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The 8th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance is the perfect place for some special family bonding time. Don't miss out on this popular event - register today at www.montgomeryvillage. com. For more details on this special event, see page 21.

2016 Architectural **Standards Inspections**

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Architectural Standards' Department will be performing its annual scheduled community inspections beginning in January 2016. The communities to be inspected this year include the following:

NORTH VILLAGE

- Essex Place
- Highland Hall
- McRory
- Perry Place
- Picton • Pleasant Ridge East
- Salem's Grant

MARYLAND PLACE

(properties not inspected in 2015 - only half of this homes corporation was completed in the previous year)

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

EAST VILLAGE

- Ashford Candleridge
- The Downs
- Essex Place East
- The Estates
- The Estates 7B
- Gablefield
- Glenbrooke
- Holly Pointe • Meadowgate
- The Reach
- Wethersfield

POPLAR SPRING

lage properties and enforcing architectural covenants. Properties are inspected to determine

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MVSA Chiefs celebrate winning season



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Get ready for the **MVF Home Show!**

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South Valley Park restrooms completed



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Candidates Forum Tuesday, Feb. 2

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50th Anniversary Logo designed by long-time Village resident

by Mike Conroy

2016 is here, which means a fresh start, all those New Year's Resolutions and of course, Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary. Early in the celebration planning stages, the 50th Anniversary Committee decided a unique logo to tie the family activities planned for the celebration year was necessary.

Soon after, a logo contest was announced in the Village News and online, and about 20 residents sent submissions for the committee to evaluate. Several designs were compared for their artistic merits, how they would reproduce across a wide variety of media and overall appeal. After some discussion, a winner was chosen and is now in use to brand the golden anniversary. Long-time resident Dick Rabil created the winning design.

Rabil says the contest was a personal experience for him, but his entry was made with the entire community in mind. "I like to enter contests," he says, noting it's a challenge to work within certain parameters and create a quality prod-

uct. But having your design chosen is a special feeling altogether. "I was excited - awards come with special honors. This was personal and has different meaning. I'm glad Village residents will get something out of it, have something to be proud of. This is for the community,

not just me." Dick, a professional graphic

designer, had a unique interest in this contest. As a 35-year resident of Montgomery Village, he understands how people and families have grown in the community. His own family has lived in a number of homes in the Village, starting small and growing when the time was right. He reminisces about the earlier days of Montgomery Village, wishing businesses such as the Putt Putt, the movie theater, Schenck's Hardware and Sir Walter Raleigh were still around. Rabil notes that all these places contributed to a growing sense of community and real hometown kind of feeling.

As these ideas swirled in his head, they mixed with his

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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.

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 Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Commercial Architectural Review Board (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 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.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Transportation, Development and Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT 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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

EAST VILLAGE

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

HORIZON RUN

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 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, Jan. 20 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, Jan. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 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, Jan. 20 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

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



Monday, Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

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Serving the residents of Montgomery Village

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Driscoll **MVF** President

When I first moved to Germantown in the early '80s, my family often shopped, went to the movies and ate dinner at the Montgomery Village Center. I would take my family to the doctors at the Professional Center. This was before the development of Germantown Commons, Milestone and Kentlands. Many people came into the Village because it was "the place to go." Businesses thrived, home values were high, and the concept of

a unique planned community had captured the attention of many looking for an ideal place to settle and raise families.

This is the Village that so many of our residents remember, but that Village no longer exists. It is as whimsical and fanciful as Brigadoon, the Scottish Village that appeared out of the mist for one day every century and was immortalized in the famous Lerner and Loewe Broadway production.

Since I have moved to the Village in 2004, much has changed. We no longer have the YMCA, our local Giant, Sir Walter Raleigh's, Schenck's Hardware Store or the Montgomery Village Golf Course. These Village landmarks closed down for many business reasons. The YMCA and Sir Walter Raleigh's were sold because the land was considered valuable enough that the property could be re-purposed. Schenck's could no longer remain competitive with the corporate giants of Lowe's and The Home Depot.

The golf club went into bankruptcy primarily because

it was not supported by the Village community. At the time of the bankruptcy, fewer than 25 members resided in the Village. I suspect that the Giant closed also because it was not financially supported by the community; our residents went to other supermarkets in the immediate area. I am not sure why the Professional Center ceased to be a viable business venture, but again the reality is that the Professional Center is closing down.

What I do understand is that if we, as a community, continue to do what we always have done and resist change and redevelopment, the Village will no longer be an attractive place to live. That is why the proposed Montgomery Village Master Plan and Monument Realty's proposed development of the golf course property are so important to the long range health of the community.

The approval of the Master Plan is important because it will outline how our commercial and residential spaces can be changed to allow for the

Village to thrive. Monument Realty plans to develop the golf course property, not allow it to go fallow. This is equally important to the health of our community, because they are the first outside investment group with a desire to invest in the Village and repurpose it as a vibrant place for growth. It is important for our Village to send a message to other groups who wish to invest in our community that we are willing to change.

As I have said many times before, change is coming to Montgomery Village whether we want it or not. Refusal to consider any change at all will continue the downward spiral of our communal spirit and of our Village. Now is the time to move forward with both the Montgomery Village Master Plan and Monument Realtvy's proposed development. To continue doing nothing will only hasten the demise of our hometown.

As always if you wish to contact me please feel free to e-mail at johndriscoll235@ yahoo.com.



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1. The Montgomery Village News Letters to the Editor section is a community forum for Montgomery Village residents and/or property owners. In addition, at the Editor's discretion, the Montgomery Village News may print letters of appropriate interest to residents from others, including representatives of local schools, governments and businesses. Campaign letters are prohibited, except for Montgomery Village Foundation and Village homes corporation elections. The views expressed in the Letters to the Editor section are those of the authors of the letters and not necessarily those of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) or its Board of Directors.

