials received will not be returned to contributors.
- Entrants may submit up to five photographs.
- Photographs must be of Montgomery Village scenes, seasons or events from the last 50 years.
- All photographs are subject to the policies and by-laws set forth by the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors.

The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, Oct. 10
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IN THE NEWS

New security company approved at August MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

After CFO Greg Snellings presented the proposed 2016 MVF Budget during a joint meeting with the Audit Committee, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors met to discuss regular monthly business.

The Board approved Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton to negotiate and execute a 5-year contract with US Security Services for private security of MVF property. A staff committee reviewed proposals and interviewed four companies for continued security service. US Security Services was chosen as the preferred bidder based on their work with similar communities in Montgomery Village, use of technology, transition plan and overall cost. The contract amount of \$117,661 is approximately \$8,000 less than services budgeted for in 2015. Once a

contract is agreed upon and services begin, residents will see security officers in marked vehicles around the Village.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

After recommendation from the Architectural Review Board and input and review by the South Village Board of Directors, the Board approved new fence criteria for Walker's Choice. The decision resulted from a security concern and changing landscape since the developer initially wrote the criteria.

The Board also approved sending a letter to the Montgomery County Planning Board noting overall support of the Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan. The letter details specific comments and suggested amendments to some portions, including the new zoning proposal; MVF-owned properties and the MVF office; community develop-

ment/reinvestment; the former golf course property and proposed development; transportation, including Wightman and Stewartown roads; and community facilities.

A letter reiterating MVF's continued opposition to M-83, suggested by the Transportation, Development and Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee, was discussed. At the time of the TD&PF motion to request a letter be sent to the county, an upcoming study of Bus Rapid Transit had not been announced by the county. The Board decided to see the results of the study, expected in spring 2016, before making further comment on the future of transportation alternatives.

Finally, the Board approved the Draft 2016 MVF Budget for publication. See pages 1 and 29 to 36 for budget information, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com for the full draft budget.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MVF Board President John Driscoll presented long-time resident and recording secretary Karolyn Silliman, with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service to the Board. Silliman has been a recording secretary for many MVF committees, homes corporations and the MVF Board for almost 30 years. Her service was acknowledged with a standing ovation and many thanks from the Board and staff. Silliman noted that it has been an interesting experience, often requiring understanding many intricate details of the committees and associations; however, she has learned a lot about Montgomery Village over the years.

Driscoll also noted that he spent a day earlier in the week at the county planning offices relaying the MVF Board's sup-

port of Monument Realty's Development Plan Amendment for Area 4 of the former golf course property. He said he was awaiting the county's decision on the plan.

EVP REPORT

EVP Humpton noted that the South Valley Park Restroom and Concession Stand project should be underway in the next few weeks. Currently, the contractor was waiting for the transfer of a permit from the county and would begin site work soon. Humpton was hopeful the project would be completed by winter.

He also said he was informed that next year's legislative session would be particularly interesting; it was expected that several pieces of legislation regarding homeowner and condominium associations would be introduced

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MVF Financial Reports - July 2015

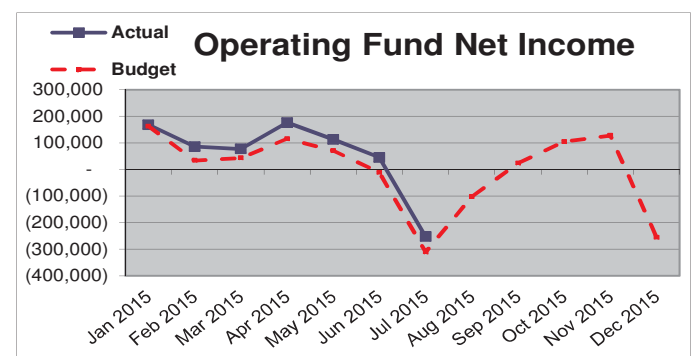
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

| | July 2015 | | | YTD Jul 2015 July 2015 | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Variance (Unfav) | Actual | Budget | Variance (Unfav) |
| Revenue: | | | | | | |
| Assessments | 494,094 | 494,066 | 29 | 3,458,661 | 3,458,459 | 202 |
| Assessment Fees | 45,159 | 41,362 | 3,797 | 167,948 | 196,323 | (28,375) |
| Transfer Fees | 4,682 | 3,468 | 1,214 | 22,682 | 19,108 | 3,574 |
| Disclosure Fees | 13,628 | 12,449 | 1,179 | 92,261 | 70,686 | 21,575 |
| Advertising revenue | 10,120 | 7,903 | 2,217 | 90,355 | 97,960 | (7,606) |
| Pool Memberships/Rental Fees | 8,474 | 7,386 | 1,087 | 87,222 | 61,948 | 25,275 |
| Camps & Classes | 15,611 | 29,789 | (14,178) | 185,403 | 272,396 | (86,993) |
| Management Fees | 70,210 | 69,544 | 667 | 479,883 | 468,200 | 11,683 |
| Capital Contribution fee | 16,891 | 11,129 | 5,762 | 83,307 | 60,722 | 22,585 |
| Other Income | 28,799 | 21,150 | 7,649 | 89,753 | 82,328 | 7,425 |
| Total Revenue | 707,668 | 698,245 | 9,423 | 4,757,476 | 4,788,131 | (30,655) |
| Personnel Costs: | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Wages | 519,220 | 532,906 | 13,685 | 1,923,191 | 2,033,617 | 110,425 |
| Payroll Taxes & Benefits | 123,935 | 131,351 | 7,416 | 556,834 | 585,034 | 28,200 |
| Personnel Costs | 643,155 | 664,257 | 21,101 | 2,480,025 | 2,618,651 | 138,626 |
| Business Expenses | 23,277 | 36,615 | 13,338 | 78,008 | 133,797 | 55,789 |
| Office Supplies | 3,036 | 3,657 | 621 | 21,812 | 32,832 | 11,020 |
| Program/Maint Supplies | 21,761 | 21,100 | (661) | 92,786 | 93,400 | 614 |
| Occupancy | 26,233 | 47,803 | 21,570 | 192,903 | 184,121 | (8,782) |
| Office Expenses/Svc Contracts | 19,550 | 22,973 | 3,423 | 151,109 | 169,942 | 18,833 |
| Equip Maintenance | 4,072 | 5,400 | 1,328 | 19,900 | 34,800 | 14,900 |
| Vehicle Expenses | 2,956 | 2,153 | (802) | 11,345 | 15,098 | 3,753 |
| Financial & Legal | 16,030 | 14,080 | (1,950) | 85,771 | 87,885 | 2,114 |
| Insurance | 11,649 | 12,085 | 436 | 57,002 | 57,577 | 575 |
| Printing | 5,357 | 4,200 | (1,157) | 42,708 | 43,550 | 842 |
| Landscape/Maintenance | 66,357 | 67,191 | 834 | 432,922 | 495,283 | 62,362 |
| Security | 16,203 | 13,714 | (2,489) | 73,480 | 81,999 | 8,519 |
| Other | (103) | - | 103 | (255) | - | 255 |
| Operating Costs | 216,378 | 250,971 | 34,593 | 1,259,491 | 1,430,285 | 170,794 |
| Contribution to Reserves | 82,254 | 82,254 | 0 | 575,779 | 575,779 | 0 |
| Contribution to CCF | 16,891 | 11,129 | (5,762) | 83,308 | 60,722 | (22,585) |
| Purchases of Assets | 1,730 | - | (1,730) | (53,087) | - | 53,087 |
| Other Equity Transfers | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted Donations | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Reserve/capital | 100,876 | 93,384 | (7,493) | 605,999 | 636,501 | 30,502 |
| Operating Expenses | 960,409 | 1,008,611 | 48,202 | 4,345,515 | 4,685,437 | 339,922 |
| Excess/Deficit Revenue | (252,741) | (310,366) | 57,625 | 411,960 | 102,693 | 309,267 |

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended July 31, 2015

| | Current | Prior Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash & Cash equiv | 2,345,557 | 1,994,114 |
| Investments | 5,663,884 | 5,778,729 |
| Due from Reserves | 439,814 | 126,713 |
| Assessment Receivables | 1,003,721 | 1,032,261 |
| Other Receivables | 63,766 | 85,474 |
| Current Assets | 9,516,743 | 9,017,291 |
| Gross Fixed Assets | 13,463,711 | 12,784,592 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (7,455,063) | (7,359,218) |
| Fixed Assets | 6,008,648 | 5,425,374 |
| Other Assets | 46,611 | 51,920 |
| Assets | 15,572,002 | 14,494,585 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | |
| Due to Operating | 439,814 | 126,713 |
| Payables | 435,925 | 225,559 |
| Deferred Revenue Liab | 1,061,291 | 997,742 |
| Liabilities | 1,937,031 | 1,350,014 |
| Undesignated Reserves | 1,894,292 | 1,835,059 |
| Designated Reserves | 11,740,674 | 11,309,512 |
| Equity | 13,634,966 | 13,144,570 |
| Liabilities & Equity | 15,572,002 | 14,494,585 |



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

IN THE NEWS

Board

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or reintroduced with changes. Humpton and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens will be keeping abreast of the legislation and reporting back to the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MVF Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry gave the financial report for both the month of July and the year-to-date (YTD). Revenue July was favorable to the budget by \$9,423 but unfavorable YTD by \$30,655. Disclosure fees, pool member-

ships and the Capital Contribution Fee (CCF) are tracking greater than the budget, while assessment fees, advertising revenue and camps and classes are trailing.

Personnel expenses were favorable to the budget by \$21,101 and \$138,626 for both July and YTD, respectively. Additionally, Operating Expenses were also favorable for both July (\$34,593) and YTD (\$170,784); all cost centers are performing better than the budget, except utilities.

Contributions to Reserves

(CTR) were made in accordance with the budget; \$82,254 was transferred in July, with a YTD total of \$575,779. The Capital Contribution Fee saw another \$16,891 in July and totals \$83,308 YTD. Year-to-date, \$683,600 has been spent on reserve-related assets.

Berry reported a Net Loss of \$246,179 for the month, though the loss was budgeted for, as July is traditionally an expensive month. However, the loss was favorable to the budget by about \$20,000. Net Income YTD is \$619,155, which

is favorable to the budget by approximately \$227,000.

The Balance Sheet continues to reflect MVF's solid financial position, showing over \$8 million in cash and investments. MVF has approximately \$1.7 million in Undesignated Reserves which is slated for capital projects and minimizing assessment increases. The \$6 million balance remains in Designated Reserves.

Finally, Berry noted that the revised Collection Policy is working as intended to keep a stable rate of assessment

payments coming in. It was reported that staff sent the lowest number of late assessment notices since 2008.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time.



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MVF Pools Fall Schedule through September 7

| Location | Sept. 4 | Sept. 5 & Sept. 6 | Sept. 7 |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Lake Marion | 3:30 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 6 pm |
| Whetstone | 3:30 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 6 pm |
| Stedwick | 12 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 7:30 pm |

Stedwick Pool Late Fall Schedule September 9 - September 27

| Weekday Hours | Closed | Weekend Hours | Sept. 27 |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| 3:30 - 7:30 pm | Mon & Tues | 12 - 7:30 pm | 12 - 6 pm |

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IN THE NEWS

Schedule for 2016 MVF Budget Process

Friday, Sept. 4

Village News

- Publish draft 2016 Budget on MVF website
- Publish draft 2016 Budget for 30-day public comment (if approved by MVF Board)

Thursday, Sept. 24

MVF Board Meeting

- Opportunity for public comment on 2016 Budget

Thursday, Oct. 22

MVF Board Meeting

- Adopt 2016 Budget
- Set 2016 Assessment Rates

November 2015

- Notify owners of 2016 assessments
- Approval of 2016 Assessment Coupon bid

All above referenced meetings will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, unless otherwise noted.

