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## Montgomery Village Master Plan—PHED Committee

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### VISION 2030

County Council Staff Member Marlene Michaelson noted that in 2011, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) had conducted an extensive visioning process that resulted in the Vision 2030 Plan: Moving Montgomery Village Forward. She noted that the Master Plan benefited from the ideas and concepts developed through the Village's 2030 Plan.

### TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

County Council Staff Member Glenn Orlin drafted a council report on transportation issues and responded to questions by council members. Several of his recommendations represented changes to the planning board's Draft Master Plan.

For instance, council staff endorsed his recommendation to allow for two lanes on Wightman Road between Brink and Goshen roads, rather than the six lanes in the draft approved by the planning board. However, Orlin was in sync with the planning board on reserving the 80-foot right-of-way to allow for an improved hiker/biker trail and storm water management. The PHED Committee endorsed Orlin's recommendation. Residents should be pleased with this recommendation.

Goshen Road has been in the Capital Improvements Program for many years and was previously masterplanned as a six lane roadway in a minimum right-of-way of 120 feet. Orlin recommended a four lane road in a 105-foot minimum right-of-way. He noted that the additional 2 feet of right-of-

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## MVF begins 25<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors

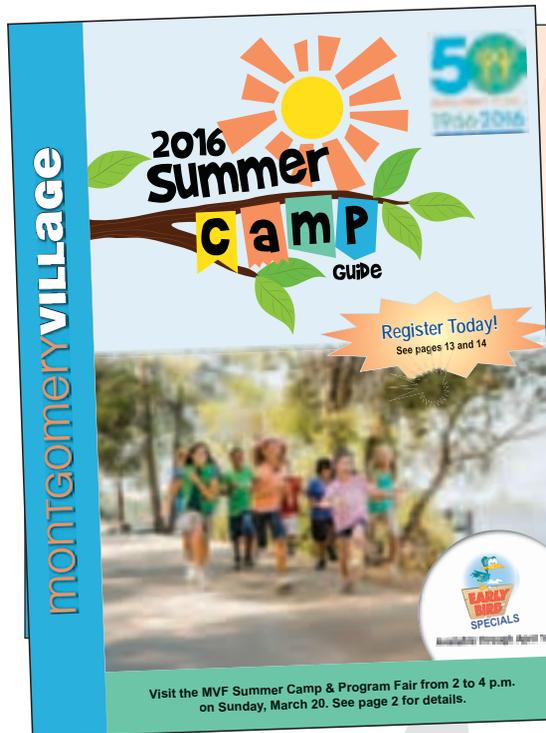
Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling more than \$47,000.

Scholarships are awarded to Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in community or civic activities. Applicants are screened by a committee at each high school, with MVF's Scholarship Committee making the final selections in May. As established by the MVF Board of Directors, all contributions are voluntary, and no assessment dollars are used to fund the program.

The scholarship fund was 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 9 and return it to MVF at the address indicated.

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**Friday, Feb. 12**  
**7 to 9 p.m.**

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road

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\$31/Resident couple  
\$41/Non-resident couple  
\$16 each additional girl

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\$41/Resident couple  
\$51/Non-resident couple  
\$20 each additional girl

**Registration closes at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11**

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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. 28 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, Feb. 2 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Snow date for the forum is Thursday, Feb. 4 in the same location.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3 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. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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



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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

### CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

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

### CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### HORIZON RUN

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

### MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

### MIDDLE VILLAGE

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

### NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 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. 18 at the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

### PARK PLACE I

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

### PARK PLACE II

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10 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. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### SOUTH VILLAGE

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

### STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8 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. 9 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

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## EVP'S MESSAGE

# County Council to vote on Master Plan soon



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

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**CCOC Training - Community Governance Fundamentals:** The Montgomery County Council passed legislation last year that requires all members of a board of directors of a Common Ownership Community (COC) to complete a mandatory training program on board member responsibilities, which must occur within 90 days of being elected or appointed. The new law became effective on January 1, 2016. Board members appointed or elected after January 1, 2016, are required to complete the training within 90 days after being appointed or elected for a new term. Board members appointed or elected before January 1, 2016, are exempt under a grandfather provision, unless reappointed or reelected after January 1, 2016, to a new term. If an individual serves on the board of more than one COC and completes the mandatory training, each COC can report that the individual has completed the training. All Common Ownership Communities in Montgomery County are required to certify

annually that its board members have complied with the training requirements. MVF will handle all the administrative issues for its community management customers.

The CCOC has launched a new training program, Community Governance Fundamentals, which provides the mandatory training online. Once the training is complete, the board member submits the completion certificate to the COC for its annual compliance report.

A number of HOA and COA leaders have voiced concerns that the mandated training would impede members from coming forward to serve or run on boards. CCOC staff has indicated that they are going to survey COCs about this matter and others and will report back within two years to the CCOC.

**Watkins Mill Interchange update:** The State Highway Administration (SHA), at the direction of Governor Hogan, is reviewing the scope of the Watkins Mill Interchange project which has been one of the county's top roadway priorities and was slated to begin construction in 2016. The SHA is considering modifying the full interchange by reducing the project to include only building the bridge over I-270 which would link Watkins Mill Road to Clopper Road, or build only exit ramps off I-270 with no access onto I-270.

SHA has indicated that they are concerned with the overall cost of the project and notes that the interchange should be part of larger improvements to I-270. Senator Nancy King, as well as Montgomery County and City of Gaithersburg officials, have already let the Governor know of their concerns with reducing the project and the potential delays. MVF staff is evaluating how this change in the project could impact key economic development projects such as redevelopment of the Village Center.

**Goshen Road Hearing:** Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) is holding a public hearing to discuss the widening and other improvements to this roadway. The meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28 at Whetstone Elementary School, 19201 Thomas Farm Road. This project is in its final design and has received considerable funding in the county's Capital Improvement Budget.

MVF supports the widening of the road and other improvements than that proposed by DOT so as to be less impactful to neighboring residents. Re-

## MVF BOARD AGENDA

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
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.  
Presentation- New MVF Website

**Residents Time** - As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes. While the Board welcomes comments from residents, comments made during Residents Time are not positions of the Board.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 3, 2015
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Information Items
  - A. Receive 2016 Slate of candidates for the MVF Election
7. Acceptance of Action List  
ACTION LIST  
Decision Items:
  - A. Consider approval of Northgate Design Study
  - B. Consider approval of revisions to Northgate Criteria
  - C. Consider approval of East Village Design Study
  - D. Consider approval of revisions to East Village Criteria
  - E. Consider proposed revisions to the Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities to include rental by Non-Designated user residents
  - F. Consider proposed revisions to Montgomery Village Community Center Use Policy
  - G. Consider cost estimate for heating Apple Ridge Pool
  - H. Consider 2014 Retirement and Savings Plan and Trust Audited Financial Report
  - I. Consider recommendation to increase the fees for Annual Pool Memberships based on 2016 assessments
  - J. Discussion of TD&PF Committee proposal for education forums on various topics
  - K. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute a sole source contract for web integration services for new website
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. TD&PF
  - L. Investment Committee
  - M. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
9. Board Member Issues
10. 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

cently, the PHED Committee approved a right of way of 105 feet, but noted that only four travel lanes should be constructed rather than six.

For more information or questions, contact Project Manager Michael Mitchell at 240-777-7262 or e-mail [michael.mitchell@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michael.mitchell@montgomerycountymd.gov). Construction is expected to begin in 2020 and be completed in 2022.