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

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

 Letters must bear the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. The sole use of pen names, initials or the complete omission of a signature will eliminate a letter from consideration from publication. A request from the author to withhold the name or mark the letter anonymous will eliminate the letter from consideration.
 All letters are subject to condensation or deferral to the next issue by the editor for space considerations, if absolutely necessary. Editor is to so indicate any condensations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• As with letters delivered to the MVF office in person or by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received prior to the publication deadline.

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

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

Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities

Montgomery County recognizes that a large proportion of all its citizens now live in condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations, generally called "common ownership communities." In order to better serve the special needs of these communities and to act as their advocate, the county created the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) by enacting Chapter 10B of the County Code.

THE COMMISSION HAS THREE BASIC DUTIES:

Education: the commission provides free information to both members and to governing bodies about their rights and duties under Maryland law, as well as advice on how to properly operate the association. Among other tools, it offers a "Manual and Resource Guide" for boards of directors.

Legislation: the commission advocates for common ownership communities concerning

proposed laws and regulations at the local and State level.

Dispute resolution: the commission can hear and resolve certain disputes between members of the communities and their governing bodies, and its decisions are legally binding on the parties.

For more information, visit *www.montgomerycountymd. gov/ccoc.* For information or advice, contact the CCOC by e-mailing *ConsumerProtection@ montgomerycountymd.gov.*



Editor:

I would like to follow up on the MVF initiative to harvest Village residents' personal data. I maintain that privacy is the right to reveal oneself selectively. Evidently in stark disagreement, a contrary MVF position was stated in the 12/18/2015 MV News when it said, "By visiting any website, users are risking some amount of privacy...".

A wide chasm exists here on what privacy Village residents desire and what they are entitled to, ranging from full control to privacy lost. This clash of resident and MVF positions on this precious constitutionally guaranteed right of privacy deserves more discussion... and more thought.

Let's begin:

1. What right does MVF have to knowingly throw residents into harm's way on privacy?

2. Why should residents be asked to risk anything when earlier residents risked nothing to access MVF governance information? 3. Just why are MVF Board and staff so determined to risk residents' privacy simply to access information once available to residents at no risk?

4. Is a resident's activity and pool card picture included in the personal profile database?

5. Will the MVF sell or provide the MV personal profile database to political parties or to anyone else? 6. What vetting measures

are in place at MVF to assure the detection of insider threat and other misuse of the MV personal profile database?

7. Of real and ultimate concern whether or not a resident

Editor:

Several of my Whetstone neighbors are website subscribers to AIRBNB, a travel site that facilitates short term rentals in apartments and rooms in homes.

The available AIRBNB facilities that are in the Village are searchable on the AIRBNB website. Do the homeowners who participate in short registers for a personal profile or explicitly objects to being profiled, will MVF populate the data base with the resident's personally identifiable information, thereby, exposing the resident to identity theft?

The U.S. Senate is calling for the disclosure of Cyber Security expertise among corporate board members in its Cyber Disclosure Act of 2015. Just what expertise does each member of the MVF Board of Directors bring to the issue of security and privacy?

Don O'Neill Whetstone

term rentals have to report the rentals to the MVF? Does the MVF have any policy guidance regarding either short term rentals, or AIRBNB, or both? Does this commercial activity in residential neighborhoods affect the applicable zoning designations?

> Jacob Hughes Whetstone





you may e-mail your question to *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.





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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 prescreen 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.

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Love, Fern

examples Valentine Personal Ads

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March 4	Feb. 18	Feb. 26	Feb. 29
March 18	March 3	March 11	March 14
April 8	March 17	April 1	April 4
April 22	April 7	April 15	April 18
May 6	April 21	April 29	May 2
May 20	May 5	May 13	May 16
June 3	May 19	May 27	*Tuesday, May 31
June 24	June 2	June 17	June 20
July 8	June 23	July 1	*Tuesday, July 5
July 22	July 7	July 15	July 18
Aug. 5	July 21	July 29	Aug. 1
Aug. 19	Aug. 4	Aug. 12	Aug. 15
Sept. 9	Aug. 18	Sept. 2	*Tuesday, Sept. 6
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Oct. 7	Sept. 22	Sept. 30	Oct. 3
Oct. 21	Oct. 6	Oct. 14	Oct. 17
Nov. 4	Oct. 20	Oct. 28	Oct. 31
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Dec. 16	Dec. 1	Dec. 9	Dec. 12

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Specialty Publication	Ad Deadline	Delivery Date
Summer Camp Guide	Friday, Jan. 8	Jan. 22
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Spring Recreation Guide	Friday, Feb. 27	March 13
Summer Recreation Guide	Thursday, May 1	May 15
Residents Guide	Friday, April 3	May 29
Fourth of July Program	Friday, June 12	June 26
Fall Recreation Guide	Friday, July 24	Aug. 7
Fall Festival Program	Monday, Sept. 21	Oct. 2
Winter Recreation Guide	Friday, Nov. 20	Dec. 4
2016 Annual Calendar	Friday, Oct. 2	Dec. 18

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PROJECT UPDATE

The restrooms and concession stand facilities in South Valley Park near the ballfield and music pavilion are complete. The facilities will be operational for the 2016 Summers in South Valley Park activities, as well as when there is an approved activity in the park.





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Lake Whetstone Dam internal seepage collection system evaluation

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. Recent 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.

- 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 start at 7 a.m. and will finish 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. 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 closure.



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County launches training program for board members of Common Ownership Communities

The Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) has launched a new online training program for common ownership community board members. The CCOC developed this training to meet requirements of Bill 45-14, which was passed by the county council on February 3, 2015. The measure was signed into law by the county executive on February 11, 2015 and took effect January 1, 2016.

