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Most of the concrete work on the Apple Ridge Pool renovation is complete! The pool shell (walls and floor) are finished and decorative planter areas are being finished this week. While the shell cures, work will focus on the bathhouse, including installation of new filter equipment. Pool features will be installed once the shell is fully cured and weather is appropriate.

## 6<sup>th</sup> District Police hold first Public Safety meeting of 2017

by Karen Kodjanian

On Thursday, January 5, Montgomery County 6<sup>th</sup> District Police Commander Dinesh Patil met with Village residents, updating them on crime trend comparisons between 2015 and 2016; outreach and communication efforts and programs; and introducing the new Deputy Commander. There were 40 residents, members of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors and MVF staff in attendance.

Commander Patil began the meeting by updating those in attendance on some new programs in place to reach

the community. He provided a copy of the monthly bulletin prepared by his office and said future bulletins can be viewed on the Montgomery Village website, adding that if residents want to be included in a group e-mail, they can notify Director of Community Management Karen Kodjanian at [kkodjanian@mvf.org](mailto:kkodjanian@mvf.org) with their e-mail address, and the information will be provided to his department. The 6<sup>th</sup> District has been piloting a program on "Next Door" to get information out to the communities as close to

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## 2017 Architectural Standards Community Inspections

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Architectural Standards Department will be performing its annual scheduled community inspections beginning in January 2017. The communities to be inspected this year include the following:

### SOUTH VILLAGE HOMES CORPORATION

- Grover's Forge
- Dockside
- Millrace
- Nathan's Hill
- Center Stage
- The Hamptons
- Walker's Choice

### STEDWICK HOMES CORPORATION

- Frenchton Place
- Forest Brooke
- Club Hill
- The Heights
- The Ridges
- Clusters I
- Clusters II

- Clusters III

These inspections are an important service that fulfills one of MVF's core responsibilities, that of maintaining the architectural integrity and

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## LOOK INSIDE

### CollegeTracks program a success



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### Investment Committee member needed

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### American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

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

### Candidates' Forum Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m.

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road  
Snow Date, Thursday, Feb. 2

If you have a question for a MVF Board candidate but are unable to attend the Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 31, you may e-mail your question to [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org) no later than Friday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. Please note that all questions submitted in writing prior to the Candidates' Forum must be authenticated as to resident names and addresses.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance

**Friday, Feb. 10  
7 to 9 p.m.**

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road



**Registration by  
Friday, Jan. 27:**  
\$16/per person (Resident)  
\$21/per person (Non-resident)

**Registration after  
Friday, Jan. 27:**  
\$20/per person (Resident)  
\$25/per person (Non-resident)

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## MVF MEETING AGENDAS

### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

### MVF CANDIDATES' FORUM

The MVF Candidates' Forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Snow date for the forum is Thursday, Feb. 2 in the same location.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Architectural Standards Department if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

### COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

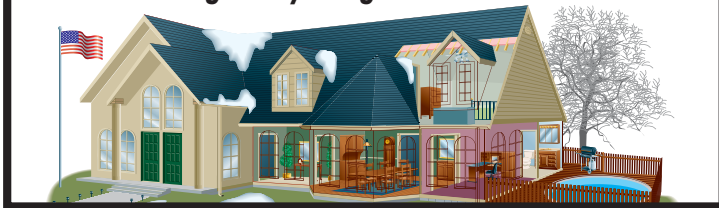
The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6 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.*

Community criteria for exterior features on all homes in Montgomery Village is available online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)



## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

### CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

### HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

### NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This will include the Annual Meeting

### PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

### PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 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, Jan. 24 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, Jan. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 in Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

## Apple Ridge Playground Replacement Community Meeting

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture is developing plans for the replacement of the playground located behind the Apple Ridge Pool at 10101 Apple Ridge Road. This playground needs to be replaced and will be relocated slightly on the site to allow for better accessibility from the parking lot.

Playgrounds offer children places to exercise and play outdoors aiding in their physical development, which is important for all children. Staff is looking for community residents who use or will use the playground, to offer input on proposed designs.

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

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**MONDAY, JAN. 30 AT NOON**

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**FRIDAY, JAN. 27 AT 5 P.M.**

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**FRIDAY, JAN. 27 AT 5 P.M.**

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See page 3 for more on how to contact us.

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*next issue  
Friday,  
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### EVP'S MESSAGE

## Working together



by David Humpton

**MVF Executive Vice President**

2017 will be another great year for the Montgomery Village community. Many are looking forward to the opening of the new leisure pool at Apple Ridge, redevelopment progress on the former golf course and the Village Center, enhancement to play facilities at Lake Whetstone Park and so much more. A measure of a community's strength is how its residents and leaders address challenges and opportunities in constructive and positive ways. The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is here to facilitate problem solving, community building and dialog with government and other stakeholders to continue to make Montgomery Village a great place to live, work, learn and play.

There are always many issues to report on, but these are a few of current priority.

### M-83 (MIDCOUNTY CORRIDOR STUDY) UPDATE

By now, the county was supposed to have released two studies for the county council to consider that could assist them in their decision making on midcounty transportation project(s). Last year, the county executive requested that DOT study the master planned MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alignment (Shady Grove Road to Redgrave Place) and Alternatives 2 and 5. This study will examine whether the combined improvements will satisfy the transportation demands of the study area and meet the purpose and need of Midcounty Corridor Study (MCS) without constructing the extension of Midcounty Highway (M-83).

At the urging of County Council Staff Member Glenn Orlin, the county council approved funding for an additional study known as the Combined MD 355 BRT and M-83 Mid-ground Study. This study includes the master planned MD 355 BRT alignment (Shady Grove Road to Redgrave Place) and a two-lane peak-hour directional parkway along the master

planned Midcounty Highway (Ridge Road to Montgomery Village Avenue).

This study will examine whether the combined improvements with a much smaller footprint of M-83 will satisfy the transportation demands of the study area and meet the purpose and need of MCS. In addition, an independent MD 355 BRT Study for the 22 miles from Clarksburg to Bethesda is being performed by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). The SHA/MTA study provides the needed travel modelling to evaluate the two new studies.

According to council staff, the executive will release the studies to the county council in late January or February, and that is when they will be available for public review. The MVF Board will take up this issue at an upcoming meeting.

### STATE LEGISLATURE HAS CONVENED

The Maryland General Assembly convened on Wednesday, Jan. 11. The broader issues legislators will address include the \$500M state budget deficit; funding of important capital projects such as the Watkins Mill Interchange; addressing the fracking moratorium, which will expire in 2017; and reconsidering legislation that almost passed last year providing part time employees statewide with earned sick leave.

Staff, the MVF Board and other COA and HOA leaders will be working with our own District 39 team and other legislators on bills that are filed during the session. Some we will support, and others we will oppose or seek amendments. Thus far, three bills have been filed by Delegate Holmes and will be heard before the Environment and Transportation Committee in the House of Delegates:

- House Bill 41 (Statewide registration of HOAs/COAs)
- House Bill 34 (HOA Resale Inspection Fee)
- House Bill 26 (Notice of Foreclosure Sales from Lender to HOA/Condo)

### LAKE WHETSTONE RISER STRUCTURE REPAIR UPDATE

The county's contractor has finished the concrete work, which will have to cure on the structure for about 30 days. The large equipment located next to the riser will remain until inspections show that the work was completed satisfactorily and the steel cage structure, which prevents larger

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### MVF BOARD AGENDA

#### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 26, 2017

North Creek Community Center - 7:30 p.m.

#### AGENDA

7 to 7:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates - a time for residents to meet candidates for the upcoming MVF election.

Residents Time - As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 8, 2016
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Information Items
  - A. Receive 2017 Slate of candidates for the MVF Election
  - B. Review evaluation of the 2016 pool season
7. Acceptance of Action List

#### ACTION LIST

#### Decision Items:

- A. Consider approval of proposed 2017 Pool Schedule
  - B. Consider request for CARC membership
  - C. Consider proposed changes to MVF Activity Card and Pool Operating Policies
  - D. Consider bid for pool furniture at Apple Ridge pool
  - E. Consider bid for natural play equipment and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary benches for Lake Whetstone Park
  - F. Consider request from Eastgate Homes Corp. to remove Basketball court at Martin Roy Park
  - G. Consider request of Patton Ridge Homes Corp. to allow resident parking at North Creek Community Center
8. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
    - A. Executive Committee
    - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
    - C. Audit
    - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
    - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
    - F. Communications
    - G. Election
    - H. Nominating
    - I. Personnel
    - J. Recreation
    - K. Investment Committee
  9. Board Member Issues
  10. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to -
    - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts
  11. Adjournment

## Residents with financial background needed for Investment Committee

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on the MVF Investment Committee. Residents (homeowners or renters) with financial backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The Investment Committee advises the Board on matters related to the Foundation's investment activities. The committee meets quarterly at 7 or 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings (dates to be determined). Responsibilities include making recommendations to the Board on investment strat-

egy and policy and approving investment transactions that are in line with the policy. Currently, MVF has approximately \$8 million invested. Certified Financial Advisors, Investment Advisors, Chief Financial Officers or others with expertise in investment management/banking are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact MVF CFO Greg Snellings at 240-243-2323 or e-mail [gsnellings@mvf.org](mailto:gsnellings@mvf.org). To apply, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

