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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 25, the MVF Board approved the 2017 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 2017 was minimizing assessment increases; funding capital projects strategic plan initiatives, capital projects, reserve requirements and staff-

ing for programs and services. The 2017 draft budget calls for increases in both the MVF and Designated User (DU) assessments that are in line with the current 5-Year Financial Plan.

Humpton noted a number of factors leading to 2016's proving to be a successful financial year so far. He said revenues are trending higher than expected, expenses are trending lower than expected and MVF is seeing a continued decline in the delinquency rate; for the second quarter of 2016, the delinquency rate was 7.5% – the lowest it has been since 2007!

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The Whetstone faithful took their annual end of summer Cannonball Contest on the road to neighboring Stedwick Pool before most pools closed for the season. Families, friends and neighbors made quite a splash, and a great time was had by all.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nature Center Celebration

Enjoy a day of natural fun at North Creek Nature Center as we continue to celebrate Montgomery Village's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Families can enjoy a variety of nature-themed activities from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the North Creek Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane. Rain location and additional parking are located at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Families and friends can work together to build their very own birdhouse to take home (while supplies last). Selected birdhouses will attract wrens and small swallows. Learn about and meet some of Maryland's native reptiles during a presentation from Reptiles

Alive beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Learn about an owl's diet as you dissect owl pellets. Take some time to explore North Creek Lake Park with a scavenger hunt created by Girl Scout Junior Troop 4206. Nature craft activities will also be available.

Take this opportunity to get out with friends, family or neighbors and explore one of the Village's most "historic" sites, the North Creek Nature Center. Celebrate nature and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the same time! MVF will again open the doors to the Nature Center for this fun-filled day! Originally, the building was used as a bus stop for commut-

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fall **FLEA** market

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10**

**8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**North Community Center Parking Lot**  
**20125 Arrowhead Road** Cost per Space  
**\$23/Resident**  
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Kids enjoy Touch A Truck event



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Trojan Fest 5K Race

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Annual MVF Calendar Contest underway



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### Community Meeting with 6<sup>th</sup> District Police

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors will host a Community Meeting with the 6<sup>th</sup> District Police at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Commander Dinesh Patil and other 6<sup>th</sup> District Officers will be discussing crime trends, crime prevention and new police technology with Village residents. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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## MVF MEETING AGENDAS

### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

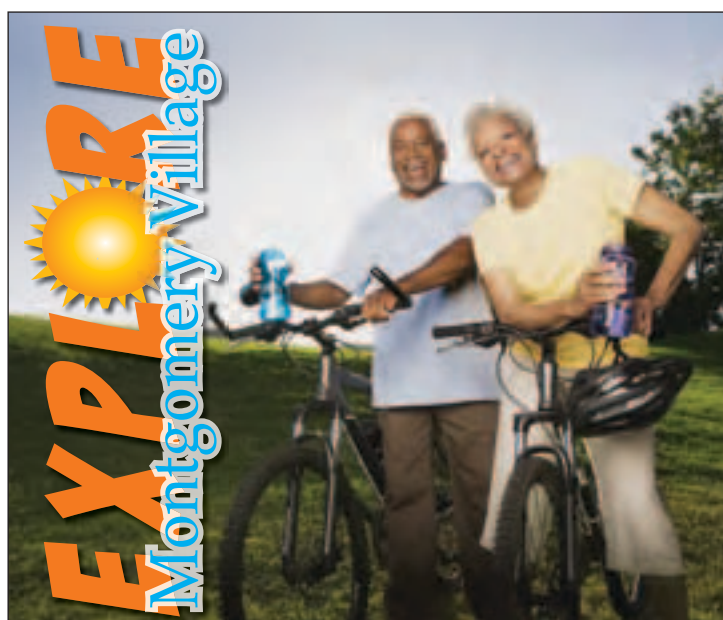
### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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



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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

### CENTER COURT

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 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. 13 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

### EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20 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. 21 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

### MIDDLE VILLAGE

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

### NORTHGATE

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

### PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 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. 28 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. 21 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place. This meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS

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

### WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

## Watkins Mill playground replacement community meeting

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture is developing plans for the replacement of the Watkins Mill Recreation Area Playground located at 19501 Club Lake Road. This playground needs to be replaced due to the age and condition of the structure elements.

Playgrounds offer children places to exercise and play outdoors aiding in their physical development, which is important for all children. Staff is looking for residents from Stedwick, or residents of others areas who use the playground, to offer input at a community meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10 (time and location to be determined) on the new equipment which will replace this 21-year-old playground.

If you are interested in attending the meeting or need more information, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail [aroswurm@mvf.org](mailto:aroswurm@mvf.org) with your name, phone number and e-mail address for notification of additional upcoming meetings.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Fall happenings**



by *Pete Young*  
**MVF President**

I cannot believe that the summer is effectively over (although the heat this week would convince you otherwise), and school is back in full swing. By now I am sure you have noticed that all of the pools except Stedwick are closed for the season. I'd like to thank the MVF staff—including the terrific summer staff—for a great pool season; it takes a ton of work to run our pools!

Speaking of pools, the Apple Ridge Pool will be replaced this off-season, as we have shared with you previously. I am excited about the complete renovation of our second pool, after Whetstone, and that this pool will have a focus on leisure and play. By reinvesting in our community amenities, we can ensure that current and future generations will continue to enjoy the Village. As a reminder, the parking area will not be accessible during the construction; the other amenities will have limited use and parking will be available in the MVF Office parking lots.

Now that we are approaching fall, I'd like to call your attention to a few upcoming events. The annual Montgomery Village Fall Flea Market is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary North Creek Nature Center Celebration is scheduled for noon on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane; and our annual Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival featuring the most creative pumpkins the Village has ever seen is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. Please plan to come out and enjoy these great events with your community—we have a lot of fun! Perhaps this year the MVF pumpkin racer can take home the win!

The fall is a busy time for all of us, but also a great time to enjoy the community—with perhaps the best weather we get all year. With so many trees that will be changing color soon, getting out for a walk around your community, the lakes, parks or even just enjoying your drive through the Village, it's nice to recognize what a beautiful community we call home.

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

Cheers,  
Pete

**Schedule for 2017 MVF Budget Process**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22**

- MVF Board Meeting
- Opportunity for public comment on 2017 Budget

**THURSDAY, OCT. 27**

- MVF Board Meeting
- Adopt 2017 Budget
- Set 2017 Assessment Rates

**NOVEMBER 2016**

- Notify owners of 2017 assessments
- Approval of 2017 Assessment Coupon bid

**DECEMBER 2016**

- 2017 assessment coupons mailed

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



**MVF BOARD MOTIONS**

**MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MOTION LIST  
August 25, 2016**

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held July 28, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (4-0); Ms. Franke and Mr. Marsh abstained.
2. Mr. Driscoll moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Webb moved to approve publication of the draft 2017 MVF Budget, per the Audit Committee recommendation, for 30-day public review and comment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Gargan moved to approve Mr. McCloskey and Mr. Davis for membership to the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 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.

**Nature Center**

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ing to Washington, D.C., before it was moved to the current location. Since then, it has been used for nature camps and programs along North Creek Lake.

Parking will be available at the Nature Center lot on Shadow Oak Drive, as well as at North Creek Commu-

nity Center; visitors will be directed through the tunnel under Montgomery Village Avenue for safe crossing to the activities. Don't miss this great opportunity to reconnect with nature in your own backyard. For more information, visit [www.wmontgomeryvillage.com](http://www.wmontgomeryvillage.com).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
 <p><b>Don't Miss It!</b>                      Sept. 10 Fall Flea Market                      15 Community Meeting with 6<sup>th</sup> District Police                      17 ProsToYou Tennis Mixer                      Nature Center Celebration                      25 Stedwick Pool closes for the season                      28 Community Meeting with Craig Rice</p>				<p><b>Village News 9</b></p>		<p><b>10</b>                      Fall Flea Market                      8 am to 1 pm – NCCC                       Farmers' Market                      9 am to 1 pm                      CTS</p>		
<p><b>11</b>                      Thomas Choice Condo                      7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      Thomas Choice Gardens                      6:30 pm – TCPR                       Nominating Committee                      7 pm – MVF Office                       Northgate HC                      7 pm – NCBR                       Eastgate HC                      7:30 pm – LMCC</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Seniors in Action                      10 am to noon – SCC                       MV Community Band                      7 pm – SCC</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Community Meeting                      with 6<sup>th</sup> District Police                      7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>		<p><b>17</b>                      Farmers' Market                      9 am to 1 pm                      CTS                       ProsToYou Tennis Mixer                      10 am to noon – Whetstone                      Tennis Courts (Free)                       50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary                      Nature Center Celebration                      Noon to 3 pm                      NC Nature Center</p>		
<p><b>18</b></p>		<p><b>19</b>                      East Village HC                      7:30 pm - LMCC</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Seniors in Action                      10 am to noon – SCC                       Maryland Place HC                      7 pm – WCC                       MV Community Band                      7 pm – WMHS                       Stedwick HC                      7:30 pm – SCC</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      MVF Board of Directors                      7:30 pm - NCBR</p>	<p><b>Village News 23</b></p>		<p><b>24</b>                      Farmers' Market                      9 am to 1 pm                      CTS</p>	
<p><b>25</b>                      Stedwick Pool closes for                      season – 6 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>		<p><b>27</b>                      Middle Village HC                      7 pm – TCPR                       Patton Ridge HC                      7 pm – NCBR                       Center Court Condo                      7:30 pm – Heron's Cove                      Office</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Seniors in Action                      10 am to noon – SCC                       Community Meeting                      with Craig Rice                      6:30 pm - WMHS                       MV Community Band                      7 pm – SCC                       South Village HC                      7 pm – NCBR</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Whetstone HC                      7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      Family Paint Party                      7 to 9 pm – NCCC                      Pre-registration required</p>	<p><b>October 1</b>                      Farmers' Market                      9 am to 1 pm                      CTS</p>	
<p><b>2</b>                      Rosh Hashanah begins at                      sundown</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      Rosh Hashanah                      Recreation Committee                      7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>		<p><b>5</b>                      Seniors in Action                      10 am to noon – SCC                       ARB                      5 pm – NCBR                       MV Community Band                      7 pm – SCC</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>		<p><b>Village News 7</b>                      Pumpkin Race Program</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Farmers' Market                      9 am to 1 pm                      CTS</p>

**KEY:**  
 BMP..... Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)  
 CTS..... Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.  
 LMCC..... Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.  
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.  
 NCBR..... North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.  
 NCCC..... North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.  
 SCC..... Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.  
 SVP..... South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.  
 TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.  
 WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.  
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

*All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.*

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IN THE NEWS

# Letters to the Editor



Editor:

I witnessed an event at Stedwick pool on Sunday, Aug. 28, which reflected the training and astute execution of training principles by a lifeguard. This young lifeguard apparently saw a youngster in the diving well (which at the time was open for swimming) who was in distress. She blew the whistle in such a manner that everyone stood still, and

I watched her dive from her chair into the water and rescue a youngster who apparently could not swim...or he dove into deeper water than he could handle. She pulled him up from the water and swam him to safety. Fortunately, he was rescued before CPR was needed. I was most impressed to watch that instantaneous reaction and response on her part. Yes, they are trained to do

that, but to witness the flawless execution of that training was impressive and reassuring.

I spoke to her later and commended her for a job well done. She indicated that this was her second rescue this summer. Hopefully, she will be returning to the MVF pools for many more seasons.

Marlene Knab  
Whetstone

Editor:

After trying to get information from various sources, I discovered that the maintenance of the path around Lake Whetstone is the responsibility of the Whetstone HOA on one side of the lake while the other side is the responsibility of the MVF Recreation Department.

In an attempt to find out why there are no trash receptacles on the Whetstone side of the lake, I received a letter from an individual who is an agent of the Montgomery Village Foundation.

She said that the Whetstone Maintenance Committee "has voted against installing trash receptacles along the Whetstone-owned portion of the lake." I was also told that the committee "voted against installing additional benches on the Whetstone side of the lake."

This gives the residents on the Whetstone side of the lake no trash receptacles to dispose of their trash and dog droppings.

At the same time, the MVF Recreation Department is in the process of replacing the de-

stroyed trash receptacle on the Montgomery Village-owned side of the lake.

Why is it that residents who use the path on the Whetstone side of the lake have no trash receptacles while those on the other side have at least two, with an additional one to be replaced? I find this action to be contrary to the attempts to keep the lake clean, since trash must be taken home because there is no place to dispose of it.

Edward F. Zilcoski  
Whetstone

Editor:

Want to avoid a huge increase in your electricity bill? If so, read on. Pepco is seeking approval for a rate increase of \$15.80 per 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month, beginning May 2016. This increase would cost \$2 million to \$3 million per year, for all Village residents combined, for the indefinite future.

Most of the increase is to pay for the Wireless Smart Meters that Pepco installed on all residences in Montgomery Village during 2012 and 2013, plus associated profits. This increase must be approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to become effective. To gain the PSC's approval, Pepco must prove to the PSC that the Wireless Smart Meter System has provided more benefits to the customers than the system cost. Pepco claims that the system's benefits "are leading to an enhanced customer experience."

Before the PSC decides if it will grant the increase, or any

part of it, the PSC has asked for the views of Pepco's customers, that is, you. If you find the increase justified, do nothing. Your non-response will be regarded as a lack of concern about the increase, and thus as a tacit assent to the increase.

If you oppose the increase, send a letter to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, 6 Saint Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202-6806. You may write "I oppose the Pepco rate increase requested in Case No. 9418 because the Wireless Smart Meter System (AMI) has not led to the enhanced customer experience promised by Pepco." Include the date, your name, full address and signature.

