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Bids for community upkeep approved at September MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

At the September 24 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, a number of bids were approved for work in the community to maintain amenities. This ongoing work keeps amenities fresh for all residents to enjoy. Bids were approved for a playground replacement, asphalt work, path work and a retaining wall, and engineering services.

All Recreation was awarded a bid of \$59,000 for the replacement of the playground at Martin P. Roy Park. The new playground will feature slides, swings, climbing structures and other play elements, as

chosen by the community and recommended by the Recreation Committee.

KCI Technologies was awarded a bid of \$64,535 for engineering services related to the Watkins Mill Pool site re-purposing. The site is slated to be turned into an outdoor fitness area with exercise equipment, a 150-meter track and playground. The bid includes services for a site survey, existing conditions plan, demolition plan, stormwater concept plan, site/grading plan, erosion and sediment control plan, landscape plan, electrical de-

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Bloom Village is on its way: units incorporated into MVF

The long-awaited Bloom Village construction on the former golf course property is underway! Monument Realty is managing the site construction, including grading, utility work, street and stormwater construction, to allow for the development by Ryan Homes of approximately 85 town homes. The first phase of development is located just off Montgomery Village Avenue, with an entrance on Arrowhead Road. The neighboring HOA is Patton Ridge. The first new homes will be ready for sale by spring/summer 2021.

Also underway is the development of all the legal documents to form the new Bloom Village HOA. Just like other communities brought into the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), a Supplementary Declaration is being written and will be recorded in the land records with each new town house lot, requiring the payment of fees to MVF, and requiring new homeowners to abide by MVF covenants, including architectural standards. HOA documents will be recorded in the land records for each lot as well.

The new Bloom Village HOA will be managed by MVF's Community Management Department. They are busy reviewing the draft by-

laws for the new HOA and preparing a draft budget with Monument. This is all part of the normal process when getting ready for a new community.

In addition, Monument is building a new park located at the corner of Montgomery Village Avenue and Stewartown Road extended. This park will serve the entire community and will include a new playground, dog park, walking trails and community gardens. The park is required to be open prior to the occupancy of the 150th home. The community gardens will open once Stewartown Road extended has been built during the last phase of the project. Buildout is expected to last 4 years.

In accordance with MVF By-laws, MVF may collect a fee upon each transfer of title of a Private Dwelling Unit within Montgomery Village, the proceeds of which are to be used to provide for facilities and amenities open for the use and enjoyment of all MVF residents. For each new home that is built in Bloom Village, Monument will pay to MVF an initial Capital Contribution Fee (CCF), which MVF negotiated with Monument early on in

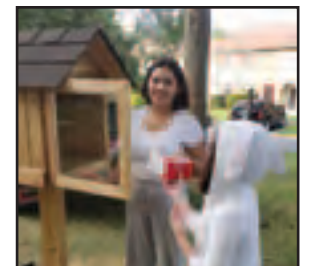
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Blessing Box
installed in Maryland Place



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Stay tuned for indoor classes beginning in November at Lake Marion Community Center

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Centerway Local Park Renovation



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MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The virtual MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. The agenda includes approval of the 2021 MVF Budget.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The virtual Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7 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.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The virtual Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The virtual Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The virtual MVF Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5. The agenda includes an Architectural Appeal.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The virtual Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19. This will be a closed session only meeting.

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.



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

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CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association (CCLA) virtual meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 26.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation virtual meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium virtual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My favorite time of the year



by Pete Webb
MVF President

Fall is my favorite time of year in this area. I wish we had a longer season for it, but after 20 years of living in the area, I am used to summer hanging on into October. While I happily dig out my flannel shirts and prep the fire pit in the backyard, I like to review the calendar and see all the activities we have coming up, especially since my calendar has opened up a bit with the Nationals title defense coming to a premature end and the Washington Football Team playing to their reputation.

Our MVF staff has been working incredibly hard to come up with a plan for what can be done under the current societal rules. With social distancing in mind, things like the Fall Festival, Halloween Hunt and traditional Trick-or-Treating are no longer possible as they have been done in the past. But our crew have been awfully creative with options to try and keep that sense of community going. Starting in October, we will have a Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest. You can take a picture of your pumpkin and e-mail it to Kristen Marrs at kmarrs@mvf.org between now and Sunday, Oct. 18. Voting will take place on Facebook beginning Oct. 19. Prizes will be given out for the Most Unique, Scariest, Funniest, Most Creative, Most Unusual and Best Duo.

There is also the Great Pumpkin Race 5k. You can

choose your own route and compete virtually anytime between Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 18. You can use any smartwatch that shows your distance and time or programs such as Map My Run, Google Health, etc. This is a great way to get out and explore the parks and paths that are right here in your backyard.