**Take a look in the Recreation section to find YOUR Game and register online today!**

				<h1>Don't Miss It!</h1> <div>Jan. 21 Bingo Night 26 Meet the Candidates event MVF Board of Directors Meeting 31 MVF Candidates' Forum Feb. 10 Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 12 Summer Camp &amp; Program Fair</div>		<h1>Village News 20</h1>		<h1>21</h1> <div>Bingo Night 6:30 to 8:30 pm – LMCC (Register in advance for discounted bingo booklets)</div>					
<h1>22</h1>		<h1>23</h1> <div>Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR</div>		<h1>24</h1> <div>Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR  Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR  Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Office</div>		<h1>25</h1> <div>Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC  CCLA 4:30 pm – MVF Office  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC  South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR</div>		<h1>26</h1> <div>MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR ("Meet the Candidates" – 7 pm)</div>		<h1>27</h1>		<h1>28</h1>	
<h1>29</h1>		<h1>30</h1>		<h1>31</h1> <div>MVF Candidates' Forum 7 pm – NCCC</div>		<h1>February 1</h1> <div>Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC  ARB 5 pm – NCBR  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</div>		<h1>2</h1> <div>Snow Date for MVF Candidates' Forum 7 pm – NCCC</div>		<h1>Village News 3</h1> <div>Summer Camp Guide  CARC 9:15 am – NCBR</div>		<h1>4</h1>	
<h1>5</h1>		<h1>6</h1> <div>Bloom Site Plan meeting 6:30 pm – WCC  Recreation Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR</div>		<h1>7</h1>		<h1>8</h1> <div>Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC  Communications Committee 7 pm – MVF Office  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC  Park Place II Condo 7 pm – NCBR</div>		<h1>9</h1> <div>Park Place I Condo 7 pm – Gaithersburg Library</div>		<h1>10</h1> <div>Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7 to 9 pm – NCCC (Pre-registration required)</div>		<h1>11</h1>	
<h1>12</h1> <div>Summer Camp &amp; Program Fair 2 to 4 pm – LMCC (Free)</div>		<h1>13</h1> <div>Personnel Committee 7 pm – MVF Office  Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR</div>		<h1>14</h1> <div>Valentine's Day  Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR  Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR</div>		<h1>15</h1> <div>Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC  MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS  Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC</div>		<h1>16</h1> <div>North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)</div>		<h1>Village News 17</h1> <div>Wine &amp; Paint 7 to 9 pm – SCC (21 or older)</div>		<h1>18</h1>	

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

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

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

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

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.

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E-mail letters to [mvnews@mvf.org](mailto:mvnews@mvf.org).

## IN THE NEWS

# Letters to the Editor



Editor:

Has the Whetstone board lost its way?

Meeting only every other month since September 2016, the erratic scheduling of the Whetstone Homes Corporation board meetings continued this month as the January 12 meeting was abruptly canceled without explanation then re-scheduled for January 17 in the North Creek Board Room (NCBR).

With the Investment Committee already scheduled for the NCBR on January 17, the

Whetstone Board meeting was relegated to a side room off the North Creek Community Center. So much for planning!

Dismissing the measurable uptick in Whetstone crime, the Whetstone board published a meeting agenda limited to one routine item under New Business, Approve Nominating Committee Slate and Ballot Format. Persistent requests to add Whetstone crime to the agenda fell on deaf ears. Where is the Public Safety Committee when we need it?

While Whetstone crime isn't

a new subject in Whetstone, it has not been addressed by the Whetstone board. The Whetstone board needs to convene a town hall on crime in order to chronicle every incident that occurred in 2016 by type, location, citizen response and police action. So informed, it needs to formulate a plan of action to address these vulnerabilities by both the police and residents.

Whetstone residents deserve better!

Don O'Neill  
Whetstone

## Valentine's Day in the Village means sharing your adoration

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day will be upon us with tons of chocolates and dozens of flowers being given to sweethearts all over the nation. Here in Montgomery Village, in anticipation of Cupid's holiday, the Montgomery Village News will publish free personal classified Valentine ads for Village residents—no

matter what the age (children must have parental permission).

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

Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, e-mail it to [mvnews@mvf.org](mailto:mvnews@mvf.org) or fill it out online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com/eform/submit/valentine-personal-ad](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com/eform/submit/valentine-personal-ad). The deadline is Friday, Feb. 10 by 5 p.m. Valentine's messages will be printed in the Friday, Feb. 17 issue of the *Village News*.

## FREE Valentine Personal Ads

Show someone how much you care by writing a *FREE* Valentine personal ad and we'll include it in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Montgomery Village News*. Select a picture from below to accompany your heart-felt message.

All ads are due by Friday, Feb. 10 and may be sent to or dropped off at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.

Call 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mvnews@mvf.org](mailto:mvnews@mvf.org).

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

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

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 1.	 2.	 3.	 Daddy, whoo's your Valentine? Me. Love, Fern	 Sheila, Will you marry me? Love, Mark	 Dan, our love bloomed that special day 10 years ago. Happy Anniversary Love always, Kim
 4.	 5.	 6.			

sample Valentine Personal Ads

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

## Bloom Montgomery Village Site Plan meeting

Monument Realty is pleased to report that the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Bloom Montgomery Village has been accepted by the Montgomery County Planning Board for consideration. A copy of the Notice of Application can be viewed at the Bloom website, [www.BloomInMV.com](http://www.BloomInMV.com). All of the technical drawings associated with this application can be viewed on the Montgomery County Planning website at <http://eplans.montgomeryplanning.org/daiclinks/pdodlinks.aspx?apno=120170150>

The application will undergo a technical review by Montgomery County Planning staff and other county agencies. Monument Realty will also be submitting a Site Plan application to the county in February. We anticipate that both the Preliminary Plan and Site Plan will be considered by the planning board at a public hearing in late spring or early summer 2017. For more information on the Bloom entitlement process, please see #6 on our list of FAQs on the Bloom website provided above.

The next community meeting will be held for information on the Site Plan application. This meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.



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IN THE NEWS

Contribute to MVF’s 26<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling more than \$48,000.

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

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

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

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

the Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund for either school, fill out the form on page 6 and return it to MVF at the address indicated.

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

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form  
Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the  
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Staying Aware  
in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

An attempted residential burglary occurred in the 10300 block of Watkins Mill Drive between approximately 8:30 p.m. on December 6 and approximately 9:30 a.m. on December 7.

A residential burglary occurred in the 9800 block of Hellingly Place at approximately 11:15 a.m. on December 12. No forced entry, it was reported that the victim left the front door open; property was taken.

Suspects: 3 H/Ms, ages unknown

A residential burglary occurred in the 9800 block of Islandside Drive between approximately 8 a.m. and approximately 7:30 p.m. on December 12. Forced entry; property was taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 9800 block of Brookridge Court between approximately 10 p.m. on December 12 and approximately 9 a.m. on December 13. Forced entry; property was taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 9700 block of Meggs Point Place between approximately 6:30 a.m. and approximately 2 p.m. on December 20. Forced entry; property was taken.

STOLEN VEHICLE

A vehicle was stolen in the 20500 block of Strath Haven Drive at approximately 7 a.m. on December 6. The vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked with the keys in the ignition and the engine running.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

In the 9600 block of Lost Knife Road at approximately 1:54 p.m. on December 6. No force; vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

Suspect: B/M, age 20 to 29

In the 100 block of Copps Hill Court at approximately 6:45 p.m. on December 9. The victim was sitting in the driver’s seat of her car when the suspect opened the unlocked rear door and took her property.

Suspect: W/M, age unknown

In the 9800 block of Whetstone Drive at approximately 7 p.m. on December 11. No force, the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken. The suspects were arrested.

Arrested: B/M, age 17, of Gaithersburg  
B/F, age 15, of Gaithersburg  
B/M, age 15, of Montgomery Village  
B/M, age 16, of Montgomery Village

In the 9800 block of Leatherfern Terrace in the early morning hours of December 12. No force; unknown means of entry; nothing was taken.

Suspects: Male, race and age unknown; Female, race and age unknown

Five thefts from vehicles occurred between December 8 and December 13. Affected streets include Cove Ledge Court, Thomas Lea Terrace, Brassie Way and Mills Choice Road. No force; three vehicles were reported to have been left unlocked, unknown means of entry into the other vehicles; cash and property were taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred at the Sunoco located at 20050 Goshen Road at approximately 9:27 a.m. on December 27. The suspect stole gas from a customer.

Suspect: B/M, age 35 to 40

## IN THE NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> District

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"real time" as possible. Patil further added that information can also be obtained through Twitter. He noted that overall, recent crime trends for both the county and the 6<sup>th</sup> District have declined this year compared to 2015.

On the issue of Theft from Autos, Patil again stressed the need to lock car doors and not leave valuables in plain sight or with keys in the vehicles. He reported the majority of car thefts and theft recently have been juveniles looking for joy rides who gained access to vehicles unlocked and with keys in the cars.

Responding to concerns regarding noise disturbances and public nuisance matters, the Commander urged residents to call 911 if they feel safety is an issue. Callers do have an option to remain anonymous, but not calling does not help or stop the problem. Residents may also call the non-emergency number, 301-279-8000, if there is police matter but life safety is not of concern. As the current MCPD slogan reminds, when you "See Something, Say Something."

Although, Commander Patil still hopes to be able to add more officers to his staff, he was pleased to announce Lieutenant Jordan Satinsky has joined his team as Deputy Commander. He can be reached via e-mail at [jordan.satinsky@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:jordan.satinsky@montgomerycountymd.gov). Lieutenant Satinsky welcomes the opportunity, if requested, to attend board meetings, discuss updates with individual boards and hear from residents regarding

matters of importance. Officer Scott Zimmerman, the former Community Services Officer, decided to change his position to patrol officer for personal

reasons. He is still in the community, just not acting in the same role. The search for a new Community Services Officer is in process.