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Ronald M. Powell, Ph.D.  
North Village

## Community Meeting with Councilmember Craig Rice

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice invites Village residents to a Montgomery Village Community Meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road.

Rice will discuss issues facing Village residents including: redevelopment of the Montgomery Village Center; area development projects; updates on road work; school issues; and other questions of interest.

For more information or questions, residents should call 240-777-7955 or e-mail [councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov).



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IN THE NEWS

# Nominating Committee members appointed at MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

Two Village residents have answered the call for membership on the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Nominating Committee. At the August 25 MVF Board of Directors meeting, Jeff McCloskey and Benjamin Davis were appointed to the committee, filling a vacancy from a retiring member and extending the membership of the committee. The Nominating Committee establishes the MVF Board of Directors candidate application and guidelines, reviews submitted applications and sets the slate of candidates for annual MVF Board of Directors election.

The Board also approved the 2017 Draft Budget for publication. The proposed budget includes an \$.85/unit/month increase in the MVF Fee and a \$1.40/unit/month increase in the Designated User (DU) Fee; for more information on the 2017 Draft Budget, see the article on page 1 and the proposed budget insert on pages 29 to 36.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MVF Board President Pete Young thanked the MVF staff and the Audit Committee for their work in preparing and reviewing the budget. He noted that their hard work made it easier for the Board to review and approve the budget for publication. Young also noted that the seasonal staff's dedication made summer activities at camps and the pools enjoyable. He said that staff did an excellent job making sure pools were adequately staffed with minimal closures throughout the season.

## EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton relayed meeting dates for some upcoming community meetings to the Board. He mentioned 6<sup>th</sup> District Police Commander Dinesh Patil and other officers would discuss the body camera program and other statistics and prevention techniques with residents at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 in the North

Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Humpton also noted that Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice is hosting a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road. Councilmember Rice will focus on topics of interest to Village residents including transportation and road updates; development in the Village (former golf course property and the Village Center) and around the county; school issues; and more.

Humpton also said he would be meeting with the Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) Board of Directors soon to discuss the restrictive covenant that was placed on the Professional Center property by the Kettler Brothers during development. Humpton said the purpose of the meeting would be to get input from WHC as to what types of future facilities would be objectionable on the Professional Center site.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry gave the financial report for the month of July and the year-to-date (YTD). Berry noted that Revenue for both the month and YTD were running favorable to the budget, with Investment Income being the driver for any surplus. Personnel Expenses were showing slightly over budget for the month and YTD, but Berry explained this was mostly due to payroll timing with seasonal employees. Operating Expenses are generally running favorable to the budget across the board.

Contributions to Reserves (CTR) in the amount of \$85,434 were made in July, in accordance with the budget; CTR total \$598,040 YTD. The Capital Contribution Fee has grossed \$81,688 YTD including \$13,036 in July. Year-to-date, approximately \$444,000 has been spent on Reserve Assets. MVF saw a Net Loss of \$105,593. For July, but has approximately \$993,000 Net Income YTD,

which is running favorable to the budget by over \$357,000.

As of July 31, 2016, the Balance Sheet shows that MVF has over \$8.7 million in Cash and Investments, retaining a very solid financial position. Of those liquid assets, just under \$2 million is in Undesignated Reserves, with over \$6.7 million in Designated Reserves. Berry reported that delinquencies, bankruptcies and assessment receivables were all decreasing, showing a positive trend from collections activity.

## NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) the week of the meeting.

## MVF Financial Reports - July 2016

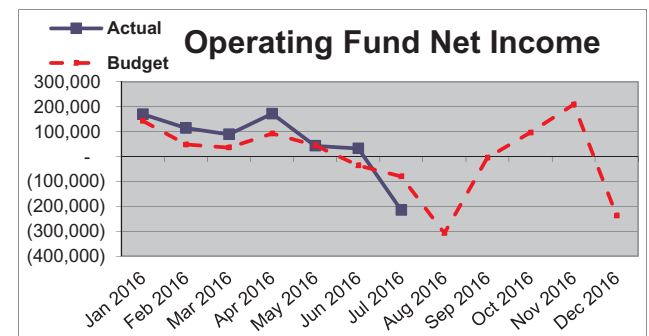
### OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	July 2016			YTD Jul 2016 July 2016		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Assessments	504,214	504,176	39	3,529,663	3,529,231	431
Assessment Fees	40,436	50,296	(9,859)	142,315	180,769	(38,454)
Transfer Fees	3,375	3,379	(4)	21,825	19,517	2,308
Disclosure Fees	14,481	13,335	1,146	98,077	74,251	23,826
Advertising revenue	5,022	7,903	(2,880)	86,631	97,960	(11,329)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	14,169	7,563	6,606	101,951	70,289	31,661
Camps & Classes	40,982	21,036	19,946	194,940	191,036	3,903
Management Fees	65,369	65,208	160	460,087	456,458	3,629
Capital Contribution fee	13,036	11,237	1,798	81,688	63,442	18,246
Other Income	35,279	21,199	14,080	105,416	88,424	16,993
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>736,363</b>	<b>705,332</b>	<b>31,031</b>	<b>4,822,594</b>	<b>4,771,379</b>	<b>51,215</b>
<b>Personnel Costs:</b>						
Salaries & Wages	516,247	369,638	(146,609)	1,931,508	1,893,606	(37,902)
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	122,525	90,338	(32,187)	563,192	556,947	(6,245)
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>638,773</b>	<b>459,977</b>	<b>(178,796)</b>	<b>2,494,700</b>	<b>2,450,553</b>	<b>(44,147)</b>
Business Expenses	23,615	39,334	15,720	105,189	141,072	35,883
Office Supplies	1,362	3,657	2,295	22,059	32,532	10,473
Program/Maint Supplies	25,579	18,600	(6,979)	90,103	87,650	(2,453)
Occupancy	23,962	42,933	18,971	158,505	190,749	32,243
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	19,007	23,154	4,147	133,011	164,453	31,442
Equip Maintenance	2,029	3,500	1,471	17,319	28,350	11,031
Vehicle Expenses	1,096	2,098	1,003	11,088	14,888	3,800
Financial & Legal	7,800	8,455	655	65,932	80,295	14,363
Insurance	11,847	12,265	418	56,169	56,936	767
Printing	3,446	4,200	754	34,638	43,550	8,912
Landscape/Maintenance	88,052	65,973	(22,079)	491,272	481,377	(9,895)
Security	6,361	13,695	7,334	52,552	85,865	33,313
Other	1	-	(1)	25	-	(25)
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>214,155</b>	<b>237,864</b>	<b>23,709</b>	<b>1,237,863</b>	<b>1,407,717</b>	<b>169,854</b>
Contribution to Reserves	85,434	85,434	0	598,040	598,040	0
Contribution to CCF	13,036	11,237	(1,798)	81,688	63,442	(18,246)
Purchases of Assets	-	-	-	6,751	24,200	17,449
Other Equity Transfers	-	(9,333)	(9,333)	-	(18,667)	(18,667)
Restricted Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reserve/capital</b>	<b>98,470</b>	<b>87,339</b>	<b>(11,131)</b>	<b>686,480</b>	<b>667,015</b>	<b>(19,464)</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>951,398</b>	<b>785,179</b>	<b>(166,219)</b>	<b>4,419,043</b>	<b>4,525,285</b>	<b>106,243</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit Revenue</b>	<b>(215,035)</b>	<b>(79,848)</b>	<b>(135,187)</b>	<b>403,551</b>	<b>246,093</b>	<b>157,457</b>

### MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended July 31, 2016

	Current	Prior Year
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,904,715	2,345,557
Investments	5,798,386	5,663,884
Due from Reserves	54,552	439,814
Assessment Receivables	886,896	1,003,721
Other Receivables	79,421	63,766
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>9,723,970</b>	<b>9,516,743</b>
Gross Fixed Assets	14,053,206	13,463,711
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,497,610)	(7,455,063)
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>6,555,596</b>	<b>6,008,648</b>
Other Assets	59,272	46,611
<b>Assets</b>	<b>16,338,838</b>	<b>15,572,002</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Due to Operating	54,552	439,814
Payables	328,926	435,925
Sunstream Cap Lease	124,686	-
Deferred Revenue Liab	1,103,274	1,061,291
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>1,611,438</b>	<b>1,937,031</b>
Undesignated Reserves	2,486,671	1,894,292
Designated Reserves	12,240,725	11,740,674
<b>Equity</b>	<b>14,727,396</b>	<b>13,634,966</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>16,338,838</b>	<b>15,572,002</b>



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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## IN THE NEWS

## Budget

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BUDGET  
PRESENTATION

EVP Humpton presented the proposed budget summary, noting that there would be increases in both the MVF and DU funds, totaling \$2.25 per unit, per month. He said the MVF Fund increase is \$.85/unit/month, and he hoped that by the time the budget is ready for approval, that an even lower amount could be approved; the DU Fund increase is set at \$1.40/unit/month.

In his budget summary, Humpton noted that proposed assessment increases for 2017 are necessary to keep in line with the 5-Year Plan. The MVF assessment is projected to increase \$.85/month, but based on 2016 trends, may potentially be lowered before the budget is approved, and the DU assessment is projected to increase \$1.40/month. The MVF Fund increase is in conjunction with spending almost \$260,000 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, with it declining in the latter years.

Increases in the DU fund will cover pools, programs and facility operations. The main use in 2017 will be to cover costs of renovating the Apple Ridge Pool, according to the previously produced Pool Study. The design for this pool will turn it into a leisure-type pool with a current channel and other resort-style features. Construction will begin this fall and the pool will open for the 2017 swim season. Humpton noted that as new housing units from the proposed development on the former golf course property and at the Village Center come on line, it will help keep the DU Fund steadier in the future.

In addition to the Apple Ridge Pool renovation, a new concrete pad under the picnic tables will be installed at Watkins Mill Pool and an umbrella structure will be added over the wading pool at Whetstone Pool; however, no new Capital Projects are requested for 2017. The Capital Contribution Fee is projected to raise an additional \$120,000 in 2017, bringing the remaining fund total to approximately \$265,000.

To adequately compensate employees, 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. The Repairs and Maintenance Specialist position will be turned into a full-time position. Other personnel increases are related to increased minimum wage requirements by Montgomery County.

Humpton reported that other proposed decreased expenses for 2017 include: business expenses; occupancy (utilities); security; bad debt; capital expenses; and use of Undesignated Reserves. Increased expenses were expected for the Water Quality Protection Fee and legal costs.

Contributions to Reserves (CTR) increase slightly from 2016 to be in line with the Reserve Study, totaling \$1,089,959 for the year. The MVF Fund will receive \$323,007 and the DU Fund will receive \$766,952, with contributions made monthly. The budget assumes a CTR on funding 75 percent of replacement costs over a 30-year period.

Reserve Expenses for 2017 include: the Apple Ridge lot replacement; MVF Office technology; community center repairs and maintenance; ADA upgrades; other general pool repairs; and tennis court maintenance. This amounts to a necessary \$313,746 and another potential \$172,154 in reserve spending.

## RESIDENT COMMENTS

The MVF 2017 Proposed Budget and budget presentation can be viewed in their entirety and are available for download online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://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@mvf.org](mailto:budget@mvf.org) or in writing to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2017 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.

## Agencies begin review of Village Center plan

The M-NCPPC Development Review Committee met on September 6 and provided comments to Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) and their consultants on their Sketch Plan Application for the Village Center. This committee is comprised of county departments and other agencies such as WSSC, who are responsible for planning and other regulatory approvals for development in Montgomery County.

Several agencies noted that their comments were preliminary and that they would follow up with formal letters to the developer detailing their issues with the plan or other code requirements that the developer should be cognizant of as they proceed with submissions for the sketch plan, preliminary plan and site plan.

Area 2 Planner Troy Leftwich noted several areas of the plan that the developer should consider revising, including improvement to the pedestrian network through the site, especially from Montgomery Village Avenue to

Watkins Mill Road. He also recommended modifying the location of bike share facilities so that they are more publicly accessible, and identifying an open space amenity area that would benefit both residential and commercial uses, a provision that is required by the mixed use zoning category. Leftwich commented that the open space areas were fragmented throughout the site, and the planners would like to see a larger open space area that would be more usable.

It was also noted by DOT staff that the issue of private streets on the plan needs to be addressed and that the county council is working on modification to the subdivision regulations, which could impact the planning for this project. It was further noted that the drive aisle along Montgomery Village Avenue in front of the pad sites (Denny's, Bank of America) would have to be addressed because per the Master Plan and zoning, buildings should front the closest neighboring street. Also bet-

ter alignment of the proposed extension of Centerway Road with the existing roadway was mentioned. Pedestrian safety to Montgomery Village Middle School was also highlighted as an issue.

Other issues that were raised included the purpose of the civic space in the proposed apartment complex and whether or not retail or some other active use could be included in the building on the ground floor to offer more activity along the street. A request was made to provide a more specific phasing plan for the housing, with the intent of trying to understand when the townhouses would be built, versus the apartments, etc.

The Sketch Plan application is tentatively scheduled for review by the planning board on Thursday, Nov. 3. However, it is likely that this date will move into December, given the number of issues that were identified by the various agencies.

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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 Monday, Oct. 3. 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 [mvnews@mvf.org](mailto:mvnews@mvf.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 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org). The annual calendar is expected to be delivered with a December issue of the *Village News*.