The new law is designed to promote more knowledgeable and responsible management of common ownership communities. Such self-governing residential communities include condominiums, cooperatives and homeowners associations. There are more than 1,000 common ownership communities in Montgomery County, comprised of more than 130,000 common ownership units. More than 30% of Montgomery County residents live in common ownership communities.

Members of the board of directors of all common ownership communities in Montgomery County (except those within the city of Gaithersburg) who are elected, reelected or appointed to a term of office on or after January 1, 2016 are required within 90 days to successfully complete the online training program.

By the end of each year, common ownership communities are required to report to the CCOC when board members have completed the online training program.

The new training program addresses ethics, roles and responsibilities of board members and homeowners, community governing documents, financial management, meeting rules and general administration. The training also is available to members of the public interested in learning about operating common ownership communities.

The mission of the 15-member CCOC includes advising the county executive and county council regarding public policy issues that impact these communities; educating owners, residents and professionals associated with these communities regarding community management and governance; and resolving disputes among owners or residents and their governing bodies. The CCOC members serve without pay.

For additional information about the CCOC or the training program, call 240-777-3636 or visit *www.montgomery countymd.gov/ccoc*.



Logo

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marketing and branding expertise, something hard to avoid when your business is also in Montgomery Village. Dick and his wife Kathi serve large and small clients ranging from the federal government to non-profits in the Washington, D.C. region, helping them find, reclaim or rebrand their corporate identities with their Village-based business. Combined with his admiration for the Village, the logo contest presented the perfect opportunity to meld worlds and produce a simple, yet meaningful piece of art for Rabil's hometown.

Rabil goes on to say that he enjoys making anniversary logos, especially with numbers. "50 is a fun number – the '5' and the '0' are fun numerals to play with, they are pleasing to the eye and easier to manipulate than, say, '25.' Initially, I wasn't sure how I wanted to incorporate MVF's existing logo/ identity, but it was great the way the two fit together."

"I knew I wanted something with a contemporary feeling. Early versions I had focused too much on the name [Montgomery Village], which was too long. It had to be in there, but not overpowering, just bold enough to give it some presence. And as this evolved, I knew it needed to be versatile, 21st Century and scalable in print, digital and other forms."

Rabil says that this opportunity was a good way to use his professional talents for something he is personally invested in-Montgomery Village. He has recently gotten back into photography as a hobby and has found many interesting subjects around the Village, often visiting them 40 or more times to capture the perfect image. This has sparked a renewed interest in Village scenery and strengthens his notion that Montgomery Village is a great place to live. Dick notes that although the Village identity has changed some over the years, it is still an affordable community where residents get many amenities and opportunities for the value. As he recalls a few last mem-

ories, including an old Fourth of

July Parade where his daughters received a first place award for Star Wars-themed costumes, Rabil cracks a smile. These fun memories of a growing family in an established community are certainly reflected in Rabil's logo design. The light colors showcase the fun, family feelings he expressed, and the numbers, combined with the community name, dates and friendship figures (not trees) reflect the community aspects. All in all, a job well done – one the entire Village can be proud of.

The 50th Anniversary Committee also wishes to thank all the residents, adults and kids, who submitted designs for the contest. While only one logo was chosen to represent this great occasion, it was evident that Montgomery Village means something different and special to each resident, and that was reflected in the submitted designs. For more information about 50th Anniversary Celebration events, read the Village News or visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.

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Dick Rabil (bottom right) poses with his wife Kathi and their growing family outside their Village home. Memories of their lives over the past 35 years helped fuel Dick's inspiration for his winning logo design (above).





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English classes for adults

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County will offer free ESL classes to adult residents in Montgomery County throughout January at various times and locations; see below for the most convenient registration and orientation

ENGLISH FOR ADULTS

Monday, Jan. 11 Tuesday, Jan. 12 6 to 9 p.m. Watkins Mill High School 10301 Apple Ridge Road Class Schedule:

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to Village residents. Space in these classes is limited, and students are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. An orientation to the class is required, but does not guarantee admission in to the class.

For more information,

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www.literacycouncilmcmd. org. The Literacy Council of Montgomery County is located at 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville.

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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2016

As we start a new year, the Architectural Standards Department Staff continues to look forward to providing assistance to residents preparing to make home improvements.

Every Village homeowner is urged to "Apply Before You Buy" so that we can ensure that the community criteria and architectural standards are being adhered to, as well as that proposed changes are harmonious with existing community design features. The AS staff is experienced in working with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Architectural Review Board and the MVF Design Consultant both of whom review exterior color and material changes, and will be more than happy to offer suggestions and to make sure enough information is submitted to allow for a thorough review.

Submitting an application ensures that you understand your project. Often the information gathering that is required for a review of a project gives the homeowner the opportunity to see the project and all its details before installation. Without this submittal of detailed information and formal review, a project could be constructed or installed improperly and the homeowner may be required to remove a structure or modify it at a substantial cost later on. Additionally, through this gathering of information, considerations come to light that had not been previously thought of.

Applying is free, while not applying can be costly. Applying before you buy also helps in the effort to maintain property values and improve the neighborhood.

Staying Aware in the Village

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

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Capital One Bank located at 10011 Stedwick Road on Dec. 12 at 9:35 a.m. One of the suspects displayed a weapon and forcibly took cash from the victim. Suspects: Two B/Ms, ages 30 to 35

An armed robbery occurred in the 9600 block of Lost Knife Road on Dec. 20 at 1:29 a.m. The suspect assaulted the victim and forcibly took his cell phone. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: W/M, age 35, of Gaithersburg

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 18900 block of Mills Choice Road on Dec. 11 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. No forced entry; property taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 18500 block of Boysenberry Drive on Dec. 13 between 12:50 and 1:30 p.m. Forced entry; cash taken.



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EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Last Call for Candidates for the East Village board

by Scott R. Dyer

Are you an East Village resident interested in getting involved and volunteering to help make a difference in your community? If yes, East Village residents can apply to become an elected Director of the East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) for the three-year term March 2016 to March 2019. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016. Please contact EVHC Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail eastvillagehc@mvf.org for more details on the eligibility requirements, nominating process, election and how to apply.