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[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/districts/6d/index.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/districts/6d/index.html)

**6<sup>th</sup> District Commander: Dinesh Patil**

**e-mail:** [6dcommander@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:6dcommander@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**Twitter:** @MCPD6DCommander

**6<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Commander:**

**Lieutenant Jordan B. Satinsky**

**e-mail:** [jordan.satinsky@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:jordan.satinsky@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**ONLINE RESOURCES  
PROVIDED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

MCPD News - [www.mymcpnews.com](http://www.mymcpnews.com)

Get a Police Report - [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/howto/obtain.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/howto/obtain.html)

Report a County Street Light Outage - [www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-streetlight/Index.aspx](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-streetlight/Index.aspx)

MC Open Data (detailed crime information) - <https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov/Public-Safety/Crime/icn6-v9z3>

Maryland Court Case Search - <http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/casesearch/>

Speed/Red Light Camera Payments - [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/howto/pay.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/howto/pay.html)

County Parking Ticket Payments - [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/faq/pay-ticket.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/faq/pay-ticket.html)

Montgomery County Parking Regulations - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbors/faqs.html>

## EVP

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items from entering the riser, is reinstalled. This cage structure was refurbished as well.

The water level in the lake will be brought back to normal levels once the riser structure work is completed. MVF staff have been removing large unnatural items from the lake shore while the water level has been low. Residents are reminded not to enter the lake at any time.

**COLLECTIONS  
PROGRESS**

The results are in, and 2016 results continued the trend

of year-after-year lower delinquency rates, from 8.5 percent in December 2015 to 8.0 percent in 2016. Comparably, delinquency rates have now dropped back to the lowest level since Q4 2007. For the third straight year (since implementation of the revisions to the Collection Policy in 2014), delinquency rates were lower at the end of the year than they were at the end of the first quarter of the same year.

If you have suggestions or comments, please e-mail me at [dhumpton@mof.org](mailto:dhumpton@mof.org).

## Communications Committee seeks volunteer members

Calling all communications professionals, marketing specialists, writers, editors, journalists, web gurus, social media junkies, mobile app engineers or those interested in helping advance communications in Montgomery Village!

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Communications Committee is in need of volunteer members to advise the MVF Board of Directors regarding their responsibility to inform the Village residents of all activities and functions of MVF and on all matters pertaining to communication with the community. This includes the *Montgomery Village News*, the website, [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), social media, branding and marketing efforts and other technologies not currently utilized.

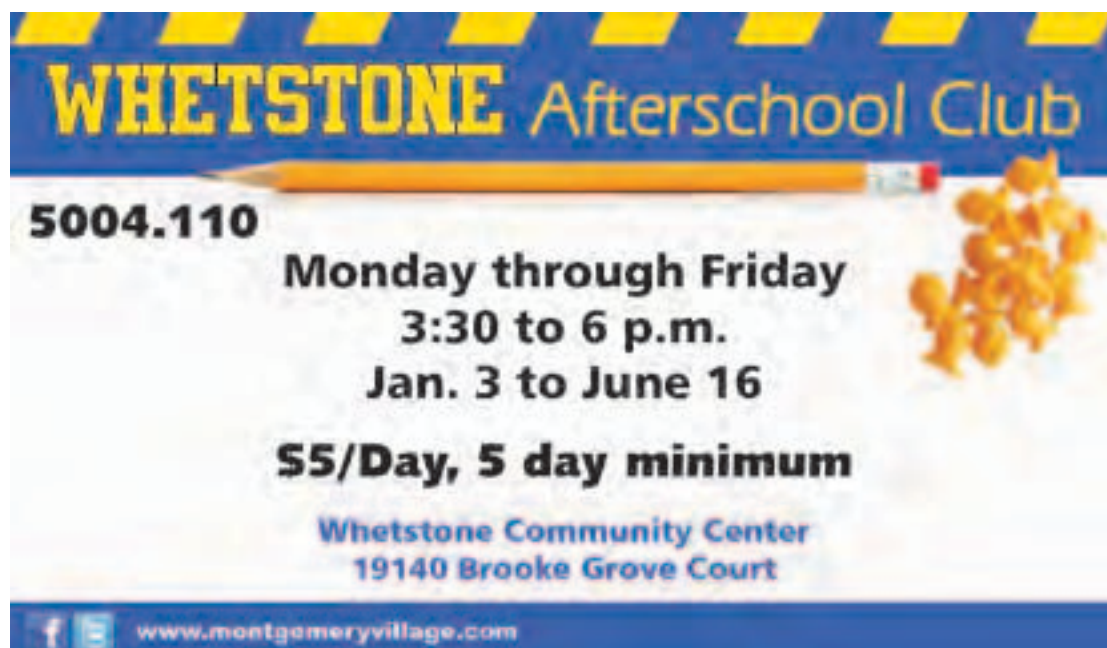
The committee meets four times each year, with meetings scheduled for 7 p.m. at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, on Wednesdays, Feb. 8, May 3, Aug. 2 and Nov. 1.

The role of the committee is to:

1. Act in an advisory capacity to the MVF Board of Directors on communication matters referred to the committee by the Board.
2. Periodically review guidelines for the *Montgomery Village News* and make recommendations to the MVF Board of Directors.
3. Study ways of making the communications function more effective in carrying out the mission and functions of the Foundation as proposed by the MVF Board of Directors or Director of Communications.
4. Make recommendations concerning policy for current and future electronic or other communication technologies for Montgomery Village.
5. Make recommendations to the MVF Board of Directors concerning marketing and branding efforts for Montgomery Village.

Help maintain and enhance communications in the Village, and keep up with current technology and trends in information exchange. Share your expertise and be a part of MVF's ever changing communications effort.

To inquire about committee membership, contact Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331, or e-mail [mconroy@mof.org](mailto:mconroy@mof.org). Interested residents can also apply online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



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## MVF ELECTION

## Montgomery Village Foundation 2017 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 3. Your ballot should be completed promptly and dropped off at, or mailed to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

The Montgomery Village Foundation is directed by an elected Board of Directors, which decides how assessment dollars are spent. The Board also determines the policies and procedures for the operation of the Foundation.

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

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

### 2017 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

1. For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2016 (paid by Feb. 28, 2017).
2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
4. Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
5. In the upper left corner of the return envelope, print and sign your name. Write your Village address if it is different from the mailing address shown on the label. The printed name and signature must be from a person whose name appears on the deed as owner of record.
6. Only one ballot may be submitted per private dwelling unit. If duplicate ballots arrive, the ballot with the earliest postmark will be considered valid unless it is personally withdrawn by the voter and another ballot is re-submitted.
7. **All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2017.**
8. Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 4, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
9. The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 23, 2017 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
10. For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their behalf.

These procedures are required by the Election Committee in order to determine those eligible to vote and to ensure authenticity of voting. Any deviation from these procedures will result in disqualification of your ballot.



#### YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

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



## MEET THE CANDIDATES

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



TAMMY HOLLOWAY



ISHMAEL SHERIFF



PETER WEBB



PETE YOUNG

### Meet the Candidates

Thursday,  
Jan. 26  
and  
Thursday,  
Feb. 23  
7 to 7:30 p.m.

North Creek Board Room  
20125 Arrowhead Road

## Montgomery Village Foundation

### 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.**  
**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

North Creek Board Room  
20125 Arrowhead Road

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3**  
Election ballots mailed to residents

**THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.**  
**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

North Creek Board Room  
20125 Arrowhead Road

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 5 P.M.**  
Balloting closes

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 7 P.M.**  
**ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed  
Montgomery Village Foundation Office  
10120 Apple Ridge Road

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 9 A.M.**  
**OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING**  
Montgomery Village Foundation Office  
10120 Apple Ridge Road

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1 P.M.**  
Ballot count results announced online  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

## IN THE NEWS

## Village logo license plates now available

One of the initiatives from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee earlier this year was to have a Montgomery Village logo license plate available to residents for their vehicles. After an initial interest group was identified, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) required some paperwork and design approval to formalize the plate.

The first 25 license plates have been released by the MVA to the initial group of residents. Now all residents can purchase the plates directly from the MVA without waiting for a

group purchase. Applications for the organizational logo license plate are available from the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Residents looking to purchase the plates simply need to fill out the application with their vehicle information and mail it, along with a one-time \$25 fee, to the MVA. Once the new license plate is produced, it will be mailed directly to the vehicle owner.

Show your Village pride with the latest logo license plate available!



## Inspections

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harmony of Village properties and enforcing architectural covenants.

Properties are inspected to determine if they comply with the architectural criteria and guidelines for each community. Check the MVF website, [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), for architectural criteria and guidelines for your commu-

nity. Inspections include the exterior of homes, decks, fences, patios, walkways, sheds and any other structures or additions.

Residents should check with the Architectural Standards Department before making any visual changes to either their homes or yards. Architectural inspections do not

include general maintenance of private residences, which are addressed by the individual homes corporations and their Private Property Maintenance Inspections and are conducted on an annual basis.

For more information, contact the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.