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# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Don't Miss It!</b>                      Jan 28 MVF Board of Directors Meeting                      Feb 2 MVF Candidate's Forum                      5 MVF Ballots Mailed                      12 Daddy-Daughter Dance                      14 Valentine's Day                      15 Presidents' Day - MVF CLOSED</p>					<p><b>Village News 22</b> Summer Camp Guide</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm - NCBR</p>	<p><b>26</b> Center Court Condo 7 pm - Heron's Cove Office  Patton Ridge HC 7 pm - NCBR  Middle Village HC 7 pm - TCPR</p>	<p><b>27</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC  Christopher Court 4:30 pm - MVF Office  MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC  South Village HC 7 pm - NCBR</p>	<p><b>28</b> Goshen Rd. Hearing 7:15 pm - Whetstone Elementary School  MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm - NCBR (7 pm - "Meet the Candidates")</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>February 1</b> Recreation Committee 7:30 pm - NCBR</p>	<p><b>2</b> MVF Candidates' Forum 7 pm - NCCC</p>	<p><b>3</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC  ARB 5 pm - NCBR  Communications Committee 7 pm - MVF Office  MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC</p>	<p><b>4</b> Snow Date for MVF Candidates' Forum 7 pm - NCCC</p>	<p><b>Village News 5</b> MVF ballots mailed  CARC 9:15 am - NCBR</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm - TCPR  MV Garden Club 7:30 pm - WCC</p>	<p><b>9</b> Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm - TCPR  50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 7 pm - MVF Office  Northgate HC 7 pm - NCBR</p>	<p><b>10</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC  Park Place II Condo 7 pm - NCBR  MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC</p>	<p><b>11</b> Park Place I Condo 7 pm - Gaithersburg Library  Gaithersburg Fine Arts 7:30 pm - NCCC</p>	<p><b>12</b> Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7 to 9 pm - NCCC (Pre-registration required)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>15</b> Presidents' Day Holiday MVF Office Closed</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm - SCC  Maryland Place 7 pm - WCC  MV Community Band 7 pm - WMHS  Stedwick HC 7:30 pm - SCC</p>	<p><b>18</b> North Village HC 7 pm - NCBR (Annual Mtg. 8 pm)</p>	<p><b>Village News 19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Baby Plus Bazaar 9 am to 1 pm - LMCC</p>

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

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

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

IN THE NEWS

## Goshen Road widening Public Hearing

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced a Public Hearing on the Goshen Road Improvements Project, to be held at Whetstone Elementary School, 19201 Thomas Farm Road, off Centerway Road, on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7:15 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to present a description of the project and collect community input.

This roadway improvement has been in the county's Capital Improvement Budget for many years and is slated to begin construction in 2020 with a completion in 2022. During the recent County Council Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee on the Montgomery Village Master Plan, the right-of-way for the project was increased from

103 feet to 105 feet. However, the PHED Committee is also recommending that the roadway only be widened to 4 lanes.

Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in this community meeting. For more information and to forward written comments, contact Program Manager Michael F. Mitchell at 240-777-7262.

## Residents invited to Second Annual Education Budget Meeting

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, Interim MCPS Superintendent Larry Bowers and President of Montgomery College Dr. DeRionne Pollard invite residents to attend the Second Annual Education Budget Meeting to discuss education funding in Montgomery County.

Topics at the meeting will include: how are budget decisions made; what the county is doing today to prepare for FY17 and beyond; and opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions.

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county on several days at different locations. See the boxed dates and locations for those convenient to Montgomery Village residents.

Other dates and locations are available. For more information, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or e-mail [Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Montgomery College, 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown  
Bioscience Educational Center, Room 151

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Road, Gaithersburg  
Cafeteria



MEET THE

# CANDIDATES

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

## Candidates' Forum

### Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road  
Snow Date, Thursday, Feb. 4

If you have a question for a MVF Board candidate but are unable to attend the Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 2, you may e-mail your question to [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org) no later than Friday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. Please note that all questions submitted in writing prior to the Candidates' Forum must be authenticated as to resident names and addresses.

## Know what's happening in the Village



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IN THE NEWS

## American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

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.**

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

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

**4015.110 (Registration closes on Wednesday, Feb. 24)**

DATE	TIME
Friday, Feb. 26	4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 4	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 5	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 12	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 13	6 to 9 p.m.

**4015.202 (Registration closes on Thursday, March 24)  
MCPS Spring Break**

DATE	TIME
Monday, March 28	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 31	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, April 1	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

To apply for aquatic positions, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

**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).



## Celebrate Montgomery Village turning 50!

Residents, neighbors, families and friends are invited to help celebrate Montgomery Village turn 50! On Sunday, Feb. 28 (50 years to the day of the ground breaking in Montgomery Village) from 2 to 4 p.m., residents are invited to a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Party at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Party-goers will be able to capture their memories in the free photo booth, as well as engage in Montgomery Village trivia and participate in creating a one-of-a-kind Community Mural. Washington Nationals mascot George Washington will also be on hand for photos; a few lucky kids will also be able to race against the president, just like at a Nationals game!

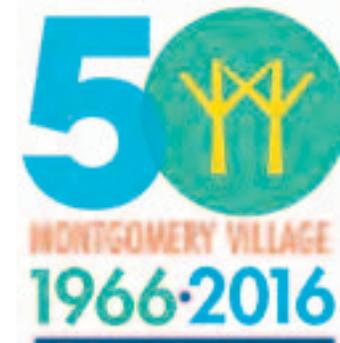
Residents will also be able to register for official Montgomery Village License Plates and receive information for fitness walks through interesting routes around the Village. Local elected officials will also present proclamations in honor of the community's golden anniversary. Residents will also be treated to refreshments and leave with a limited edition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary giveaway item.

### OTHER CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Activities and events include some new ideas and some added themes to existing events throughout 2016. Celebration plans include: an art exhibition at the Art, Craft and Photography Show; the

MVF Annual Meeting; an Arbor Day Celebration; a Seniors in Action luncheon; decade-themed musical selections by the Montgomery Village Community Band at the Summers in South Valley Park concert series kickoff; reduced ride rates at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration; a special concert by "The Reagan Years"; dedication of a Historical Marker; a Nature Center Celebration; themed activities at the Great Pumpkin Race; and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. A limited amount of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary giveaway items will also be associated with many of the activities.

For information or questions on any of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration activities, contact Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture Peggy Mark at 240-243-2337 or e-mail [pmark@mvf.org](mailto:pmark@mvf.org), or Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org), or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## FREE Valentine Personal Ads

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IN THE NEWS

# Familiarize yourself with the new voting system before the Presidential Primary Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections encourages county residents to become familiar with the new, paper based, digital image scan voting system prior to arriving for the Presidential Primary Election, Tuesday, April 26, or during Early Voting, Thursday, April 14 to Thursday,

April 21. Demonstration voting units will be available at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg.

This year the State of Maryland is implementing a new, paper based, optical scan voting system. During Early Voting,

voters will make their selections on a ballot-marking device. Once all selections are made, a ballot will be printed. The voter will then verify the ballot and insert it in a scanner for tabulation. On Election Day, voters will mark their selections with a pen on paper ballots prior to inserting them

in the scanner for tabulation.

For a list of upcoming outreach events, where the new system may be seen, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org). For additional information contact Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at 240-777-8532 or e-mail [gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For more election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or <http://elections.state.md.us> or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

## Staying Aware in the Village

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

### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 9100 block of Rothbury Drive on Jan. 2 at 7:34 p.m. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and demanded money.

Suspects: 3 B/Ms, age unknown

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9400 block of Bethany Place on Jan. 11 between 6 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. Forced entry; property taken.

### THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between Dec. 28 and Jan. 5 and on Jan. 8. Force; cash and property were taken. Affected streets include Islandside Drive, Little Pond Place, Mills Choice Road, Capehart Drive and Kardwright Court.



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## IN THE NEWS

## Master Plan

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way would allow the planned shared use path to have a more standard 10-foot width, should that be feasible. The PHED Committee agreed with his recommendation.

There was considerable discussion about the proposed extension of **Stewartown Road** as a 2-lane road running east-west between Goshen Road and Montgomery Village Avenue. The planning board recommends classifying it as a minor arterial with a 70-foot right-of-way. Monument Realty had requested that the roadway be classified as a residential street with a lesser right-of-way of 56 feet, with a roadway design that would complement the proposed new houses that would be built along the street and decrease the speed limit for any vehicles travelling from east to west. County council staff recommended keeping the minor arterial classification, but decreasing the right-of-way to 56 feet as long as there was adequate off-street parking.

MVF EVP Dave Humpton argued that the road should be reclassified as a secondary residential street so that the Department of Transportation (DOT) would not be confused by the language in the Master Plan, given that they must give final approval to the roadway design. In fact, DOT was concerned that there is currently no cross-section in the Road Code regulations that would allow for less than a minimum 70-foot right-of-way for a minor arterial. DOT was also concerned that 56 feet would be too tight,

and that many details normally addressed in a site plan, such as stormwater management, have not yet been studied.

In the end, the PHED Committee appeared to support the county council staff recommendation, but agreed that additional language should be put in the Master Plan to better reflect what the road is going to look like, as well as how it will function, including turn lanes, etc.

**RESIDENTIAL UNITS/ REDEVELOPMENT**

The staff report noted that 233 acres—less than 10% of total land area—is proposed for a zone that would encourage redevelopment with a potential change in land use and/or density. It was noted that more than 90% of the land area is proposed for a zone that is consistent with what is on the ground today. The county council staff reported that if all master plan recommendations for redevelopment occur on every property (which is highly unlikely), there could be an increase of over 2,000 residential units. They also projected that redevelopment of the former golf course is projected to result in 300 to 500 new units.