County schedule for Labor Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County Liquor Stores – all retail stores are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recreation – Bethesda, Germantown, Western County, Wheaton/Glenmont and MLK outdoor aquatic facilities will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Olney Indoor Swim Center will be open normal hours; all other indoor aquatic facilities, as well as the Long Branch and Upper County outdoor pools, will be closed. Administrative offices, senior centers and community centers are closed.

Montgomery Parks – most parks facilities are open during holiday weekend. For operating schedules, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.

Ride On – Sunday schedule

Metrobus – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

Recycling pickup – no collection*

Transfer Station – closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Administrative Offices – closed

State Offices and Courts – closed

*Collection provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

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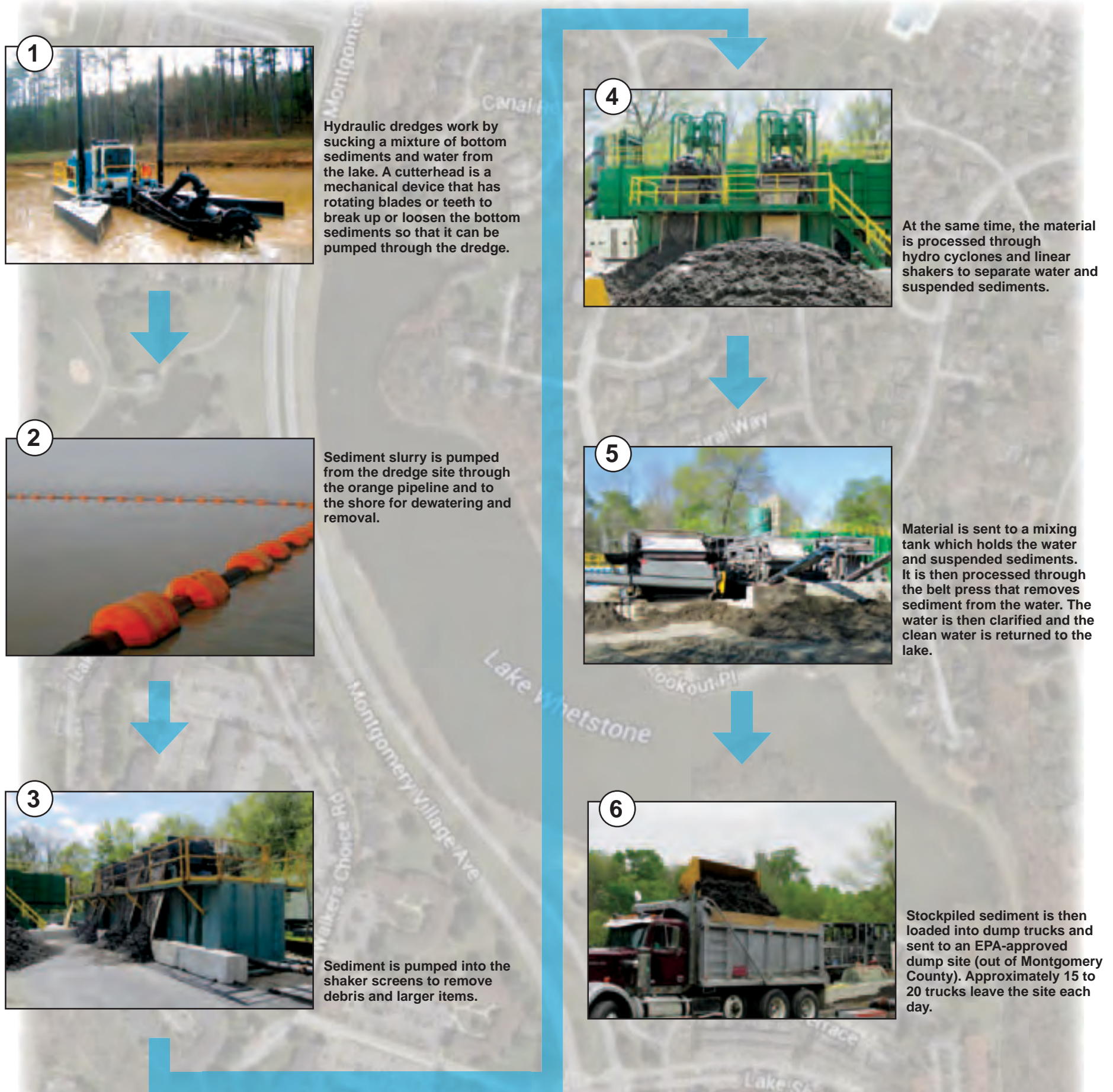
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IN THE NEWS

Lake Whetstone Sediment Removal by Hydraulic Dredging

In past issues, the *Village News* has reported information about the Lake Whetstone dredging project, currently underway and being performed by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. In light of all the equipment and activity at the work site, we thought residents may appreciate a visual explanation of the dredging process.



The total scope of the dredging project calls to remove 20,000 cubic yards of sediment, about 15 to 20 truckloads per day, through mid-February 2016. The goal, though weather dependent, is to finish earlier. Once the dredging is complete and the equipment is removed from the site, the county will return the park to its original condition.

Residents are reminded that during this project, the parking lot, picnic and volleyball area, dock and boathouse, and portions of the walking path will be closed, and recreational boating on the lake will be prohibited. Additionally, parking along the lakeshore in South Village parking spaces is prohibited. These spaces are for the regular use of South Village residents.

For more information, e-mail Audra.Lew@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/water/major-stormwater-project.html#lakewhetstonedredge.

IN THE NEWS

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE MONTGOMERY VILLAGE MASTER PLAN
AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1985 GAITHERSBURG VICINITY MASTER PLAN

Pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Chapters 24A and 33A of the Montgomery County Code, the Montgomery County Planning Board of THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on the Public Hearing Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan, being also an amendment to the 1985 Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan, as amended. When adopted, the Plan will also amend The General Plan (On Wedges and Corridors) for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, as amended.

Thursday, September 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.
at the Council Hearing Room of the Montgomery County Council Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland

The Plan makes recommendations for land use and zoning within the Montgomery Village Master Plan area as well as recommendations intended to improve overall circulation, pedestrian connections and the network of bikeways, community facilities, land use and environment for approximately 2,435 acres generally east of MD 355, south of Warfield Road, west of Woodfield Drive and north of the City of Gaithersburg.

Copies of the Public Hearing Draft Plan are available online at www.montgomeryplanning.org/mvp or at the Commission's Montgomery Regional Office Building at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, or at the Gaithersburg Public Library at 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to express their views. Persons wishing to testify in person at the public hearing are requested to notify the Planning Department's Public Information Line at 301-495-4605, or sign up to speak at the hearing using on-line registration at www.montgomeryapps.org/planning_board/testify.asp.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission encourages the involvement and participation of all individuals in the community, including those with disabilities, in the planning and review processes. In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities. M-NCPPC works to make its facilities and materials accessible and to hold public meetings in locations that are, likewise, accessible. M-NCPPC will generally provide, upon request, appropriate aids and services and make reasonable modifications to policies and programs for qualified persons with disabilities (e.g. large print materials, listening devices, sign language interpretation, etc.) For assistance with such requests, please contact the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Commissioner's Office, at least a week in advance, at 301-495-4600 or at mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org. Maryland residents can also use the free Maryland Relay Service for assistance with calls to or from hearing or speech impaired persons; for information, go to www.mdrelay.org or call 866-269-9006.

Written testimony may be submitted to: Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. E-mail testimony may be submitted to mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
Gwen Wright, Director

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.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred near the Marshalls store located at 18350 Contour Road on August 15 at 1:42 a.m.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9500 block of Cape Anne Place on August 4 at 5:01 p.m. No forced entry; property taken. The suspects were arrested. Arrested: 2 B/Ms, ages 14 and 15

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Sparr Spring Road and Battleridge Place on August 15 at 3:55 p.m. The victim was assaulted by the suspects. Property and cash were taken. Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of the baseball field located at 20101 Swallow Point Road on August 15 at 11:47 p.m. The victim was assaulted by two suspects. Cash and property were taken. Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred in the early morning hours of August 6. Force was used; property and cash were taken. Affected streets include Sailfish Terrace.

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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 _____ Honeymoon Location _____
 Wedding Date _____ Address Where Couple Plans to Reside _____
 Wedding Location _____

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 _____
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Achievement Announcements

First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____
 Achievement (provide details) _____
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 Grad Year _____
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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 _____
 Where Couple Was Married _____
 Anniversary Date _____
 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 _____

The Montgomery Village News will print milestone events and photographs at no charge for Montgomery Village residents.* Information can be provided on this form and dropped off at the Foundation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Information can also be emailed to mvnews@mvf.org or faxed to 301-990-7071. Announcements should be received at the Foundation by the deadline date of the specific Montgomery Village News issue requested for publication (see page 2 of this issue for deadlines). Publication dates are available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com under Press Room, then Village News, or by calling 301-948-0110, ext. 2331.

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Front door replacements

The front door of a home is a key feature as one approaches the house. It welcomes visitors and gives a first impression about the home and the owner.

Fifty years ago, the developers of Montgomery Village carefully selected door styles that complemented individual houses and the community as a whole.

Currently, there are many different styles of front door replacements to choose from in the marketplace. Recently, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) expanded the number of door styles it would approve for different Village communities. The new front door replacement guidelines represent the careful effort of the ARB members and Architectural Standards staff to find doors that complement the existing house designs, while giving homeowners a wider variety of options.

The MVF Design Consultant has also updated many of the community color pal-

ettes to ensure that there is a wider variety of color choices also available to homeowners. Whether your home is in a traditional neighborhood where strong accent colors are preferred, or in a community where more muted colors are desired at the entry, the design consultant has made recommendations of colors that should make the color selection process easier for you.

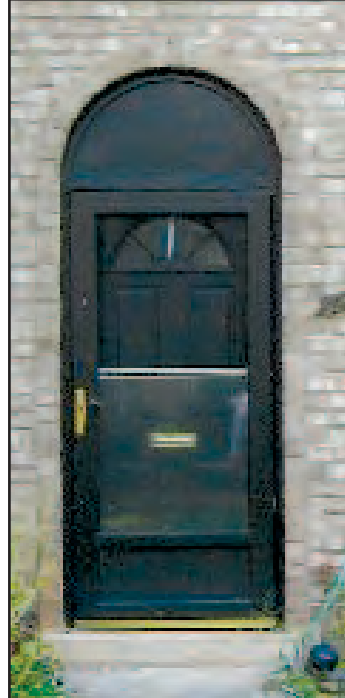
If, however, none of the colors in the recommended palette appeal to you, samples of additional colors can be submitted and the design consultant will work with you until the perfect selection is found.

Changes to your front door often also require consideration of a storm door and sidelight. It is important to note that many communities require the storm door and the front door to be the same color. Therefore, care needs to be taken when choosing a front door color that there is a matching storm door in the

color you choose, or you may be required to paint either of the doors so that the match can be made.

For sidelights the reverse is true, as most communities require the sidelights to be the house trim color—not the front door color. Sidelights are always considered to be separate from the front entry door and are to be the same color as the house window trim color.