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

With the worst of winter still to come, there is still time to prepare your home:

- Have your heating system checked to assure it is working properly. Also replace the filter. Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. For hardwired smoke detectors replace them with hard-wired smoke detectors with battery backups.

- Check and clear gutters. This is especially important to prevent blockage of rain water that can freeze and form ice damming.
- Insulate any exposed piping. If you have any exposed water or drain piping in a noninsulated space it should be insulated with foam at a minimum, ideally wrapped with electrical heating tape first. Doing this will eliminate those pipe breaks in the extreme cold.
- Exterior faucets the water supply should be turned off inside the house and then the hose bib turned on outside to drain any water from inside the line. Also remove outdoor hoses to prevent trapped water inside from damaging the hose as well as the exterior faucet.

- During extreme cold weather, open doors of interior cabinets with water pipes located inside along exterior household walls to help keep them from freezing.
- Insulate outlets with a foam sealing gasket.Check for drafts in windows
- and doors and seal them off.Have your chimney inspected and cleaned.
- Purchase ice melt at a lower price and wider availability, and package size options, prior to the first significant snowfall. Also consider purchasing pet and environmentally friendly options.

REMINDER -TRASH RULES & REGULATIONS

EVHC reminds residents that both the county and East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) require all trash to be placed in "vermin-proof" containers. All homeowners agreed to these rules and policies upon the purchase of their homes, and are also responsible for ensuring any renters or guests of their property are also aware and compliant. A "vermin-proof" container is a trash can with a tightly fitting lid. Loose trash bags left curbside are not verminproof! EVHC trash collection days are Tuesday and Friday mornings, recycling collection is only on Friday mornings, and trash and recycling containers should be placed out after 7 p.m. the night before collection. Please report any violators to eastvillagehc@mvf. org or 240-243-2344.

BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

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

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





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Keeping that New Year's resolution

by Michael J. Gronsky

According to most surveys, the top resolutions for the New Year are to lose weight and exercise more. Many ways to do both are just outside your front door, and free of charge. You can start within your own neighborhood by taking a walk or a jog around your streets or bike paths. If you prefer to go solo, load your favorite upbeat tunes on your portable MP3 player or cell phone and start pounding the pavement (or the bike path). On a daily basis, try to challenge yourself and extend that walk or jog even farther each day.

If you enjoy a little company, why not begin regular family walking time sessions together, or even start a neighborhood walking club? After all, you weren't the only one to make this same New Year's resolution. If you have a four legged furry friend, I know he or she will enjoy the outdoor exercise and the bonus extra time with you as well. And who knows, while you walk along the bike paths behind some of the beautiful homes in Stedwick, you may get some interesting landscape ideas from your neighbor's backyard for your next spring project. So what are you waiting for – get out there and start walking!

A FEW SNOWY REMINDERS

As we finish up the end of

December on days where we were still wearing T-shirts and shorts, it is hard to think of the white stuff, but who knows when it may creep up on us. But when it snows, roadways and parking areas will be chemically treated (with a salt/ sand mixture) when snow accumulation is 2 inches or less. Plowing of roadways/parking areas, on a street by street basis, will commence when snow accumulation exceeds 2 inches. Initially, one lane on each street will be cleared by the plowing equipment, beginning at one end of the community and working through to the opposite end. Once that has been achieved, the plows will then go back through the community, in reverse order, and broaden the driving lane on each street. Please use designated parking spaces only, and avoid parking cars too close to corners or street entryways. Snow plows are not agile, and these impediments slow their progress considerably. Let's all

ANNUAL MEETING

hope for a mild winter!

The Stedwick board has been encouraged this past year by an increase in attendance at our regular monthly meetings by residents, and we want to remind everyone of an important upcoming meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 16. This is the Stedwick Homes Corporation's annual meeting. Our regular meeting

begins at 7:30 p.m. as usual, but the board adjourns that meeting at approximately 8 p.m. to begin the annual meeting, which starts with the Annual Statement by the President, followed by the Treasurer's Report. The recent election results are announced, and new board members (or returning board members) are introduced. Finally, there is a general question and answer period. Following the annual meeting, the board reconvenes the regular meeting. We hope to see you there!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20 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, please contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, or e-mail stedwickhc@ mvf.org.

Until next time, folks...

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

South Village Candidate Statements

NANCY FARRAR

I'm Nancy Farrar, a resident of Walker's Choice, one of the seven neighborhoods in South Village and I'm running for re-election to the South Village Board of Directors. I have served for many years on the Maintenance Committee and, along with being a returning member of the Finance Committee, I currently am serving in my second term as the South Village Board President.

Over the past years, I've made it a priority to work toward the improvement of South Village. My goals for the next term are to continue with our efforts towards improving our neighborhoods, in particular with our physical appearance as a community and the continuing safety of our residents, while ensuring that we remain fiscally sound.

Thank you for considering me for election to your Board; your vote would be greatly appreciated.

JANET ANDRE

I would like to continue my current position with the Board of Directors. I am one of the original owners in The Hamptons, having purchased my house on Royal Bonnet Circle in 1997. I have been involved in various community activities, particularly clean-up drives in our neighborhood. As a South Village resident, I am particularly interested in the maintenance of common areas and homes, and in keeping out neighborhoods safe and secure. I am in regular conversation with many of my neighbors in an attempt to understand their needs and vision for an improved neighborhood, and I foresee a number further advances that can be made in the area. I have lived in the community more than 13 years, and watched it change. I would like to help guide that change in the future.

I have proved as a Director in South Village my commitment of time and effort and will continue to contribute the same. Thank you.