CALENDAR CONTEST  
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- Photos must be received by MVF by close of business on Monday, Oct. 3, 2016.
- 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.
- Original photographs will be returned to contributors after they are scanned; CDs, disks and other materials received will not be returned to contributors unless requested.
- Entrants may submit up to five photographs.
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- All photographs are subject to the policies and by-laws set forth by the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors.



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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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 College Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of Study and Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Awards/Achievements \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital Name & Location (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_

### Achievement Announcements

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Achievement (provide details) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/College Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company/Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Organization Presenting the Award \_\_\_\_\_

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Anniversary Announcements

Wife's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Description of How Anniversary Couple Met \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_ Where Couple Was Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Years Married \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Employer/Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Employer/Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_  
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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](mailto: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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) under Press Room, then Village News, or by calling 240-243-2331.



## IN THE NEWS

## School bus camera enforcement program expanded for 2016

On August 29, more than 159,000 students were welcomed back to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Officials from county government, the school system and the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) joined forces to provide critical back-to-school safety information and an update on the school bus camera enforcement program.

Speakers included: Montgomery County Board of Education President Michael Durso, MCPS Superintendent Jack R. Smith, County Councilmember Craig Rice, Director of the MCPD Traffic Division Captain Tom Didone, Director of MCPS Department of Transportation Todd Watkins and school bus driver Jennifer Velasquez.

Each speaker reinforced the same sentiment — that safety of Montgomery County students is the top priority, and that includes having them arrive at their schools safely. "Our mission is to ensure that all students are learning in our 204 schools," said Superintendent Smith. "But first, they have to safely make it to our schools. The responsibility for their safety belongs to all of us in this county."

Safety information was provided for parents, motorists and children about safe driving, walking, bicycle riding and school bus riding. Find excel-

lent safety information from MCPS at: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/saferoutes](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/saferoutes) and from the county at <http://bit.ly/2blPDVY>.

"As our students head back to school..., getting them to and from school safely is paramount," said Councilmember Rice. "I am very pleased that our long-term goal is to install cameras on all of our school buses. It's not about generating revenue; it's about obeying the law. If you see a school bus stop arm out, just stop. The safety of our kids is first and foremost."

In January 2014, Montgomery County began the implementation of an automated school bus camera enforcement program with 25 cameras that could be strategically deployed throughout the county as needed. In the first two and a half years of the program approximately 4,800 violations were recorded by the cameras.

On June 30, 2016, the county changed school bus camera vendors and within 18 months, it is expected that up to 500 buses will be equipped and in service. In the next three years, all of the county's 1,200 buses are scheduled to be protected by cameras. The new system includes a comprehensive video and audio system designed to assist in the enforcement of overtaking and passing stopped school buses as well

as enhancing the safety of the occupants of school buses.

"MCPS buses are illegally passed hundreds of times every school day," said MCPS Transportation Department Director Watkins. "While the school bus industry has a great track record for keeping students safe, I look forward to the renewed automated enforcement effort. The reality for me is that every illegal passing event is a potential life-changing tragedy for students and their families."

When approaching a stopped school bus with activated flashing red lights, Maryland law requires that motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop and remain stopped until the stop sign and lights are de-activated. The law also requires that motorists approaching the bus from the opposite direction must stop UNLESS there is a physical barrier, such as a median. Remember, "Paint (the line markings on the roadway) Doesn't Protect" (children crossing the street).

School buses equipped with automated cameras are activated and record a vehicle passing a stopped school bus with flashing red lights. Those camera-captured violations are reviewed by the police department's Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit and citations are

mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. The fine is \$125. No points are associated with a citation issued through the camera enforcement program. The fine for a citation issued by a police officer is \$570 and can

result in a driver receiving three points on a driver's license.

For more information about bussafety, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/bussafety.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/bussafety.html).

## 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.

### ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 10400 block of Stedwick Road at approximately 10:45 a.m. on August 19. The suspects displayed a weapon, assaulted the adult male victim and took his property.

Suspect: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

A commercial burglary occurred at the Verizon Wireless store located at 18320 Contour Road at approximately 11:30 p.m. on August 18. No forced entry; property was taken.

Suspect: Unknown race male, age unknown

## MV Farmers' Market Customer Appreciation Day

Since the beginning of June, Village residents and area visitors have been able to purchase fresh produce and local goods each Saturday at the Montgomery Village Farmers' Market. For the past six years, this has been a growing amenity in the Village, one greatly accepted and supported by residents and weekly patrons.

Last month, the MV Farmers' Market participated in National Farmer's Market week, and each year, the market manager works with the vendors to organize special promotions, offerings and events. This year, the MV Farmers' Market is saying "Thank You" to its loyal following with Customer Appreciation Day, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1.

During the MV Farmers' Market hours — 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. — free reusable Farmers' Market Grocery Bags, as well as Montgomery Village Seat Cushions, will be given away. In addition to the bags and cushions, patrons will have the chance to win one of two baskets of products donated from the vendors. The baskets are a gesture of gratitude for "keeping it local" and a stash of all your favorite market products.

Be sure to visit the information table on Saturday, Oct. 1 for more information. The MV Farmers' Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays from June through October. The market is located in the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 9801 Centerway Road. For more information, visit [www.mvfarmersmarket.com](http://www.mvfarmersmarket.com).

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## IN THE NEWS

## Fall shred event

The Montgomery Village Rotary Club and Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) have joined forces again to host a morning of Free Community Document Shredding from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Residents are invited to bring up to three bags or boxes of personal documents for secure shredding by Iron Mountain, which has donated their shredding equipment and staff as a community service.

Rotary volunteers and MVF staff will be available to lift your boxes and bags and transfer contents to totes for shredding.

To assist local organizations with their collection needs, canned food donations and

gently used or new sporting equipment will also be collected.

Women Who Care Ministries is seeking canned tuna, chicken and ravioli, as well as juice boxes and single serving apple sauces. Some children in our elementary schools are going hungry to the extent that the staff members are sending home food packages so the children can eat on weekends. Often, the only meal they eat in a day is school lunch. Donations of unexpired, non-perishable food collected during the shredding event will be used for our local families in need of assistance. Cash donations are also gladly accepted.

Leveling the Playing Field works within the community to collect used/excess sporting

equipment to ensure that all children can enjoy the benefits of athletic involvement. Donations benefit Title I/Charter Schools and youth/after-school programs looking to engage their students in the physical and mental benefits of youth sports participation. Any sporting equipment, except flat bottom shoes, clothing and rollerblades will be accepted. For more information, call 301-801-0738 or e-mail [info@levelingthefield.org](mailto:info@levelingthefield.org).

Start the day by cleaning out those files and helping families in need. Have your outdated personal documents safely shredded and donate cans of food or sports equipment to help members of your own community.

## MVF Board of Directors seeks Treasurer

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer to serve as Treasurer. After several years of service to the community, Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry has resigned the position.

Responsibilities of the Treasurer include overseeing all accounting and treasury functions of MVF; making investment deci-

sions in accordance with the investment policies of MVF; reviewing MVF's monthly financial statement; and presenting monthly statements to the Board at their monthly meetings.

Residents interested in the position, or those with questions, should e-mail Chief Financial Officer Greg Snellings at [gsnellings@mof.org](mailto:gsnellings@mof.org).

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**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 palettes 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 colors on the recommended color selections appeal to you, you can always submit samples of additional colors 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.

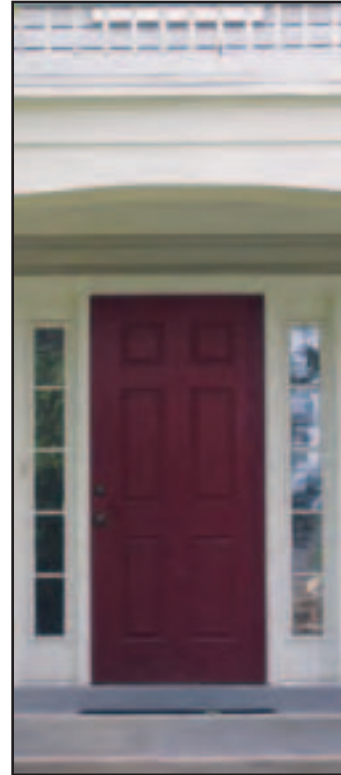
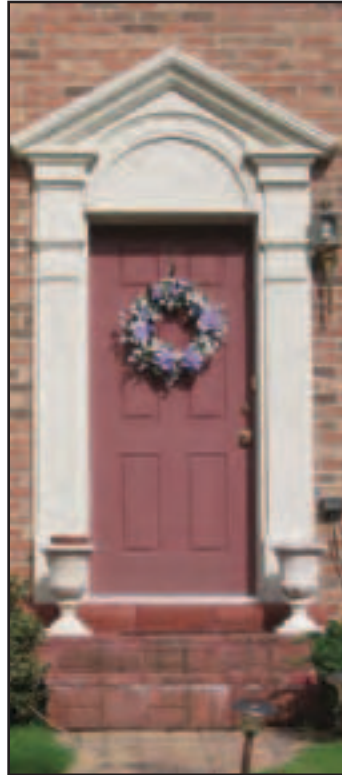
For sidelights the reverse is true, as most communities require the sidelights to be the house trim color—not the front door color. Sidelights are always considered to be separate from the front entry door

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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com); resi-

dents will find the specific criteria under their Resident Dashboard (sign up for a free account to access this feature). The Architectural Standards staff at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office is al-

ways available to assist you with any questions concerning these replacements. Call 240-243-2355 or 240-243-2351, or e-mail [hsharpless@mvmf.org](mailto:hsharpless@mvmf.org) or [ehottinger@mvmf.org](mailto:ehottinger@mvmf.org).



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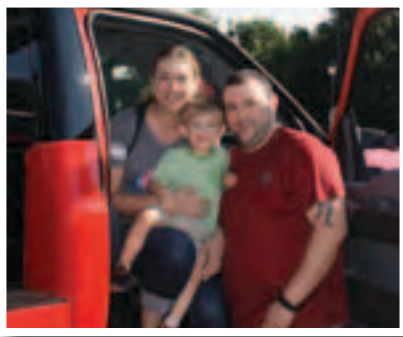
# Touch A Truck

Montgomery Village Foundation would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to the Touch A Truck event on August 27. The event was well attended with nearly 700 visitors, and everyone had a wonderful time!

A special thanks to the following businesses who brought their vehicles and sent representatives to spend the morning with us: TW Perry, K. Neal Truck & Bus Center, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Church of the Redeemer, BrightView Inc., Mr. Georges Driving School, Montgomery County Police Department, Kolb Electric, GAC Services, U.S. Postal Service, Henry's Towing and Kohl's Cares.

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## STEDWICK SIGNALS

## What the future holds - TBD

by Sam Korper

Postponement of the Mid-County Highway (M-83) Extended project caused many of us to take a breath and generally move on. However, Stedwick and several other Montgomery Village communities again appear to be vulnerable to the evolving plans by Monument Realty for the golf course "re-purposing" (with some 600 potential residential units), and the Montgomery Village Center "re-vitalization" (with some potential 300 residential units).

Despite assurances about preserving the "character" and quality of life in Montgomery Village, I believe that the Stedwick and Montgomery Village communities are not fully aware of the potential impact of the two evolving projects and their consequences. This column is not written in opposition to change (some of which is critically needed), but as a reminder that changes are coming.

The prospect of M-83 is clearly huge and very divisive to Montgomery Village. While different in purpose and geographic footprint than M-83, changes to the former golf course property and Village Center may indeed have significant economic, infrastructural, social and demographic impacts. The golf course property and the Village Center are core areas located on a central corridor of Montgomery Village, and are adjacent to the Stedwick, Clubside, Maryland Place, Thomas Choice Condominium, Heron's Cove, Center Court and Patton Ridge communities.

Benefits and consequences of the proposed changes cannot be fully known today. Some aspects of the proposed

projects appear to enhance Montgomery Village's park areas and recreational facilities. However, they potentially bring almost a thousand new housing units to the area. School populations, along with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, will grow. Beyond the obvious changes in land use, both proposals also include road realignments, which will surely affect patterns of driving and walking for the Montgomery Village community.

Short-term disruptions associated with the construction, and far more significant long-term changes, are likely to occur to the roads surrounding and within Stedwick. The Montgomery Village Master Plan, adopted by the Montgomery County Council on February 9, 2016, contains a 22-page appendix – the "Transportation Analysis" – which describes the anticipated impact and provides many detailed street and intersection traffic forecasts for our roads (for example, the Stewartown Road extension) over the next 25 years. This document may be found at: [http://montgomeryplanning.org/community/montgomery\\_village/documents/Appendix1.Transportation.Analysis.Final.pdf](http://montgomeryplanning.org/community/montgomery_village/documents/Appendix1.Transportation.Analysis.Final.pdf).

We all hope that the coming changes to Montgomery Village will be positive. However, there are bound to be significant issues. Montgomery Village Foundation, representatives of the responsible Montgomery County planning agencies and the two developers should participate in community meetings to address the economic, traffic, school and environmental impacts to the greater Montgomery Village community, and to

answer Stedwick's and adjacent homeowner associations' specific concerns.

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, who has been monitoring these developments, will hold a community meeting here in Montgomery Village on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road. This is a significant opportunity to discuss our thoughts and concerns with a Councilmember and our District 2 area representative.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC) board is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is always the first item on the agenda. Margaret Schoap is scheduled to report on the TAME organization's accomplishments regarding M-83 and Montgomery County's Master Plan transportation issues. If you are interested, plan to join us and hear what she has to say.