To see the guidelines for front door replacements or the architectural criteria for your community, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com and go to "Architectural Standards" under the "Resident Services" tab. The Architectural Standards staff at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office is always available to assist you with any questions concerning these replacements. Call 301-948-0110, ext. 2355 or 2351, or e-mail hsharpless@mfvf.org or ehottinger@mfvf.org.



Rental Facilities in the Village

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

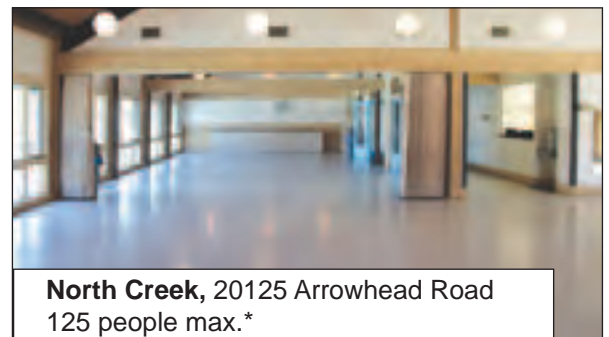
Lake Marion has a wood-floored room with a maximum capacity of 85 people, as well as a full-size gymnasium available for rent at Lake Marion.

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

We are now accepting rental requests for functions to be held through October 2015. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request Form" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Lake Marion, 8821 East Village Avenue
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North Creek, 20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

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

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Only Nuts

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Asparagus, arugula, beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, herbs, peas, peaches, peppers, spinach, strawberries, tomatoes, watermelons

Rights of Man Farm

Organic Meats: goat, chicken, pork beef and eggs. Organic vegetables

Rock Hill Orchard

Milk, sheep's milk cheese and flower bouquets

Sugar and Salt

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The JK Farm

Grass feed beef and lamb products

Valencia's Produce

Asparagus, beans, berries, broccoli, carrots, hanging baskets, herbs, leeks, lettuce, melons, okra, peas, peppers, pumpkins, zucchini

Tony Fetters Fruit Farm

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SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

South Village board approves major street work

by the South Village Board of Directors

At the August meeting, the South Village Homes Corporation (SVHC) Board of Directors voted to approve significant repairs and repaving (over \$100,000 is scheduled to be spent) in the following areas:

- Center Stage
- Grover's Forge
- Walker's Choice

In addition, crack sealing and other minor repairs were authorized for the Millrace neighborhood, which is scheduled for major repairs after 2016.

Also, community-wide greenspace improvements will continue with storm drain repairs and tree removals on Islandside Drive and Dockside Terrace.

HEARINGS ON REDUCING RIDEON BUS SERVICE

RideOn will hold two public forums on proposed service cuts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A), 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Executive Office Building (Lobby Level Auditorium), 101 Monroe Street, Rockville.

Montgomery County will hold two public forums in September to allow the public to comment on proposed changes to RideOn's bus service. The route eliminations are being proposed to help close the

significant budget shortfall facing the county in FY16. The county will consider all comments received by Wednesday, Sept. 30. The following routes are being proposed for elimination: Route 42 weekday, Saturday and Sunday service; Route 98 weekday, Saturday and Sunday service; and, Route 83 Saturday and Sunday service.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FORUM

You're invited to a Community Conversation about Health and Wellness in Montgomery County from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A), 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown.

Come and join the dialogue about how your community can be a healthier place to live. Community Conversations are sponsored by Healthy Montgomery, a community-based effort to improve the health and well-being of Montgomery County residents. Refreshments will be served!

To register, e-mail HHS_CHNA2015@montgomerycounty.md.gov. Learn more about Healthy Montgomery at www.healthymontgomery.org.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Get ready for the East Village Community Picnic

by Scott R. Dyer

East Village residents should mark their calendars for the East Village Homes Corporation's Annual Community Appreciation Picnic. This year's picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, rain or shine, with plenty of free parking and fun for all ages. Come for great food, activities, music and more! Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with fellow residents, elected officials (EVHC/MVF/County/State/Federal), MVF Community Management, our landscape contractor Brickman Group and other special guests including the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Police Department.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

The Estates - East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) is soliciting proposals, along with working with our insurance and the county police, on the necessary reconstruction of the freestanding brick columns at the entrance to the Estates, which were damaged on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Former Nike Missile Site/Reserve Center Redevelopment - In follow-up to EVHC's many requests, we have received the following update on the site's progress:

- The barrier wall has been completed and the earthen berm between the homes and wall is also in place. The berm will be planted and seeded in November (this includes some trees).

- Building #3 (which is closest to the wall) is under roof and will be painted in the next couple of weeks. The entrances on the side of the wall are for employees to enter and exit the building and absolutely no loading docks will go there. There is a garage door but that is for a regular vehicle to pull in and park in a parking space. All loading and unloading will take place on the other side of the building as planned.

- Building #1 (where the army site was) is up and the shell is in place.

- Building #2 has the slab poured and the walls will be tilted up in the next couple of weeks, followed by the roof. Once the roof and trusses are in place on building #2 the cranes will be removed from the site. This is expected to be about 3 to 4 weeks.

- Pepco is moving the utility poles on Snouffer School Road this week and next week to accommodate for the widening of the road and the entrance to the facility which again, is on Snouffer School Road.

- The current plan is to have the project completed by late October and all landscaping done by the end of November.

- All inspections of the site produced a "clean bill of health" from the Department of the Environment.

Lewisberry Drive Safety Improvements - Pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements installed by Montgomery County have been completed along Lewisberry Drive. Also, with a number of car, pedestrian and bicyclist accidents so far this year within or near East Village, a reminder to all drivers to please adhere

to the posted speed limits, watch for and stop for pedestrians crossing, share the road with bicyclists and be especially careful of school children and school buses, now that all schools are back in session.

BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

The next EVHC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. As always, these 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. The agenda includes a review of the Draft EVHC 2016 Budget.

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 - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts).

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up to receive e-mail communications (upcoming events, news, important notices, etc.) from East Village Homes Corporation by e-mailing eastvillagehc@mof.org and include the subject, "Register." Also check out the EVHC facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc, or searching "East Village Homes Corporation," be sure to "Like" our page to receive updates. Our Community Manager and the EVHC Board of Directors always want to hear from residents; if you have questions, suggestions or just kudos, please e-mail eastvillagehc@mof.org, or call 301-948-0110, ext. 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.

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WHETSTONE WATCH

A contrast of seasons

by Ed Stennett

All of our trees are stressed by the unusually dry August—just look at all the leaves on the ground. This stress may be particularly severe because June was unusually wet, and many trees responded with an unfortunate growth spurt.

We pay a contractor to protect newly planted trees from dry weather. This spring we planted about 40 trees. In a dry summer, the watering expense can be nearly as significant as the tree expense.

After the first summer, trees are left to natural rainfall and caring residents for watering. There are a lot of trees in Whetstone that have been in the ground only a year or two. The root system for these trees is not yet robust, and these trees can be seriously stressed by a dry month. So neighbors please get out your garden hoses and sprinklers and water once a week. Let the sprinkler go for two hours at each spot.

Other tree news: the pine trees along Centerway Road near Rhodes Way have contracted a blight and are dying one by one. We are going to remove all of them. Additionally, a resident observed a deer eat-

ing the bark of a young tree on Oxcart Island. Consequently tree guards have been installed on all eight young trees at that location.

Though it is the height of summer, let us think a moment about snow. On May 27, more than 20 residents attended the meeting to discuss possible changes to the snow removal policy. Nearly all in attendance praised the snow removal of the past winter. And one resident brought a petition from the residents of Rhodes Way specifically advocating no change to the snow removal policy. There were two complaints: one involved the use of a sand substitute called "black beauty;" the other involved piling snow on a resident's lawn so high that street visibility was impaired. Both of these complaints will be reflected in direction given to the contractor in the future.

In two heavy snows this past winter, the contractor was requested to remove snow from the garage aprons in the Courts. The effectiveness of this effort was questioned by those at the meeting. The overwhelming opinion expressed was that it would be better to have residents take care of the

aprons as they have since the Courts were first occupied. During this discussion, at least two residents stated an enthusiastic willingness to help less able residents clear their aprons. In future winters, the contractor will be directed to leave clearing the aprons to the residents.

SNOW BY YEAR

Since 2000, there have been only four winters with serious snowfall accumulations. Two of them were the two winters just past.

SNOW TRIVIA

When the Courts were first built, the parking areas were not asphalt; rather these areas were surfaced with small white pebbles. The overall appearance was suggestive of southern California and quite attractive. Unfortunately, the architect did not consider snow. Snow removal from decorative gravel was a nightmare; so the gravel was soon replaced with asphalt.

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

EASTGATE EXPRESS

It's that time of year again - the Annual Eastgate Picnic is almost here!

by the Eastgate Board of Directors

All Eastgate residents are cordially invited to attend the Annual Eastgate Picnic. The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 26 from noon to 4 p.m. at Martin P. Roy Park, 20121 Cinnabar Drive. Please come and enjoy a chance to meet your neighbors, games and great food.

WOOD EDGE AND HICKORY GROVE

The board of directors has approved painting of all the fire lanes. This project will take place Tuesday, Sept. 15 and Wednesday, Sept. 16. The board also approved crown clearing of all the street trees in these subdivisions; you can

expect the work to take place shortly.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND TIME

The September board of director's meeting has changed to Tuesday, Sept. 15. It will be held at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, at 7:30 p.m. All residents are always welcomed to attend. The board will be discussing the Eastgate 2016 Draft Budget.

Eastgate Express: for residents of Charlesgate, Hickory Grove, Kings Point, The Meadows, The Mews, Ridgefield and Wood Edge.



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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village August board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The last regular North Village board meeting was held on Thursday, Aug. 20, and the board appointed the nominating committee for the upcoming election and approved the corporate calendar for the coming year.

In the financial report, it was noted that the final bill has not yet been received for the recent paving work in Salem's Grant and McRory. It is anticipated that this will total close to \$400,000, with most of the needed funds to be taken from investment reserves and the remainder borrowed from the operating account. This will avoid having to redeem any Certificates of Deposit (CDs) before they mature. Several CDs will be maturing by November 1, 2015, and the borrowed money will be returned to the operating account at that time.

Our tree maintenance budget has been exhausted for the year, and the final water quality bills have not yet been received, but are anticipated to be considerably lower than in recent years. This is effectively a "tax" that the state levies based on the amount of impervious surfaces (streets and parking lots) that we have, with the money targeted for cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. Our bills in recent years have been quite high, but the Maryland legislature has granted a reprieve for portions of the bills for streets that we own and maintain. In

summary, as of the end of June, expenses for the year were approximately equal to revenues received.

Following up on the budget work session that was held in July, the board agreed to discuss the budget further at the October meeting, once the water quality bills are received and our reserve study is completed. It is anticipated that the budget will be approved for publication at the October board meeting, and the final approval voted on at the November meeting. Assessment notices will be sent out Thursday, Dec. 17.

The maintenance committee's report noted that the new trashcan that was installed in the Picton community was "working" and is being emptied regularly. Chadburn Place is looking good now that the residents are making an effort to keep it clean. New pet stations have been received and will be installed in Highland Hall, along the oil pipeline path. In another maintenance item, Strathaven Court in Essex Place has been damaged as a result of work being done by WSSC. If the curbs, bushes and sidewalks are not restored in the next few weeks, the board will file a claim so that damages can be recovered.

Under capital improvements, our community manager was asked to get bids for painting our light posts in the fall. It was also mentioned that the fence in Picton will be replaced in 2016, once Pepco has

completed their tree removals.