The county council staff supported the new mixed-use zoning for the Village Center, Professional Center and properties along Lost Knife Road across from Lakeforest Mall, as proposed by the planning board. They also agreed with the proposed zoning for the former golf course property (CRN), which would allow for

townhouses or multi-family units to be built near the former club house location, and low density townhouse zone (TLD) for the balance of developable areas which were formerly golf course fairways.

The staff noted that the redevelopment of the golf course property would open up more beneficial park and open space areas—70 acres—especially with the dedication of approximately 40 acres to Park and Planning to connect Lois Green Park with the Great Seneca Stream Valley. A number of the committee members mentioned how golf courses are impactful to the environment and that there is an opportunity here to address better stormwater management practices on the property as well.

**COVENANTS ON THE FORMER GOLF COURSE PROPERTY**

The committee asked their legal counsel to explain whether there are any covenants on the former golf course that would restrict development and require that it remain open space. The planning board had already concluded that there are no restrictive covenants. County Council Attorney Jeff Zyontz also concludes that there is no such legal requirement, outlining six reasons in his committee report.

The PHED Committee shared concerns and empathized with those who live adjacent to the golf course property, but several members argued that language in the Master Plan and site plan

review would help protect view sheds for existing homes.

The PHED Committee agreed with the planning board's recommendation to allow redevelopment of the golf course property, while preserving 70 acres, noting that it will provide greater public benefits than maintaining the existing private open space that is not currently accessible to the public, and offers none of the environmental benefits of the planning board recommendation.

**NEW ZONING FOR EXISTING PROPERTIES**

- **Residential:** All properties in Montgomery Village are currently zoned Town Sector (TS), one of the county's oldest and most complex mixed-use zones. During the rewrite of the county master plan, it was determined that a number of outdated zones would not be considered for use in the future, including the TS Zone. The Montgomery Village Master Plan recommends 15 different zones for the planning area. Existing residential communities are rezoned to the residential zones that reflect the existing pattern of development. The R-10 (Multi-Unit High Density), R-20 (Multi-Unit Medium Density), R-30 (Multi-Unit Low Density), THD (Townhouse High Density), TMD (Townhouse Medium Density), R-60 (Residential-60), R-90 (Residential-90) and R-200 (Residential-200) are recommended at different locations.

In addition, the Draft Master

Plan recommends the low-density RE-1 (Residential Estate, 1 Acre) zone for all of MVF's community amenities, including parks, trails and recreation centers. The proposed Overlay Zone significantly restricts what can occur on these properties, to ensure the preservation of open space. The PHED Committee agreed with all the zoning recommendations from the staff with the exception of the rear portion of the Cider Mill Apartments, which they changed from R-20 to CRN, a designation that would not allow for any commercial development, but would allow eventually for the replacement of the 40-plus-year-old apartments.

- **The Professional Center** at the corner of Montgomery Village Avenue and Centerway Road is proposed to be rezoned to CRT. Council staff noted that the zone requires the property owner to decrease density or increase setbacks closest to adjacent Whetstone homes. The PHED Committee agreed that this was the best zone to encourage redevelopment of the site, while protecting the adjacent neighborhood.

- **Schools and another fire station to serve Montgomery Village area:** The committee discussed the recommendation that a new elementary school might be needed, depending on how much actual development occurs. There was some concern about the suggestion of using Centerway Park for a shared school/park site. Staff noted that there is an agreement between the Parks department and MCPS that if this site were ever to be needed, the property, or a portion of it, could be used for a school. There was also a mention of reserving property on the golf course site for this use, but the committee members and planning board chair noted their concern about requiring the owner of the golf course property to dedicate too much land for public benefit, given the amount of land that the owner controls for development. A recent Supreme Court case was referenced during the discussion.

The committee asked that the designation (star) for a future fire station be removed from a map in the Draft Master Plan, as it made it look like the new facility had been sited on North Village Homes Corporation property. The committee noted that this was a general note, and no property had actually been identified for another fire station. However, they wondered if a location might be found on the new, currently under construction Public Safety Academy, which is not far from the preferred area for a new fire station.

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## IN THE NEWS

## Community maintenance—universal trash reminders

Where there are people, there will be trash. With 40,000 residents in Montgomery Village, there are certainly opportunities for large amounts of trash to be created. And, for the most part, residents do their part in keeping their neighborhoods clean and free of excess trash. Unfortunately, there are instances where people ignore both community policies and county laws, exposing trash for wildlife and nature to do as they please, leaving our neighborhoods looking, well, “trashy.”

There are both aesthetic and environmental reasons to keep your trash stored correctly. First is the obvious: trash cans lining a street ready for collection, or neatly stored other days of the week presents a tidy appearance. The uniformity of seeing trash cans with lids, and not trash bags piled up, keeps our waste to a visual minimum. Piles of trash bags look messy, and give visitors an impression that we are not proud of our community.

Environmentally, properly stored trash helps to eliminate vermin and pests such as vultures, rats and mice. Once these pests get to loose trash bags, they often open, spread and leave trash all over the neighborhood. This can attract other animals as well, often inviting the chance for disease or unsafe conditions for residents, children and pets. Additionally, someone needs to clean up the mess. This is usually done by your trash contractor, but for a price above what your regular trash collection costs; this is association money that could be better spent on items in your community.

This also applies to dumping trash, or even leaving it on common property as “a convenience” to your trash contractor. In Montgomery

Village neighborhoods, there are no common areas set aside for trash pickup (this does not apply to all condominiums or apartments). While it may seem like a good idea to have a central collection area, trash contractors are instructed to pick up trash from individual residences. Having an area filled with trash that is not on their prescribed route means an extra pickup, and therefore, extra cost. For large or bulk items, most trash contractors for Village residents allow several free pickups per year—all you need to do is make a simple phone call to schedule the pickup. Residents can see who their trash contractor is online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

Did you know...

- Montgomery County (and most HOA trash policies) require that trash be put in a sealed, vermin-proof container?

- Bulk pickups can be scheduled with your trash contractor?

- It costs more assessment dollars to collect trash from anywhere other than in front of your home?

- Trash cans should be placed and removed per your community trash policy (times and days vary)?

- Most communities require storage of trash bins behind screening, in the rear yard or out of view from the street?

- Yard waste, including Christmas trees, should be trimmed, bundled and left for recycling, not with your trash?

For information on your community’s trash contractor or trash policy, contact your community manager or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) (Village residents may need to sign up for a free website account to access their association policies).

## Lake Whetstone Dam work to begin on February 1

Montgomery Village Avenue is the dam for Lake Whetstone. It has an internal drainage system to collect and filter seepage, which occurs in all dams. Modern earth embankment dams, like Lake Whetstone Dam, are designed with internal drainage features to collect seepage passing through the dam. Uncontrolled or unfiltered seepage creates dam instability and concern for dam health and function. Therefore, assurance of the proper performance of the dam internal seepage collection system, including its toe drain, is critical for the stability of the dam.

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) conducts routine inspections to Lake Whetstone and its dam. Re-

cent inspection has found Lake Whetstone’s toe drain pipe has corrosion. DEP has retained Gannett Fleming, Inc. to evaluate Lake Whetstone Dam internal seepage collection system. This evaluation is the first phase of the toe drain repair project.

The evaluation work includes:

- drilling of soil borings
- installation of monitoring instrumentation in the dam and
- pressure washing and video inspection of the internal metal drain pipes

Drilling on the crest and slopes of the Lake Whetstone Dam will start soon, pending on approval of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Field work will begin on

Monday, Feb.1 (weather permitting) and will occur from 7 a.m. to around 5 p.m. on weekdays. Work will be completed in about four weeks. One lane of the Montgomery Village Avenue will be closed during drilling equipment unloading and setup time on the crest of the dam, to provide sufficient space and a safe working environment. Lane closure will last three to five days during the working period and won’t be full work hours of each day (not during hours of high traffic volume). The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) approved the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan designed by Gannett Fleming, Inc. to control traffic in the road during the lane closures.

## Scholarship

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The MVF Scholarship Fund is an excellent opportunity to bring Village residents and the WMHS and GHS school com-

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**MVF ELECTION**

# Montgomery Village Foundation 2016 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 5. 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

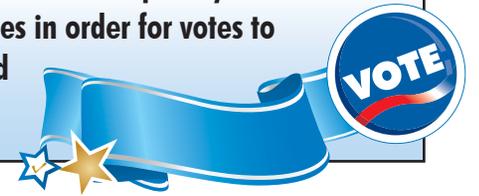
elected Board of Directors, which decides how assessment dollars are spent. The Board also determines the policies and procedures for the operation of the Foundation.

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.