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of SHC-owned property in your neighborhood, or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact our community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail [stedwickhc@mof.org](mailto:stedwickhc@mof.org) or consult our community website, [www.stedwick.org](http://www.stedwick.org). You can also bring any ideas or concerns to the board of directors during residents time at our regular meetings.

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

## EAST VILLAGE ECHO

## East Village Community Picnic

by the East Village Board of Directors

East Village Homes Corporation's (EVHC) annual Community Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The rain or shine event will feature fun for all ages: great food, activities, music and more! Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with fellow East Village residents, the EVHC Board of Directors, MVF Community Management and other special guests.

### EVHC BOARD MEETING SEPT. 20

The next East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

As always, these board of directors meetings are open to the public, and each meeting begins with residents time for residents to ask questions or make comments; comments are limited to three minutes to allow time for all residents to speak. Each Board meeting is followed immediately by a separate closed session not open to residents (Pursuant to Section

11B-111(4), Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to – (iv.) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.)

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

### EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

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

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



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## WHETSTONE WATCH

## New date: board to meet September 29

by Sharon Cranford

The Whetstone Board of Directors usually meets on the second Thursday of the month. However, due to scheduling conflicts, the board has changed its next meeting date. The board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 29 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. First on the agenda is residents time, which begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

### MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Elliott's Tree Service has been taking down dead/dying trees throughout the community. Once all the trees have been removed, Elliott's crews will return to grind out stumps; remove the grindings; level the area; and put down dirt, grass seed and straw. The board would appreciate it if homeowners in areas where trees have been removed could take a few minutes to water these areas a couple of times each week to help the grass get a good start.

Divine Landscaping has completed a stone retaining wall between upper and lower Brooke Grove courts. It replaces a rotted wood retaining wall.

Total Asphalt has been repaving bike paths throughout the community.

Tree pruning in Lakeside has been delayed. The bids came in much higher than expected. The board will decide what options it wishes to pursue at the September meeting.

RFPs have been sent out for concrete repairs and for replacement trees which will

be planted in the fall. Bids will be considered at the September board meeting.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Next year – 2017 – Whetstone will undergo a Private Property Maintenance (PPM) inspection. The entire Whetstone community voted in favor of the PPM policy several years ago. The inspection is done every other year.

Now that the weather is cooling off, it's a great time to make sure that your house and yard are in good shape. The inspection will be looking for common sense items: missing or broken shutters; split rail fences missing rails or with leaning posts; peeling paint; brickwork in need of repair; and so forth. The policy setting out the standards for private property maintenance can be found by logging into your Resident Dashboard at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

### BALLOT UPDATE

At this writing, the ballots for amendments to our covenants continue to arrive at the MVF Community Management office. There will be an announcement on the results of the balloting at the Thursday, Sept. 29 Whetstone board meeting. Thank you to all homeowners who have taken the time to read the background materials, mark their ballots and send them in to be counted.

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

## NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

## August board meeting (continued)

by the North Village Board of Directors

We continue our report on the regular meeting of your board of directors, which was held on Thursday, Aug. 18 – too late for coverage in the last issue of the *Village News*.

During residents time there was some discussion among the board members about the placement of recycling items in the normal trash. The county is very strict about recycling items disposed of as regular trash, and residents are reminded to keep the two separate. If there is a question of what items can be recycled, check the Montgomery County website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/programs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/programs). It was also mentioned that as fall arrives, we should dispose of leaves in recyclable paper bags or in loose trash bins for pickup. Plastic bags are not to be used for the recycling of leaves and yard trim.

The regular meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were approved. The board then reviewed the financial report. The treasurer said that our operating cash was in about the same position as last year at this time. She stated that our reserve fund accounts are fully invested. She also noted that the accounts receivable were down from a year ago because write-offs from bankruptcies and foreclosures were clearing the delinquency list.

Our net loss year-to-date is \$16,000, which is reduced from previous months, but we are still digging our way out of the large deficit for snow removal last winter. This does not re-

flect upcoming tree removal and fence repair projects which are being scheduled, as well as the water quality bills from Montgomery County.

Next, the board heard reports from the various committees. The audit committee reported that they want to change the auditor this year, and that requests for proposals are being prepared to be sent to prospective bidders.

The chairperson of the maintenance committee reported that one of our light poles is lying on its side and was likely hit by a large vehicle. It was noted that some of our fences are broken and need repair. Also two additional pet stations have been ordered and will be installed. The existing pet stations are very popular and have greatly reduced the amount of animal waste on our lawns.

The capital improvements committee mentioned that the next project is the painting of the light poles. Our community manager stated that she will secure proposals for that work and report her findings to the board.

In her management report, our community manager reported that she met with the board president to review areas for planting the flowering trees that Pepco is giving us as replacement for the trees they removed. Flowering trees, 4 to 5 feet tall, will be planted in 12 areas around North Village this fall.

Our community manager said that the striping work in Picton will be conducted by Chamberlin Contractors in September. She added that

management will send a postcard to each home and follow up with signage in the community.

Concerning fence work, it was reported that we had received an additional (lower) bid to replace the Picton fence from Calco Fence and Deck. The new proposal includes painting. The board voted to accept this new bid. Also, because of the constant maintenance involved with our split rail fences, the board asked our community manager to research split rail fence work with different companies and to send out RFPs for repairing our split rail fences.

Under new business, the board appointed the nominating committee, approved the election calendar and the corporate calendar (which are now combined into one calendar) and also voted to approve the publication of the proposed 2017 budget in the *Village News* prior to the actual approval of the budget itself, which will be on the agenda at the October board meeting.

### THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail [asteward@mvpf.org](mailto:asteward@mvpf.org).

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

## EASTGATE EXPRESS

## It's picnic time in Eastgate

by the Eastgate Board of Directors

The annual Eastgate Community Picnic is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Martin P. Roy Park, 20121 Cinnabar Drive. Make sure to stop by for games, food and to talk with your neighbors!

### ASPHALT AND CONCRETE WORK

As many of you know, we will be doing major asphalt and concrete work throughout the community. Letters have been sent to those residents

who will be impacted – primarily, residents of Yankee Harbor and Cross Jack places. Please be sure to move your vehicle from the work area by 7 a.m. to avoid getting towed. If you have any questions, please contact our community manager at 240-243-2326. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this time.

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

# Reporting trash violations

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

## TRASH

Trash throughout the community continues to be a problem—especially on sections of Ridgeline Drive. The Association spends a significant amount of money because of how much trash—both bulk trash and litter—is present in the community on a daily basis.

Homeowners will be fined if they or their tenants violate the trash policy. Effective immediately, there will be a \$25 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
2. Trash/recycling put out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash on common area spaces instead of in front of home.

Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash, trash in cans and bulk trash.

Log in at [www3.senearthco.com](http://www3.senearthco.com) to view or download the entire trash policy if you have an online account. Click "Community Information," then "Property Information" to view the current trash policy. Contact Shirley Umali at [sumali@comsource.com](mailto:sumali@comsource.com) if you would like to register for a Sourcelink account.

## REVISED PARKING POLICY IS IN EFFECT

The Middle Village Parking Policy revision is now in effect. **All vehicles parked overnight in the Middle Village community must have a 2016 Middle Village parking hang tag or they will be immediately towed—no exceptions.** The revised policy provides each home with one additional parking tag (giving each home a total of three parking tags), which can be used in the homeowner's reserved parking space or any unmarked space. One additional parking per address tag can be purchased annually from ComSource starting in December.

Residents must now go to the ComSource office to get their parking tags. Permits will not be mailed. ID will be required to pick up the tag and homeowners must be current with their homeowner assessment fees to receive the additional tag.

If you are delinquent on your homeowner assessment fees, the previous rule of losing your reserved space, in addition to not receiving the third parking tag, still applies. The revised policy will be available to view on the ComSource website via Sourcelink.

Towing is in effect! A 2016 Middle Village parking hang tag must be displayed in the front car window—no exceptions!

If you are a new resident and do not know your assigned parking space number or have not picked up your parking tags, contact Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or e-mail [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

Middle Village Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22. More details to follow soon.

## SOURCELINK/ ACCOUNT ACCESS

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

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

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

# Rental Facilities in the Village

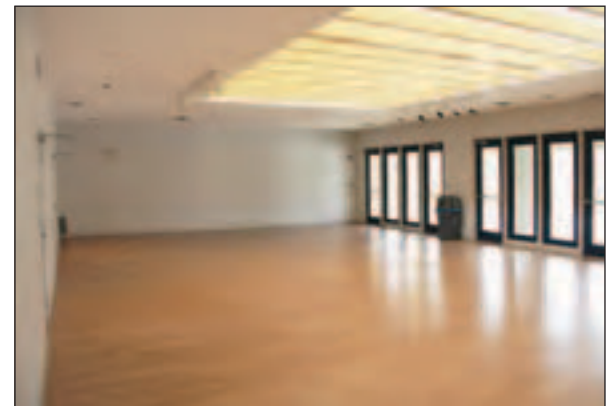
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

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

For more information, contact Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [lhydorn@mvf.org](mailto:lhydorn@mvf.org).



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**or \$2 with**

**a food**

**donation**

**(parents**

**are free)**



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KIDS PAGE



## MV Kids Learn About Guinea Pigs

The guinea pig, also called the cavy, is a species of large rodent usually weighing between 1.5 and 3 pounds and growing to 8 to 10 inches in length. Despite their common name, these animals are not in the pig family, nor are they from Guinea. They are fairly easy to handle, feed and care for.



### Guinea Pig Breeds

These are the 10 main types of guinea pigs, which is your favorite?



### Guinea Pig Communication

Vocalization is the primary means of communication between guinea pigs. These are their most common sounds:

- A "wheek" is a loud noise and may occur in response to the presence of its owner or to feeding. It is sometimes used to find other guinea pigs if they get lost.
- A purring sound is made when the guinea pig is enjoying itself, such as when being petted or held. It may also make this sound when grooming, crawling around to investigate a new place or when given food.
- A rumbling sound is normally related to dominance within a group. It can also come as a response to being scared or angry. In these cases, the rumble often sounds higher and the body vibrates shortly.
- Chutting is a sound made when a guinea pig is chasing another guinea pig or other animal and whining is a sound made when a guinea pig is being chased.
- A chattering sound is made by rapidly gnashing the teeth, and is generally a sign of warning.
- Squealing or shrieking is a high-pitched sound of discontent, in response to pain or danger.
- Chirping, a less-common sound, like a bird's song, seems to be related to stress, or when a baby guinea pig wants to be fed.

To hear guinea pig sounds, visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guinea\\_pig](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guinea_pig)





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

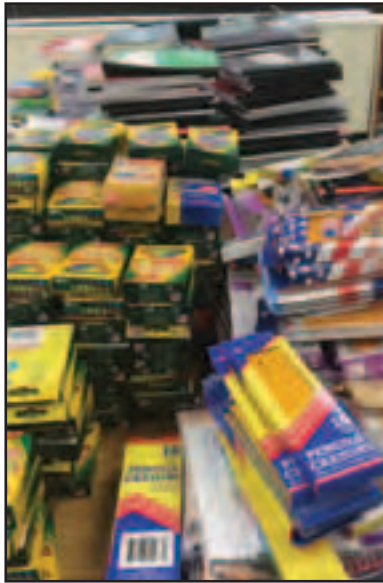
## Giving doesn't take the summer off

Covenant United Methodist Church teaches that "it takes a village" to raise children, and that lesson is taught from the time our own children are very young. So when 86 children enjoyed the Vacation Bible School at CUMC this summer, they spread the love to children in Montgomery Village who needed a bit of help to start school this fall by collecting a small mountain of brand new school supplies.

The congregation added to the collection all summer, and recently hundreds of composition notebooks, crayons, pencils, pocket folders and many other supplies were delivered to Watkins Mill Elementary

and South Lake Elementary schools for those students who might need them. Pastor Amanda Sayers used the collection as a lesson that the church children could understand in the quest to serve others.

CMUC is located at the corner of Wightman Road and Montgomery Village Avenue. Worship is held each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10 a.m. For more information, call 301-926-8920, e-mail [office@covenant-umc.org](mailto:office@covenant-umc.org) or check out the numerous opportunities to get involved online at [www.covenant-umc.org](http://www.covenant-umc.org).



photos submitted by DeAnne Post

## Workers and bilingual voters needed for 2016 Presidential General Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters and high school students to serve as election workers at polling places for the Presidential General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet Federal requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act, which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polls. Spanish speaking election judges are needed for both Early Voting and on Election Day.

To serve in this paid volunteer position, you must be at least 17 years old by Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, or registered to vote in the State of Maryland. All volunteers must be able to speak, read and write the English language, and must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. Volunteers will be compensated for completing training and working the election.

Residents interested in serving in these positions in the community should contact the Montgomery County Board

of Elections at 240-777-8532, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or e-mail Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at [gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### "FUTURE VOTE" PROGRAM

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is also seeking school-age students, grades 6 to 12, to participate in its "Future Vote" Program. Future Vote students will serve as Election Day student aides during the 2016 Presidential General Election. There are also opportunities for students to assist the Board of Elections with a variety of activities before Election Day.

Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to participate in the Future Vote Program and, if applicable, students will receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. Most students work in precincts near their home. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action.