In the management report it was noted that a meeting was held with a Pepco representative to identify trees that threaten power lines. Most of these are along Wightman Road or on the perimeter of the community. Pepco marked 14 trees for removal and issued a voucher to North Village for replacements to be purchased at Stadler Nurseries. Additional trees located on the easement between Pepco and North Village will also be removed. At the entrance of Picton, Pepco will remove three Pin Oaks and one Pine tree. Over the next few months, we will be discussing what trees should be purchased and where to install them.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

The North Village Board of Directors would like to fill two vacancies during the upcoming election, to bring the board up to the full nine members. If you would like to get involved in the management of our community, please submit your name to our community manager, whose phone number is given below.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 301-948-0110, ext. 2344.

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

STEWICK SIGNALS

Maintenance in Stedwick

by Keith Silliman

Several Stedwick Homes Corporation maintenance-related activities have either recently been completed, are underway or about to take place. Montgomery County has replaced/added ADA compliant curb cuts at intersections and crosswalks along Stedwick Road. A failing retaining wall in Forest Brooke has been rebuilt after receiving the necessary county permits. Progress has been made toward creating a rain garden in a swale between Colfield Court and Watkins Mill Road. A design will be submitted to the county for approval, and then we anticipate receiving some county reimbursement and possibly a minor reduction in our Water Quality Protection Fee (rain tax) once that rain garden is completed.

We also have a design for planting flowers and low growing plants in a small rock garden on Stedwick Drive. We expect the actual work for both the rain garden and the rock garden to take place in the September/October time frame. We are also working with the county to have them plant and maintain trees in our green spaces as part of their rainwater runoff reduction programs.

The Stedwick board's monthly maintenance inspection frequently sees the disposal of grass, shrub and tree trimmings dumped over back fences and into the forested areas of Stedwick property. A more appropriate method of disposal is to place those trimmings in large brown paper bags that can be purchased at

hardware and grocery stores, and then place them out at the curb on recycling days to be picked up and composted by Montgomery County.

Donna Evans of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection will be the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Montgomery Village Garden Club on Monday, Sept. 21. Ms. Evans will speak about the county's RainScapes and Rain Garden programs and how Montgomery County is working to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. That meeting will be held at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome to learn about the county programs.

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of Stedwick Homes Corporation-owned property in your neighborhood or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact our community management team at 301 948-0110, ext. 2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvcf.org or consult our community website, www.stedwick.org. You can also bring any ideas or concerns to the Stedwick Board of Directors during our regular meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the Stedwick Community Center. Residents time is the first item on the agenda.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Late summer updates

by Jane L. Hatch

The majority of curb, reserved parking and "Chesapeake Bay" storm drain painting should be completed within the next week. This can be delayed by weather issues, but so far, the painting has been on track. The board appreciates the many positive comments relayed to us.

Curb repairs in Williams Range are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 8 as the prelude to paving the community. Paving should begin the following week, again noting that weather can impact the

schedule. Please remove all vehicles from the roadways throughout the duration of the paving project.

Dead trees are being removed throughout Northgate. This is a substantial project and we ask that you remain patient as we get to any removals that you were notified would take place.

We remind you that if you have not e-mailed your objections regarding the inclusion of a 100-foot right-of-way for Wightman Road in the revised Montgomery Village Master Plan, that you do so immediately. This is very important!

Please send your objections to:

- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning: MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org
- Montgomery County Council: county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Montgomery County Executive: ocemail@montgomerycountymd.gov

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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MV Kids Learn About Cunningham Falls

by Maria Pullifrone

Cunningham Falls State Park is located west of Thurmont, Maryland on Catoctin Mountain. It features a 43-acre man-made lake and its 78-foot cascading waterfall, Cunningham Falls. During the 19th century, settlers began to cut down the forests around the area to make charcoal to power the Catoctin iron furnace, which can be toured in the park.

What to Do There

Recreational activities include hiking, hunting, swimming, boating and fishing. Big Hunting Creek, one of Maryland's premier trout streams, flows through the park. Campsites and camper cabins are available for rental from April through October.



How to Get There

14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont.

The William Houck Area, located three miles west of Thurmont on Route 77, has the lake area, falls and camping.

The Manor Area three miles south of Thurmont off Route 15 has the Scales and Tales Aviary, camping and the historic Catoctin Iron Furnace.



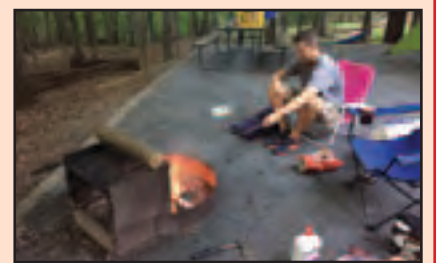
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- Old Misery Trail – orange (2 miles) Strenuous
- Cat Rock/Bob's Hill –yellow (7½ miles) Strenuous
- Cat Rock Trail – yellow (1½ miles) Strenuous
- Bob's Hill Trail – yellow (1½ miles) Strenuous
- Catoctin Furnace Trail – (¼ mile) Easy
- Catoctin Trail – blue (27 miles) Strenuous



Camping

Cunningham Falls State Park has campsites in both the William Houck Area and the Manor Area. Each site is approximately 23' X 23' made of stone dust and has a picnic table and fire ring. There is a bathhouse with hot showers and flush toilets centrally located in the middle of each camping loop.



AT YOUR LEISURE

RainScaping—how to design and save money

The Montgomery Village Garden Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 21 with a focus on RainScaping. The meeting will cover creating watershed-friendly landscapes and the Montgomery County, RainScapes rewards program. Guest Speaker Donna Evans will talk about the county program to reduce rainwater runoff through the use of rain barrels, cisterns, dry wells, rain gardens and the planting of trees. Montgomery County reimbursements and Water Quality Protection Fee reductions are available for implementing RainScape techniques on private property.

Evans is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate and RainScapes Planner with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. For more information about the program, Evans can be reached at 240-777-7798.

The September 21 meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. For more information, contact Barbara Stellar at 301-740-8566. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.



Is climate change a moral issue

St. Rose of Lima Church invites Montgomery Village residents to participate in a forum addressing the question, "Is Climate Change A Moral Issue?"

This question will be viewed through the lens of the Pope Francis encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. Pax Christi and the Eco-Action Team welcome the discussion

from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the church, 11701 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. A four-person moderated panel will address the topic from different perspectives to be followed by a question-and-answer session.

For more information or questions, call 301-948-7545 or e-mail pmcuff@aol.com.

SPORTS

MVSA offers free girls lacrosse clinics

Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA) Girls Lacrosse will conduct free clinics for young women in grades 4 through 9 from Saturday, Sept. 12 through Saturday, Oct. 31 (excluding Sept. 26).

Clinics are designed to teach first time players basic lacrosse skills and to enhance the skills of experienced players. The primary objective is for players to have fun and make new friends, but the skills players develop will serve them well at both high school and college levels. Following the 2015 season, five former MVSAers were named to the MCPS Lacrosse Coaches All County team, and many earned college scholarship aid. There were 36 former MVSA players on high school varsity and JV teams in 2015, as noted in the alumnae section of the lacrosse web page.

Coaches Stan Kryjak and Bob Schaefer are U.S. lacrosse certified and provide qual-

ity instruction during this free program. In Coach Stan's 11 years, he has coached at Quince Orchard High School and the highly regarded Rebels club teams. In Coach Bob's 13 seasons, he has coached Good Counsel boys and currently is a Gaithersburg High School girls assistant. And, as fathers of daughters who played lacrosse, they know how to relate to and treat girls, and are well versed in all aspects of lacrosse.

MVSA will have current high school players on the clinic staff to assist the coaches, so all participants will receive significant one-on-one guidance. For girls who have played soccer or basketball, lacrosse is very similar in concept. For those who have never participated in a team sport, lacrosse is a great means of developing strength, stamina and confidence.

Don't pass up this opportunity! Clinics will be held at

Patsy Huson Ball Field, 20300 Fulks Farm Road, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and are open to both Village residents and non-residents. No equipment other than a mouth guard is necessary—MVSA has 20 sticks to lend to first time laxers (\$50 refundable deposit required) and will provide eye protection goggles for scrimmages. A one-year, \$25 youth membership in U.S. Lacrosse is required. Membership includes catastrophic injury insurance, though during the 16 years the MVSA girls program has existed, the most serious injuries have been bruises. Well coached and officiated girls lacrosse is a relatively safe game; unlike men's lacrosse, both stick and body checking/contact are prohibited.

To participate, visit <http://mvsa.org/sports-we-offer/lacrosse/> and click the "register today" button at the top of the page.



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RECREATION

Touch-A-Truck brings kids closer to big equipment

A huge thank you to the community businesses who brought their vehicles out on Saturday, Aug. 29 for Mont-

gomery Village Foundation's new Touch-A-Truck event! More than 1,000 residents of Montgomery Village and

the surrounding community enjoyed a unique hands-on experience. Youngsters had a wonderful morning of climb-

ing, "driving" and honking the horns on 19 different vehicles, and finding out how each piece of equipment

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New Drop-in Primetime Basketball times

The weather may be cooling down, but that's no reason to drop your love for playing basketball. Maintain your basketball skills and stay fit by registering yourself and the family in our 9-week open gym basketball programs at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Drop-in basketball opportunities are available for children ages 7 to 18, and adults 18 and older every Wednesday night; ages 7 to 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. and ages 18 and older from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The first session runs from Sept. 2 to Oct. 28 and costs \$40/Resident and \$50/Non-resident, or drop-in each time for \$6 a day. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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RECREATION



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Lego campers build a village

MVF Lego campers built a Lego village! Each section provides for a different service, from schools to doctors. Each participant worked individually on their piece before coming together as a group for the combined result.

The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival

Montgomery Village's signature fall community event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This family friendly event features speedy pumpkin racers, delicious food, live rock and roll music, amusements, games and an art show/sale. Racers and spectators alike enjoy an exceptional afternoon of pumpkin racing excitement!

pumpkin racer kit (including everything you need except the pumpkin) to the first 25 families, groups or organizations who register! Racer kits can also be purchased in advance for \$13 (pumpkin not included) and picked up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, beginning Monday, Sept. 14, while supplies last.

racings a corporate pumpkin and sponsoring this great family event. To find out how you can be a part of the action, call Beto Benitez at 240-243-2359 or e-mail hbenitez@mof.org.



EVENT SPONSORS WANTED!

MVF is seeking corporate and local sponsors and vendors for this zany signature fall event. Don't let your competition beat you to the finish line—be a part of the craziest fall festival in the area! Participate in your community by

HOW FAST IS YOUR PUMPKIN?

You can find out when you build and enter a Pumpkin Racer in the Great Pumpkin Race! Montgomery Village Foundation will give a free

Aerobics Classes

New Aerobics classes are starting soon! Lose weight, burn calories, reduce stress, and meet new people! Our Aerobic Classes can help with all that! We have a wide variety of classes to fit just about anyone's busy schedule. Classes begin Saturday, Sept. 12 and run through mid-December.

Morning Aerobic Dancing is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Aerobic Workout is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays

from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Body Sculpting is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

All classes are held at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Fees are as low as \$7 to drop in a class at any time! Fees for one, two, or three classes per week are also available for the session.

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

Fall Flea Market

Let us help you rid your closet and garage of that summer clutter. MVF will be hosting its annual Fall Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Cost to sell items is \$23/Resident and \$28/Non-resident. The cost to browse is free!