LYNN JEROME

I would like to run for the Board of Directors of South Village. I have served on the board in various years in the past and have previously held the positions of Security Liaison and Alternative Representative to the MVF Board of Directors. In 2015 I served as the South Village Board Treasurer. I am out in the community a lot and talking with people so feel I will be able to bring some of your concerns to the board.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone Holiday Lights Contest Results

by John Graminski and Will Fisher

'Twas three nights before Christmas, and something seemed out of the norm

Not a snowflake was falling because the temperature was so warm.

The lights were hung from the houses with pride,

In the hopes that the unseasonal weather would soon subside.

The Abbys were nestled at home with pets in their laps

Because judging the content is longer fun without an app.

So with Will as the pilot and John handling navigation,

We set off to judge this annual occasion."

Most Traditional 19000 Oxcart Place

Most Kid Friendly 19140 Roman Way **Over the Top** 1st Place: 9704 Inaugural Way Honorable Mention: 9401 Union Place

Street with Most Holiday

Spirit Five Logs Way

Best Single Display 9604 Napoleon (Tree)

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Are you a Whetstone resident interested in volunteering to help make a difference in your community? If yes, residents are invited to submit applications for candidacy to become an elected Director of the Whetstone Homes Corporation for the three-year term March 2016 to March 2019. Please contact Whetstone's Community Manager Andrea Mandato at *whetstonehc@mvf. org* for more details on the eligibility requirements, nominating process, election and how to apply. The deadline to apply is Thursday, Jan. 14. **COVENANT AND BY-**

LAW CHANGES

The Whetstone Board of Directors will be putting out a number of covenant and bylaw changes for a community wide vote in the coming weeks. These proposed changes will cover a wide range of topics including: permissible commercial activities within the community; changes to how assessment amounts will be determined; and removal of unenforceable/obsolete provisions. More information will be provided in the next Village News.

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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

The new year

by the North Village Board of Directors

As we begin another year, there are signs that winter is just around the corner. We should be glad that we got through December without any snow. But with the colder winter weather comes the chance of snow. Your board of directors and community manager want to remind you to review our snow policy as we prepare for the season of snow removal. Our snow removal policy can be viewed on the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) website. The website has recently been revised, so you will now be asked to log in and select a password before you can view documents. Please note that the snow policy states there is a minimum amount of snow that must accumulate before we plow. Please do not call and complain if we do not plow a "dusting." Also make sure that walkways in front of your property are clear and, for those in the townhome communities, it is your responsibility to clear the sidewalk in front of your property.

Another problem that we have had in the past in townhome communities concerns mail boxes. The mail carriers are not required to deliver mail to the boxes if there isn't

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a clear path to the box from the street. Residents will greatly appreciate and be thankful to those good samaritans who take a few extra minutes to clear a path so that mail can be delivered. Single family homes also need to provide the postal truck with clear access to their mailboxes.

Just a reminder as the mornings turn colder: do not to start your car to warm it up and leave it unlocked. If you see folks hanging around who don't belong in our neighborhood, call the police. Each one of us should be looking out for our neighbors.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

The North Village Board of Directors election is underway. Residents should have received election materials in December. Ballots are due Thursday, Jan. 21, so check the instructions in the election packet and be sure to vote. Board members serve a threeyear term, and every year we elect three board members to the nine-member board. Only one incumbent is running for reelection this year, President Claudette Lease. The candidate statements were included in the election packet and they were printed in the last issue of the Village News on December 18. Each year we also elect the North Village Representative to the MVF Board of Directors. This person attends the MVF Board meetings and represents the interests of North Village. This position is critical whenever the homes corporations are asked to vote on an issue.

Remember that all the directors serve as volunteers, dedicating their time and energy to making the important decisions required to oversee the half-a-million dollar budget used to maintain the North Village community.

QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT DUE

You should have received your new 2016 assessment booklet in the mail. Your quarterly assessment was due on January 1. With all of the excitement of the holidays, you may have forgotten to send in your assessment payment. Payment can be made either by mail or direct delivery to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a convenient drop-off box. Your community cannot function without the contributions of the residents.

Assessments are used to maintain our physical property such as the roads, street lights, curbs, storm drains, bike paths, sidewalks, common areas, tot lots, fences, signs, trees and all other community property. Assessments are also used to obtain trash and security services and to set aside reserve funds for larger maintenance items, such as road resurfacing. In the face of increases in several of our contracts, your board of directors struggles each year to keep increases in the assessment as low as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the North Village board is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Please remember that if you wish to address the board, you must arrive at the start of the meeting and sign in. Our corporate calendar is posted on our webpage at www.montgomeryvillage.com. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2016 Parking Tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The current parking tags have an expiration date of December 31, 2015 and will be valid with a grace period until Sunday, Jan. 31. We recognize that many residents still do not have the 2016 parking tags and this will provide time for everyone to obtain the new tags. Residents will be able to pick up parking tags throughout the month of January, but should contact ComSource in advance. For more information or questions, contact Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or e-mail dmatthews@comsource. com. Towing for expired parking tags will begin Monday, Feb. 1 throughout the community.

If you mistakenly received parking tags for another address, simply take the tags to the correct address or return the tags to the ComSource office.

Big Tow will continue to tow vehicles for all other parking violations.

PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

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.

In the case of snowfall that is

three inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with their address to hold a space only if he/she cleared snow from the space. Only one cone is permitted per home/address, and can only hold a space for up to four days, or when two tires of a vehicle 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 timeframe as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

2016 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Middle Village board officially adopted the 2016 Budget at their meeting on November 3. The budget reflects an increase to the 2015 assessment amount as noted on the budget draft sent previously. Assessment payments are due monthly now instead of quarterly.

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. There will be a storage container, a salt pile and a bobcat on Ridgeline Drive throughout the winter season.

For questions or additional information, contact Community Manager Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or e-mail *dmatthews@comsource.com*.