**Winter Cardinal**

**Friday, Feb. 17**  
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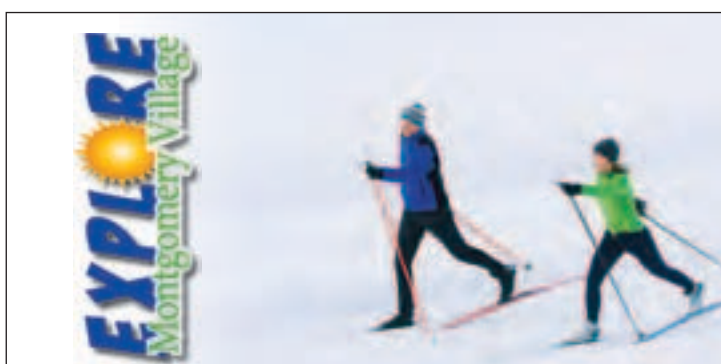


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ARB DECISIONS



Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Heather Sharpless at 240-243-2355 or e-mail [hsharpless@mvf.org](mailto:hsharpless@mvf.org) or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail [ehottinger@mvf.org](mailto:ehottinger@mvf.org). Questions may also be mailed to Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or faxed to 301-990-7071. Specific architectural standards criteria for each community in Montgomery Village are available at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
January 4, 2017

KEY	
A .....	Approved
AWM .....	Approved w/modifications
D .....	Denied
PEND .....	Pending

**EASTGATE**  
7830 HERITAGE FARM DR -  
Garage Door, AWM  
19 BATTERY BEND CT -  
Roof, AWM

**EAST VILLAGE**  
8610 CASTLEBAR WAY -  
Trim, AWM  
20205 RAVENSDALE CT -  
Vinyl Siding, A  
8828 THOMAS LEA TER -  
Roof, A  
8828 THOMAS LEA TER -  
Downspout/Gutter, A  
20625 BEAVER RIDGE RD -  
Fence and Gate, AWM  
20609 BEAVER RIDGE RD -  
Storm Door, AWM

20433 REMSBURY PL -  
Solar Systems, A  
38 TINDAL SPRINGS CT -  
Exterior Light, A  
8301 MARKETREE CIR -  
Roof, AWM

**MARYLAND PLACE**  
9633 MARSTON LN -  
Front Door Replacement, A

**NORTHGATE**  
20316 GRAZING WAY -  
Replacement Patio Door,  
AWM  
20316 GRAZING WAY -  
Replacement Windows, A  
9994 FOREST VIEW PL -  
Fence and Gate, AWM  
20233 MAPLE LEAF CT -  
Vinyl Siding, AWM

10060 MAPLE LEAF DR -  
Railing, A  
20425 MEADOWPOND PL -  
Replacement Windows, A

**NORTH VILLAGE**  
20707 HIGHLAND HALL  
DR - Roof, AWM  
20658 HIGHLAND HALL  
DR - Replacement Patio Door,  
A  
9317 CHADBURN PL -  
Replacement Windows with  
Capped Trim, AWM  
9507 DUNBROOK CT -  
Storm Door, A  
8604 WELBECK WAY -  
Replacement Windows with  
Capped Trim, AWM

20720 BOUNTYFIELD PL -  
Replacement Windows, A  
20720 BOUNTYFIELD PL -  
Replacement Patio Door, A

**PATTON RIDGE**  
9801 MEADOWCROFT LN -  
Oil Tank Above Ground, AWM

**SOUTH VILLAGE**  
18729 PIER POINT PL -  
Roof, AWM  
9400 COLLETTE WAY -  
Security Light, AWM  
18082 ROYAL BONNET CIR -  
Garage Door, A  
18025 ROYAL BONNET CIR -  
Solar Systems, A

**STEDWICK**  
19110 N KINDLY CT -  
Door Removal, A  
10413 KARDWRIGHT CT -  
Front Door Replacement,  
AWM  
10413 KARDWRIGHT CT -  
Sidelight, AWM  
10413 KARDWRIGHT CT -  
Storm Door, A  
19130 CAPEHART DR -  
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM

**WHETSTONE**  
19153 BROOKE GROVE CT -  
Replacement Windows with  
Capped Trim, AWM  
18952 WHETSTONE CIR -  
Roof, A



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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

Homes corporation and condominium association articles are provided by representatives or board members from the corporations and associations. The information and opinions provided within these articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the Montgomery Village Foundation, its Board of Directors, representatives or staff. Residents with specific questions or concerns about the information contained in these articles should contact their community manager or the author of the article.

## EASTGATE EXPRESS

## 2017 Eastgate Candidates' Statements

**JEFFREY AMTMANN**

I would like to remain on the Eastgate board for another three year term. I have been a board member since 2000, and enjoy volunteering to improve the quality of our neighborhood.

I have learned a lot about what it takes to keep our HOA functioning properly during my 17 years of service.

My degree in horticulture and landscape architecture has allowed me to help our board develop tree maintenance programs, entrance sign improvements, seasonal flower rotations and best value recommendations. My knowledge is valuable for quality control since our landscape maintenance and other construction tasks are performed by contractors.

My career as a project manager for a local site work contractor has made me knowledgeable about asphalt paving, concrete sidewalks and general maintenance. Currently, my employment with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection has helped me learn more about storm water management, streams and associated watershed concerns.

I have a personal interest in keeping our neighborhood beautiful and visually attractive. I am aware of concerns about crime, dog waste and litter issues and would like the opportunity to continue to assist in properly managing dues through careful spending, and wise management of existing infrastructure. Thank you for your vote and continued support.

**KAYLA JONES**

My name is Kayla Jones and I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a resident of Montgomery Village since 2004 and have worked as a Financial Program Analyst for over 13 years and currently work for the Federal

Government. I served on the Eastgate board for the past year and feel that my knowledge and experience has served to benefit the Eastgate community. I moved into Eastgate in 2012 and part of my selection for this community was the beauty, quietness and how well family oriented the neighborhood seem to be.

Since becoming a member of Eastgate board it has allowed me to have a better understanding of all the minor day-to-day involvement in being able to keep our community great while addressing valid issues and concerns which made us want to be a resident. I would like the opportunity to serve again in the upcoming term and help make our community a great place to live. Thank you.

**ERIC OLSON**

I would like to remain on the Eastgate Homes Corporation Board of Directors for an additional term. I joined the board in 2013, have been a resident for 13 years, and have been an active neighborhood watch block captain for 5 years. I am a software analyst with attention to detail and wish to continue serving.

Board membership has allowed me to directly participate in addressing concerns regarding security, maintenance, litter, general complaints and beautification of Eastgate. Before joining, I found myself periodically sending a variety of reports to EGHC on such matters as security, maintenance and litter issues. It was at that point the board encouraged me to become more directly involved, given my active participation.

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

## PATTON RIDGE REPORT

## Hello 2017—and a look back at 2016

*by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors*

As we look back at 2016, the board remains steadfast to ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain a healthy reserve fund for future needs.

Mother nature came to us fast and furious this year with a major blizzard right off the bat, and we soon depleted our snow budget. Our contractor cleared over 18,000 tons of snow from our roads and parking lots. As with any storm of this magnitude, not everything went accordingly to one's liking. The job was made significantly more difficult by residents clearing snow from their cars and throwing it onto the streets and parking lots—even after they had already been plowed. This, of course, required multiple re-plowings. Please keep this in mind as we are now into the winter season.

A few of the many projects that we addressed the past year include: the restriping of parking spaces; fire lane painting; asphalt crack sealing; storm drain repairs; concrete work; tree removal; and landscaping. We improved a school bus waiting area by paving a section of grass so children can have a place to safely wait off the street.

We continue to press forward with our tree plan for the removal and replacement of numerous 40-plus-year-old White Pine trees. If you have not viewed the tree study, you may do so from your Member Dashboard online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Click "Maintenance" from the left menu, and then "Tree Study." If you do not have access to the Member Dashboard, you can sign up for a free account by clicking the "Login/Join" link in the upper right hand corner of the website.

During residents time, we heard from several guest speakers. Diane Stasiewicz, director of Architectural Standards, spoke on how the Architectural Review Board plays an important role in the aesthetics

and resale value of the community, noting that the architectural control staff is not in place to "nit-pick," but rather to look for egregious problems that violate the architectural criteria and rules and regulations.

There were several meetings concerning the next steps for the Master Plan and Monument Realty's plan to develop the former golf course property. The board strongly urges Patton Ridge residents to continue playing a part in the process with the Montgomery County Planning Department as the development moves along. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryplanning.org/mvp](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/mvp).

Past briefings and other information about the development of the former golf course property can be found on the developer's website, [www.BloominMV.com](http://www.BloominMV.com).

The board replaced longtime security provider American Protective Services, and this marks the completion of the first year for U.S. Security Associates, Inc. (USA). The board will be assessing the performance and invite a representative to a future board meeting.

The public voting was completed, and Howard Cohen, Larry Nicholson and Sue Roth were elected to new three-year terms as directors. Bill Evans was also elected to serve a new one-year term as representative to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). Sue Roth was elected to a one-year term as the alternate representative to the MVF.

We continued have an excellent professional Montgomery Village Foundation Community Management Department under the direction of Karen Kodjanian, and our exceptional and outstanding Community Manager Cris Juarez, to handle the day-to-day management of our community.

Finally, it's each of us, every Patton Ridge resident, who can make a difference in the community, whether by attending a board meeting to voice your

thoughts and concerns on issues that matter to you or staying vigilant around you.

Last year, nearly 60 residents attended board meetings in an open forum to express themselves, offer input or listen to issues at hand as concerned residents. Regardless of your level of involvement, we value your opinions, new ideas and participation in the process of making Patton Ridge a better and more attractive community to live in.

Plan to start the new year right by attending the next meeting of the Patton Ridge Board of Directors scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m., please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes.

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

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## WHETSTONE WATCH

## Whetstone maintenance update

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Unless there are heavy snow storms, January and February are usually quiet months in terms of maintenance issues in Whetstone.

This is the time of year when we start preparing bids for bike path repaving and concrete repairs. We wait on tree removals until the trees have fully leafed out—usually late May or early June. A few trees that have been in noticeable decline have already been marked for removal. We try to keep our paths clear of trees and shrubs, and have already marked several volunteer trees on or near paths as well. Tree replacements follow in the fall, once the trees have been removed.