Register for parking lot sized spaces to sell your items at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, call 301-948-0110 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information or questions, call Avery Watkins at 240-243-2367 or e-mail awatkins@mof.org.

Introduction to Meditation

Taught by experienced yogini Maria Doherty, this workshop is perfect for those who want to deepen their meditation practice or those wish to learn more about the great benefits of meditation. This two-hour workshop will take participants through seated guided meditation, mindfulness meditation, meditation-

in-motion yoga practice and more. Suitable and beneficial for all adults. Please bring a yoga mat and blanket.

This workshop is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110, e-mail mmaggi@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Register Online www.montgomeryvillage.com

30 MINUTE CORE

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Sept. 29 to Dec. 17
7 to 7:30 p.m.

This speedy, no hassle, high energy, muscle conditioning class helps to strengthen and shape your hips, thighs, glutes and abdominals. Designed for all fitness levels. Please bring a mat and towel to class. The towel will be used as an exercise tool.

4001.417
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30 Minute Core Trial Session

Try this class for two weeks at a reduced price and join the remainder of the session if this workout is for you!

4001.418
Sept. 29 to Oct. 8 | 7 to 7:30 p.m.
\$20/Resident, \$30/Non-resident



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

Wine & Paint

Friday, Nov. 6
7 to 9 p.m.

\$28/Resident
\$33/Non-resident



Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

Whether its date night or ladies night, Wine & Paint is a splendid way to wind down after a busy week! Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide you step-by-step through this fun and easy painting with acrylics on a stretched canvas – no experience necessary!

Each participant will leave with their very own masterpiece, with no two looking exactly the same. Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Additional glasses of wine will be available for purchase. Must be at least 21 years old to attend.



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



Stroll and stride with your child

Time is short to fit in exercise when you're keeping up with a toddler. Parents can combine the two by joining MVF staff and other parents in the community in the new Strollers & Striders program designed to give participants an opportunity to exercise, socialize and enjoy the green spaces in Montgomery Village.

Meetings will begin with basic stretching and a brief warm up before hitting the paths around Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Program is scheduled from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays beginning Monday, Sept. 14. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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Classes are held on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Satur-

days at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Register for the full fall session or drop in for just \$6 per class!

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

Argentine Tango



New Village residents Viviana and Isidoro Levinson are excited to bring a new social dance class, Argentine Tango. This wonderful couple were born and raised in Argentina and have been teaching this style of dance for over 20 years. This beginner level class is for those who have never taken

Tango before or for people with little Argentine Tango experience.

Through the 10-week course, dancers will focus on open and close embrace, pivots, ochos, la cruzada, rock-steps and more! Classes will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 7 to Dec. 16

at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110, e-mail Melanie Maggi at mmaggi@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Holiday Craft Bazaar

It's that time of year again! The annual Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Vendor registration is underway! All items to be sold must be handmade by the exhibitor, their partner, and/or immediate family member. All crafts will be reviewed prior to registration. Spaces are 6' x 8' and include a 6' x 2 1/2' table and one chair. Fees are \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents with electricity available at some tables for an additional \$5. Admission for shoppers is free!

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

Try Tennis Days

Get your kids active and having fun with tennis! Try Tennis Days for Youth are scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 through Thursday, Sept. 10. With equipment sized right for age and ability, this three day drop-in program allows pint sized protégés to play on shorter courts, with smaller racquets and slower, lower-bouncing balls and shorter nets.

MVF staff will be on the courts at Ed DeSimon Park, 8600 East Village Avenue, ready to introduce this lifetime sport to a new generation. Drop in one, two or all three days. It's FREE! Pre-registration is encouraged, for ages 5 and over.

Pickleball—sour name but a sweet sport!



Come see what the Pickleball hype is all about! The game is a combination of badminton, tennis and ping pong. It's never been easier to meet new friends, socialize and learn a new sport! With larger paddles than ping pong but a smaller court than tennis, this game is sure to keep you active.

Come try Pickleball for free from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. For more information, call 240-243-2367 or e-mail awatkins@mvf.org.

Teen Futsal League starting soon!

While American Football season is just beginning, true Futbol fans know the sport never ends. This fall, MVF is offering a Teen Futsal League for athletes ages 13 to 17 at Lake Marion Community Cen-

ter, 8821 East Village Avenue. Games are held on Friday evenings from 7 to 11:30 p.m. beginning on Friday, Sept. 18.

Each game will last 40 minutes and allow for 5 on 5 field play, with a 10 player max ros-

ter. The number of games will be determined by the amount of teams registered.

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

End the summer with a trip to local amusement parks

The Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture, in conjunction with the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, is selling discounted tickets to area amusement parks at the Foundation office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment for these tickets must be made in person at the Foundation

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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 from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 8 to Oct. 20. Fees for the

session are just \$30/Resident and \$40/Non-resident with a \$12/additional child per family fee. Please note that parents must supervise their children at all times.

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mmaggi@mvf.org.

Whetstone Community Center
 19140 Brooke Grove Court

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Seniors in Action Fall Session

Aug. 31 to Dec. 18
No meetings: Sept. 7, Nov. 26 or Nov. 27

Seniors in Action kicked off the fall session with arts and crafts and a pickleball demo. Members learned the rules to this fun, friendly game with guidance by local pickleball experts. Come out every Monday from 11 a.m. to noon to hit the courts for some friendly competition! All skill levels are welcome to play and learn!

New programs have been added to our daily programming for the fall season! Join us for a free Open House from Monday, Sept. 14 to Friday, Sept. 18. Register at any SiA program or at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, today!



BINGO!

Join Seniors in Action for the first Bingo and Brown Bag Lunch of the season on Friday, Sept. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. Bring your lunch and friends to Stedwick Community Center and have fun with BINGO!



FIELD TRIPS

Fall self-service field trips are now underway at SIA! Come to any SIA program to learn more about these upcoming events! Join members as they carpool to Butler's Orchard to pick apples on Friday, Sept. 18!



Caring Hands Community Outreach

Join us for our first Caring Hands meeting on Friday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to noon. We will be going over future volunteer opportunities, as well as decorating storage for our upcoming drives.



Seated Tai Chi

Experienced instructor Marcy will lead you through the movements of Tai Chi to work on balance and muscle control. Tai Chi is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays.



Seniors in Action members relax and boost their energy with seated Tai Chi led by instructor, Marcy!

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

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
Sept. 7: Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 14: Stepping Stones – bring a mold (pie tin, box top, round cake pan)



Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month
Sept. 21: "Only Time Will Tell" by Jeffrey Archer
Oct. 19: "Red Square" by Martin Cruz Smith



NEW! Pickleball 11 a.m. to noon

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

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

Join instructor Marcy, as she takes you through controlled and 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.
Sept. 9: Steering Committee at 9 a.m. followed by Games & Social Hour
Sept. 16: Games & Social Hour

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 noon

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

FRIDAY



Caring Hands Community Outreach 11 a.m. to noon – second Friday each month

Sept. 11: Monthly Planning Meeting



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

Bring lunch and play Bingo with friends.
Free for SiA members, \$2/Non-members.
Pre-registration is required; forms available at any SiA activity or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

Meet dates: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

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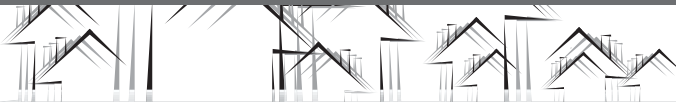


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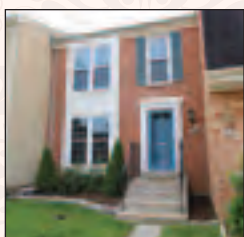
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For Sale



WASHINGTONIAN TOWER \$155,000

Perfect location smack dab between Downtown Crown and Rio Washingtonian Center – 1 BR, 1 BA condo with excellent amenities and all utilities included – walk out the door to excellent new restaurants, movie theatres, Kohls, Target, Pier 1 – ideal for someone

who wants a small local place with great commuting choices – tons of parking – priced to sell!

Under Contract



COURTS OF WHETSTONE \$429,000

This Montreal model has been upgraded & renovated throughout! Solar panels – 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 1st fl. FR w/fireplace & new carpet – reconfigured kitchen has center island & custom cabinets, fin. basement w/wine cellar & craft room – refinished wood floors.



WHETSTONE \$360,000

SHORT SALE

Woodburn model with beautiful screened porch & hwd floors, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 1st floor FR w/wood-burning fireplace & slider to porch – table-space kit., formal LR & DR, big foyer – full basement w/tons of storage.



WHETSTONE \$389,000

Nicely renovated 4 BR, 2.5 BA Goshenside home. Granite counters & cherrywood cabinets in kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, new lighting, fresh neutral décor, updated baths – bonus room upstairs perfect for den, office, extra bedroom – front porch and back-

yard paver patio with built-in seating wall – finished basement w/new carpet and tons of storage – excellent value!



ALEXANDRIA, VA \$605,000

Stunning end unit townhome w/garage, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 2 fireplaces. Finished basement walks out to flagstone patio – main level deck – BR-level laundry. Many upgrades including granite, hardwood and stainless. Excellent commuting location for DC.

Sold



THE POINTS \$405,000

Upgraded w/new hardwood floors – granite counters, stainless appliances, sink, fixtures, lighting & flooring in kitchen – new carpet – newer windows & sliding glass doors – updated basement w/new flooring!



COURTS OF WHETSTONE \$412,500

Delightful contemporary SFH w/exceptional sunroom addition w/skylights and gorgeous view of backyard and stone patio. 4 BR, 3.5 BA. Fin. basement.



STEDWICK \$290,000

Updated brick end unit in Clusters II in Stedwick – 4 BR, 2 full baths, 2 half baths with renovated kitchen including stainless steel appliances, new counters & fixtures – new carpet & fresh paint – huge basement!



WHETSTONE \$412,500

Wonderful 5 BR, 3 full BA, upgrades include granite counters and stainless appliances. New carpet, hardwood floors, updated windows, 1st floor BR, full BA.



WHETSTONE \$411,000

Fantastic 4 BR, 3.5 BA Fairview model in Goshenside of Whetstone – updated kitchen with granite counters, dbl oven, custom cabinets, tile backsplash, pantry.



WHETSTONE \$535,000

Spectacular! Renovated & reconfigured Baltimore model full of improvements – kitchen w/upgraded appliances, two ovens, cabinets & center island.



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





Montgomery Village Foundation

2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Summary of the 2016 Proposed Budget

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) 2016 Proposed Budget and updated 5-Year Plan continues implementation of the MVF Board's approved Strategic Goals as well as programs and services that benefit residents of the community. The budget is focused on four primary goals:

- 1) To minimize assessment increases for the MVF and Designated Users Funds;
- 2) To continue implementing major capital projects (Apple Ridge Pool renovation and Lake Whetstone amenities);
- 3) To maintain reserve contributions in accordance with the 2014 Reserve Study; and
- 4) To fairly compensate MVF employees.

In preparation for MVF's 50th Anniversary, the MVF Board appointed an advisory committee to make recommendations for events and projects to mark this special milestone. \$55,000 has been included in the operating budget to provide for a series of fun and celebratory events for all village residents. These funds will be sourced from existing Undesignated Reserves that remain unused from prior years' favorable results.

Capital funds (\$100,000) from CCF revenues are being allocated for improvements to Lake Whetstone Park, which would include a fountain at the north end of the lake to improve the lake's water quality.