The Future Vote Program is available to all Montgomery County students within public, private, independent, religious or home-schools. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite and students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Interested parents/

guardians must register their student(s) before Wednesday, Oct. 5 online at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or by e-mailing [future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration and election worker recruitment drives are scheduled for on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during September and October at local public libraries according to the following schedule:

**Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue**  
**Friday, Sept. 16 (2 to 6 p.m.)**  
**Saturday, Sept. 17 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**  
**Sunday, Sept. 18 (1 to 5 p.m.)**

**Germantown Library, 19840 Century Boulevard**  
**Saturday, Sept. 10 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**  
**Sunday, Sept. 11 (1 to 5 p.m.)**

**Olney Library, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road**  
**Friday, Sept. 23 (2 to 6 p.m.)**  
**Saturday, Sept. 24 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**  
**Sunday, Sept. 25 (1 to 5 p.m.)**

For additional information and other locations, contact Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at 240-777-8532, e-mail [gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov) or visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

## Food for Schools starting up again



photo by Maureen Aldrich

The Food for Schools project began 8 years ago during the great recession. Several teachers and principals alerted our Village neighbor, State Senator Nancy King, that children were coming to school Monday mornings very hungry because they did not have enough food to eat over the weekend.

Senator King quickly swung into action. With the support of the MVF Board of Directors, she recruited a group of volunteers to deliver grocery bags filled with nutritious and easy to prepare food, to several nearby elementary schools. Village neighbors brought donations of nonperishable canned food to the orange box in the MVF lobby, while Covenant United Methodist Church, Northgate Community Church, Kehilat Shalom Synagogue, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, the Montgomery Village Rotary Club, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts held food drives.

Fast forward to today. A group of volunteers is still putting together bags of food for children to take home on Fridays so that they will have something to eat over the weekend. MVF provides

storage for the donations until they are ready for distribution. Covenant United Methodist Church continues to provide donated food as well as grocery store gift cards purchased with monetary donations from their members, as well as the local community. The volunteers then use those gift cards to buy any needed grocery items.

Here's what's on the Food for Schools shopping list: unsweetened cereal, canned soup, canned tuna, Tuna Helper, canned vegetables and fruits, bags of dried beans and rice, ramen noodles, dried pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, canned pasta and soup. We do not use anything packaged in glass containers. These food items can still be dropped off at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

Alternatively, Village residents can make a tax deductible donation by sending a check made out to Covenant United Methodist Church with Food for Schools in the memo line. The church is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

Thank you for your support!



**Please  
be a  
responsible  
pet  
owner...**

Montgomery County law states that you must keep your dog on a leash and pick up and properly dispose of your dog's defecation when outside of your premises.

RECREATION

## Water Aerobics Mini-Session at Stedwick Pool

Burn fat and increase your flexibility and range of motion. Improve muscle tone and cardiovascular endurance with this aquatic exercise and interval aerobics program. This class is appropriate for all swim levels – your head is always above water.

Participants must have a valid MVF activity card or a class pass purchased at the MVF Office. Class is from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Fridays, through Sept. 23. Drop in at your convenience for \$8/class.



## Homework, Hockey and Hoops

We make every minute count – snack time, homework, team building, sports skills and unlimited fun! Featured sports will be basketball and street hockey. All participants will develop skills through drills and scrimmages, while building an understanding of teamwork and game rules.

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) staff will walk with full-program staff participants from Whetstone Elementary School to Whetstone

Community Center immediately after school dismissal, and supervise and lead activities. Snacks will be provided for full-program participants. MVF will also provide necessary sports equipment.

A sports-only option is available for those who prefer to stop at home after school. All participants must provide and wear their own mouth guards. We will have time set aside for all participants to work on their homework as well.

Join the full program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. now through Thursday, Nov. 3 for \$158/Resident and \$168/Non-resident. The sports only option is scheduled from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on the same dates, for \$75/Resident and \$85/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary North Creek Nature Center Celebration

North Creek Lake Park & Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane

Rain location and additional parking are located at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Enjoy a day of natural fun at North Creek Nature Center as we continue to celebrate Montgomery Village's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Families can enjoy a variety of nature-themed activities.

- Build your very own birdhouse to take home (while supplies last).
- Learn about and meet some of Maryland's native reptiles.
- Learn about an owl's diet as you dissect owl pellets.
- Explore North Creek Lake Park with a scavenger hunt created by Girl Scout Junior Troop 4206.
- Nature craft activities will also be available.

For more information, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

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## Disguise A Pumpkin

Help camouflage our pumpkin so he can escape being turned into pie! Color or glue your disguise directly on our pumpkin template which can be downloaded at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or picked up at the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

Disguised pumpkins will be judged by age, and ribbons will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each age category. Age groups are 5 to 9-year-olds, 10 to 14-year-olds and 15 and older. Entrants must submit their disguised pumpkins by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 to MVF, Attn: Melanie Maggi.



## FREE Shredding Event and Donation Drive

Saturday, Oct. 1 • 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MVF Office • 10120 Apple Ridge Road

Bring up to three bags or boxes of personal documents for secure shredding

Donate any of the following to benefit Montgomery Village-based Women Who Care Ministries outreach efforts:

- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned Ravioli
- Juice Boxes
- Single-serving Apple Sauce
- Cash donations

Donate new or gently used sporting equipment to Leveling the Playing Field:

- Any Sporting Equipment except flat bottom shoes, clothing and roller blades
- Cash Donations



## Stay connected with Montgomery Village



RECREATION

## Family Paint Party

Join instructor Sue Kay for a night of creativity with the whole family from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road! This fun and easy painting experience will allow each attendee to make their very own masterpiece of hearts and flowers on a stretched canvas. This workshop costs \$22/Resident and \$25/Non-resident; price includes all supplies as well as light refreshments. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.



## T-ball for ages 4 to 7

Let's play T-ball at Lake Marion Community Center and Patsy Huson Park! Boys and girls will start to develop an understanding of how the game is played with plenty of time to enjoy the thrill of swinging for the fences! T-ball runs Wednesday through Oct. 26 from 4 to 5 p.m. No class Oct. 12. Participants will develop the skills and fundamentals of hitting, base running, fielding, throwing and catching, all in a fun atmosphere!

The class will provide posi-

tive group interaction, cooperation and teamwork. This well-structured learning experience is for all skill levels, with a low player-to-coach ratio!

We will start outside during those beautiful September summer days at Patsy Huson Park; when the temperature drops, we will move to Lake Marion Community Center. See you on the diamond!

Class costs \$40/Resident, \$50/Non-resident. For more information or to register, call 301-977-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Youth Argentine Tango

In the age where hip-hop, rock and salsa are on the main stage, students ages 8 to 15 years old can learn the intricate art of Argentine Tango. Students will gain physical stamina, social skills and confidence. Class focuses on open and closed embrace, pivots, rock step turns and intro to tango rhythms.

Tango classes are taught by Viviana and Isidoro Levinson at North Creek Commu-

nity Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. The fall session begins on Wednesday, Sept. 14—register today! Adult classes are also available from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 Wednesday, Nov. 16. Register in full or drop in for only \$12/class!

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



## Basketball Express youth basketball program

Do you want your child to learn the fundamentals of basketball in a fun, energetic atmosphere? Then this is the class for you! Taught by coach Charlie Williams, youth ages 4 to 12 learn the fundamentals of shooting, dribbling and passing. Athletes' time will be spent 65 percent on instruction and 35 percent concentrated on league play among structured teams.

This class meets at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, and runs September through December. The class is broken up into 6 to 8 week sessions. Session 1 begins on Sunday, Sept. 11 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 23.

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



# Holiday Craft Bazaar

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**Saturday, Nov. 5**  
**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Lake Marion Community Center  
8821 East Village Avenue

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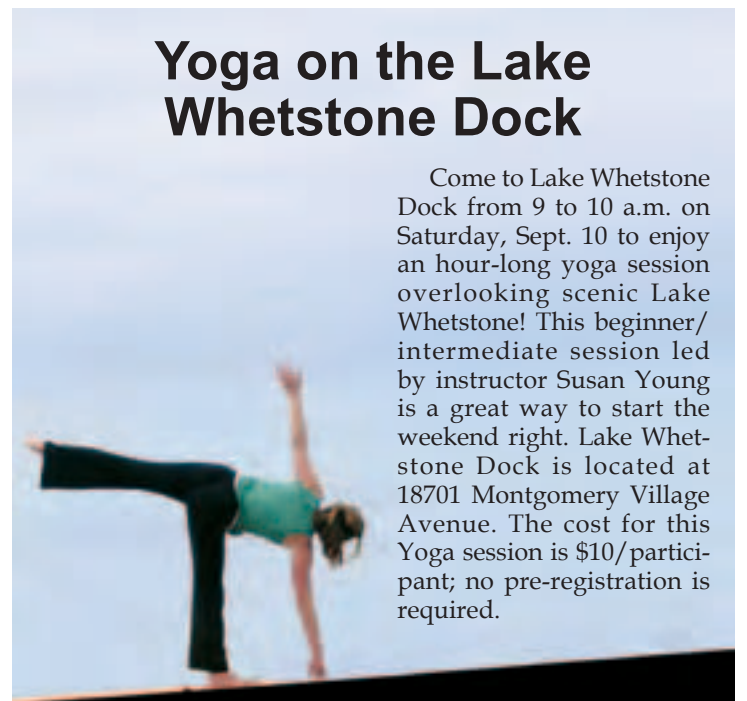
**FREE ADMISSION for shoppers**  
**\$40/table for Village residents**  
**\$45/table for non-residents**

Electricity is available at selected tables for an additional \$5.




## Yoga on the Lake Whetstone Dock

Come to Lake Whetstone Dock from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 to enjoy an hour-long yoga session overlooking scenic Lake Whetstone! This beginner/intermediate session led by instructor Susan Young is a great way to start the weekend right. Lake Whetstone Dock is located at 18701 Montgomery Village Avenue. The cost for this Yoga session is \$10/participant; no pre-registration is required.



For more information or to register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or call 240-243-2361.

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Call 240-243-2359 or e-mail [hbenitez@mvf.org](mailto:hbenitez@mvf.org)

MV SENIORS

# seniors in action

Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays, Thursdays and  
select Fridays!

Stedwick Community Center  
10401 Stedwick Road

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

## FALL SESSION

through Dec. 16 (no meeting Nov. 23 or Nov. 24)

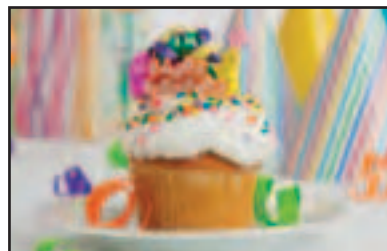


### Holy Cross Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

Join us for a free 2 ½ hour Chronic Disease Self-management Workshop, held each week for six weeks. Learn from trained leaders with health conditions themselves. Set your own goals and make a step-by-step plan to improve your health and your life! You'll get the support you need, find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health.

If you have conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, the this workshop can help you take charge of your life.

Stay tuned for specific times, dates and location.



### Birthday Celebration

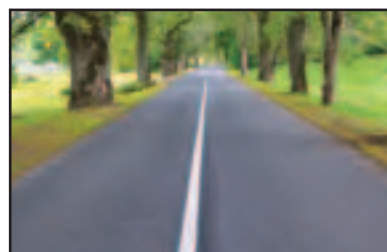
Happy Birthday to all our fall members! We will be celebrating these birthdays on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at noon!



### Fall Open House

Monday, Sept. 19 to Friday, Sept. 23  
Stedwick Community Center,  
10401 Stedwick Road

Want to give Seniors in Action a try? Come by any programs to meet new friends and try new activities during our fall open house week!



### Fall Trip

We are in the process of finalizing our SiA Fall trip. There will be more information to come in the upcoming weeks!

# 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. 12: Window Art



### Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

Join Pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court playing this sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong! Limited equipment available for use.



**Book Discussion Group**  
10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month  
Sept. 19: "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Brown  
Oct. 17: "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks

## TUESDAY



### Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



### Seated Tai Chi Noon to 12:50 p.m.

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

## WEDNESDAY



### SiA Games / Social Hour 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

## THURSDAY



### Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

## FRIDAY



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

second Friday each month  
Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.  
Oct. 14

Free for members, \$2/Non-member

**REGISTRATION** — Not a member of Seniors in Action? Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) today!

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

## AT YOUR LEISURE

## Rotary Club of Gaithersburg celebrates 50 years

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg will celebrate 50 years of service to the community on Thursday, Sept. 29. The club will mark this major anniversary with a dinner and comedy show from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Washingtonian Center, 204 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg.

The event will include dinner, awards and presentations, a superb comedy show with Scott Bruce, a silent auction and a raffle. Individuals and company/organization representatives can attend, sponsor the event at different levels, advertise in the souvenir program and/or donate items for the silent auction.

At the same event, the Rotary Club will recognize member Archie Avedesian for his 50

years of service and member Georges Taib for his 50 years of marriage as well as other community organizations celebrating 50 years of service.

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, and its 501(c)(3) foundation, carry out domestic and international service activities including giving encyclopedic dictionaries to third graders throughout the city; awarding a yearly scholarship to a Gaithersburg High School student; helping fund a school garden in Uganda; and contributing to an education project in Guatemala.

Information about the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg and its Charter Night Celebration is available online at [www.gaithersburgrotary.org](http://www.gaithersburgrotary.org) or on Facebook.

## AAUW to present panel of scholarship recipients

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Gaithersburg Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presents a panel of students who won scholarships funded by proceeds of AAUW's annual used book sale.

Five students received academic scholarships to assist in their pursuit of degrees from Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove. Three additional students were sponsored to attend the Na-



tional Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

The public is invited to meet and congratulate the scholarship winners at 7 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue. For more information, call 301-840-5443.