We will be going out for bids on tree pruning soon. This year, we will be pruning in the Ridges. We also will be pruning the streets in Lakeside that were not pruned last year due to the high bids we received. This includes parts of Canal Road, all of Digging Road, Eclipse Place, Freestate Place, Hallowell Place, Inaugural Way, Lookout Place and S. Meadow Fence Road. The maintenance committee is seeking bids from small, but well qualified, independent tree companies rather than from large national tree firms in the hope that we will find more reasonable pricing.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Every other year, MVF Community Management performs a Private Property Maintenance Inspection of Whetstone. This year—2017—is the year for such an inspection. It will likely take place in late spring. Everyone will get plenty of notice via this column so that homeowners can correct any problems before the inspection.

Private Property Maintenance Inspections were agreed to by a majority of Whetstone homeowners a number of years ago. It involves common sense matters. Are there shutters missing from your windows? Are there missing rails, rotted fence posts or missing gates in your fence? Are your trash cans and recycling bins hidden from view—either in the garage or screened by fencing and/or shrubbery? Do you have peeling or bubbling paint on your house, a broken light fixture or a broken window? Are the shingles on your roof curling or missing?

To see the policy implementing these inspections, log in to your Member Dashboard at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). If you do not have access to the dashboard, you must create a free account on the website. Click the "Login/Join" link in the upper right hand corner of the page and your account will be verified.

### NEXT MEETING

The Whetstone board does not meet in February. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. It will also be the night for our Annual Meeting during which there will be an announcement of the election results and a State of the Community presentation by President Debby Vermillion. Treasurer Brian Clark will give a presentation on our finances, as well. We hope you will mark your calendars and come to hear how your community is being managed.

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

## NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

## North Village January board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The regular meeting of your board of directors was held yesterday, January 19. This article had to go to press before the meeting, so we will give full coverage of the meeting in our next article, which will appear in the Friday, Feb. 3 issue of the *Village News*.

There were three important items on the agenda: the approval of a new landscaping contract, a new snow removal contract and a new security contract.

As we mentioned in our last article, our community has evolved over the years, and the board decided that we would benefit from a new landscaping company. The new company, Level Green, has a good track record serving several other homes corporations in and around the Village. Our recent contractor, RJ Landscaping, has served us for over 20 years. They have worked closely with us, providing much service—sometimes responding quickly in an emergency—for which we are grateful. For the basic grounds maintenance, the cost impact of the new contractor will be minimal. However, optional tasks such as the plantings around the entrance signs will be somewhat higher.

Snow removal will be handled by the same company, Level Green, but a separate contract for snow removal was to be approved by the board at the January meeting. The snow removal contract is contingent upon the signing of the landscaping contract. The two contracts go together, but unlike the fixed-price landscaping contract, the charges under the snow removal contract

are based on a specific charge schedule for hours spent and the types and number of equipment used. These charges will be somewhat higher than what RJ Landscaping was charging.

The third contract before the board at the January meeting was the approval of American Protective Service (APS) as our security company. Recall that APS was our security contractor for a number of years up until approximately a year ago. At that time, we had concerns about the service that we were receiving so we changed contractors. To our disappointment, the new contractor's service was not really adequate and was very costly. Subsequently, we learned that APS had made some major changes and was worthy of a revisit. Members of the board met with the APS management this month and conducted an in-depth interview over issues of concern, particularly those that led to our change in contractors in late 2015. With the signing of the contract, APS will begin work on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Other items on the agenda were reports by the various committees. The maintenance committee planned to report that all of the 2016 tree work has been completed and a recent maintenance inspection was performed that marked 14 trees for removal in 2017. It was also to be noted that the Picton fence has been installed. Unfortunately, painting the fence will have to wait until the spring.

### VOTING HAS ENDED

The board of directors election has ended. Ballots were due yesterday, January 19, by 5 p.m. The next step is the counting of the ballots by the election committee. The vote

counts will be announced at the North Village Annual Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16. Remember that all the directors serve as volunteers, dedicating their time and energy to making the important decisions required to maintain the North Village community. Even though this year's elections have ended, we are always looking for new members on the board. Several of our current board members have served for 10 years or more and may be ready for a break!

### QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT DUE

The new 2017 assessment booklets were mailed in December, and the first quarterly assessment was due on January 1. To avoid a penalty be sure to pay your assessment before Tuesday, Jan. 31. Payment can be made either by mail or direct delivery to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a convenient drop-off box in the middle of the parking lot.

### THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held along with the annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The annual meeting will start at 7 p.m., and the regular meeting will follow. Residents time will precede the annual meeting at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail [asteward@mvmf.org](mailto:asteward@mvmf.org).

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

## SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

## Upcoming projects in South Village

by the South Village Board of Directors

South Village will see many projects underway this year, some of which will begin in the coming weeks, and others moving forward this spring and summer.

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection has begun staging and mobilizing for the Hampton's Storm Water Management Pond retrofit. The pond will be converted into a dry pond over the course of the next several months into the summer. The

project was originally planned to begin in March; however, the county has started preparations for the job. Residents of the Hamptons will be updated by mail as the project progresses.

Other pending projects include plans to replace another round of aged wooden tie walls in the community, road repairs in Millrace, parking space repainting throughout Nathan's Hill and the Millrace, as well as community sidewalk repairs and greenspace enhancement projects throughout the community.

As a friendly reminder, the next South Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

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

## 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.



## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

## Middle Village assessments

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

We live in a community that requires every homeowner to pay assessment fees. Assessments are used to pay contractors for landscaping, snow removal, trash collection, collection of illegally dumped trash, lighting, repairs on community property, etc. If you are a homeowner, you were provided with this information during closing.

Reminder: Assessments are due monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payments allow us to continue providing services to our community.

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements to contact Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com).

### PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

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

In the case of snowfall that is 3 inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with their address to hold a space only if he/she cleared snow from the space. Only one cone is permitted per home/address, and can only hold a space for up to four days, or when two tires of a vehicle rest on the ground, instead of snow, in spaces that have not been shoveled, whichever occurs first. More than one cone with the same address will be removed and discarded. Additionally, cones that do not have the address clearly written on them, or that remain in spaces for more than the permitted timeframe as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

### 2017 PARKING TAGS

The parking tags for 2016 expired on December 31. Parking tags will only be available for pickup at the ComSource Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2 to 4:30 p.m. Parking tags will not be mailed to residents.

Please note, effective January 1, homeowners/tenants will now be towed without notice if they are parked in their reserved space, any time of the day or night, and

displaying an expired parking tag or no tag, or are parked during the overnight hours in a non-reserved space and are not displaying a tag or are displaying an expired tag.

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

### TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking Policy states:

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

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

"Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/permit will lead to immediate towing – even if vehicle is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

The parking policy is available to view on the ComSource website at [www.comsource.com](http://www.comsource.com).

### BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

Potomac Disposal, our trash collection vendor, will no longer collect our bulk trash. Do not place any bulk trash out for Potomac Disposal on Tuesdays or Fridays. Residents will be fined for placing bulk trash out on the wrong day. The new vendor information and detailed instructions was mailed to you by ComSource.

There is 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 out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash out 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.

### 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.

### CONTACTING COMSOURCE

ComSource is our management company. If you have a comment or complaint, please include your name, address, phone number, location of issue/

problem and specific details in your correspondence or when you are leaving a phone message for the property manager. Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com) or [sumali@comsource.com](mailto:sumali@comsource.com).

The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

## STEDWICK SIGNALS

## The winter season

by Terry Henderson

The winter season is here, and more snow will soon be here as well. As a reminder to all Stedwick residents, we all must chip in to do our part as good neighbors and not create unnecessary stress to ourselves or other members of the community.

The list below provides a few rules from the Stedwick Snow Removal Policy:

- Residents are responsible for clearing/treating sidewalks in front of or on the side of their homes, according to the Montgomery County "Pedestrian Winter Safety Act of 2001." The Stedwick Homes Corporation will remove snow from sidewalks according to Montgomery County "Pedestrian Winter Safety Act of 2001."
  - Bike paths are deemed non-essential thoroughfares and, therefore, are not plowed or treated. Residents are urged to use alternate routes in snowy/icy weather. The use of bike paths is at the residents' own risk.
  - Residents are to use designated parking spaces only and avoid parking cars too close to corners or street entryways. Snow plows are not agile, and these impediments slow their progress considerably.
  - Residents who have driveways and/or garages should remove their vehicles from the street so that the plows can clear snow quickly and efficiently.
  - Residents are not to shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into streets or adjacent parking spaces.
  - Snow banks and/or slush in front of driveways are an unavoidable by-product of plowing, and are the residents' responsibility to remove.
- For the complete Snow Removal Policy, visit [www.stedwick.org](http://www.stedwick.org).

I would like each of us to pay close attention to the above bullets 5 and 6, especially their meaning. Shoveling snow into the street should never be practiced, especially in townhouse communities. It can and will create headaches and sometimes make it impossible for the truck to push a larger snow bank to the end of the street that you or several neighbors created.

It can stall and/or stop you from being able to enter as well as getting out. Mainly, it can stop medical or emergency vehicles from entering your subdivision and being able to perform their job efficiently. Please be aware and try to refrain from this practice.

With the already limited parking in our communities, we should never throw snow into adjacent or unused parking spaces. Throwing your snow on top of what is already there will only lengthen the time this space will be unusable. Also, please make parking arrangements with any and all who are visiting your home. After all, the visitors did not spend the 2 and sometimes 3 hours cleaning out a spot to park. Please, let's have an unstressful winter season.

Day-to-day snow removal decisions are made by the Greenspace Maintenance Chairperson. Snow hotline numbers for residents have been established and are available at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) during the snow season.