## Your VOTE matters!

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



### 2016 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

- For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2015 (paid by Feb. 29, 2016).
- Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
- To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
- Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
- 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.
- 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.
- All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2016.**
- Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 5, 2016, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
- The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 31, 2016 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
- 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.



## MEET THE CANDIDATES

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

	
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### Meet the Candidates

Thursday, Jan. 28  
and  
Thursday, Feb. 26  
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## Montgomery Village Foundation

### 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, JAN. 28, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.**  
**MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
 North Creek Board Room  
 20125 Arrowhead Road

**FRIDAY, FEB. 5**  
 Election ballots mailed to residents

**THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.**  
**MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
 North Creek Board Room  
 20125 Arrowhead Road

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 5 P.M.**  
 Balloting closes

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 7 P.M.**  
**ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 9 A.M.**  
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## Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Heather Sharpless or Erika Hottinger at 301-948-0110, ext. 2355 or 2351 or e-mail [hsharpless@mvf.org](mailto:hsharpless@mvf.org) or [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 is available at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

### ARB DECISIONS

## MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD JANUARY 6, 2016

#### KEY

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

#### EASTGATE

7806 YANKEE HARBOR DR - Solar Systems, A  
21 BATTERY BEND CT - Roof, A  
20306 SEABROOK DR - Trim, AWM

#### EAST VILLAGE

8412 HARRON VALLEY CT - Security Camera, A  
20402 RAINBOWVIEW TER - Fence and Gate, AWM  
8302 FRONTWELL CIR - Fence and Gate, A  
8312 FRONTWELL CIR - Window Well, A  
8642 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Heat Pump, A  
8651 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Replacement Windows, A  
3 FOUNTAIN VALLEY CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A with  
8502 HAWK RUN TER - Solar Systems, AWM  
8850 THOMAS LEA TER - Deck, A  
8626 DELCRIS DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM

8626 DELCRIS DR - Trim, AWM  
8626 DELCRIS DR - Gutter, A  
8666 DELCRIS DR - Solar Systems, A  
19922 SUGAR NOTCH CIR - Solar Systems, AWM

#### MARYLAND PLACE

19547 TRANSHIRE RD - Roof, AWM  
9639 MARSTON LN - Front Door Replacement, A  
9639 MARSTON LN - Storm Door, AWM

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE

10243 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Windows, A  
10079 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Windows, A  
19468 BRASSIE PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, D  
19468 BRASSIE PL - Replacement Window Resubmit, AWM  
41 BRASSIE CT - Replacement Windows, A  
41 BRASSIE CT - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM

#### NORTHGATE

20 LEA POND CT - Replacement Windows, AWM  
20 LEA POND CT - Replacement Patio Door, A  
20300 GRAZING WAY - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
20300 GRAZING WAY - Replacement Windows, AWM  
20261 DARLINGTON DR - Fence and Gate, AWM  
9931 TAMBAY CT - Solar Systems, AWM  
20124 TORREY POND PL - Solar Systems, A  
10054 MAPLE LEAF DR - Heat Pump, A  
9634 SHADOW OAK DR - Solar Systems, A  
20436 MEADOW POND PL - Trim, AWM

#### NORTH VILLAGE

20718 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Storm Door, A  
9305 CHADBURN PL - Replacement Windows, A  
9305 CHADBURN PL - Replacement Patio Door, A  
9305 CHADBURN PL - Front Door Replacement, AWM  
20538 STRATH HAVEN DR - Replacement Windows, A  
8805 WELBECK WAY - Replacement Windows, A  
8878 WELBECK WAY - Roof, A  
8878 WELBECK WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM  
8878 WELBECK WAY - Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
8878 WELBECK WAY - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM

8878 WELBECK WAY - Downspout/Gutter, A  
8878 WELBECK WAY - Heat Pump, AWM  
20828 ASPENWOOD LN - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A  
9309 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Garage Door, A  
9309 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Roof, AWM

#### PATTON RIDGE

9828 MEADOWCROFT LN - Exterior Light, A  
9852 DELLCASTLE RD - Deck, AWM  
9856 DELLCASTLE RD - Exterior Light, A  
9856 DELLCASTLE RD - Gutter, A  
9856 DELLCASTLE RD - Roof, A  
9912 SHREWSBURY CT - Replacement Windows, AWM  
10129 GRAVIER CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A  
19803 BAZZELLTON PL - Shed, A  
19942 SPUR HILL DR - Shed, AWM  
19942 SPUR HILL DR - Vinyl Siding, AWM  
9507 BRIAR GLENN WAY - Gate, A

#### SOUTH VILLAGE

9873 LAKE SHORE DR - Roof, AWM  
9855 SAILFISH TER - Replacement Windows, AWM  
9855 SAILFISH TER - Replacement Patio Door, A  
9817 SAILFISH TER - Storm Door, A  
9817 SAILFISH TER - Roof, AWM

9817 SAILFISH TER - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM  
9817 SAILFISH TER - Replacement Windows, AWM  
9832 ISLANDSIDE DR - Heat Pump, A  
9713 LAKE SHORE DR - Exterior Light, A  
18513 LOCUST POINT CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A  
18513 LOCUST POINT CT - Replacement Patio Door, A  
8 COPPS HILL CT - Miscellaneous, AWM

#### STEDWICK

19145 STEDWICK DR - Miscellaneous, A  
19019 STEDWICK DR - Storm Door, A  
19409 BATTLERIDGEWAY - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM  
10306 BATTLERIDGE PL - Replacement Windows, A  
19323 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Storm Door, A  
19324 FRENCHTON PL - Trim, A  
19253 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Solar Systems, AWM  
19504 TIBER CT - Roof, AWM  
19513 GALLATIN CT - Roof, AWM  
10110 BLUE TEE TER - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM  
10356 ROYAL WOODS CT - Roof, A

#### WHETSTONE

9705 LOOKOUT PL - Downspout/Gutter, A  
19111 ROMAN WAY - Miscellaneous, AWM

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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## PATTON RIDGE REPORT

## Turkey vultures among us

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Turkey vultures are among and enjoying the trash left exposed by those not complying with our trash policy. It is unique among vultures that they find their food by smell as well as by sight. Having a feeding frenzy with exposed garbage is avoidable and we need not fall prey to this.

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

In addition to those who do not use a trash lid, it has come to the attention of the board that in some areas people are using the mailbox area as a central collection point for their garbage. While it might seem a nice gesture to make it easier for the J&J Trash Company to collect at a single point, that is not the case. They are under contract to collect from each household on the curb in front of your home. Thus there is no need to bring it to the mailbox area. Trash bags that are left there are often ripped open by the turkey vultures and animals, leaving a mess and not a pleasant sight when you pick up your mail. This is in violation of our trash policy and offenders will be notified and subject to a fine.

Do not place your trash or recyclables out for collection earlier than the evening prior to the regularly scheduled pickup day. Trash will be collected from the curb on Tuesday and Friday. Recyclables are collected on Wednesday for all communities in Patton Ridge. Please note that styrofoam is no longer considered recyclable and will not be accepted as part of recycling.

Montgomery County requires that your trash be stored in a container with a lid. This is intended to keep birds, insects, rodents and other wild creatures from getting into your trash and littering the grounds. Spilled trash can attract disease carrying vermin and create a potentially serious health and a safety threat for all concerned.

Each household is permitted four bulk pickups per year at no extra charge, with the exception of major appliances. Arrangements for bulk item disposal must be made directly with J&J Trash Company, Inc. at least 48-hours in advance by calling 1-800-465-2350. Please note that

I will use my board and living experiences in the Village to enhance property values while keeping assessments at a reasonable level. I would like to continue to make valuable contributions to this board and community.



photo by Neal Zarin

Turkey vultures wait for us to not comply with the trash policy.

J&J will not pick up yard waste (grass, leaves, etc.) and the recycling folks will not pick up yard waste in plastic bags.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

#### HOWARD COHEN

My name is Howard Cohen and my wife and I have been residents of Bremerton Way since 1988. We've raised three children who attended the schools in Montgomery Village.

I've served on the board since 2010 and enjoy helping to making a difference. I've been involved with projects such as additional street lighting and improving the Tot Lot. I serve as the Vice President of the board and also as the Chairman of the Communication Committee to keep our community informed of issues and the board's actions.

If appointed to another term,

#### LARRY NICHOLSON

I'm Larry Nicholson and I have lived in Patton Ridge since the summer of 2004 with my family. I'm a Senior Project Manager for a local CRO, husband and father. I have been a member of the Patton Ridge Board for the last 3 years. I hope to continue the board's successes by helping to ensure that we are doing our best for the community. I seek to champion some long overdue community maintenance in Patton Ridge. I believe that we must maintain the current emphasis placed on resident's safety and seek out innovative alternatives to Patton Ridge security. I bring insight and a unique perspective to the Patton Ridge Board, by helping to navigate the changing times in the Village. As our community ages, I believe it is important to ensure that Patton Ridge continues to thrive beyond its first 40+ years.