User Fee Challenge

In this year's proposed budget, approximately \$29,000 of MVF's undesignated surplus is being used to support User Fee programs, which include camps and recreational classes. Since 2014, User Fee revenues have declined significantly, resulting in a deficit of \$3,498 for 2014 and a projected deficit of \$50,000 for 2015. Staff is currently re-evaluating all camp program and recreation class offerings to determine how to increase revenues or reduce costs.

2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Pursuant to the 2015 5-Year Plan, the 2016 proposed budget proposes to increase assessments in both the MVF and Designated User Funds. The MVF Fund is proposed to increase \$.65 per unit per month while the Designated User Fund is proposed to increase \$1.25 per unit per month. Assessment increases are needed to support both the MVF and Designated User Funds. MVF's attention continues to focus on providing top-notch services and programs, renovation of existing pools and bathhouses, including implementing ADA requirements, ensuring replacement reserves are adequate and a minimum undesignated operating reserve is preserved as a contingency for unexpected expenditures. These goals will continue as the 5-year Plan is updated on an annual basis.

MVF Fund: The MVF Fund will increase from \$20.79 to \$21.44 to fund the 2016 budget. However, we will continue to analyze monthly financial results for the possibility of reducing the increase, as was done for the 2015 budget a year ago. Included in the 2016 budget is the use of approximately \$258,800 of the \$1,000,000+ operating reserves. The \$258,800 will fund the \$55,000 for the 50th anniversary, \$25,000 to fund an additional allocation for bad debts, \$28,800 to subsidize User Fee programs for one (1) year, and \$150,000 to minimize the assessment increase. The 3.1% increase will generate nearly \$90,000 in new assessment revenues.

Designated User Fund: As projected in the 5-Year Plan, an increase in the Designated User Fund is needed to fund increased operation costs at pools and community centers, as well as providing for adequate reserve funding. Based on the recently completed reserve study, additional reserve contributions are needed to adequately maintain our aging pools and other infrastructure. The 2016 proposed budget will increase the DU assessment from \$31.77 per unit per month to \$33.02 per unit per month. The \$1.25 per month increase is slightly higher than the 2015 5-Year Plan, which projected a \$.90 increase. The two main causes for the larger increase are: 1) the inclusion of approximately \$25,000 in capital requests for new equipment, and 2) a higher allocation of costs from the MVF Fund due to the significantly lower expenses of the User Fee Fund.

MVF 5-Year Plan: To enable the organization to engage in a longer planning horizon for both long-term operating and capital project needs, the 2016 budget includes an update of the 5-Year Plan. The 5-Year Plan includes conservative projections for assessments, operating costs, reserves and capital needs.

The financial plan also complements the MVF Board's Strategic Goals. A listing of the strategic goals and specific objectives for 2016 is included in the Appendix section of the Budget.

BUDGET CHANGES

REVENUES

MVF Assessments - The MVF assessment is slated to increase by \$.65 per unit per month for 2016. The assessment would have increased an additional \$1.10 per unit per month, but approximately \$150,000 will be used from undesignated reserves to limit the 2016 increase. The \$.65 increase represents \$88,000 of additional annual revenue.

DU Assessments - The DU assessment is slated to increase by \$1.25 per unit per month for 2016. Continuing with MVF's 5-year plan, assessments must be increased to continue funding the pool, program and facility operations. The

\$1.25 increase represents \$121,000 of additional annual revenue.

Assessment Collection Fees - For the first time in many years, collection related revenues are expected to decrease in 2016. With the 2014 collection policy change, which uses MVF's "pool pass" policy in lieu of additional lawsuits, it is expected that fewer fees will be assessed to delinquent owners, thus yielding less revenue to the Foundation (MVF & DU funds).

Transfer/Resale Disclosure Fees - While resale disclosure fee revenue continued to rise to higher levels in 2014 and year-to-date 2015, it is anticipated that Maryland law will likely pass in 2016 and cap revenues related to this activity (MVF & CM funds).

Camps and Classes - As previously noted, the camp and class programs have declined significantly over the last two years. 2016 plans to be a re-evaluation year during which significantly less revenue is expected. Additionally, the condominium pool MVF has contracted to manage annually will not be renewed in 2016. While there is significant revenue lost, there will also be a significant reduction in expense, nearly offsetting the benefit of maintaining the contract (User Fee Fund).

EXPENSES

Personnel Costs: MVF's greatest asset is our employees who take pride in providing excellent customer service. Building and maintaining a professional staff with specialized skills and training requires fair compensation.

- Merit Increase: To reward those employees who have performed their responsibilities at a satisfactory or higher level, the 2016 budget proposes a 2% merit pool.

- MVF's Flexible Benefits Program: Flex dollars represent the fixed amount provided to MVF employees each pay period to select the benefits they need from MVF's cafeteria of benefits options such as healthcare, dental, vision, FSAs, etc. This structure enables MVF to cap its exposure to increased health insurance premiums, which are estimated to rise 5 to 10 percent for 2016. The contribution per pay period, per full-time employee, will increase \$20 per pay from \$345 to \$365.

- o Medical deductible: MVF funds up to \$1,000 (\$500 for employee only coverage) for employees on the medical plan. For 2016, \$7,000 is projected to be needed to fund this benefit. In previous years, this benefit was funded at higher amounts, but the medical plan has seen decreased enrollment over the last three years.

- o 401k Employer Match: MVF's matching employer contribution is proposed to remain at 6%.

- Employee Recognition Program: Established by the MVF Board in 2012, the

budget includes \$15,000 to allow managers the opportunity to reward employees who meet the stringent standards of the policy.

- Personnel Changes: There are no new full-time positions included in the proposed budget.

Operating Costs:

- Business Expenses - for 2016, business expenses includes the 50th anniversary funding of \$55,000.

- Occupancy - Increases are related to utility costs from water and gas heat as well as the final phase-in of the Water Quality Protection Fee.

- Financial - With the high level of actual write-off's in 2015 due to the rise in housing foreclosures, an additional \$25,000 in bad debt expense has been budgeted. This additional amount is offset by the planned use of MVF Undesignated Reserves.

Capital Needs:

- Apple Ridge Pool: As with the Whetstone Pool renovation, \$100,000 is projected to be used to improve the Apple Ridge Pool with new amenities during its renovation in 2016/17. This will be funded by the Designated Users Fund.

- Lake Whetstone Park Improvements/Fountain: \$100,000 Capital Contribution Fee (CCF) funds are proposed for park enhancements after the completion of the dredging project. Additionally, a new fountain to improve water quality will be installed in Lake Whetstone.

RESERVES

In line with the 2013 Reserve Study, the 2016 budget proposes to increase the Contribution to Reserves (CTR) to \$1,025,212 - MVF \$299,000; DU \$726,212.

The Reserve plan includes \$2,921,760 in reserve capital expenditures for 2016, of which \$2,540,666 relates to Designated Users; \$1,807,485 of this will be used to renovate the Apple Ridge Pool. Because not all items listed on the expenditure detail need to be repaired or replaced during the year, the detail list for each Fund provides a column that differentiates the items as "Potential" (asset replacement is due, but may still be in good working order) or "Necessary" (asset will be repaired or replaced in the year). The goal of this differentiation is to provide a further understanding as to the range of capital investment that is needed. Please see the Reserve Plan section later in this book which provides a summary and detailed list of projected expenditures from the different funds.

In summary, we are presenting a budget that meets the community's priorities, maintains and enhances facilities and parks and supports important programs, services and amenities. By working together, we can and will continue to move Montgomery Village Foundation forward - Montgomery Village is flourishing!

2016 MVF Proposed Total Operating Fund

| Total Operating Fund | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 2016 Proposed BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) |
| Full-time employees | 47.0 | 48.0 | 48.0 | - |
| Part-time employees | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | - |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Assessments | 5,724,657 | 5,928,788 | 6,138,794 | 210,006 |
| Allow for Bad Debts | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Assessment Fees | 271,932 | 290,013 | 253,509 | (36,504) |
| Investment Income | 2,838 | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| Transfer Fees | 32,475 | 34,000 | 34,000 | - |
| Disclosure Fees | 130,356 | 127,500 | 124,000 | (3,500) |
| Advertising revenue | 162,668 | 150,000 | 150,000 | - |
| Pool Memberships/Fees | 83,175 | 75,000 | 84,500 | 9,500 |
| Camps & Classes | 270,639 | 325,000 | 225,000 | (100,000) |
| Management Fees | 825,817 | 804,598 | 782,500 | (22,098) |
| Capital Contribution Fee | 225,154 | 105,000 | 108,150 | 3,150 |
| Other Income | 141,889 | 166,262 | 144,613 | (21,649) |
| Total Revenue | 7,871,600 | 8,009,161 | 8,048,066 | 38,905 |
| Personnel Costs: | | | | |
| Full-time Salaries | 2,735,590 | 2,810,190 | 2,871,683 | 61,493 |
| Other Wages | 610,661 | 719,307 | 660,480 | (58,827) |
| Payroll Taxes | 325,384 | 336,566 | 351,809 | 15,243 |
| Employee Benefits | 571,813 | 595,024 | 618,705 | 23,681 |
| Workers Comp | 74,251 | 73,680 | 57,703 | (15,977) |
| Personnel Costs | 4,317,699 | 4,534,767 | 4,560,380 | 25,613 |
| Operating Costs: | | | | |
| Business Expenses | 180,595 | 214,730 | 246,110 | 31,380 |
| Office Supplies | 61,015 | 52,225 | 51,975 | (250) |
| Program/Maint Supplies | 116,551 | 129,700 | 121,550 | (8,150) |
| Occupancy | 320,718 | 322,636 | 336,082 | 13,446 |
| Office Expenses/Svc Contracts | 252,947 | 293,781 | 303,718 | 9,937 |
| Equip Maintenance | 25,985 | 40,100 | 33,920 | (6,180) |
| Vehicle Expenses | 24,267 | 25,990 | 25,505 | (485) |
| Financial & Legal | 179,103 | 195,160 | 215,885 | 20,725 |
| Insurance | 112,689 | 118,002 | 118,259 | 257 |
| Printing | 86,020 | 91,075 | 91,075 | - |
| Landscape/Maintenance | 686,107 | 803,528 | 793,255 | (10,273) |
| Security | 137,740 | 147,820 | 151,590 | 3,770 |
| Other | (263) | 0 | 0 | - |
| Operating Costs | 2,183,472 | 2,434,747 | 2,488,924 | 54,177 |
| Maint. & Overhead Allocations: | | | | |
| Overhead Allocation (from MVF) | 0 | (0) | - | 0 |
| Total Operating & Allocations | 6,501,171 | 6,969,513 | 7,049,304 | 79,790 |
| Contribution to Reserves Fund | 950,004 | 987,050 | 1,025,212 | 38,162 |
| Contribution to CCF | 227,694 | 105,000 | 108,150 | 3,150 |
| Investment in property & Equip. | 28,597 | 100,000 | 124,200 | 24,200 |
| Use of Undesignated Reserves | - | (152,402) | (258,800) | (106,398) |
| Total Other (increases)/decreases | 1,206,170 | 1,039,648 | 998,762 | (40,886) |
| Total Operating Expenses | 7,707,341 | 8,009,161 | 8,048,066 | 38,904 |
| Excess/Deficit Revenue | 164,259 | (0) | 0 | 1 |

Quick reference of MVF Funds

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc (MVF) is a nonstock, nonprofit, 501(c)(4) corporation that was formed for the preservation, protection and enhancement of the values and amenities in Montgomery Village, a planned community. The MVF has been delegated and assigned the powers of owning, maintaining and administering the common properties and facilities, administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions, and collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges associated with these responsibilities.