## Celebrate Harvest Season at Waters Orchard

Village residents are invited to celebrate Waters Orchard's Harvest Season Grand Opening on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Waters Orchard, 22529 Wildcat Road, Germantown. Washington White and Susan Butler (of the Butler's Orchard family) invite families to visit Waters Orchard farm for an apple picking outing. This family farm features 10 acres of apple trees featuring 16 varieties using the modern tall spindle growing system for easy picking (no ladders needed).

Well known and unique apple varieties found at the orchard include Honey Crisp, Fuji, Pink Lady, Shizuka, Hud-

son Golden Gem, Wine Crisp, Crimson Crisp, Florina Queirina, Enterprise and Galarina, to name a few. Plan to visit several times, as each variety is ready for harvest at different times throughout the fall.

Waters Orchard promises fresh delicious apples, as well as a beautiful location for an outdoor experience in Germantown, just 24 miles from Washington, D.C., in the Agricultural Reserve of Montgomery County.

The orchard will be open from early September through early November, Friday after-



noons, from noon to 5 p.m.; weekends and Columbus Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 301-253-4956, visit [www.WatersOrchard.com](http://www.WatersOrchard.com) or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

## October happenings at Arts on the Green

October is an action-packed month at Arts on the Green, with concerts, Halloween-themed performances and a first-time free family celebration called "Boo at the Barn." The scares will be gentle, and the fun will be fantastical.

### IN CONCERT

As frontman of the Americana band The Black Lillies, Cruz Contreras draws inspiration from the history of America's byways and the legends he's encountered on the open road. Contreras will bring his sound of Americana roots, built on a foundation of traditional country, blues and folk to the Arts Barn at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 as part of the Singer Songwriter Series.

The Singer Songwriter Series features an afternoon songwriting workshop and then the evening concert. The songwriting workshops are an amazing opportunity to learn about the creative process of professional artists—and to spark your own. Tickets are \$50 for the workshop and concert, or \$30 for the concert only.

Floyds Row, a six-member British-American group that fuses elements of early, folk and contemporary classical music performed on period, folk and modern instruments, will rock the Arts Barn at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children.

### ON STAGE

Experience "An Evening with Edgar Allen Poe" at 1 or 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. Enter the wonderfully creepy



as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination. Performances are scheduled from Friday, Oct. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 23 and feature youth performers. The show is recommended for ages 5 and older; tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for children.

The Arts Barn will debut a new seasonal event especially for families with young

children! Boo at the Barn is the perfect place to take a trial run in those Halloween costumes before trick-or-treating. From 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, enjoy an afternoon of ghoulish fun with themed art activities, face painting, a costume parade, snacks, photo opps and more! Boo at the Barn will capture the lively spirit of Arts Barns camps and classes, with emphasis on unlimited creative energy! This family event is free.

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### ARTS WORKSHOPS

Upcoming workshops at the Arts barn include: Yolanda Prinsloo's wine and art party for adults called "Autumn Watercolor" scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14; and Artist-in-Residence Tony Glander's "Glass Fusing for Adults" on Saturday, Oct. 22.

For more information about any of these great events, to purchase tickets or register for classes, call the Arts Barn at 301-258-6394 or visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov). Arts on the Green is located at 311/320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg.

### JUST FOR FAMILIES

Bring the kids to a tuneful, one-hour version of the beloved musical, "The Wizard of Oz Jr" with music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg. Join Dorothy, Toto, the Scarecrow, the Tinman and the Cowardly Lion

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## SCHOOL NEWS

## Pre-kindergarten Head Start student enrollment

Do you have a 4-year-old child? If yes, then your family may qualify for free pre-kindergarten or Head Start programs in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). MCPS offers free pre-kindergarten and Head Start programs in schools throughout the county for income-eligible families. These programs give children the skills and knowledge they need to be ready for kindergarten.

In order to be eligible, students must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2016 to enroll for the 2016-2017 school year. Other documentation including child's age verification; proof of relationship to student; proof of county residency; and proof of family income will be required.

After verification with staff, families will receive other information such as a health packet for immunization re-

ords and a home visit or teacher meeting. To begin the enrollment process, call 301-230-0676.

Applications are accepted daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville. For more information call 301-230-0676 or visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org).

## Trojan Fest 5K race

The Gaithersburg High School Education Foundation (GHSEF) invites Village residents, friends and neighbors to participate in the Trojan Fest 5K race scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Gaithersburg High School (GHS), 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg. Run or walk to celebrate Homecoming Weekend and support academic programs at GHS.

The 5K course begins and ends on the track at GHS and

ends through the paved paths of Bohrer Park. A 400-meter Kids Fun Run will be held for children 8 and younger immediately after the start of the race. There will also be a supervised area for children whose parents wish to participate in the 5K.

The Trojan Fest 5K costs \$30 for adults and \$25 for students (18 and under) and GHS staff in advance, or \$40 on the race day. The Kids Fun Run costs \$10 per participant. Entry fee

includes a T-shirt for each 5K race runner. Race packets can be picked up from race sponsor Fleet Feet Sports Gaithersburg, 255 Kentlands Boulevard, Gaithersburg, from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14. Packets not picked up before the race day will be available beginning at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at GHS.

For more information or to register, visit [www.imathlete.com/events/2016GHSEFTrojan5K](http://www.imathlete.com/events/2016GHSEFTrojan5K).

## SPORTS

## MVSA Lacrosse clinics

Since 2000, the Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA) has been teaching girls the basic skills of lacrosse. During the fall season, MVSA Girls Lacrosse will conduct clinics at Patsy Huson Field, 20300 Fulks Farm Road.

The program is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders living in Montgomery County. The basic premise of the program is to have fun; inexperienced players learn basic skills and experienced players enhance skills and game knowledge. Clinics are scheduled on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for 90 minutes each.

There are no tryouts. Once you register you are a team member. The fall registration fee is \$25. Each player must also have a current, \$25, one-year US Lacrosse membership. This annual membership provides players with catastrophic injury insurance, although any injury other than occasional scrapes or bruises is unlikely. US Lacrosse membership is a requirement for most summer clinics, camps, tournaments and spring leagues, so players registering now are covered until autumn of 2017.

Required equipment includes a girl's lacrosse stick. Girl's sticks differ significantly from boy's sticks. While we prefer players to have their own equipment, MVSA will

provide loaner sticks to players upon receipt of a \$50 refundable deposit. Deposit checks will be returned upon return of the stick at the end of the clinic season. Eye protection (wire mesh or solid lens goggles) is also required. MVSA will provide goggles to players without goggles to be used during scrimmages. Finally, mouth/tooth guards are required and may not be white or clear. Players may wear whatever type of shoe they desire. Girls may not wear hard shell helmets (except goalies) or men's lacrosse gloves. Men's sticks, pads, helmets, gloves, etc. are illegal for girls' lacrosse.

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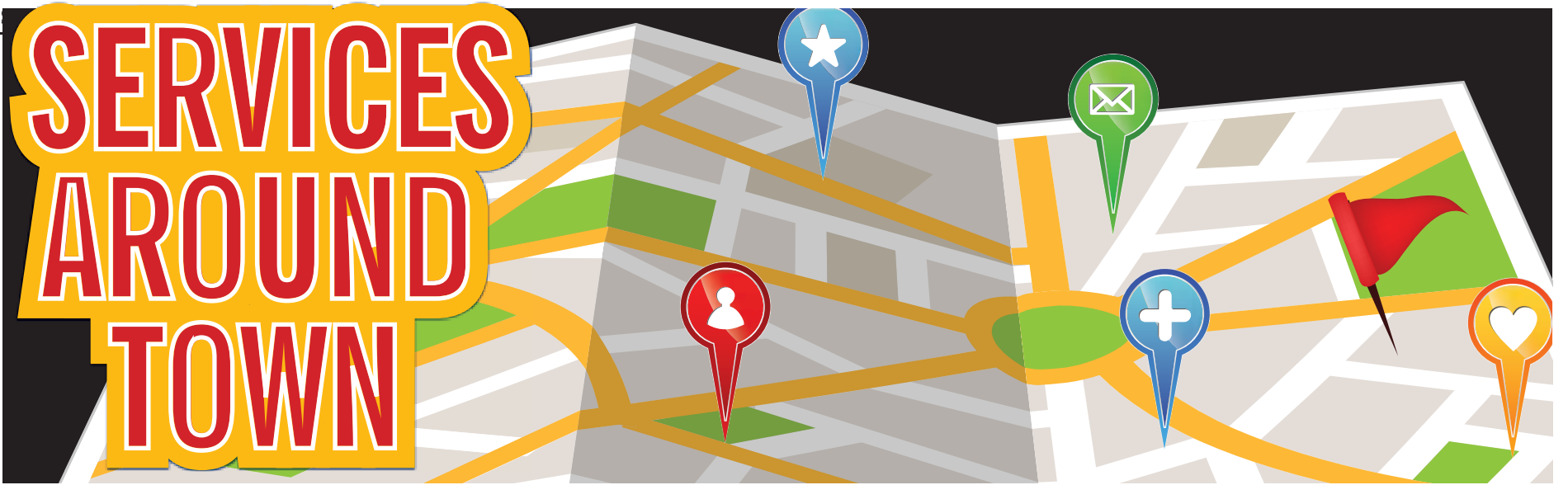


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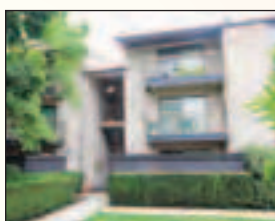
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# Montgomery Village Foundation

# 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

## Summary of the 2017 Proposed Budget

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) 2017 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 User Funds;
- 2) To continue implementing major capital projects;
- 3) To maintain reserve contributions in accordance with the 2014 Reserve Study; and
- 4) To fairly compensate MVF employees.

### 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Pursuant to the 2016 5-Year Plan, the 2017 proposed budget proposes to increase assessments in both the MVF and Designated User Funds. The MVF Fund is proposed to increase \$.85 per unit per month while the Designated User Fund is proposed to increase \$1.40 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 an 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 \$21.64 to fund the 2017 budget. However, we will continue to analyze monthly financial results for the possibility of reducing the proposed increase, as was done for the 2015 and 2016 proposed budgets. Included in 2017 is the use of approximately \$259,958 of the nearly \$760,000 in undesignated operating reserves: \$12,000 to scan historic Village News, \$30,000 to subsidize User Fee camp programs for one (1) year and \$212,958 to minimize the assessment increase at \$.85/unit/month. The 4.1% increase will generate nearly \$120,000 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 2014 reserve study, additional reserve contributions are needed to adequately maintain the pools and other community amenities. The proposed budget increases the DU assessment from \$33.02 per unit per month to \$34.42 per unit per month. The increase represents a \$1.40 per month increase, which is slightly higher than the 2016 5-Year Plan, which projected

a \$.93 increase. The primary causes for the larger increase are: 1) lower revenue expected from assessment collection fees due to the 2014 changes in in MVF's collection policy; 2) Higher than expected wages with the upgrading of a part-time position to full-time and the aggressive minimum wage increases; 3) the inclusion of \$10,000 in capital requests for new equipment; and 4) a slightly higher allocation of costs from the MVF Fund.

**Camp/Drop-in Programs:** The proposed budget also includes \$30,000 of MVF's undesignated surplus to be used to subsidize User Fee Fund summer camp programs. Camp revenues have declined significantly for the last three years and various 2016 program changes have achieved mixed results. Staff believes the downward trend is due to free or low cost summer program offerings by Montgomery County (at nearby schools) and competition from an increased number of private and church camps. For 2017, staff is adjusting programs and marketing efforts as well as reducing camp fees in an attempt to increase enrollment.

Additionally, a new full-day drop-in program is proposed for the Whetstone Community Center which will provide enrichment for children as an alternate to our camps. The North Creek Drop-In program has been well accepted by the community. These programs are not part of the User Fee cost center, but are budgeted in the Village-Wide cost center.

**Future Budgets: 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 2017 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 2017 is included on page 71 of the Budget (found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)).

### BUDGET CHANGES

#### REVENUES

**MVF Assessments:** The MVF assessment is slated to increase by \$.85 per unit per month for 2017. This increase is offset by approximately \$259,958 in undesignated reserves to limit the 2017 increase.

**DU Assessments:** The DU assessment is slated to increase by \$1.40 per unit per month for 2017. Continuing with MVF's 5-year plan, assessments must be increased to continue funding the pool, program and facility operations.

**Assessment Collection Fees:** Continuing with the 2016 trend, collection related revenues are expected to decrease again in 2017. 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. Since 2014's policy change, the quarterly delinquency rate has continued to decline and has recently decreased to pre-recession levels. (MVF & DU Funds)

**Transfer/Resale Disclosure Fees:** While Maryland law was changed in 2016 to limit the amount an HOA can charge for a disclosure package, the limit was set higher than MVF's fee thus there is no impact and 2017 revenue has been increased accordingly.

**Camps and Classes:** With many special events and other programs doing well and in conjunction with the summer camp program changes, revenues from camps/classes is expected to increase slightly for 2017.

**Capital Contribution Fees -** Based on several years of accumulated results, the CCF revenues have been increased to be more in line with actual results. These revenues do not actually impact any assessments as they are transferred to the Reserve Fund monthly.

### 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 at a satisfactory or higher level, the 2017 budget proposes a 2.5% merit pool. In recent years, the merit pool increases have been:

- o 2010 0%; 2011 3%; 2012 2%; 2013 2%; 2014 2%; 2015 2%; 2016 2.5%

o In addition to the merit increase, several positions were also impacted by the Department of Labor's recent increase to the minimum wage for exempt employees.