#### SUSAN ROTH

I have resided in Greentee I (first community in Patton Ridge) since 1973, have been employed as a staff nurse at Suburban Hospital for over 30 years, and a member of the PRHC Board since 2010, cur-

rently servicing as Chairperson of the Security Committee.

I have observed many positive changes in Patton Ridge and have played a role in some of them.

My major focus and concerns are the safety and security of the residents of our community and the maintenance/protection of our property values. To this end,

I would appreciate your trust and confidence in electing me to another term on the PRHC Board.

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

## SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

## Three ways your vote makes a crucial difference

by the South Village Board of Directors

South Village board member nominees were presented in the last issue of the *Village News* and you should have ballots in hand soon. We can remind you to watch your mail for the ballot, complete it fully, address and sign the envelope and return it by the deadline, and those reminders still stand. But it's not simply about the board's appreciation. You should know that your participation is crucial to the health and effectiveness of South Village Homes Corporation.

- **Participation affects the pace of South Village business.** 110 eligible households must return completed, valid ballots to have a quorum. Any fewer and the business of the annual meeting gets deferred several weeks. Time-sensitive business, such as decisions on direct service to residents, can be significantly affected by such delays.

- **Feedback influences action.** Your votes let management and board members know what's important to the community.

- **Participation is a way of safeguarding value.** Whether the value of your assessment dollars or property values, board members are charged with responsibility and effectively spending and investing for the benefit of the community. Your votes help assure that the best possible decisions are made.

You've likely heard this in every area of your civic life, and it's no less true in our neighborhoods: your vote counts. Please complete, sign and mail your votes as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the South Village community manager at 240-243-2326 or through your member dashboard on the MVF website, [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

### COUNTY FY17 BUDGET

County Executive Leggett is hosting a Public Forum on the county's FY17 Budget at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25 at the Black Rock Center for the Arts (for the Upcounty Regional Services Center), 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.

This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input for the county's budget for Fiscal Year 2017 which begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017. The executive proposes the operating budget in March. The county council must approve the operating budget by the end of May. Come out with your questions and suggestions!

To learn more about the county's operating budget, visit <http://reports.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb>.

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

## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## STEDWICK SIGNALS

## Montgomery Village at 50: are we a village yet?

by Sam Korper

And what is a village anyway? This is a question I've been asking since moving here nearly a quarter century ago. Back then it was a geopolitical decision of lifestyle and convenience. Now it is primarily about retirement life-support. As Montgomery Village chronicles its 50-year past and celebrates the present we must, I think, consider our aging futures together. Montgomery Village might just be moving into middle age, but many of us are in age's upper reaches. Will it remain a comfortable place for us?

Having agreed to fill out a term on the Stedwick board, I hope to make a direct contribution to the Stedwick community through participation in the work of the board and also to learn more about Stedwick. I also hope to apply these lessons to exploring the "village" question and thinking about aging in place at a time when many of our neighbors are making decisions about whether to remain here or move to alternative settings. Previously (2010) I wrote a series of articles about this for the *Village News* which can now be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com/rec-reaction/seniors-action/aging-place](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com/rec-reaction/seniors-action/aging-place).

Stedwick management and board concerns include: finances, maintenance and housing, security and safety, greenspace, communications and more. These are issues of importance for all Montgomery Village residents—not just "senior" members. And they are closely related to similar concerns identified by the Montgomery County Commission on Aging as well as the numerous "villages" popping up all over Montgomery County.

These issues are important to be sure, but what I am thinking about here are the ordinary responsibilities of maintaining a home as one ages: cutting grass, clearing snow, repairing gutters, painting the trim and caulking the windows, and, oh, the plumbing—from fixing a drip to drain clearing—(Montgomery Village is turning 50, and that advancing age is affecting our housing as well), emergency and occasional transportation needs and much more. These are the things people talk about when we chat on my walks around Stedwick. And it is primarily these challenges, and how they can be met, that make for folk's day-to-day concerns as they consider whether to remain in their homes and the feasibility of aging in place here in

Stedwick. Many have left, or are soon-to-be leaving, and others are struggling to find ways to stay.

While change is inevitable, we should be looking for solutions that address daily challenges and strengthens bonds for and between family members of all ages—not just seniors. Many county resources are available to assist us in Stedwick—and perhaps more broadly across Montgomery Village—to think about options and act upon our interests. While no one version fits all, the numerous villages in the county (as of this writing there are a dozen active villages, and perhaps ten more under consideration and development) and their wide variety of scope and structure serve as useful models to evaluate and consider for possible adaptation here in Stedwick or more widely in Montgomery Village. For example, developing a "timesharing" network among residents of all ages is an interesting approach, with less formality than the creation of a new organization requires.

Several residents have expressed their concern about the ability of Stedwick, or Montgomery Village for that matter, to meet their needs as they age. Perhaps this is the time to combine our individual and collective resources, bringing together SHC, MVF, groups such as Seniors in Action and others who might be interested in our discussions, to determine whether this really can be a village for all after all.

Anniversaries celebrate important milestones, and are unique opportunities to think about and prepare for the future. So, what do you think? Please e-mail comments to [korpers@earthlink.net](mailto:korpers@earthlink.net).

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Stedwick board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 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 on the community in which you live. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, or e-mail [stedwickhc@mof.org](mailto:stedwickhc@mof.org).

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

#### KEITH E. SILLIMAN

I am a 40-year resident of Stedwick. My family and I have enjoyed living in Stedwick. I have served several years on the Stedwick and MVF Boards

of Directors, and have served as President of each.

I am a candidate for the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors to help to enhance the attractiveness of our common property and grounds and continue the sound financial management of the corporation.

My priorities are to be vigilant in maintaining and im-

proving the appearance of our community and to continue to successfully manage the financial health of the corporation. We have attractive common areas, both open greenspace and wooded areas, which need to be enhanced whenever possible. I would like to see more trees and shrubs planted in the community. I would like to see the completion of the develop-

ment of RainScapes/RainGardens in our community as well as the planting of additional trees by Montgomery County, as part of their water quality enhancement program.

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

### NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

## North Village January meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The regular meeting of the board was held this past Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room. This issue of the *Village News* had to go to press several days before the meeting. Therefore we will cover the meeting in the next issue. Some of the items on the agenda included the approval of the tree removal contract, winter storm preparations and discussion of the new required county training program for board members of common ownership communities. The ballots for the North Village Board of Directors election also concluded this past Thursday. Ballots will be counted and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting in February.

### MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Some of your board members attended the county council session on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at which the county planning board presented the draft Montgomery Village Master Plan to the County Council Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. The presentation was in two parts: the Master Plan amendment, and the transportation issues associated with the Master Plan.

No final decisions were made at this meeting. However there are two positive indications that came out of the meeting:

1. Committee Chairperson Nancy Floreen expressed concern that the plan shows a new fire station in the North Village common area [see page 29 of the draft Master Plan] and recommended moving the marker. She suggested that

the planning board inquire into situating the fire station in the public facilities site on Snouffer School Road, which is presently under construction.

2. The committee recommended maintaining Wightman Road as two lanes, recognizing that no real decisions will be made until M-83 and the Midcounty Corridor Study are resolved.

There was considerable discussion about the development of the golf course. It was noted that the county has directed the developer, Monument Realty, to set aside 40 acres for parkland which, in the words of the report, "...adds up to 40 acres of new forest ... directly adjacent to both sides of the stream in the stream buffer." It will "provide important connections between ... the Lois Y. Green Conservation Park, Cabin Branch Stream Valley Park, and the Great Seneca Creek Stream Valley Park. This will provide critical trail connections as well as important environmental benefits and areas that can support wildlife habitat."

There was no vote to approve the Master Plan at this meeting. The committee directed the planning board to make the recommended changes to the plan and report back to the committee at a future date.

### GOSHEN ROAD MEETING

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) has scheduled a community meeting on the Goshen Road project for Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Whetstone Elementary School on Centerway Road. DOT will brief residents on the plans for widening Goshen Road. We need a good

turnout of residents to make a solid impact on the DOT officials. We hope to see you there!

### NEW SECURITY CONTRACTOR

We have changed our security contractor. The new company is U.S. Security, and they started patrolling North Village last week. Keep a lookout for their cars which are white and have their logo on the sides. The cars also have yellow lights on top which will be flashing in emergency situations.

### QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT

Just a reminder that your quarterly assessment was due on January 1. With all the activities of the New Year, you may have forgotten to send in your assessment payment. Payment can be made either by mail or direct delivery to the MVF Offices, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a convenient drop-off box. Your community cannot function without the contributions of the residents.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The next board meeting will be combined with the Annual Meeting, and will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The board meeting starts at 7 p.m. and the Annual Meeting starts at 8 p.m. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail [asteward@mof.org](mailto:asteward@mof.org).

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

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## EAST VILLAGE ECHO

## Snow Removal Policy reminders

by *Scott R. Dyer*

A reminder that East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) follows a priority list for snow removal for snowfall over 2 inches to ensure the main roads throughout East Village have at least one lane initially cleared for emergency vehicle access. Below is the first priority list:

Beaver Ridge Road, Butterwick Way, Delcris Drive, Doubleland Road, Drexel Hill Circle, Dry Ridge Road, Fountain Valley Drive, Frontwell Circle, Harron Valley Way, Hawk Run Court, Hawk Run Terrace, Laurel Valley Lane, Marketree Circle, Oak Bluff Drive, Rainbowview Place, Rainbowview Terrace, Ravensglass Way, Rustburg Circle, Silverfield Drive, Stedmall Place, Stringfellow Court, Sugar Notch Circle, Thomas Lea Terrace, Tindal Springs Drive and Welbeck Way.

After the initial clearing is completed, the plows will clear secondary priority streets and will open wider driving lanes on the first priority streets. Particular attention is given to roads that have steep hills and/or curves.

Residents are reminded to not block or delay the contractor's plows by double-parking or leaving a vehicle standing on the roadway; please do not approach or try to make contact with the drivers of the plows, as they have a set plan

to follow and will not plow out individual parking spaces or other special accommodations.

Residents who have driveways and/or garages are required to remove their vehicles from the street so that the plows can clear snow more quickly and efficiently.

Residents are responsible for removing snow or ice on sidewalks abutting their property according to the Montgomery County "Pedestrian Winter Safety Act of 2001," Bill 1-01.

For the common area sidewalks not surrounding homes, EVHC's contractor will focus on clearing the following sidewalks as first priority:

Laurel Valley Lane - All; Lewisberry Road - All; Lewisberry Road at Laurel Valley Lane - Ride On Bus Stop; Lewisberry Road at Fountain Valley Drive - Ride On Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Remsbury Way - Ride On Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Fulks Farm Road - Ride on Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Tindal Springs - Ride on Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Butterwick Way - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Remsbury Way - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Welbeck Way - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Tindal Springs Drive - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Silverfield Drive - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Harron Valley

Drive - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Dry Ridge Road - School Bus Stop; East Village Avenue at Stringfellow Court - School Bus Stop.

Also, bike paths and asphalt paths are deemed non-essential thoroughfares and, therefore, are not plowed or treated. Residents are urged to use alternate routes in snowy/icy weather. Use of bike paths is at residents' own risk.

### ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 15

The next EVHC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The EVHC Annual Meeting will also occur as part of the agenda, which will include the announcement of the newly elected directors, and the selection of officers for 2016.

As always, these board of directors meetings are open

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

The EVHC Board of Directors meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, April, May, July, September and November, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lake Marion Community Center.

### EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up to receive e-mail communications from EVHC by e-mailing [eastvillagehc@mof.org](mailto:eastvillagehc@mof.org) and including the subject, "Register." Also check out the EVHC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc](http://www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc), or search "East Village Homes Corporation;" be sure to "Like" our page to receive updates. Our community manager and the EVHC Board always want to hear from residents. If you have questions, suggestions or just kudos, e-mail [eastvillagehc@mof.org](mailto:eastvillagehc@mof.org), or call 240-243-2344.

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

### MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

## 2016 parking tags

by *the Middle Village Board of Directors*

Towing for expired 2015 parking tags will begin on Monday, Feb. 1. Many residents have not picked up their 2016 parking tags. You are able to pick up parking tags from ComSource throughout the month of January 2016. Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 prior to coming to the office. If you have questions, e-mail Delphine Matthews at [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com). Big Tow will continue to tow vehicles for all other parking violations.

### PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

In the case of snowfall that is 3 inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with your 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 rests 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 time frame as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

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

### TRASH

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

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

### LIGHT REPLACEMENT

Montgomery Lighting is continuing the light project that includes replacing pole lights and underground wiring

throughout the community. The project will require digging in various areas of the community and is expected to take another 2 to 3 months to complete.

### SNOW REMOVAL

O'Leary Asphalt will be providing snow removal service to Middle Village and will be keeping equipment in the community. Please e-mail Delphine Matthews at [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com), or call ComSource if you have any questions or want additional information.

### 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 board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

### WHETSTONE WATCH

## Whetstone Homes Corporation Candidate Statement

### WILLIAM R. OTT

In 2015 I filled a vacant position on the WHC board, serving on the maintenance and legal committees. In December I testified before the County Council on my own behalf against the MC Planning Board's proposal to change the nature of the MV Professional Center. I am not against change, only bad changes.

I worked as a research physicist and technical manager at NIST before retiring in 2011. My wife, Mary, and I have lived in Goshenside for 37 years. I aim to maintain the community at the same high standards as when we moved here. Priorities include:

1) Maintaining the ambience of Whetstone's street lighting. I am against the extremely bright lights that do more to ruin one's night vision

than to improve security.

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

3) Participating in planning for the professional center location. I believe there is still a need for a professional center, more than for apartments, shops, or other commercial ventures.

4) Ensuring the integrity of our community by respecting our neighbors, following the covenants, supporting one another in community action, and maintaining the beauty, value, and security of our neighborhoods.

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

## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## EASTGATE EXPRESS

## Eastgate 2016 Candidate Statements

### DINA SIGANO

I, Dina Sigano would like to continue to serve on the board of the Eastgate Homes Corporation. I have served since 2010 and have been a resident homeowner in Eastgate since 2002. It is my goal to keep our community green, well maintained and attractive; thus increasing property values, while keeping assessments low. It is also my goal to improve communications and increase our sense of community within Eastgate.

### PETER WEBB

I have served as President of the Eastgate Board of Directors

for the past three years and I am also an active member of the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. I have enjoyed being part of the team that improves and maintains our community. It is important to ensure our common area is well maintained and provide a beautiful and safe environment for our families. I would like to continue with those efforts.

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

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## AT YOUR LEISURE

## Art League of Germantown exhibit at Kentlands Mansion

Arts on the Green presents an exhibit featuring artwork by members of the Art League of Germantown at Kentlands Mansion, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, through Friday, March 18. Viewing hours are generally Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but due to event scheduling, please confirm availability of the Gallery by calling 301-258-6425 prior to your visit.

The Art League of Germantown (ALOG) was founded to further the careers of artists of all experience levels and to bring an appreciation of fine art and fine crafts to the community. Now in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of providing a society for artists, the diversity of mediums and range of artistic approaches is the distinctive heart of the League's exhibitions. ALOG members present a selection of works created in oils, acrylic,

watercolor, ink, mixed media, and photography. This exhibit features something to stimulate every palette.

Please note that most of the 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 [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

## Catch a show at the Arts Barn

Located at 311 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg, the Arts Barn's performing arts program presents plays, musicals, theatre for young audiences, one-act plays and magic shows. Upcoming shows include:

### A CHANGE GON' COME

Performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 24.

A riveting multi-media stage production about the life and times of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. Audiences will be transported to the front lines of the unrelenting circumstances and choices that Harriet Tubman and every other slave had to make if they were to escape to freedom.

### A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

Performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Friday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 27.

Broadway's tribute to the genius of Rodgers & Hammerstein. You'll love the sultry Andrews Sisters-esque "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-a My Hair." Find out "How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?," sung by a lovelorn young lad. Take delight in "Shall We Dance?" as a comic pas de deux. There are more than 30 songs from Rodgers & Hammerstein shows... It doesn't get more grand than this!

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF JUNIOR

Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Saturday, March 5 to Sunday, March 20.

Tevey the milkman tries to protect his daughters and his way of life from a changing world. *Fiddler On The Roof Junior* is a special one-hour adaptation of the classic Broadway musical, which tackles the universal theme of tradition in

ways that reach across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion.

### QUILTERS

Performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Friday, April 1 to Sunday, April 17.

In the American West, a pioneer woman, Sarah, and six women, who are called her daughters, face frontier life. The musical is presented as a series of short tales and tableaux matched with musical numbers, each presenting an aspect of frontier life or womanhood. The quilt patches show girlhood, marriage, childbirth, spinsterhood, twisters, fire, illness and death. The patches are ultimately put together to form one splendid quilt.