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next 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.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Hello 2016—and a look back at 2015

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

As we look back at 2015, the board remains steadfast to ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain a healthy reserve fund for future needs.

Mother nature was relatively good to us, and with the mild winter we were able to build upon our reserve fund with limited snow removal expenditures. We spent \$73,000 against a budget of \$77,000. This was \$16,000 less than 2014.

A few of the many projects that we addressed the past year include: the restriping of parking spaces, fire lane panting, asphalt crack sealing, storm drain repairs, concrete work, tree removal and landscaping.

During residents time, we heard from several guest speakers. Diane Stasiewicz, director of Architectural Standards, spoke on how the Architectural Review Board plays an important role in the aesthetics and resale value of the community, noting that the architectural control staff is not in place to "nit-pick," but rather to look for egregious problems that violate the architectural criteria and rules and regulations.

Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture Peggy Mark informed the board that beginning in fall 2016, the Apple Ridge Pool is scheduled to be renovated. The community saw the completion of a new North Creek Tot Lot.

As part of an ongoing community outreach effort, Renee Kamen, a senior planner from the Montgomery County Planning Department, spoke to Patton Ridge residents, providing an update on past activities, and discussed the next steps for the Master Plan and Monument Realty's plan to develop the former golf course property. Our residents voiced their concerns and provided direct input toward the development of the property.

The board strongly urges Patton Ridge residents to continue playing a part in the process with the Montgomery County Planning Department as the development moves along. For more information, visit www.montgomeryplanning. org/mvp.

Past briefings and other information about the development of the golf course property can be found at the developer's website, *www. BloominMV.com.* Information from Village Citizens, an independent group of concerned residents about the future of golf course can be found at *www.VillageCitizens.org.* The board replaced longtime security contractor American Protective Services with U.S. Security Associates, Inc. (USA). USA is a large, nationwide firm that employs stateof-the-art communication and tracking technology to enhance their security coverage.

We were saddened by the passing of Vincent Santiago. Vince had the unique distinction of serving as a board member, Vice President and President. He served selflessly over the years and championed several good initiatives.

The board elected Bill Evans as the new president. Bill is a long time board member and resident of Patton Ridge who brings a wealth of knowledge of community issues and leadership ability to serve in this capacity. We were pleased to welcome Dr. Steve Whitehead and Allison Ewing to the Patton Ridge Board of Directors as well. They will each serve a three-year term ending in 2018.

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

Finally, it's each of us, every Patton Ridge resident, who can make a difference in the community, whether by attending a board meeting to voice our thoughts and concerns on issues that matter, attending MV Matters meetings or staying vigilant throughout the community.

Last year, nearly 75 residents attended board meetings in an open forum to express themselves, offer input or listen to issues at hand as concerned residents. Regardless of your level of involvement, we value your opinions, new ideas and participation in the process of making Patton Ridge a better and more attractive community to live in.

Plan to start the new year right by attending the next meeting of the Patton Ridge Board of Directors, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m., please limit your remarks to no more than five minutes.

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

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

Each year, the Village homes corporations seek candidates for election to their boards of directors. Interested residents are invited to submit applications for candidacy to the Nominating Committee of their local homes corporation.

Directors of homes corporations are responsible for setting assessments and managing the maintenance of all open spaces, streets, paths and lights that belong to the individual homes corporation.

Basic qualifications for board membership are time and interest, but whatever other knowledge, training, skills or experience one has will almost certainly be used in some capacity.

1. According to the documents, a candidate is not required to be a resident of Montgomery Village, except in Whetstone Homes Corporation and North Village Homes Corporation, where the candidate is required to be a resident homeowner. However, resident candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation and their respective homes corporation with regard to covenants and must be current in all assessment payments.

2. To apply for candidacy, a prepared statement of the applicant's qualifications and interests must be delivered to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Montgomery Village Foundation office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on the closing dates stated in the box.

3. A candidate may be solicited or may volunteer. A resident nominating another resident must secure his/her written consent.

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

5. All nominees will be requested to submit a single page (typewritten, double spaced) statement, which will be reproduced in the December, January or February issue of the Village News and will be sent to all voters along with the ballots (standard form will be supplied to board nominees).

6. Also, per a new Montgomery County Law, effective January 1, 2016, if elected, candidates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-approved board member training class, to be scheduled and completed within 90 days of the start of their term of service.

Ballots will be mailed to the electorate either in December, January or February, depending on the specific corporation's election calendar.

In addition to electing directors, each homes corporation also elects a representative and an alternate representative to the MVF for one-year terms. Suggested names for the position will appear on the ballots.

Each board of directors consists of nine directors who serve three-year terms. The terms are staggered, creating three vacancies every year.

Applications for candidacy must be received by a member of the respective nominating committee or by the Foundation Office by 5 p.m. on the specific dates for each association (to be displayed in the next issue of the *Village News*).

Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the Montgomery Village News must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view Village News guidelines, visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 Nominating Committee: *Scott Dyer, Terry O'Grady*

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, January 14, 2016 Nominating Committee: *To be appointed at the November 12 board meeting.*

Village News Share your good news with the village

Send your birth, engagement or wedding announcements, achievements or other good news to *mvnews* @*mvf.org* or complete the Milestones form online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com*.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Village residents are in-

vited to participate in the Gos-

hen United Methodist Church Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The blood drive will be held in

the Goshen United Methodist

Church Fellowship Hall, 19615

online at www.redcrossblood.org

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Participants can register

Goshen Road, Gaithersburg.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Organic farming and community service organizations

On Monday, Jan. 11, the Montgomery Village Garden Club will sponsor a presentation on the techniques of organic farming, how they may be applied to backyard gardens in Montgomery County and the role a community farm can play as a service organization for adults with developmental disabilities.