• **MVF's Flexible Benefits Program:**

o **Flex Dollars:** 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 5-10 percent for 2017. The contribution per pay period, per full-time employee, will increase \$20 per pay from \$365 to \$385.

o **HRA Participants:** MVF funds up to \$1,000 (\$500 for employee only coverage) for employees who participate in a qualified HRA medical plan. For 2017, \$2,500 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 \$13,000 to allow managers the opportunity to reward employees who meet the stringent standards of the policy.

• **Personnel Changes:** There is one new full-time position included in the proposed budget; the Repairs and Maintenance position from part-time to full-time.

**Operating Costs:**

• **Business Expenses:** There is a significant reduction for 2017 due to the removal of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary budget of \$50,000

• **Occupancy:** The decreases from 2016 is due to lower utility costs from electric (solar at LMCC) and heating gas.

• **Office Expenses:** Increases are related to the final phase-in of the Water Quality fee as well as a full year of MVF's website hosting and support fees and the *Village News* historical scanning project.

**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.

• **Other:** Capital also includes the additional of a concrete pad at Watkins Mill and a shade umbrella for the "Whetstone Whale" slide.

### RESERVES

In line with the 2014 Reserve Study (updated summer 2016), the 2017 budget proposes to increase the Contribution to Reserves (CTR) to \$1,089,959 (MVF \$323,007; DU \$766,952).

The Reserve plan includes \$523,963 in reserve expenditures, of which \$272,504 relates to Designated Users and \$251,458 to MVF. 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.

## 2017 MVF Proposed Total Operating Fund

<b>Total Operating Fund</b>				
	<b>2015 ACTUALS</b>	<b>2016 BUDGET</b>	<b>2017 Proposed BUDGET</b>	<b>16B vs 17PB Inc/(Dec)</b>
Full-time employees	0	48.0	49.0	1.0
Part-time employees	0	4.0	3.0	(1.0)
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Assessments	5,929,027	6,050,411	6,302,736	252,325
Allow for Bad Debts	-	0	0	-
Assessment Fees	254,890	253,509	216,250	(37,259)
Investment Income	2,829	3,000	4,312	1,312
Transfer Fees	36,675	34,000	33,500	(500)
Disclosure Fees	144,538	124,000	145,000	21,000
Advertising revenue	154,436	150,000	150,000	-
Pool Memberships/Fees	100,108	84,500	90,642	6,142
Camps & Classes	242,095	225,000	245,000	20,000
Management Fees	826,254	782,500	791,204	8,704
Capital Contribution Fee	136,503	108,150	120,000	11,850
Other Income	144,413	144,613	140,000	(4,613)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,971,767</b>	<b>7,959,683</b>	<b>8,238,644</b>	<b>278,961</b>
<b>Personnel Costs:</b>				
Full-time Salaries	2,790,697	2,871,682	2,974,941	103,259
Other Wages	624,164	660,480	713,625	53,145
Payroll Taxes	323,930	351,808	342,617	(9,192)
Employee Benefits	592,989	618,705	669,708	51,002
Workers Comp	53,677	57,703	52,995	(4,708)
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>4,385,457</b>	<b>4,560,379</b>	<b>4,753,885</b>	<b>193,506</b>
<b>Operating Costs:</b>				
Business Expenses	164,450	246,110	194,858	(51,252)
Office Supplies	50,681	51,975	47,825	(4,150)
Program/Maint Supplies	116,384	121,550	118,300	(3,250)
Occupancy	306,643	336,082	327,383	(8,699)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	290,550	303,718	329,101	25,384
Equip Maintenance	25,939	33,920	31,900	(2,020)
Vehicle Expenses	19,792	25,505	23,200	(2,305)
Financial & Legal	309,821	215,885	218,826	2,940
Insurance	113,452	118,259	117,739	(520)
Printing	88,261	91,075	94,400	3,325
Landscape/Maintenance	675,931	793,255	785,700	(7,555)
Security	131,850	151,590	112,165	(39,425)
Other	(155)	0	-	-
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>2,293,599</b>	<b>2,488,924</b>	<b>2,401,397</b>	<b>(87,527)</b>
<b>Maint. &amp; Overhead Allocations:</b>				
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	(0)	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating &amp; Allocations</b>	<b>6,679,056</b>	<b>7,049,303</b>	<b>7,155,282</b>	<b>105,979</b>
Contribution to Reserves Fund	987,050	1,025,212	1,089,959	64,747
Contribution to CCF	136,503	108,150	120,000	11,850
Investment in property & Equip.	(48,830)	124,200	110,000	(14,200)
Use of Undesignated Reserves	-	(347,183)	(236,597)	110,586
<b>Total Other (increases)/decreases</b>	<b>1,074,723</b>	<b>910,379</b>	<b>1,083,362</b>	<b>172,983</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>7,753,778</b>	<b>7,959,682</b>	<b>8,238,644</b>	<b>278,962</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit Revenue</b>	<b>217,988</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>

### 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.

## 2017 Per Unit Assessment Cost/Revenue Analysis

<b>Montgomery Village Foundation</b>									
<b>2017 Per Unit Assessment Cost/Revenue Analysis</b>									
Expense Description	MVF		Designated User		Poplar Spring		Community Mgmt		
	Budget \$	Assess \$ \$ per month	Budget \$	Assess \$ \$ per month	Budget \$	Assess \$ \$ per month	Budget \$	Revenue	
<b>Equivalent units/Revenue</b>		11,383.5		8,096.0		18.0		885,204	
Salaries & Wages (year round staff)	2,087,472	\$ 15.28	365,894	\$ 3.77	-	\$ -	472,434	53.4%	
Other/temp/seasonal wages	221,750	1.62	402,243	4.14	-	-	24,632	2.8%	
Employee Benefits	447,651	3.28	101,837	1.05	-	-	106,982	12.1%	
Payroll Taxes	213,808	1.57	71,560	0.74	-	-	46,535	5.3%	
Other Personnel	31,398	0.23	13,397	0.14	-	-	6,621	0.7%	
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>3,002,080</b>	<b>21.98</b>	<b>954,930</b>	<b>9.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>657,204</b>	<b>74.2%</b>	
Business Expenses	119,793	\$ 0.88	10,000	\$ 0.10	0	\$ -	5,700	0.6%	
Office Supplies	43,325	0.32	-	-	-	-	4,500	0.5%	
Program/Maint Supplies	29,900	0.22	82,700	0.85	0	-	-	0.0%	
Utilities	85,693	0.63	240,280	2.47	0	-	1,410	0.2%	
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	272,844	2.00	35,945	0.37	971	4.50	18,041	2.0%	
Equip Maintenance	18,350	0.13	6,550	0.07	0	-	-	0.0%	
Vehicle Expenses	17,300	0.13	5,050	0.05	0	-	700	0.1%	
Financial & Legal	175,566	1.29	23,250	0.24	0	-	8,026	0.9%	
Insurance	50,637	0.37	38,132	0.39	0	25	13,657	1.5%	
Printing	94,400	0.69	-	-	0	-	-	0.0%	
Landscape/Maintenance	526,559	3.85	257,942	2.66	1,200	5.56	-	0.0%	
Security	66,880	0.49	45,285	0.47	0	-	-	0.0%	
Other	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	0.0%	
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>1,501,247</b>	<b>10.99</b>	<b>745,133</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>10.17</b>	<b>52,034</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	
Contribution to Reserve/CCF	443,007	\$ 3.24	766,952	\$ 7.89	-	\$ -	0	0.0%	
Other (income)/expense	(229,959)	\$ (1.68)	-	\$ -	0	-	23,362.00	2.6%	
Capital Expense	-	-	110,000	1.13	0	-	-	0.0%	
<b>Reserve/Replacement</b>	<b>213,048</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>876,952</b>	<b>9.03</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,362</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	
Overhead Allocation	(1,179,986)	(8.64)	983,341	\$ 10.12	-	\$ -	152,604	17.2%	
	(1,179,986)	(8.64)	983,341	10.12	-	-	152,604	0.17	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,536,389</b>	<b>\$ 25.89</b>	<b>3,560,355</b>	<b>\$ 36.65</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>\$ 10.17</b>	<b>885,204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Other (income)/expense</b>	<b>(579,906)</b>	<b>(4.25)</b>	<b>(216,298)</b>	<b>(2.23)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(885,204)</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	
<b>User Fee net (income)/loss</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Total Budget &amp; Assessment</b>	<b>2,956,483</b>	<b>\$ 21.64</b>	<b>3,344,057</b>	<b>\$ 34.42</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>\$ 10.17</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	

# 2017 MVF Proposed Operating Budget by Fund

	Montgomery Village Fund				User Fee Fund				Designated User Fund			
	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2017 Proposed BUDGET	16B vs 17PB Inc/(Dec)	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2017 Proposed BUDGET	16B vs 17PB Inc/(Dec)	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2017 Proposed BUDGET	16B vs 17PB Inc/(Dec)
Full-time employees	0	3.0	32.0	(1.0)	0	1.0	1.0	-	0	7.0	8.0	-
Part-time employees	0	3.0	2.0	(1.0)	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-
Revenue:												
Assessments	2,840,309	2,839,956	2,956,483	116,527	0	0	0	0	3,086,519	3,208,259	3,344,057	135,798
Allow for Bad Debts	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Assessment Fees	120,182	111,509	92,750	(18,759)	0	-	-	-	134,708	142,000	123,500	(18,500)
Investment Income	1,415	1,500	2,156	656	0	0	0	0	1,415	1,500	2,156	656
Transfer Fees	34,275	31,000	-	(5,500)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosure Fees	107,633	99,000	93,500	(5,500)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising revenue	154,436	150,000	150,000	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool Memberships/Fees	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	100,108	84,500	90,642	6,142
Camps & Classes	0	0	0	-	242,095	225,000	245,000	20,000	0	0	0	0
Management Fees	0	0	0	-	38,777	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
Capital Contribution Fee	136,503	108,150	120,000	11,850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	89,705	84,500	90,500	6,000	10,039	10,000	9,500	(500)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,484,458</b>	<b>3,425,615</b>	<b>3,536,389</b>	<b>110,774</b>	<b>290,911</b>	<b>235,000</b>	<b>254,500</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>3,322,750</b>	<b>3,436,259</b>	<b>3,560,355</b>	<b>124,096</b>
Personnel Costs:												
Full-time Salaries	1,953,562	2,035,594	2,087,472	51,878	43,391	43,709	49,141	5,432	345,484	334,070	365,894	31,824
Other Wages	158,136	205,321	221,750	16,429	76,234	60,000	65,000	5,000	365,194	370,527	402,243	31,716
Payroll Taxes	189,329	222,819	213,808	(9,011)	10,020	10,433	10,714	281	78,121	70,074	71,560	1,486
Employee Benefits	402,842	417,907	447,651	29,745	12,637	12,167	13,237	1,070	83,941	86,214	101,837	15,623
Workers Comp	31,393	36,547	31,398	(5,149)	2,052	1,711	1,580	(132)	15,504	11,493	13,397	1,903
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>2,735,261</b>	<b>2,918,188</b>	<b>3,002,080</b>	<b>83,892</b>	<b>144,334</b>	<b>128,020</b>	<b>139,671</b>	<b>11,651</b>	<b>888,244</b>	<b>872,377</b>	<b>954,930</b>	<b>82,552</b>
Operating Costs:												
Business Expenses	90,803	169,945	119,793	(50,152)	58,035	60,710	59,365	(1,345)	9,352	9,755	10,000	245
Office Supplies	46,213	47,975	43,325	(4,650)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program/Maint Supplies	24,859	31,850	29,900	(1,950)	8,265	5,700	5,700	(0)	83,260	84,000	82,700	(1,300)
Occupancy	75,857	85,512	85,693	181	-	-	-	-	230,353	249,160	240,280	(8,880)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	242,878	259,965	272,844	12,879	-	-	-	-	28,626	26,075	35,945	9,870
Equip Maintenance	14,013	19,570	18,350	(1,220)	1,510	1,300	1,300	(500)	5,237	6,850	6,550	(300)
Vehicle Expenses	14,994	18,395	17,300	(1,095)	6,689	7,500	7,000	(500)	4,040	5,810	5,050	(760)
Financial & Legal	247,878	164,982	175,566	10,584	136	300	150	(150)	41,332	26,641	23,250	(3,391)
Insurance	56,147	50,794	50,637	(97)	11,691	14,000	11,984	(2,016)	29,916	38,034	38,132	98
Printing	87,676	91,075	94,400	3,325	14,083	15,696	15,288	(408)	-	-	-	-
Landscape/Maintenance	437,906	525,333	526,559	1,225	6,585	-	-	-	230,241	266,722	257,942	(8,780)
Security	76,924	86,590	66,880	(19,710)	-	-	-	-	54,926	65,000	45,285	(19,715)
Other	(155)	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	-
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>1,415,994</b>	<b>1,551,927</b>	<b>1,501,247</b>	<b>(50,680)</b>	<b>106,992</b>	<b>105,206</b>	<b>100,787</b>	<b>(4,419)</b>	<b>717,282</b>	<b>778,046</b>	<b>745,133</b>	<b>(32,913)</b>
Maint. & Overhead Allocations:												
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	(1,108,889)	(1,133,288)	(1,179,986)	(46,718)	37,559	30,574	44,042	13,468	908,100	935,423	983,341	47,917
<b>Total Operating &amp; Allocations</b>	<b>3,042,366</b>	<b>3,336,847</b>	<b>3,323,341</b>	<b>(13,506)</b>	<b>288,885</b>	<b>263,800</b>	<b>284,500</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>2,513,626</b>	<b>2,585,847</b>	<b>2,683,403</b>	<b>97,556</b>
Contribution to Reserves Fund	299,999	299,000	323,007	24,007	-	0	0	-	687,051	726,212	766,952	40,740
Contribution to CCF	136,503	108,150	120,000	11,850	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	-
Investment in property & Equip.	(56,658)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,828	124,200	110,000	(14,200)
Use of Undesignated Reserves	-	(318,383)	(229,959)	88,424	-	(28,800)	(30,000)	(1,200)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Other (increases)/decreases</b>	<b>379,844</b>	<b>88,767</b>	<b>213,048</b>	<b>124,281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(28,800)</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>	<b>(1,200)</b>	<b>694,879</b>	<b>850,412</b>	<b>876,952</b>	<b>26,540</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>3,422,210</b>	<b>3,425,614</b>	<b>3,536,389</b>	<b>110,775</b>	<b>288,885</b>	<b>235,000</b>	<b>254,500</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>3,208,505</b>	<b>3,436,259</b>	<b>3,560,355</b>	<b>124,096</b>
Excess/Deficit Revenue	62,248	1	(0)	(1)	2,026	(0)	(0)	(0)	114,244	(0)	(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.