For more information call 301-258-6394 or e-mail [artsbarn@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:artsbarn@gaithersburgmd.gov).

Call or visit the box office to purchase tickets or purchase tickets online via RecXpress.

## Montgomery Village News

## SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS WITH THE VILLAGE

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### Engagement & Wedding Announcements

#### Bride's Information

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

Engagement Date \_\_\_\_\_ Honeymoon Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Address Where Couple Plans to Reside \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wedding Location \_\_\_\_\_

### Birth Announcements

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

### Achievement Announcements

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Achievement (provide details) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/College Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Anniversary Announcements

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

## Montgomery County Board of Elections opportunities

### FUTURE VOTE PROGRAM

The Montgomery County Board of Elections Future Vote Program is seeking high school juniors/seniors to serve as paid election judges at polling places for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, April 26.

In accordance with the Maryland Election Code, individuals serving as election judges must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. Students who will be 18 years old by or on Tuesday, Nov. 8 are eligible to register and vote. The Maryland Election law also allows minors who are 17 years old to register and be appointed to serve as an election judge if the minor demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the State Board, that he or she meets all qualifications for registration in the State. Because of the population diversity within Montgomery County, students with bilingual language skills, particularly in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Amharic and French are encouraged to participate.

The application process requires both an online quiz and completion of hands-on training. All applicants who are selected for these positions will be compensated at rates that vary based on the position. Individuals may earn 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of a stipend, if they prefer.

### ELECTION JUDGES

The Board of Elections is also seeking registered voters to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, April 26.

In accordance with the Election Code, to serve in this paid position on Election Day or during Early Voting, an election judge must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read and write the English language, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity.

In order to be placed in a precinct, those interested must complete both an online quiz and hands-on training. All applicants who are selected for these positions will be compensated at rates that vary based on the position, as advertised at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

For more information, contact Gilberto Zelaya at 240-777-8532 or e-mail [gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov). To apply online, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and select "Election Judges." For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or <http://elections.state.md.us>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

## SCHOOL NEWS

## Mauro Gonzalez wins Montgomery Village Middle School Geographic Bee



photo submitted by Don Milner

Left to right: Fredy Morales-Vasquez, Jr., MVMS Geo Bee runner up and his Mother, Rosa L. Morales, Mauro Gonzalez, MVMS Geo Bee winner and his Mother, Giorgia Roncagliolo.

Mauro Gonzalez, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Montgomery Village Middle School, won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 6 and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school Bee, where students answered geography questions, was the first round in the 28<sup>th</sup> annual National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2016 Bee. The school champions, including Mauro Gonzalez, will take a qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on Friday, April 1. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the Bee national champion-

ship rounds Sunday, May 22 through Wednesday, May 25. The first place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society (including a subscription to *National Geographic* magazine), and a National Geographic Expeditions trip to a national park in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service.

The national finals will air on television on the National Geographic Channel and PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times. Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the exciting GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee), which poses 10 new questions a day, or by downloading the "National Geographic GeoBee Challenge" app, with more

than 1,000 questions culled from past Bees, available in the App Store, from the Android Market or for NOOK Color.

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KIDS PAGE



## MV Kids Learn About Bean Bags

**A bean bag is a sealed sack filled with dried beans, rice, plastic pellets or styrofoam beads.**

### Bean Bag Furniture

Designed by Piero Gatti, Cesare Paolini and Franco Teodoro and produced by the Italian company Zanotta in 1969, beanbags have become a globally recognized piece of furniture.

The original beanbag chair was called "Sacco," which was a pear-shaped leather bag filled with styrofoam beans and is still in production today.

Bean bags can be made from materials like leather, suede, corduroy and fake fur.

Polyester bean bags are waterproof and can be used outdoors.

Giant bean bags can be used as a sofa or couch.



### Bean Bag Games

- Bean bag toss, also called cornhole, is played with bean bags and two goals that each have a hole in the middle.
- In gridiron football beanbags are used to mark the point of a change of possession (where a punt or kickoff is caught, an interception is made or a fumble occurs)
- Footbag, also called Hacky Sack™ is a type of ball-shaped bean bag that is kicked in the air in different ways between players.
- Bean bags are often used for a game similar to dodgeball where small square bean bags are slid across the floor in an attempt to hit the opposing team's players in the foot. The game is particularly popular in American elementary schools as a safer alternative to dodgeball.
- Bean bags can be used for juggling.



### Other Bean Bag Uses

A bean bag can hold a camera at a certain angle.



Bean bags are used as ammunition for non lethal weapons.



Clutching technology for robots makes use of bean bags.



RECREATION

## POP Pilates

Join your friends and neighbors on Thursday evenings at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, for POP Pilates workouts with instructor Alysha Cunningham. Designed for all fitness levels, this ab-chiseling, full-body-workout is designed to strengthen your muscles from head to toes.

Class begins promptly at 7 p.m. Drop-in for only \$7 per

class. Please bring a mat to class; limited supply available for new participants. For more

information, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.



## Argentine Tango at North Creek Community Center

This adult dance class taught by Viviana and Isidoro Levinson, is suitable for everyone from beginners to experienced Tango dancers. The instructors will focus on a variety of skills, including open and closed embrace, pivots, la cruzada (cross) and more.

Class is held Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Participants are encouraged to register for the full session, but may choose to drop-in for just \$10 per class. To register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or call 301-948-0110.



## 30 Minute Core



Instructor Tara Smith leads participants through a speedy, high energy, muscle conditioning workout that helps strengthen and shape your hips, thighs, glutes and abdominals. Though brief, this workout has proven to be effective and can be modified to benefit all fitness levels.

Classes will be held at Stedwick Community Center,

10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 22. Pair this class with POP Pilates to round out your weekday workouts.

Residents can drop-in for only \$7 per class. For more information or to register for the remainder of the session, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.

## Introduction to Meditation

Relax and learn meditation techniques with this two-hour workshop on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Participants of this workshop will be guided through seated meditation, mindfulness meditation and meditation in motion. This class is suitable and beneficial to all adults.

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



# SPRING BREAK CAMP

## IN MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Children ages 5 to 14 can have a fun, engaging week while school is out! Campers will enjoy a half-day version of the popular MVF All-In Sports Camp and during the other half of the day, they will embark on a series of engineering adventures with Play-Well TEKologies interactive and hands-on LEGO programs. Children must bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Pre-registration required. Register for the full-day week or half-day week.

**Full Day: \$250/Resident, \$265/Non-resident**

**4007.206** Ages 5 to 8  
Morning Lego Camp, Afternoon All-In Sports Camp

**4007.207** Ages 9 to 14  
Morning All-In Sports Camp, Afternoon Lego Camp

**½ Day Lego: \$189/Resident, \$199/Non-resident**

**4007.208** Ages 5 to 8     9 a.m. to noon

**4007.209** Ages 9 to 14     1 to 4 p.m.

**½ Day Sports: \$99/Resident, \$109/Non-resident**

**4007.210** Ages 5 to 8     1 to 4 p.m.

**4007.211** Ages 9 to 14     9 a.m. to noon

**Monday, March 28**  
through  
**Friday, April 1**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Extended-day option (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) available based on minimum number of participants enrolled.  
Full day: \$105/week, AM only: \$45/week, PM only: \$60/week.  
Non-residents pay an additional \$10/per camper for extended care.

**Lake Marion Community Center**  
**8821 East Village Avenue**

For more information or to register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or call 240-243-2314.

**Seated Tai Chi**

**\$19/Session for SiA Members**  
**\$29/Session for Non-members**

**Mondays**  
**noon to 12:45 p.m.**

Stedwick Community Center  
10401 Stedwick Road

**Join our instructor, Marcy, for a session of this popular program as she takes you through the meditative movements of seated Tai Chi.**

**Session I**  
**5004.102**  
Jan. 11 to Feb. 29  
*(No class Jan. 18 and Feb. 15)*

**Session II**  
**5004.103**  
March 21 to April 25

For more information or to register, e-mail [lhydorn@mvmf.org](mailto:lhydorn@mvmf.org) or call 240-243-2314.

RECREATION

# Daddy Daughter Dance

Dads, step-dads, grandpas and uncles – we invite you to dust off your dancing shoes and escort your “little girl” to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, on Friday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

At this special celebration you’ll both remember for years

to come, you will enjoy dancing, refreshments and a keepsake photo. Early registration is encouraged, as spaces fill up quickly! This event is for girls ages 5 to 12 years and the special father figure in their life.