Guest speaker Woody Woodruff, a photo artist, has been the guiding light for the Red Wiggler Community Farm since 1996. Red Wiggler Farm is a non-profit organization whose mission is to grow and sell vegetables as an instrument for training adults with developmental disabilities.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. For more information, contact Barbara Stellar at 301-740-8566. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.



MLK Day of Service

Make Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18, a day on, not a day off! Join thousands of other local residents in honoring Dr. King's life and and cutting shoe patterns to be sewn for children in Uganda. In addition, volunteers will be packaging 50,000 meals for food banks in the county.

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The Montgomery County Volunteer Center is coordinating service activities at three sites that day: Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteer fair and service projects Silver Spring Civic Building 1 Veteran's Place, Silver Spring 10 a.m. to noon Service projects Seneca Creek Community Church 13 Firstfield Road, Gaithersburg

13 Firstfield Road, Gaithersburg 9 to 11 a.m. Service projects

teachings by taking part in Montgomery County's MLK Day of Service 2016, which will feature a wide variety of family-friendly volunteer projects.

Projects that have already been planned include assembling care packages for children in foster care, making dog toys for the Humane Society There are other service projects scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 17 as well. For more information on MLK Day of Service or other weekend service opportunities, call 240-777-2600, e-mail volunteer@montgomerycounty md.gov or visit www.montgomery serves.org.

Winter Wonderland Canal Walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a walk on the C&O Canal Towpath, Cabin John on Saturday, Jan. 16. This 10km trail, with a 5km option, rated 1B, is an easy out and back walk on the C&O Canal towpath upstream from Carderock to the Widewater area and to Locks #15 and #16 on relatively flat natural surfaces. An optional 1km trail will take walkers to Olmsted Island to view the Great Falls of the Potomac River. The terrain is suitable for strollers but not

for wheelchairs. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point. Water will not be available except in the restrooms at the start point.

The Start/Finish point is the third parking area at the Carderock Recreation Area at the C&O Canal Towpath, Cabin John (GPS coordinates: 38.976280, -77.205389).

The walk is free unless Volksmarchers want to register for IVV credit. Credit walkers must pre-register. The start time is between 10 and 11 a.m. Participants must finish the walk by 2 p.m. To pre-register, send a \$3 check, payable to SVSVC, to Carolyn Thurber, 17616 Mill Creek Drive, Derwood, MD 20855-1015. Write "C&O" and your phone number on the check. Please mail the check early enough to be received by Tuesday, Jan. 12.

For more information, contact event coordinators Jone Parr at 301-385-0054 or e-mail *Jone.P@comcast.net* or Maribeth Evans at 301-946-5496 or e-mail *gammie0612@verizon.net*.

Village non-profit to host Career Fair

On Saturday, Jan. 23, residents are invited to attend a Career Fair to look for new employment opportunities. The Neville Levi Non-profit Association welcomes job seekers to the University of Maryland at Shady Grove, 9630, Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Those new to the workforce, interested in a mid-life career

change or need direction to determine their ideal job should consider attending the event. Participants will enjoy presentations from Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice and more.

Recruiters from diverse industries, including Finance, Business, Science and Technology, and the Arts will attend. Participating employers include Catholic Charities, Athena Consulting, Kettler Brothers and more.

Participants should come prepared in business attire and bring résumés. Computers will be available to assist those who need direction to define their career search.

For more information, or to become a sponsor, e-mail Neville Levi at *jobfair1@comcast.net*.





SPORTS

MVSA Chiefs compete in National Championship Tournament in Florida

The Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA) Chiefs 14U football team recently hit the road to compete in their final tournament of the season. With support of the community, schools, parents and coaches, the team raised close to \$10,000 to compete in the American Youth Football League National Championship Tournament in Orlando, Fla. Head Coach Joseph Hooks, MVSA staff and 19 student athletes made the 13-hour road trip armed with equipment; food; and classwork provided by teachers.

With many days of football, study hall, meal preps, team building and outings ahead of them, the Chiefs were determined to end their already successful season with one more title. The Chiefs already captured titles as: 2015 Capital Beltway League champions; Maryland State champions; Big East regional champions; and Mid-Atlantic Metro Bowl champions-the goal was set to return to Montgomery Village with one more piece of hardware.

The Chiefs competition in the 16-team, two-bracket, double elimination tournament was tough. The field was comprised of championship teams from across the country. In the first round, the Chiefs faced a highly talented Richmond, Va. team, and lost 0-19. With support from coaches and parents, the team bounced back in the next round versus a Durham, North Carolina team, with a score of 42-33, earning a chance at 3rd place.

chance at 3rd place. In the B Bracket, the Chiefs faced a New York team for 3rd place, succeeded with a victory, 37-13! Team MVP Ajahni Terry finished with 12 touchdowns, and Captain Noric Melgar completed his two MVSA seasons recording nine championships, two touchdowns and two interceptions, before moving on to high school.

MVSA Chiefs 14U are thankful for all the support and donations they have received this season. In return, during the holidays, the entire team, including the staff and coach Hooks, are participating in community service and "give back" opportunities. A deserving Montgomery Village Middle School student was selected to receive an array of gifts including technology, dinner and ticket to a local sporting event. Later this month the team will visit the Rockville men's shelter and help serve hot meals to center patrons.





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MV Kids Learn About Reindeer





Porcupine caribou



Peary caribou



Boreal woodland caribou



Finnish forest reindeer

Where Reindeer Live

Russia – In 2013, the Taimyr herd in Russia was the largest herd in the world.

North America – Home to four living subspecies of caribou: Porcupine caribou, Peary caribou, Barren-ground caribou and Woodland caribou.

United States – Most of U.S. caribou live in Alaska. There are four herds in Alaska, the Western Arctic herd, Teshekpuk Lake herd, the Central Arctic herd and the Porcupine herd.

Canada – Home to Barren-ground and Boreal woodland caribou.

Greenland – There are four main populations of wild, Barren-ground caribou, in west Greenland.