# 2017 MVF Proposed Operating Budget by Fund

	Poplar Spring Fund				Community Management Fund				Total Operating Fund			
	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2017 Proposed BUDGET	16B vs 17PB Inc/(Dec)	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2017 Proposed BUDGET	16B vs 17PB Inc/(Dec)	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2017 Proposed BUDGET	16B vs 17PB 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	-	5,929,027	6,050,411	6,302,736	252,325
Allow for Bad Debts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-
Assessment Fees	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	254,890	253,509	216,250	(37,259)
Investment Income	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	2,829	3,000	4,312	1,312
Transfer Fees	0	0	0	0	2,400	3,000	2,500	(500)	36,675	34,000	33,500	(500)
Disclosure Fees	0	0	0	0	36,905	25,000	51,500	26,500	144,538	124,000	145,000	21,000
Advertising revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154,436	150,000	150,000	-
Pool Memberships/Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,108	84,500	90,642	6,142
Camps & Classes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242,095	225,000	245,000	20,000
Management Fees	0	0	0	0	787,477	782,500	791,204	8,704	826,254	782,500	791,204	8,704
Capital Contribution Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136,503	108,150	120,000	11,850
Other Income	0	0	0	0	44,668	50,113	40,000	(10,113)	144,413	144,613	140,000	(4,613)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>871,450</b>	<b>860,613</b>	<b>885,204</b>	<b>24,591</b>	<b>7,971,767</b>	<b>7,959,683</b>	<b>8,238,644</b>	<b>278,961</b>
Personnel Costs:												
Full-time Salaries	-	-	-	-	448,260	458,309	472,434	14,126	2,790,697	2,871,682	2,974,941	103,259
Other Wages	-	-	-	-	24,600	24,632	24,632	0	624,164	660,480	713,625	53,145
Payroll Taxes	-	-	-	-	46,461	48,482	46,535	(1,948)	323,930	351,808	342,617	(9,192)
Employee Benefits	-	-	-	-	93,569	102,418	106,982	4,564	592,989	618,705	669,708	51,002
Workers Comp	-	-	-	-	4,728	7,952	6,621	(1,332)	53,677	57,703	52,995	(4,708)
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>617,618</b>	<b>641,793</b>	<b>657,204</b>	<b>15,411</b>	<b>4,385,457</b>	<b>4,560,379</b>	<b>4,753,885</b>	<b>193,506</b>
Operating Costs:												
Business Expenses	-	0	0	0	6,261	5,700	5,700	-	164,450	246,110	194,858	(51,252)
Office Supplies	-	-	-	-	4,468	4,000	4,500	500	50,681	51,975	47,825	(4,150)
Program/Maint Supplies	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	116,384	121,550	118,300	(3,250)
Occupancy	-	0	0	0	433	1,410	1,410	-	306,643	336,082	327,383	(8,699)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	966	971	971	0	16,570	15,406	18,041	2,635	290,550	303,718	329,101	25,384
Equip Maintenance	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	25,939	33,920	31,900	(2,020)
Vehicle Expenses	-	0	0	0	622	1,000	700	(300)	19,792	25,505	23,200	(2,305)
Financial & Legal	-	0	0	0	8,921	10,262	8,026	(2,237)	309,821	215,885	218,826	2,940
Insurance	24	25	25	0	13,282	13,771	13,657	(114)	113,452	118,259	117,739	(520)
Printing	-	0	0	0	584	-	-	-	88,261	91,075	94,400	3,325
Landscape/Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	-	-	-	-	675,931	793,255	785,700	(7,555)
Security	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	131,850	151,590	112,165	(39,425)
Other	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	(155)	0	-	-
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,141</b>	<b>51,549</b>	<b>52,034</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2,293,599</b>	<b>2,488,924</b>	<b>2,401,397</b>	<b>(87,527)</b>
Maint. & Overhead Allocations:												
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	-	-	-	-	163,229	167,271	152,604	(14,667)	(0)	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating &amp; Allocations</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>831,988</b>	<b>860,613</b>	<b>861,842</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>6,679,056</b>	<b>7,049,303</b>	<b>7,155,282</b>	<b>105,979</b>
Contribution to Reserves Fund	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	987,050	1,025,212	1,089,959	64,747
Contribution to CCF	-	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	136,503	108,150	120,000	11,850
Investment in property & Equip.	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	(48,830)	124,200	110,000	(14,200)
Use of Undesignated Reserves	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	(347,183)	(236,597)	(110,586)
<b>Total Other (increases)/decreases</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,362</b>	<b>23,362</b>	<b>1,074,723</b>	<b>910,379</b>	<b>1,083,362</b>	<b>172,983</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>831,988</b>	<b>860,613</b>	<b>885,204</b>	<b>24,591</b>	<b>7,753,778</b>	<b>7,959,682</b>	<b>8,238,644</b>	<b>278,962</b>
Excess/Deficit Revenue	9	0	0	-	39,462	(0)	0	0	217,988	1	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.

## 2017 Proposed Expense Budget (detail)

### Montgomery Village Foundation 2017 Capital Contribution Fee & Operating Capital Budget Summary

	Capital Requested		Annual Operating				
	Budget 2017	Project Total	Budget 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>MVF:</b>							
No Capital requested for 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total MVF</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DU:</b>							
Pool enhancements	100,000	500,000	3,333	3,536	3,642	3,752	3,864
Misc pool/CC equipment	10,000	10,000	1,000	1,061	1,159	1,305	1,513
<b>Total Designated Users</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>510,000</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,802</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>5,377</b>
<b>CCF:</b>							
No Capital requested for 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital Contribution Fee</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Capital/CCF Requests</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>	<b>\$ 510,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,333</b>	<b>\$ 4,597</b>	<b>\$ 4,802</b>	<b>\$ 5,056</b>	<b>\$ 5,377</b>
<b>CCF Assessment savings</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>MVF Assessment Impact (per unit/month)</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>DU Assessment Impact (per unit/month)</b>	\$ 1.13	\$ 5.25	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.06

### Capital Contribution Fee Reserve Summary

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Beg. Balance</b>	246,845	430,300	209,242	144,530	264,530	339,530	418,280
<b>Revenue</b>	257,461	126,081	108,150	120,000	125,000	128,750	132,613
<b>Project expenses</b>	(74,006)	(347,139)	(172,862)	-	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	183,455	(221,058)	(64,712)	120,000	75,000	78,750	82,613
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>430,300</b>	<b>209,242</b>	<b>144,530</b>	<b>264,530</b>	<b>339,530</b>	<b>418,280</b>	<b>500,893</b>

## 2017 Proposed Reserve Contributions

### MVF Reserve Plan - 2017

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	323,007
Designated Users Fund	766,952

<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>1,089,959</b>
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**Reserve Expenditures by Fund:**

MVF Fund	232,427
Designated Users Fund	253,473

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>485,900</b>
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**Reserve Expenditures by Category:**

<b>MVF:</b>	Facility Repairs	34,026
	Technology	26,756
	Equipment	500
	Parks	171,145
	Other	-
	<b>Total MVF</b>	<b>232,427</b>

<b>DU:</b>	Apple Ridge Pool	53,998
	Community Centers repair/replacements	6,908
	General repairs/maintenance	15,949
	Hurley Park Pool	4,140
	Lake Marion Community Center & Pool	1,038
	Pool repair/replacements	90,620
	North Creek Community Center & Pool	51,200
	Stedwick Community Center & Pool	15,694
	Tennis Courts	12,307
	Watkins Mill Pool	-
	Whetstone Community Center	1,619
		<b>253,473</b>

<b>Total Reserve Expenditures</b>	<b>485,900</b>
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associated with each are updated based on current, known cost. The new study has been used in the preparation of the 2017 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

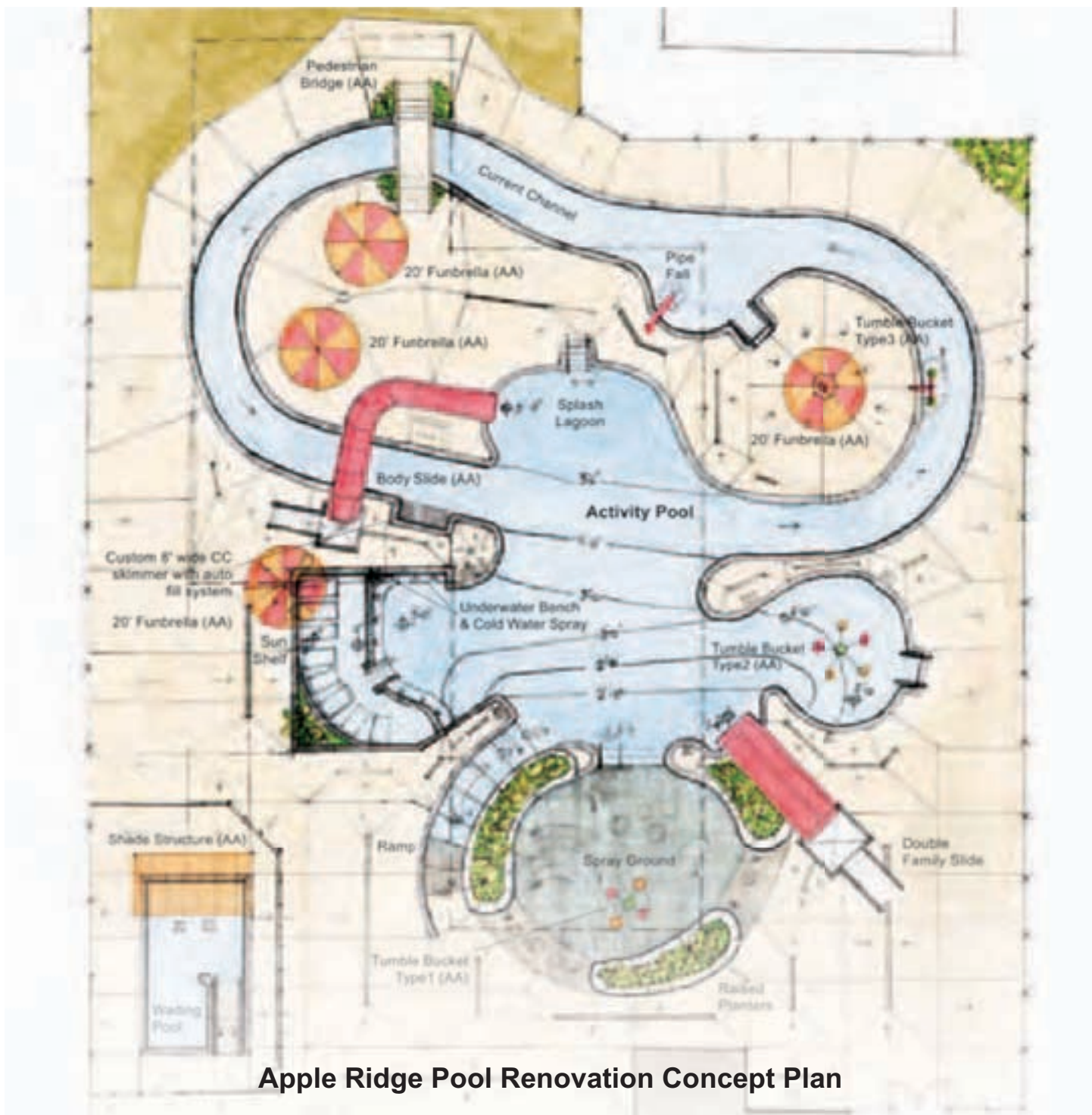
using the Direct Cash Flow – Component method which provides for a gradual build-up in the contribution amount over the long-term period rather than within the first few years of the target period. This calculation methodology best matches the goal set by the MVF Board.

## 2017 Combined Five-Year Plan (Assessments)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2016 v 2020
Assessment--MVF	\$ 21.64	\$ 22.65	\$ 23.65	\$ 24.38	\$ 24.76	\$ 3.59
Assessment--DU	34.42	35.60	36.60	37.50	38.30	4.48
<b>Combined Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 56.06</b>	<b>\$ 58.25</b>	<b>\$ 60.25</b>	<b>\$ 61.88</b>	<b>\$ 63.05</b>	<b>\$ 8.07</b>
Assessment increase included	2.25	2.19	2.00	1.62	1.18	

### Comments welcomed on the 2017 Proposed Budget

The Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. (MVF) 2017 Proposed Budget can be viewed in its entirety and is available for download on the Foundation website at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://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@mvf.org](mailto:budget@mvf.org) or in writing to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2017 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.



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