### AS A REMINDER

Trash services are provided by Potomac Disposal. Trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday for regular household items. All homeowners are entitled to four free bulk pickups per year, for non-metallic items. Just call Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700 to schedule a bulk pickup or visit [www.potomacdisposal.com/bulk-pickup](http://www.potomacdisposal.com/bulk-pickup).

Remember, all Potomac Disposal bulk pickups are scheduled

for Fridays only. Make sure that you place the bulk items next to your regularly scheduled trash Friday morning or no earlier than 7:30 p.m. the night before.

Recycling services are provided by Montgomery County. Recyclables are collected every Tuesday in Stedwick neighborhoods, except for Club Hill and Clusters I. Recycling in Club Hill is collected on Wednesday, and in Clusters I on Thursday.

To contact the county about services, call 311, or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov). For other information, be sure to check out the Stedwick Homes Corporation web page, [www.stedwick.org](http://www.stedwick.org), or the Montgomery Village website, [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Click "Village Communities" and select "Stedwick."

Let's all strive to keep Stedwick and all of Montgomery Village communities free of trash. Please do not place unwanted items on our common areas. Just call and schedule a bulk pickup. Remember, it's free!

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first order of business, which is your time to share any ideas, comments or concerns about the community in which you live. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Management Team at 240-243-2326 or e-mail [stedwickhc@mvmf.org](mailto:stedwickhc@mvmf.org).

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

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#### Bride's Information

Bride's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
College Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
Field of Study and Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards/Achievements \_\_\_\_\_  
Bride's Mother's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Bride's Father's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Maid/Matron of Honor First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Groom's Information

Groom's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
College Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Field of Study and Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards/Achievements \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's Mother's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's Father's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Man's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Engagement Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Location \_\_\_\_\_

Honeymoon Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Where Couple Plans to Reside \_\_\_\_\_

### Birth Announcements

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

### Achievement Announcements

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Achievement (provide details) \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Anniversary Announcements

Wife's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of How Anniversary Couple Met \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Couple Was Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Wife's Employer/Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband's Employer/Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL NEWS

## CollegeTracks program a success at Watkins Mill High School

In a little more than a year, CollegeTracks has left its mark on the Montgomery Village community. Thanks to the hard work of the team in place at Watkins Mill High School, 37 of the 179 seniors participating in the college access program have already been accepted to an array of colleges across the United States.

One of the big winners is Watkins Mill senior Oswaldo Baires-Mendez (pictured). The soccer star will receive a free-ride scholarship to the University of Rochester, where he will study engineering. He is one of only 10 students in the region to be awarded a Posse Scholarship to Rochester, a distinction bestowed by the Posse Foundation, which identifies and trains students with leadership potential.

He credits CollegeTracks for playing a significant role in his success.

"CollegeTracks helped me obtain financial aid, motivated and encouraged me to maintain my grades and helped me learn more about the college I will be attending," says Baires-Mendez.

"I am particularly grateful to Ms. Linda [volunteer] for helping manage my personal and social challenges when applying to all the colleges that were the right fit for me," he says. "Without her help, I probably wouldn't be in the same position now."

The college access program came on the scene in late 2015 to help low-income, minority and first-generation-to-college students in the Montgomery Village community navigate the complex college admissions and financial aid process. It is the third program for CollegeTracks, which started as an all-volunteer organization in 2003 at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School to address disparities in access to higher education in Montgomery County.

Serving more than 230 juniors and seniors at Watkins Mill High School, the program is headed up by Lindsey Barclay and Program Assistant Dominic Chappell. More than 20 dedicated volunteers from the community assist daily with everything from application assistance and college selection to financial aid counseling and standardized test preparation.

"Each of them—staff and volunteers—truly cares about us," says Pauline Nsimba, a senior who has been accepted to Salisbury University and wants to study psychology. "Not only are they helpful, but

their personalities make the program all the more welcoming. Without CollegeTracks, I don't know where I'd be in the application process."

With students accepted to

ers and staff at Watkins Mill High School in addition to community advocates, the CollegeTracks program has proven its effectiveness in a very short time. And the mo-



photo submitted by Susan Weissman

**Watkins Mill senior Oswaldo Baires-Mendez shows off his free-ride scholarship to the University of Rochester, where he will study engineering.**

more than 100 schools at this point, the program credits its success to making students aware that the sooner they apply to college and complete the FAFSA, the greater the chances for acceptance and maximum financial aid.

"With the new FAFSA deadline in October, students have a better chance than ever to make strong choices early about the schools they wish to attend and to secure enough financial aid," says Barclay. "An added benefit of our early successes this year is the example our students set for juniors to start the process early. The message is loud and clear about the opportunity that's out there. We want every student in our program to make it to and through college."

While many students will study within the state of Maryland. Others, such as Baires-Mendez, will travel far afield to a school such as the University of Rochester in New York.

Thanks to the strong support of administrators, teach-

mentum builds, with juniors signing up daily to follow in the footsteps of the first cohort of seniors who will go off to college in the fall.

Support from the community is always encouraged. At the moment, the program is looking for volunteers to serve as test prep tutors for the ACT.

Volunteer Coordinator Michele Parsonnet stresses that tutors need no prior experience to work with students: "Even those who worry about the math section should not be deterred. We provide annotated math questions to help our tutors teach the content. One of our tutors who hated math when she started now says she loves it."

For more information about the program or volunteer opportunities, contact Michele Parsonnet at 240 507-5206 or e-mail [mparsonnet@collegetracksusa.org](mailto:mparsonnet@collegetracksusa.org).

## Rental Facilities in the Village

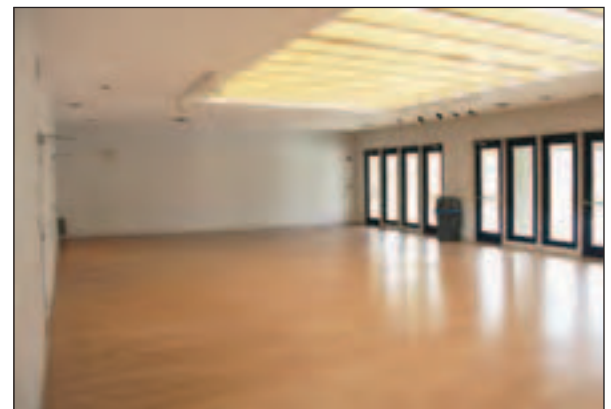
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through March 2017. 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).



**Lake Marion**  
8821 East Village Avenue  
85 people max.\*



**North Creek**  
20125 Arrowhead Road  
125 people max.\*

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

# American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

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

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



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

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

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

4015.110 (Registration closes on Wednesday, Feb. 22)

DATE	TIME
Friday, Feb. 24	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 3	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 4	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 5	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 11	5 to 8 p.m.

4015.202 (Registration closes on Thursday, April 6)  
MCPS Spring Break

DATE	TIME
Monday, April 10	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 13	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, April 14	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4015.204 (Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

DATE	TIME
Friday, April 21	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 22	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 24	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 29	3 to 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 30	6 to 9 p.m.

# POOL SUMMER JOBS

## MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture

MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) offers reimbursement for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2016 and the date they are hired by MVF. New Lifeguards who are hired for the 2017 season, work until the end of the agreement date in 2017 and work between 320 and 379 hours will be reimbursed **\$50**; those who work until the agreement date and work 380 hours or more during the 2017 season will be reimbursed **\$75**.

<p><b>Pool Manager*</b></p> <p>Starting at <b>\$14.12/hr.**</b></p> <p>Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least one season of experience in an assistant pool manager position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p>	<p><b>Assistant Pool Manager*</b></p> <p>Starting at <b>\$12.62/hr.**</b></p> <p>Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p>	<p><b>Senior Lifeguard*</b></p> <p>Starting at <b>\$12.12/hr.</b></p> <p>Must be at least 17 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p>
<p><b>Lifeguard*</b></p> <p>Starting at <b>\$11.15/hr.**</b></p> <p>Must be at least 15 years of age. <b>American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</b></p>	<p><b>Desk Attendant*</b></p> <p>Starting at <b>\$8.60/hr.</b></p> <p>Must be at least 15 years of age, be able to work independently, learn all policies associated with the position and have ability to effectively convey the information to public. Working outdoors as a pool slide attendant may be included as part of the duty.</p>	<p><b>Swim Instructors</b></p> <p>Swim Instructor positions available. For more information, contact Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2361 or e-mail <a href="mailto:lhydorn@mvf.org">lhydorn@mvf.org</a>.</p>



For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail [ppadilla@mvf.org](mailto:ppadilla@mvf.org). Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) (go to **MVF** and click on **Job & Volunteer Opportunities**). **\*Contract completion bonus. \*\*Salary based on experience. EOE**

All positions open until filled.

## KIDS PAGE



## MV Kids Learn About Dragon Fruit

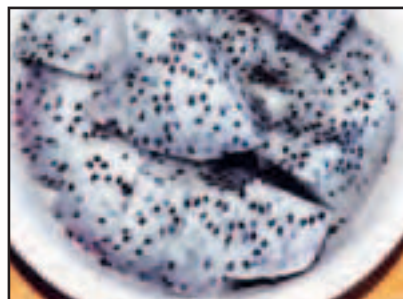
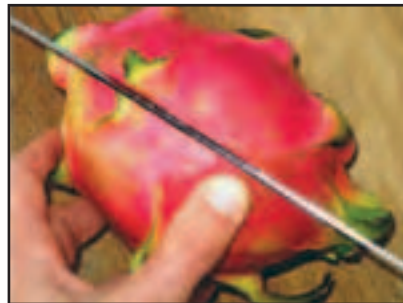
**Dragon fruit is a beautiful fruit grown in South-east Asia, Mexico, Central and South America and Israel. It grows from a type of cactus and has dark pink or red skin and white flesh with tiny black, crunchy seeds. Dragon fruit is low in calories and has Vitamin C, phosphorus, calcium and antioxidants.**

**Dragon fruit is sweet with a flavor that tastes like a cross between kiwi and pear.**



### How to Eat a Dragon Fruit

1. Choose a ripe dragon fruit: look for bright, even-colored skin. If the fruit has a lot of blotches, it may be over-ripe (a few blotches are normal). Hold the dragon fruit and try pressing the skin with your thumb or fingers—it should give a little, but shouldn't be too soft or mushy. If it's very firm, it will need to ripen for a few days.
2. Ask an adult to cut the fruit in half long ways.
3. Eat with a spoon right out of the skin or run a tablespoon around the outside of the first half to separate the flesh from the skin. The skin is not edible and should be removed completely. Do the same for the other half.
4. Slice the halves into bite-size cubes.