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



# Lego Block Party

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 7 TO 9 P.M.  
NORTH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

Bring your imagination and creativity to North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 18. With lots and lots of Legos, refreshments, photo opportunities and more, this is an event that the whole family will enjoy! In addition to tables of Legos for free-building, Play-Well instructors will be orchestrating Battletrax competitions as well as assisting everyone in building a giant tower.

Early registration is encouraged! Cost is \$18/Resident Pair, \$23/Non-resident Pair and \$7 for each additional family member. For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



# Spring Wreath Workshop

Register Online  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

Tuesday  
March 1  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
North Creek Board Room  
20125 Arrowhead Road



Every participant will walk away with a festive handmade spring wreath to show off all season long. No prior craft experience is required.

4019.120  
\$19/Resident  
\$29/Non-resident



For more information or to register, e-mail [mmaggi@mfvf.org](mailto:mmaggi@mfvf.org) or call 240-243-2338.

# 42<sup>nd</sup> Art, Craft and Photography Show

All are invited to this popular annual event at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. Registration is on Thursday, March 10 from 3 to 8 p.m. only.

The cost is \$3/entry, with a limit of four entries per artist. Registration forms can be downloaded at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), are available by e-mailing [mmaggi@mfvf.org](mailto:mmaggi@mfvf.org) or may be picked up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

Judging categories: a) oil/acrylic; b) watercolors; c) pastels; d) crafts/textiles; e) drawing/printing/graphics; f) digital art; g) photography/black and white; h) photography/color; i) pottery/sculpture; j) mixed media/miscellaneous. Each category judged by group: 8 to 12 years old; 13 to 17 years old; 18 to 25 years old; over 25; and Professional for those artists who instruct others or sell their works.

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



Fishing Boat watercolor by Roz Price

## MONTGOMERY VILLAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION CATEGORY

Residents are invited to enter art works illustrating “Montgomery Village” which they may have collected over time. As this is an exhibition category, the submissions do not need to be the work of the owner. Artists with Village scenes that they would like to have judged should enter them in one of the judging categories. There is no fee to enter works into this category.

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

Register Online  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)



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# Baby Plus Bazaar

Shop or Sell! Baby and Children’s clothing, toys, furniture and more!

Lake Marlon Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 20

### Cost for Vendors:

Gently used items  
\$30/Resident  
\$40/Non-resident

New items  
(Company/product affiliation required at registration)  
\$40/Resident  
\$50/Non-resident

Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 21



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

MV SENIORS

# seniors in | action

Now through May 20. No meeting Feb. 15. Daily Programs.

## WINTER/SPRING SESSION



**Open House**

Now through Friday, Jan. 29. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Stedwick Community Center  
10401 Stedwick Road

Interested in learning more about Seniors in Action? Join SiA for our two week Open House! Participate in any of our daily programs for free during this two week period.



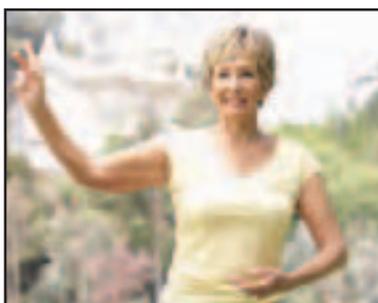
### Arts and Crafts

This coming Monday at Arts and Crafts, members will be making fleece pillow cases to either keep or donate. No craft experience is needed for this great craft and cause!



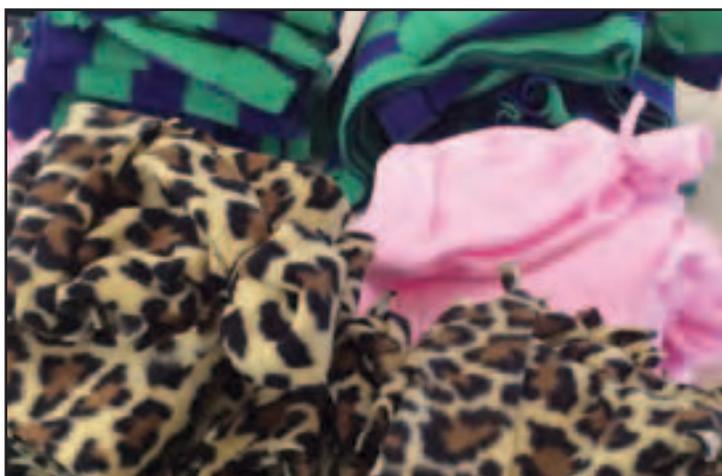
### Potluck and Guest Speaker

Join Seniors in Actions the last Wednesday of every month for a potluck lunch and informational guest speaker. Previous topics have included: how to downsize, memory strategies and home safety. Bring your favorite dish to share and learn information on various topics! This month's speakers are a variety of community healthcare specialists! See you at our next potluck on Wednesday, Jan. 27.



### Seated Tai Chi

Looking for a second day of Seated Tai Chi? You're in Luck! Seniors in Action is offering Tai Chi twice a week! Join us from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Mondays, through Feb. 29 (no meeting Feb. 15). The session cost for SiA members is \$19 and non-members is \$29. Tuesday Tai Chi (noon to 12:45 p.m.) is included in your SiA membership fee!



This past Monday, SiA members made no-sew hats and scarfs to donate to local adults and children.

All Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture classes and programs, and all other activities scheduled to be held in MVF facilities, will be cancelled if Montgomery County Government is closed or in the event of sleet, ice storms or snow with an accumulation (or anticipated accumulation) of six inches or more. When the Montgomery County Government is closed, the Montgomery Village Foundation Office will be closed.

# Calendar

## MONDAY



### Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side

Jan. 25: Fleece pillow cases

Feb. 1: Eyeglass holders

\*All of these crafts can be donated to those in need if you choose to keep them at SiA



### Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month

Jan. 25: "Pearl of China" by Anchee Min

Feb. 22: "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham

## TUESDAY



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

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



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

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

## WEDNESDAY



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

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

Jan. 27: Potluck and Guest Speaker; potluck begins at 11:30 a.m.

## THURSDAY



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

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



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

## FRIDAY



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

second Friday each month

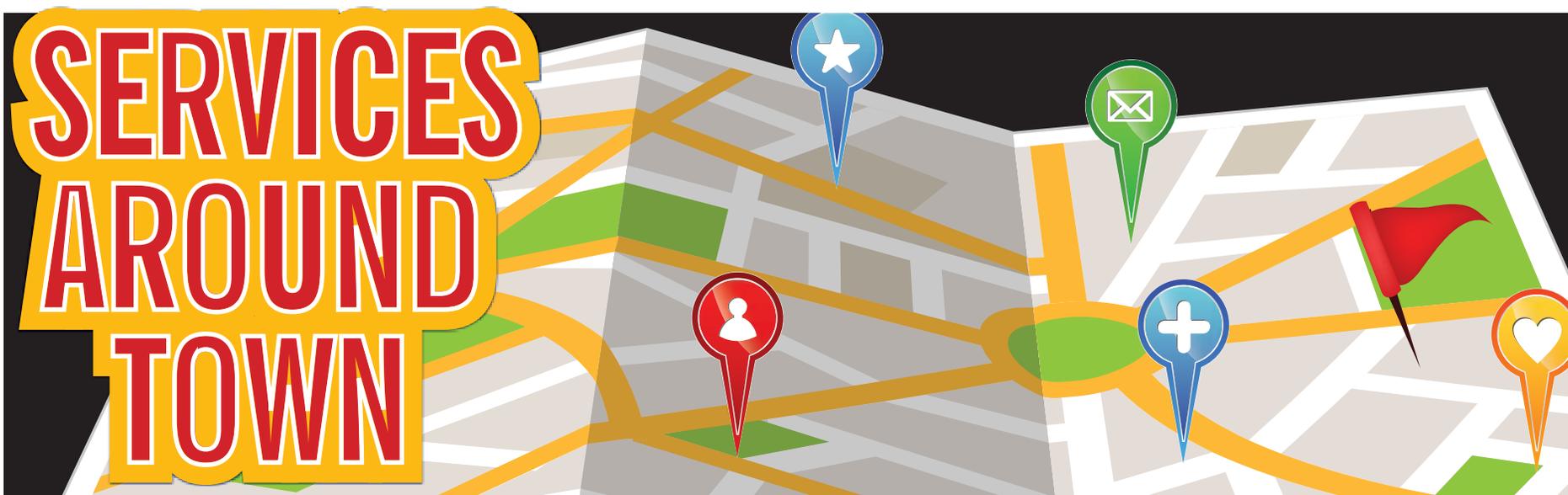
Free for SiA members, \$2/Non-member. Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.

### 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 Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2314 or e-mail [lhydorn@mfvf.org](mailto:lhydorn@mfvf.org).

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