Although MVF is a single financial entity, the finances of the MVF are organized as five funds, as follows:

Montgomery Village Foundation Fund; Designated User Fund; Poplar Spring Fund; User Fee Fund; and Community Management Fund.

2016 Per Unit Assessment Cost/Revenue Analysis

| Montgomery Village Foundation | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| 2016 Per Unit Assessment Cost/Revenue Analysis | | | | | | | | | |
| Expense Description | MVF | | Designated User | | Poplar Spring | | Community Mgmt | | |
| | Budget \$ | Assess \$\$ per month | Budget \$ | Assess \$\$ per month | Budget \$ | Assess \$\$ per month | Budget \$ | Revenue | |
| Equivalent units/Revenue | | 11,383.5 | | 8,096.0 | | 18.0 | | 860,613 | |
| Salaries & Wages (year round staff) | 2,035,595 | \$ 14.90 | 334,070 | \$ 3.44 | - | \$ - | 458,309 | 53.3% | |
| Other/temp/seasonal wages | 205,321 | 1.50 | 370,527 | 3.81 | - | - | 24,632 | 2.9% | |
| Employee Benefits | 417,907 | 3.06 | 86,214 | 0.89 | - | - | 102,418 | 11.9% | |
| Payroll Taxes | 222,820 | 1.63 | 70,074 | 0.72 | - | - | 48,482 | 5.6% | |
| Other Personnel | 36,547 | 0.27 | 11,493 | 0.12 | - | - | 7,952 | 0.9% | |
| Personnel Costs | 2,918,189 | 21.36 | 872,377 | 8.98 | - | - | 641,793 | 74.6% | |
| Business Expenses | 169,945 | \$ 1.24 | 9,755 | \$ 0.10 | 0 | \$ - | 5,700 | 0.7% | |
| Office Supplies | 47,975 | 0.35 | - | - | - | - | 4,000 | 0.5% | |
| Program/Maint Supplies | 31,850 | 0.23 | 84,000 | 0.86 | 0 | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Utilities | 85,512 | 0.63 | 249,160 | 2.56 | 0 | - | 1,410 | 0.2% | |
| Office Expenses/Svc Contracts | 259,965 | 1.90 | 26,075 | 0.27 | 971 | 4.50 | 15,406 | 1.8% | |
| Equip Maintenance | 19,570 | 0.14 | 6,850 | 0.07 | 0 | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Vehicle Expenses | 18,395 | 0.13 | 5,810 | 0.06 | 0 | - | 1,000 | 0.1% | |
| Financial & Legal | 164,982 | 1.21 | 26,641 | 0.27 | 0 | - | 10,262 | 1.2% | |
| Insurance | 50,734 | 0.37 | 38,034 | 0.39 | 25 | 0.12 | 13,771 | 1.6% | |
| Printing | 91,075 | 0.67 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Landscape/Maintenance | 525,333 | 3.85 | 266,722 | 2.75 | 1,200 | 5.56 | - | 0.0% | |
| Security | 86,590 | 0.63 | 65,000 | 0.67 | 0 | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Other | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0.0% | |
| Operating Costs | 1,551,927 | 11.36 | 778,046 | 8.01 | 2,196 | 10.17 | 51,549 | 6.0% | |
| Contribution to Reserve/CCF | 407,150 | \$ 2.98 | 726,212 | \$ 7.48 | - | \$ - | 0 | 0.0% | |
| Other (income)/expense | (230,000) | \$ (1.68) | - | \$ - | 0 | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Capital Expense | - | - | 124,200 | 1.28 | 0 | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Reserve/Replacement | 177,150 | 1.30 | 850,412 | 8.75 | - | - | - | 0.0% | |
| Overhead Allocation | (1,133,268) | (8.30) | 935,423 | \$ 9.63 | - | \$ - | 167,271 | 19.4% | |
| | (1,133,268) | (8.30) | 935,423 | 9.63 | - | - | 167,271 | 0.19 | |
| Total Expenses | 3,513,998 | \$ 25.72 | 3,436,259 | \$ 35.37 | 2,196 | \$ 10.17 | 860,613 | 100.0% | |
| Other (income)/expense | (585,659) | (4.29) | (228,000) | (2.35) | - | - | (860,613) | -100.0% | |
| User Fee net (income)/loss | 0 | 0.00 | - | - | - | - | \$ | 0.0% | |
| Total Budget & Assessment | 2,928,339 | \$ 21.44 | 3,208,259 | \$ 33.02 | 2,196 | \$ 10.17 | 0 | 0.0% | |

2016 MVF Proposed Operating Budget by Fund

| | Montgomery Village Fund | | | User Fee Fund | | | Designated User Fund | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) |
| Full-time employees | 32.0 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Part-time employees | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - | - |
| Revenue: | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessments | 2,805,963 | 2,839,956 | 88,383 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,916,495 | 3,086,636 | 3,208,259 |
| Allow for Bad Debts | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 |
| Assessment Fees | 127,757 | 128,426 | (16,917) | 0 | - | - | 144,175 | 161,587 | 142,000 |
| Investment Income | 1,419 | 1,500 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,419 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Transfer Fees | 29,775 | 31,000 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disclosure Fees | 105,009 | 102,500 | (3,500) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Advertising revenue | 162,688 | 150,000 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pool Memberships/Fees | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83,175 | 75,000 | 84,500 |
| Camps & Classes | 0 | 0 | - | 270,639 | 325,000 | (100,000) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Management Fees | 0 | 0 | - | 40,373 | 38,000 | (38,000) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Contribution Fee | 225,154 | 105,000 | 3,150 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Income | 90,744 | 87,500 | (3,000) | 10,650 | 11,000 | (1,000) | 1,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Revenue | 3,548,489 | 3,445,881 | 68,117 | 321,663 | 374,000 | (139,000) | 3,146,863 | 3,324,723 | 3,436,259 |
| Personnel Costs: | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time Salaries | 1,920,112 | 1,981,335 | 54,260 | 42,234 | 42,852 | 43,709 | 313,884 | 319,457 | 334,070 |
| Other Wages | 149,692 | 219,590 | (14,269) | 95,886 | 90,000 | (30,000) | 340,637 | 387,300 | 370,527 |
| Payroll Taxes | 195,815 | 209,670 | 13,149 | 13,231 | 12,817 | (10,433) | 68,478 | 67,000 | 70,074 |
| Employee Benefits | 379,348 | 398,498 | 19,409 | 12,820 | 11,819 | 12,167 | 81,330 | 83,939 | 86,214 |
| Workers Comp | 43,408 | 39,785 | (3,238) | 2,842 | 3,653 | 1,711 | 21,446 | 16,795 | 11,493 |
| Personnel Costs | 2,688,375 | 2,848,878 | 69,311 | 167,013 | 161,142 | (33,121) | 825,776 | 874,492 | 872,377 |
| Operating Costs: | | | | | | | | | |
| Business Expenses | 103,073 | 121,265 | 48,680 | 70,711 | 80,610 | (19,900) | 2,866 | 6,655 | 9,755 |
| Office Supplies | 56,842 | 47,825 | 150 | - | - | - | 36 | - | - |
| Program/Maint Supplies | 24,706 | 32,700 | (850) | 9,575 | 15,000 | (9,300) | 82,270 | 82,000 | 84,000 |
| Occupancy | 77,082 | 82,576 | 2,936 | - | - | - | 242,513 | 239,160 | 249,160 |
| Office Expenses/Svc Contracts | 210,299 | 255,829 | 4,137 | 2,641 | 2,700 | (1,400) | 22,558 | 22,803 | 26,075 |
| Equip Maintenance | 11,780 | 19,600 | (30) | 11,117 | 15,000 | (7,500) | 3,087 | 5,500 | 6,850 |
| Vehicle Expenses | 17,856 | 17,840 | 755 | 427 | 300 | 300 | 5,669 | 6,250 | 5,810 |
| Financial & Legal | 143,627 | 141,350 | 23,632 | 3,865 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 19,949 | 29,500 | 26,641 |
| Insurance | 55,555 | 56,495 | (5,761) | 14,948 | 16,980 | (1,284) | 29,139 | 30,713 | 38,034 |
| Printing | 85,437 | 91,075 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Landscaping/Maintenance | 426,004 | 526,028 | (695) | 8,650 | 4,800 | (4,800) | 250,253 | 271,500 | 266,722 |
| Security | 76,958 | 86,820 | (230) | - | - | - | 60,783 | 61,000 | 65,000 |
| Other | (263) | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 |
| Operating Costs | 1,288,957 | 1,479,203 | 72,724 | 121,934 | 149,390 | (44,184) | 719,123 | 755,081 | 778,046 |
| Maint. & Overhead Allocations: | | | | | | | | | |
| Overhead Allocation (from MVF) | (1,075,415) | (1,108,889) | (24,379) | 36,213 | 37,559 | (6,985) | 879,064 | 908,100 | 935,423 |
| Total Operating & Allocations | 2,901,916 | 3,219,193 | 117,655 | 325,159 | 348,091 | (84,291) | 2,423,963 | 2,537,674 | 2,585,847 |
| Contribution to Reserves Fund | 299,999 | 300,000 | (1,000) | - | 0 | 0 | 650,005 | 687,050 | 726,212 |
| Contribution to CCF | 227,694 | 105,000 | 3,150 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in property & Equip. | 23,397 | - | - | - | - | - | 5,200 | 100,000 | 124,200 |
| Use of Undesignated Reserves | - | (152,402) | (77,598) | - | - | (28,800) | - | - | - |
| Total Other (increases)/decreases | 550,965 | 252,598 | (75,448) | - | - | (28,800) | 655,205 | 787,050 | 850,412 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 3,452,881 | 3,471,791 | 42,207 | 325,159 | 348,091 | (113,091) | 3,079,168 | 3,324,724 | 3,436,259 |
| Excess/Deficit Revenue | 95,608 | (25,909) | 25,910 | (3,496) | 25,909 | (25,909) | 67,696 | (0) | 0 |

Montgomery Village Foundation Fund: This fund provides for the general Village governance, operation and maintenance of the common properties, architectural standards, government relations and communications.

User Fee Fund: This fund provides recreation activities for a fee.

Designated User Fund: This fund provides for the operation and maintenance of the community centers, pools and tennis courts owned by the MVF.