### Dragon Fruit Smoothie

Blend all ingredients together

- 1 Dragon Fruit, peeled and cut up
- 5 large Strawberries cut up
- 1 Banana cut up
- 3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon Honey
- 1/2 cup of Crushed Ice



### Draw a Dragon Fruit Character



[www.about.com](http://www.about.com)



## MILESTONES

## Village residents celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Next week, Village residents Rita and David Selman will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The now retired couple met at a UCONN fraternity open house for freshman and transfer girls and tied the knot in New Rochelle, New York.

The Selmans have two daughters, Susan Rogers and Mary Ellen Smyser, and four grandchildren. To celebrate their big day, the couple plans to enjoy a festive dinner and concert.

Congratulations to the Selmans on 60 years together!

## Residents add two grandchildren to growing family

In late 2016, Village residents Mark and Janice Hicks welcomed two grandchildren to their family tree.

Lily A. Dean was born on November 14 in Hagerstown to proud parents Michael Dean

and Ashlyn Powers-Dean. Lily weighed 7 pounds and was 19 ½ inches long. A month later, on December 10, her cousin, Evan F. Conohan was born to parents Corey and Tricia Conohan in Madison, Wisc.

Evan mirrored his cousin at 19 ½ inches and 7.1 pounds.

Congratulations to both sets of new parents and to the proud Village grandparents!

## SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS WITH THE VILLAGE

Montgomery  
**Village News**

Send your birth, engagement or wedding announcements, achievements or other good news to [mvnews@mvf.org](mailto:mvnews@mvf.org) or complete the Milestones form online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

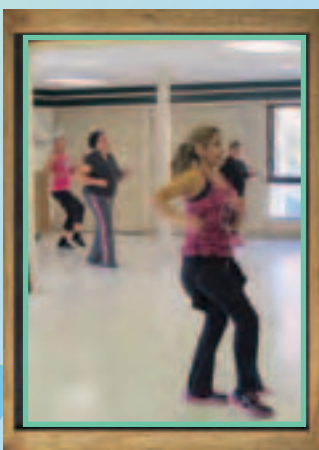


## MVF Summer Camp and Program

Sunday, Feb. 12  
2 to 4 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Bring the family to this free, fun-filled event. Meet with supervisors and staff to learn about the wide variety of summer day camps and activities being offered by the MVF Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture for Summer 2017. There will be a sampling of loved camp activities for kids to participate in and loads of information for curious parents. This is a great way to find the best fit for your camper and to explore other exciting summer programs for the entire family.



## MV SENIORS

seniors in **action**

Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays, Thursdays and  
select Fridays!

Stedwick Community Center  
10401 Stedwick Road

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

**WINTER / SPRING Session**

Now through May 19  
(No meeting Feb. 20)

**Winter Field Trip – Toby's Dinner Theatre**

SiA is off to see "Show Boat!"

The trip to Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22. The final day to reserve a ticket is Monday, Jan. 23 at 1 p.m.

**Holy Cross presents:  
A Matter of Balance**

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to emphasize practical strategies to manage falls and increase activity levels.

Classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 9 to March 30 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. The program is free. Registration is limited to MVF Seniors in Action members.

For membership information, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail [aalcon@mvf.com](mailto:aalcon@mvf.com).

**Adapted Yoga**

Gentle Yoga is designed specifically for those with health conditions and injuries, and those looking for a gentle class. This personalized, safe approach follows a specific sequence that will relieve tension and pain while improving posture and alignment. This form of yoga is practiced standing or sitting on a chair for support. A great practice for everyone regardless of age, level of activity or health challenges.

This 12 session course will meet once a week starting Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and is open only to SiA members. Interested SiA members must pay an additional fee to join class. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail [aalcon@mvf.com](mailto:aalcon@mvf.com).

**Open House**  
Through Friday, Jan. 27  
Stedwick Community Center  
10401 Stedwick Road

Interested in knowing more about Seniors in Action? We offer free unlimited access to our programs during our two week open house which runs through Friday, Jan. 27.

**Calendar****MONDAY****Arts and Crafts**  
**10 a.m. to noon**

Artists of all skill levels will enjoy the wide variety of projects this workshop has to offer.

**Pickleball****10 a.m. to noon (starting March 20)**

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**

Jan. 23: "Reader's Choice"

Topic: Elie Wiesel

Feb. 27: "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson

**TUESDAY****Light Cardio Workout**  
**9 to 10 a.m.**

Workout with other SiA members using light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**Seated Tai Chi****11:30 a.m. to 12:15 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.**

Workout with other SiA members using light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**SiA Games Take 2!**  
**10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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

**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.

**Free for members, \$2/Non-member**

**Next date: Feb. 10**

**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).

## RECREATION

## MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Here's an excellent opportunity to get a sampling of the various summer camps offered by the Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture. Bring the family to this free, fun filled event on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Parents will have a chance to meet with supervisors and staff to learn about all the fun to be had in Montgomery Village this summer! Kids will enjoy a sample of the best-loved camp activities, as well as learn some new games! This is a great way to find the best fit for your camper and to explore other exciting summer programs for the entire family.

For more information, call Jana Serlo at 240-243-2334 or e-mail [jserlo@mof.org](mailto:jserlo@mof.org).



## POP Pilates

New year, new moves! Join Alysha Cunningham for a fusion of ab-chiseling, total-body-defining moves choreographed to everyone's favorite Top 40 hits! This intense mat-based work-out is for all fitness levels and ages. Fitness moves focus on developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Drop-in for only \$7 per class. For more information or to register for the full session, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



### STAY CONNECTED WITH MONTGOMERY VILLAGE



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Twitter: @MontVillageMD

## Wine & Paint – Winter Cardinal

Give yourself the gift of a relaxing and fun night out! Great for date nights, girls nights or just a night to yourself! Join friends, neighbors or family from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, to make your own Winter Cardinal.

Participants will be guided step by step through this fun and easy painting with acrylics on a stretched canvas – no experience necessary. Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Must be 21 or older to attend. This program costs \$30/Resident and \$36/Non-resident.



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

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

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Dust off those dancing shoes! Grab your little gal, and join us at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, for a special evening of dancing, refreshments, raffles and a charming balloon drop to conclude the evening.

This special event is for daughters ages 5

to 12 and the father figure in their lives. Early registration is encouraged, as this fills up fast! To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Register before Friday, Jan. 27 to receive the discounted rate of \$16/Resident or \$21/Non-resident!



# BINGO NIGHT

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## Saturday, Jan. 21

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Prizes include**  
free passes from local  
businesses including  
Rockin' Jump, Shadowland,  
Bowl America and more!

**\$10/Booklet or**  
**\$1/card (cash**  
**only) at the door.**

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

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

## RECREATION

## Whetstone Afterschool Club

Students in grades K to 5 can have afterschool fun in a well-supervised and friendly environment with sports, games, arts and crafts and more! MVF staff will walk with registered program participants from Whetstone Elementary School to Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, immediately after school dismissal.

Registration is available online with flexible options. Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Whetstone Afterschool Club runs from 3:30 to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, through June 16 (no club when MCPS is closed).

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

## Free winter concert

The Montgomery Village Community Band, under the direction of Steven Wampler, will present their annual Winter Concert at Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road, on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. This free concert is open to the public, will be held in the school auditorium and will feature a diverse repertoire of music. Enjoy the sounds of your hometown band during this not-to-miss performance!



## Children's Ballet

Sign up now for children's dance classes beginning in January. Dance education enhances strength, flexibility and coordination, with a specific emphasis on technique and correct use of body. Classes also focus on having fun! Taught by competitive dancer Denise Sayer, classes are held on Saturday mornings through March 25 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110, e-mail Melanie Maggi at [mmaggi@mvf.org](mailto:mmaggi@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Winter fitness classes are underway!

Classes include Pop Pilates on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Aerobics Monday through Thursday; Zumba on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Tango and Drop-In Basketball on Wednesdays; and Yoga on Wednesdays and Sundays. Participants can choose to register for the full session or "drop-in" to classes at their convenience.

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



## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art, Craft & Photography Show

North Creek Community Center • 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12

1 to 5 p.m.

**Artists' Reception** Sunday, March 12 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Artists must bring and register entries at NCCC on Thursday, March 9 from 3 to 8 p.m. \$3/entry. Limit of four entries per artist. Pieces must not exceed 28-inches in any direction and must be mounted and ready to hang with wire—no tape, string, yarn or fishing line.