Norway – The last remaining Wild Tundra reindeer in Europe are found in portions of southern Norway.

Finland – The Finnish forest reindeer is found in only two areas of the Fennoscandia peninsula.

Iceland – The Icelandic reindeer population is estimated at approximately 6,000.

Reindeer are also known as caribou in North America. The species of deer is native to Arctic, Subarctic, tundra, boreal and mountainous regions of northern Europe, Siberia and North America.

Reindeer are different in colour and size. Male and female reindeer grow antlers annually, but antlers are usually larger on males.

Just like in the folklore of Santa Claus' flying reindeer who pull his sleigh, in Northern Europe, reindeer pull sleds because they are very strong.



Reindeer Antlers

Antlers are extensions of the skull grown by members of the deer family. They are true bone structures that usually grow in symmetrical pairs.

In most species, only the male grows antlers and their primary functions are to attract females and help him fight other males. Antlers are shed and regrown



each year. Older males' antlers fall off in December, young males' fall off in the early spring, and females' fall off in the summer.

The antlers typically have two separate groups of points, lower and upper. There is a lot of difference in size of the antlers among the subspecies, but on average the bull reindeer's antlers are the second largest of any deer, after the moose. The antlers of large males can range up to 39 inches wide and 53 inches in length.



POP Pilates

Start the New Year from off right with an innovative, Pilates-inspired workout, taught by Montgomery Village resident Alysha Cunningham! This intense, mat-based workout is for people of all ages and fitness levels, challenging students to flow from one exercise to the next while developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles in the process.

Pair with 30 Minute Core

Indoor Tennis at Lake Marion

Play Tennis! Experience the game! ProstoYou is bringing balanced, high quality tennis programs for youth and adults to Montgomery Village. Convenient and flexible scheduling options with professional level instruction make it easier than ever to get involved with a

sport that you will play for a lifetime.

to round out your week day

workouts! Classes are held at

Stedwick Community Center,

10401 Stedwick Road, from

7 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays,

through March 24. Registration costs are \$60/Resident, \$70/

Non-resident or \$7 to Drop-In.

register, contact Melanie Maggi

at 240-243-2338 or visit www.

montgomeryvillage.com.

For more information or to

Winter classes are held at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Classes meet on Monday afternoon or Saturday morning. Participants are responsible for providing their own racquets,

water and appropriate footwear. ProsToYou has a limited number of racquets to lend, ask the instructor at the first class if interested.

For more information or to register, visit www.prostoyou. com or call 1-800-654-9972.



costs \$16/Resident and \$26/ Non-resident.

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





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 modified to benefit all fitness levels.

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 22. Registration costs are \$60/Resident, \$70/Nonresident or \$7 to Drop-In.

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Classes will be held at

Cardio Kickboxing

Get in the best shape of your life! Combining cardio, resistance, self-defense and interval training, Cardio Kickboxing gives you the most fat-melting, stress relieving workout possible! Class is taught by Michael Tull of Champion Positive Impacts Martial Arts.

Cardio Kickboxing is held at North Creek Community

Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Classes run from 8:15 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Participants can register for one or both days!

NEW

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Pickleball-what's that? Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and pingpong. With a smaller court and different rules, the game is built for lower impact on the joints! Players use a paddle and a wiffle ball to volley over the net. Beginners and skilled

players are welcome. Limited equipment is available for use.

The winter indoor session is scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays from Monday, Jan 11 through Thursday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to noon at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Av-



Registration Deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 13



INDOOR

No. 4703.105 \$45/Resident \$55/Non-resident

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 8th 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

Play T-Ball during the win-

ter! No matter if the tem-

peratures are chilly and snow

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lage youngsters ages 4 to 6 will

burn up the bases in the gym at

Lake Marion Community Cen-

ter. Participants will develop

the skills and fundamentals of

hitting, base running, fielding,

throwing and catching, all in a

fun atmosphere. The class will

provide positive group interac-

tion, cooperation and team-

work. This well-structured

learning experience is for all



to come, you will enjoy danc-

to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Register now for the winter session! T-ball will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through March 2 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Cost for participants is \$40/Resident and \$50/Nonresident.

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

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.montgomery village.com*, are available by e-mailing mmaggi@mvf.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 @mvf.org.



42nd Art, Craft and Photography Show

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.



North Creek Lake watercolor by Roz Price

Montgomery Blue Notes looking for jazzy brass GOMER'

The Montgomery Blue Notes, an off shoot of the Montgomery Village Community Band, is seeking a Bari Sax, Tenor Sax and Lead Trumpet to complete our instrumentation. The Montgomery Blue Notes meet the second and

In additional to regular rehearsals, the band performs at the Montgomery Village Foundation Summers in South Valley Park series, Falcons Landing, Sunrise Senior Living and other venues.

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





skill levels with an 8:1 player-

to-coach ratio.

seniors action

January 11 to May 20. No meeting: Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Daily Programs.

WINTER/SPRING SESSION

Mark your calendars! The Winter/Spring session of Seniors in Action begins Monday, Jan. 11. Check the Winter Recreation Guide for all the program details!



Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 19 to 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.



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, Jan. 11 through Feb. 29 (no meeting Jan. 18 and 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!



Arts and Crafts

This coming Monday at Arts and Crafts, members will be making no-sew fleece hats and scarfs to either keep or donate to both adults and children with our current winter coat drive. No craft experience is needed for this great craft and cause!



Steering Committee

Interested in helping create, plan and organize Seniors in Action programs? Come out to our monthly steering committee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Hope to see you there!



Caring Hands Winter Coat Drive

Seniors in Action is now collecting new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs to any SiA program. All sizes welcome for donations.



MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side Jan. 11: Fleece hats and scarves to donate



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.

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 some bingo with your seniors in action friends. Members are welcome to bring friends and family to join in the fun.



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

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