2016 MVF Proposed Operating Budget by Fund

| | Poplar Spring Fund | | | | Community Management Fund | | | | Total Operating Fund | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 2016 Proposed BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 2016 Proposed BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) | 2014 ACTUALS | 2015 BUDGET | 2016 Proposed BUDGET | 15B vs 16PB Inc/(Dec) |
| Full-time employees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Part-time employees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Revenue: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessments | 2,199 | 2,196 | 2,196 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 5,724,657 | 5,928,788 | 6,138,794 | 210,006 |
| Allow for Bad Debts | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Assessment Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 271,932 | 290,013 | 253,509 | (36,504) |
| Investment Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,838 | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| Transfer Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 2,700 | 3,000 | 3,000 | - | 32,475 | 34,000 | 34,000 | - |
| Disclosure Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 25,347 | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | 130,356 | 127,500 | 124,000 | (3,500) |
| Advertising revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 162,668 | 150,000 | 150,000 | - |
| Pool Memberships/Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 83,175 | 75,000 | 84,500 | 9,500 |
| Camps & Classes | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 270,639 | 325,000 | 225,000 | (100,000) |
| Management Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 785,444 | 766,598 | 782,500 | 15,902 | 825,817 | 804,598 | 782,500 | (22,098) |
| Capital Contribution Fee | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 225,154 | 105,000 | 108,150 | 3,150 |
| Other Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 38,895 | 67,762 | 50,113 | (17,649) | 141,889 | 166,262 | 144,613 | (21,649) |
| Total Revenue | 2,199 | 2,196 | 2,196 | - | 852,386 | 862,360 | 860,613 | (1,747) | 7,871,600 | 8,009,161 | 8,048,066 | 38,905 |
| Personnel Costs: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time Salaries | - | - | - | - | 459,360 | 466,546 | 458,309 | (8,237) | 2,735,590 | 2,810,190 | 2,871,683 | 61,493 |
| Other Wages | - | - | - | - | 24,447 | 22,416 | 24,632 | 2,215 | 610,661 | 719,307 | 660,480 | (58,827) |
| Payroll Taxes | - | - | - | - | 47,860 | 47,078 | 48,482 | 1,405 | 325,384 | 336,566 | 351,809 | 15,243 |
| Employee Benefits | - | - | - | - | 98,314 | 100,768 | 102,418 | 1,650 | 571,813 | 595,024 | 618,705 | 23,681 |
| Workers Comp | - | - | - | - | 6,555 | 13,446 | 7,952 | (5,494) | 74,251 | 73,680 | 57,703 | (15,977) |
| Personnel Costs | - | - | - | - | 636,536 | 650,254 | 641,793 | (8,461) | 4,317,699 | 4,534,767 | 4,560,380 | 25,613 |
| Operating Costs: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Business Expenses | - | 0 | 0 | - | 3,945 | 6,200 | 5,700 | (500) | 180,595 | 214,730 | 246,110 | 31,380 |
| Office Supplies | - | - | - | - | 4,138 | 4,400 | 4,000 | (400) | 61,015 | 52,225 | 51,975 | (250) |
| Program/Maint Supplies | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 116,551 | 129,700 | 121,550 | (8,150) |
| Occupancy | - | 0 | 0 | - | 1,122 | 900 | 1,410 | 510 | 320,718 | 322,636 | 336,082 | 13,446 |
| Office Expenses/Svc Contracts | 966 | 971 | 971 | - | 16,483 | 11,478 | 15,406 | 3,928 | 252,947 | 293,781 | 303,718 | 9,937 |
| Equip Maintenance | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 25,985 | 40,100 | 33,920 | (6,180) |
| Vehicle Expenses | - | 0 | 0 | - | 315 | 1,800 | 1,000 | (800) | 24,267 | 25,990 | 25,505 | (485) |
| Financial & Legal | - | 0 | 0 | - | 11,661 | 10,310 | 10,262 | (48) | 179,103 | 195,160 | 215,885 | 20,725 |
| Insurance | 33 | 25 | 25 | - | 13,013 | 13,789 | 13,771 | (18) | 112,689 | 118,002 | 118,259 | 257 |
| Printing | - | 0 | 0 | - | 583 | - | - | - | 86,020 | 91,075 | 91,075 | - |
| Landscape/Maintenance | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | 686,107 | 803,528 | 793,255 | (10,273) |
| Security | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 137,740 | 147,820 | 151,590 | 3,770 |
| Other | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | (263) | 0 | 0 | - |
| Operating Costs | 2,199 | 2,196 | 2,196 | - | 51,260 | 48,877 | 51,549 | 2,673 | 2,183,472 | 2,434,747 | 2,488,924 | 54,177 |
| Maint. & Overhead Allocations: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Overhead Allocation (from MVF) | - | - | - | - | 160,139 | 163,229 | 167,271 | 4,041 | 0 | (0) | - | 0 |
| Total Operating & Allocations | 2,199 | 2,196 | 2,196 | - | 847,934 | 862,361 | 860,613 | (1,747) | 6,501,171 | 6,969,513 | 7,049,304 | 79,790 |
| Contribution to Reserves Fund | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | 950,004 | 987,050 | 1,025,212 | 38,162 |
| Contribution to CCF | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | 227,694 | 105,000 | 108,150 | 3,150 |
| Investment in property & Equip. | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 28,597 | 100,000 | 124,200 | 24,200 |
| Use of Undesignated Reserves | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | (152,402) | (258,800) | (106,398) |
| Total Other (increases)/decreases | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,206,170 | 1,039,648 | 998,762 | (40,886) |
| Total Operating Expenses | 2,199 | 2,196 | 2,196 | - | 847,934 | 862,361 | 860,613 | (1,747) | 7,707,341 | 8,009,161 | 8,048,066 | 38,904 |
| Excess/Deficit Revenue | (0) | 0 | 0 | - | 4,452 | (0) | (0) | 0 | 164,259 | (0) | 0 | 1 |

Poplar Spring Fund: This fund provides general governance, covenant and architectural standards and maintenance of an entrance sign and land for this group of homes.

Community Management Fund: This fund provides management services at cost to the homes corporations and condominium associations within Montgomery Village that contract for the service.

2016 Proposed Expense Budget (detail)

Montgomery Village Foundation 2016 Capital Contribution Fee & Operating Capital Budget Summary

| | Capital Requested | | Annual Operating | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Budget 2016 | Project Total | Budget 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| MVF: | | | | | | | |
| LW fountain & park amenity (CTR/maint) | - | - | 2,000 | 4,120 | 4,244 | 4,371 | 4,502 |
| Total MVF | - | - | 2,000 | 4,120 | 4,244 | 4,371 | 4,502 |
| DU: | | | | | | | |
| Pool enhancements | 100,000 | 400,000 | 3,333 | 3,536 | 3,642 | 3,752 | 3,864 |
| Misc pool/CC equipment | 24,200 | 24,200 | 1,936 | 2,054 | 2,244 | 2,526 | 2,928 |
| Total Designated Users | 124,200 | 424,200 | 5,269 | 5,590 | 5,887 | 6,278 | 6,793 |
| CCF: | | | | | | | |
| Lake Whetstone fountain & park amenity | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Capital Contribution Fee | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Operating Capital/CCF Requests | \$ 224,200 | \$ 524,200 | \$ 7,269 | \$ 9,710 | \$ 10,130 | \$ 10,649 | \$ 11,295 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CCF Assessment savings | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.73 | | | | | |
| MVF Assessment Impact (per unit/month) | - | - | \$ 0.01 | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.03 |
| DU Assessment Impact (per unit/month) | \$ 1.28 | \$ 4.37 | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.07 |

Capital Contribution Fee Reserve Summary

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Beg. Balance | 246,845 | 430,300 | 202,300 | 210,700 | 272,352 | 336,237 | 402,400 |
| Revenue | 257,461 | 125,000 | 108,400 | 111,652 | 113,885 | 116,163 | 118,486 |
| Project expenses | (74,006) | (353,000) | (100,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) |
| | 183,455 | (228,000) | 8,400 | 61,652 | 63,885 | 66,163 | 68,486 |
| Ending Balance | 430,300 | 202,300 | 210,700 | 272,352 | 336,237 | 402,400 | 470,886 |

2016 Proposed Reserve Contributions

MVF Reserve Plan - 2016

Circa 1994, a reserve study was developed for assets owned by the Foundation. The purpose of the study was to determine an appropriate amount of money to set aside each year for the future repair/replacement of assets as they were needed, rather than having to take the full brunt of the cost replacing the asset against the current year operating budget. The study was updated annually through a process of asset evaluation, market research and on-site inspections. The original study was used with much success over a 10 year period, although throughout this time differing opinions were noted about how to best allocate the necessary contributions – by cost center, by fund, etc. As MVF grew and additional assets were accumulated, the need for a more sophisticated system was evident.

In March 2007, a firm was retained to perform MVF's first professional reserve study including a new system that offered a component level detail that allowed MVF to organize the various assets in a number of different ways – by fund, by type of asset, by year of replacement, etc. This new software and the analysis derived were first used for the preparation of the 2008 budget.

During 2012, the results of a facilities study that focused on MVF pools revealed that the 2007 study did not include the cost to replace the pool itself – it had only included pool components and equipment. The reserve program database was increased by \$7,000,000 to account for the replacement of each of MVF's aging pools. The facility study also noted that three of MVF's pools were beginning to fail and would need to be totally renovated within the next five years. Adjustments to reflect all of the facility study findings were made as part of the 2013 budget process, and the Designated User reserve contribution was increased significantly.

In June 2013, MVF solicited bids from numerous vendors to perform a reserve study update. Design/Management Associates was eventually hired and completed MVF's reserve study update in May 2014. The purpose of the update was to ensure that all relevant assets were properly included in the study and that costs

Reserve Assumptions:

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Inflation | 2.0% |
| 30 year annualized ROI | 3.75% |

Contributions to Reserves:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| MVF Fund | 299,000 |
| Designated Users Fund | 726,212 |

Total Contributions

1,025,212

Reserve Expenditures by Fund:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| MVF Fund | 381,094 |
| Designated Users Fund | 2,540,666 |

Total Expenditures

2,921,760

Reserve Expenditures by Category:

| | | |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| MVF: | Facility Repairs | 42,112 |
| | Technology | 22,500 |
| | Equipment | 15,351 |
| | Parks | 301,131 |
| | Vehicles | - |
| | Total MVF | <u>381,094</u> |

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| DU: | Apple Ridge pool renovation | 1,807,485 |
| | Community Centers repair/replacements | 56,487 |
| | General repairs/maintenance | 15,563 |
| | Hurley Park pool | 46,000 |
| | Lake Marion community center & pool | 90,883 |
| | Pool repair/replacements | 74,500 |
| | North Creek community center & pool | 173,114 |
| | Stedwick community center & pool | 74,583 |
| | Tennis Courts | 26,461 |
| | Watkins Mill pool | 71,312 |
| | Whetstone community center | 104,278 |
| | | <u>2,540,666</u> |

Total Reserve Expenditures

2,921,760

associated with each are updated based on current, known cost. The new study has been used in the preparation of the 2016 budget and the results were in line with the previous study.

With a Board-directed goal of funding its Reserves at 75 percent of the projected value 30 years into the future, the budget is calculated

using the Direct Cash Flow – Component method which provides for a gradual build-up in the contribution amount over the long-term period rather than within the first few years of the target period. This calculation methodology best matches the goal set by the MVF Board.

2016 Combined Five-Year Plan (Assessments)

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2015 v 2020 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Assessment--MVF | \$ 21.44 | \$ 22.30 | \$ 23.14 | \$ 23.95 | \$ 24.56 | \$ 3.77 |
| Assessment--DU | 31.27 | 32.21 | 33.29 | 34.44 | 35.72 | 5.70 |
| Combined Assessment | \$ 52.71 | \$ 54.51 | \$ 56.43 | \$ 58.39 | \$ 60.28 | \$ 9.47 |
| | | | | | | |
| Assessment increase included | 1.90 | 1.80 | 1.92 | 1.96 | 1.89 | \$ 9.47 |

Comments welcomed on the 2016 Proposed Budget

The Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. (MVF) 2016 Proposed Budget can be viewed in its entirety and is available for download on the Foundation website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. A full copy of the budget may also be viewed at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours. Residents are encouraged to review the budget. For the next 30 days, comments or questions can be directed to Greg Snellings via e-mail at budget@mfv.org or in writing to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2016 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.



Whetstone Community Center, 1970

50 YEARS

(600 months)

18,250 days 11.57 A.D.E. nights

438,000 HOURS

26 MILLION

two hundred & eighty thousand minutes



First Montgomery Village Home, 1967



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