**Registration: Thursday, March 9 from 3 to 8 p.m. \$3 per entry. Limit 4.**

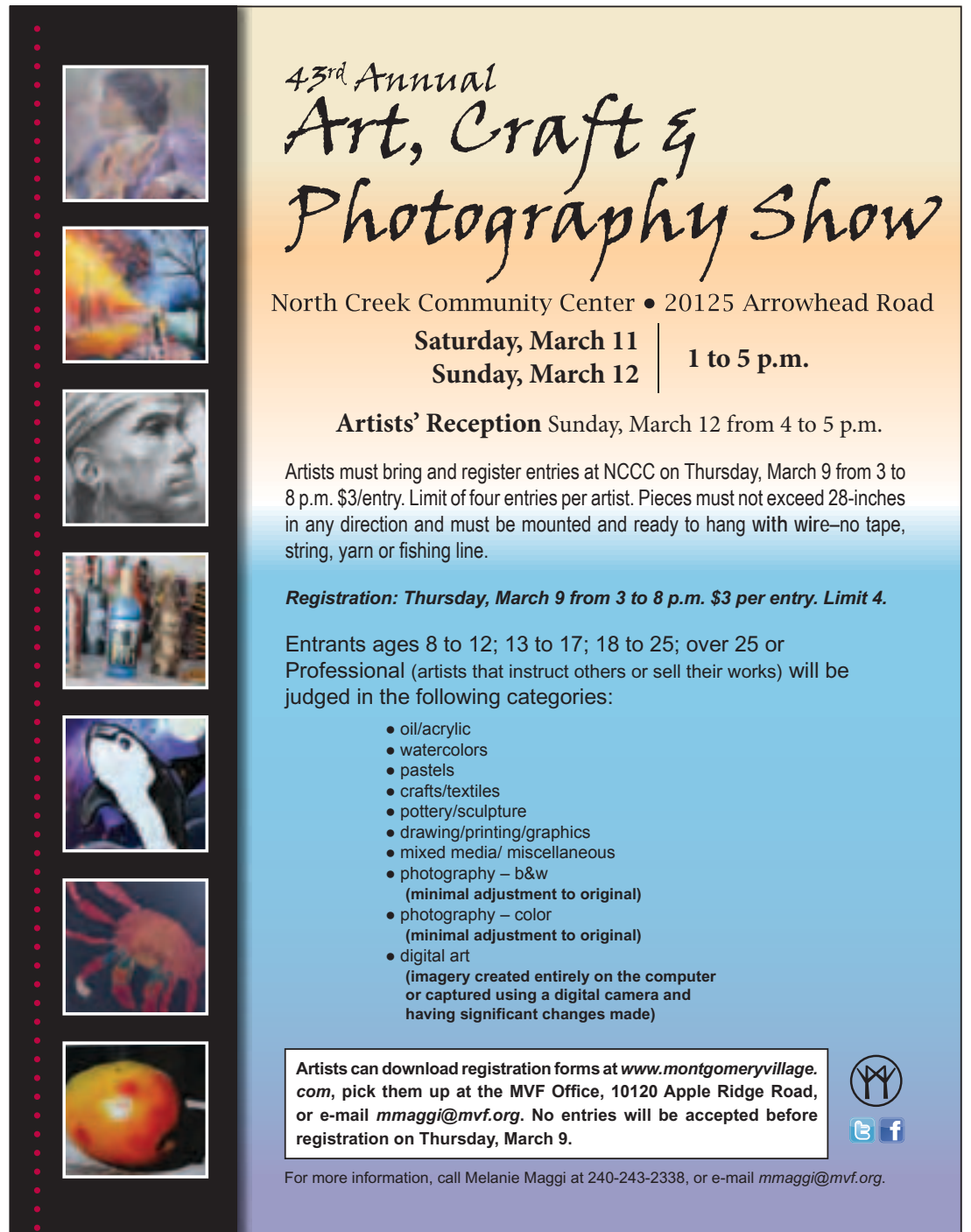
Entrants ages 8 to 12; 13 to 17; 18 to 25; over 25 or Professional (artists that instruct others or sell their works) will be judged in the following categories:

- oil/acrylic
- watercolors
- pastels
- crafts/textiles
- pottery/sculpture
- drawing/printing/graphics
- mixed media/ miscellaneous
- photography – b&w  
(minimal adjustment to original)
- photography – color  
(minimal adjustment to original)
- digital art  
(imagery created entirely on the computer or captured using a digital camera and having significant changes made)

Artists can download registration forms at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), pick them up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or e-mail [mmaggi@mvf.org](mailto:mmaggi@mvf.org). No entries will be accepted before registration on Thursday, March 9.



For more information, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, or e-mail [mmaggi@mvf.org](mailto:mmaggi@mvf.org).



## AT YOUR LEISURE

## Montgomery County Public Libraries to host its first comic convention

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will host its first comic convention, MoComCon, on Saturday, Jan. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Silver Spring branch, 900 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring.

This event is open and accessible to all, including seasoned comic conventioners, novices and the curious of all ages. The event will include a variety of panels, workshops, programs, displays, exhibitors and cosplay opportunities—all free of charge. Events include:

- Dalek Drawbots with FutureMakers for children;
- Comic Drawing with William Jones for children and teens;
- Comic Critiques with Megan Lavey-Heaton for teens and adults;
- Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy and Getting Published with Don Sakers;
- Panels: Diversity in Comics and Graphic Novels, Gaming and Society and The Creative Process; and
- Cosplay Contest with prizes for children, teens and adults. Cosplay is a costume event where participants dress in character.

No weapons, including replica and costume pieces, will be allowed inside of the event.

More details about the event, including workshop schedules, rules and cosplay contest guidelines, will be posted online [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/mocomcon/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/mocomcon/). Registration for specific MoComCon activities and the cosplay contest will begin on-site at 11 a.m.

MCPL branches will host themed lead-up events throughout January. A complete list of lead-up events can be found on MCPL's Calendar of Events: Explore the Calendar of Events.

To request a sign language interpreter or other deaf/hard of hearing services for library-sponsored programs, e-mail [MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov), preferably with three business days' notice.

To request other accommodations, or for more information about the program contact Virtual Services at 240-777-0027 or e-mail [Lennea.bower@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Lennea.bower@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## "Winter White" exhibit on display at Gaithersburg Arts Barn

Gaithersburg's Arts on the Green presents "Winter White," an exhibit featuring the works of Richardene Forrest-Thweatt, Michael Kuchinsky, Linda Orenstein, Elizabeth Steel, Mary Weiss-Waldhorn, Fran Abrams, Matthew Baker, Tony Glander, Judy Gross, Sheryl Massaro, Jack Donnelly, Jennifer Pizzillo, Homer Yost, Richard Weiblinger, Yolanda Prinsloo and Marleen Van den Neste, through Monday, Feb. 27. The gallery is located in the Arts Barn at 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, with viewing hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

"Winter White" consists of imaginative sculpture, glass, oil, acrylic, clay, photography and mixed media works that are devoid of most color but are rich in texture and allure. The simplicity of the approximately

95% colorless theme has allowed the artists to illustrate nature, the human form, creatures, mosaics and everyday objects with striking clarity.

The Arts Barn offers a variety of visual and performing arts classes, including theater, voice, drawing, painting, photography, jewelry, stained and fused glass and fine arts and crafts classes for adults and children. More information about the winter schedule of classes may be found at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

Please note that some of the included artwork is for sale, and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, e-mail [swilliams@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:swilliams@gaithersburgmd.gov) or visit the Arts Barn at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

## Participants sought for 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

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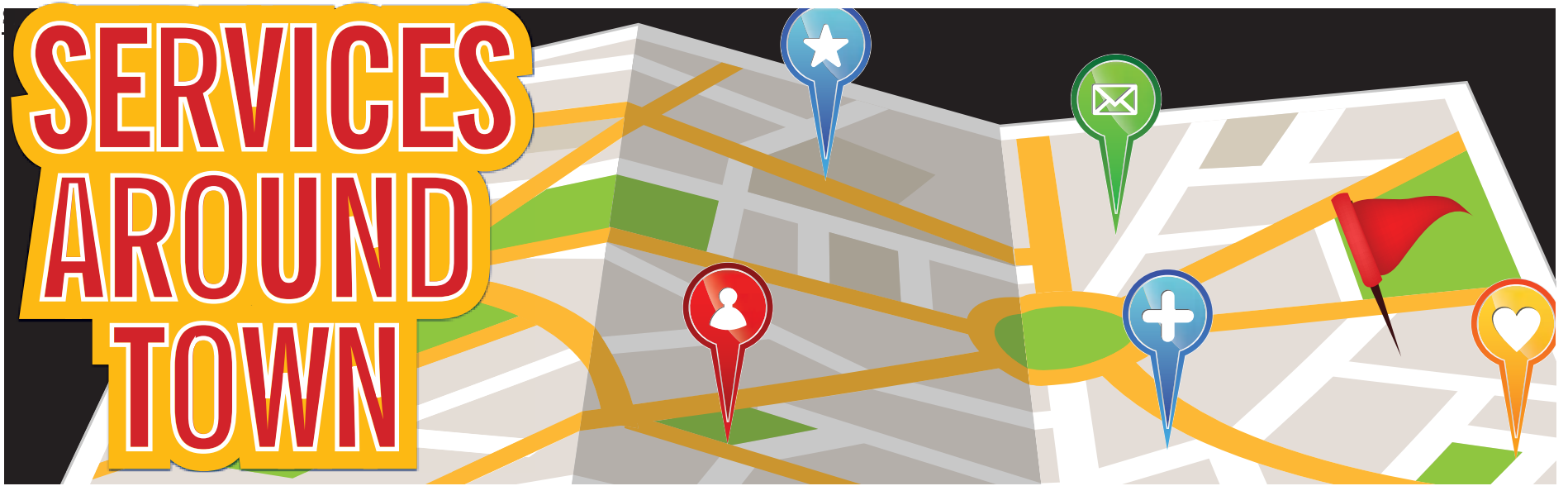





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