Also we have the Great Pumpkin Race Scavenger Hunt. You can participate in this by traveling around the Village looking for clues from various Fall Festival items such as a pumpkin, a bale of hay or a scarecrow. This family fun event will run between Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 25. For more information on any of these unique and fall-themed events and more, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

The MV Farmers' Market continues to run through Saturday, Oct. 31, as well. Don't miss the last few weeks to get your locally-sourced produce, meat, farm goods and more—the apple season is off to a strong start! And don't miss the special Holiday Market on Saturday, Nov. 21, just in time to get that last batch of farm-fresh goods for your Thanksgiving celebration. For more details, visit www.mofarmersmarket.com.

Finally, I am sure many of you have noticed the rapid pace at which the old Professional Center has met its demise. Over the span of a few days, over half of the center has been demolished and much of the debris removed from the site. After so many years of having that building sitting dormant at our main intersection, it truly is fantastic how quickly a negative can be turned into a positive. Shortly we will see the foundation for the new Lidl and, with the soon-to-open Aldi across the street, progress has never been clearer.

Thank you to all and please be well.



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MVF BOARD MOTIONS

Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors Motion List September 24, 2020

- Ms. Bort moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 27, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-2) with Mr. Dyer and Mr. Gargan abstaining.
- Mr. Gargan moved to accept the Action List as amended to exclude item 7H. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to appoint Herb Tolbert to the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to appoint Kelly Leonard to the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and passed (8-0-1) with Mr. Leonard abstaining.
- Ms. Ayres moved to appoint Kimberly Salbany to the Committee on the Environment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gargan moved to approve the 2021 Board of Directors election materials including the Guidelines for Applicants; Application for Candidacy; MVF Call for Candidates; and Letter to Applicants. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gargan moved to approve going cashless for assessment payments starting on January 1, 2021 and allowing the EVP to enter into one-year trial with Paysafe:Cash at the proposed rate.
- Mr. Bird moved to approve the 2021 Board of Directors election materials including the Election and Voting Procedures 2021; Guidelines for Ballot Counting; Voting Information of Private Dwelling Units and Multi-Family Unit Owners using Individual Ballots; 2020-2021 Election Calendar; and Candidate Video Interview Guidelines. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bird moved to approve the modifications to the Park Use Policy, Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gargan moved to authorize the EVP to execute a contract with All Recreation to replace the Martin P. Roy Park Playground for \$59,000 and an additional 10% (\$5,900) for unforeseen expenses, for a total of \$64,900. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to authorize the EVP to execute a contract with KCI Technologies for engineering services for \$64,535 and an additional expenditure of 10% for reimbursables and additional work as needed not to exceed \$70,988.50. The motion was seconded and passed (8-0-1) with Ms. Bort abstaining.
- Mr. Dyer moved to authorize the EVP to execute a contract with Chamberlain for repairs and restriping of the MVF Office parking lot and maintenance facility at a cost of \$15,300 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gargan moved to authorize the EVP to execute a contract with Total Asphalt LLC for replacement of a retaining wall and resurfacing the pathway around Lake Marion and adjacent to Lake Marion Community Center in the amount of \$53,475 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bird moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2021 MVF Budget Schedule

Oct. 22 Board Meeting, Virtual, 7:30 p.m.
• Adopt 2021 Budget
• Set 2021 Assessment Rates

Nov. 2020 Notify owners of 2021 assessments

Dec. 2020 2021 assessment coupons mailed



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Don't Miss It! Oct. 9 Tailgate Bingo 16 Outdoor Wine & Paint 22 MVF Board of Directors Meeting 24 Outdoor Wine & Craft 30 Tricked-Out Rides with Sweet Treats		Village News 2 CARC 9 am Reels on Wheels Outdoor Movie "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" 7 pm – NCCC parking lot	3 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS
4 Executive Committee/ Architectural Appeal 7 pm	5	6	7 ARB 7 pm	8	9 Tailgate Bingo Parking opens 5:30 pm NCCC parking lot Pre-registration required	10 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS
11 Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm MV Garden Club 7:15 pm Virtual meeting – see article for details	12	13 Northgate HC 7 pm	14 Committee on the Environment 7:30 pm	15 Normandie I Condo 7 pm North Village HC 7 pm	16 Outdoor Wine and Paint 6 to 9 pm – LMCC Deck (21 & Over)	17 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS
18 Investment Committee (CLOSED SESSION ONLY) 7 pm	19	20 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm	21 Stedwick HC 7:30 pm	22 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm	23	24 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS Outdoor Wine and Craft 3 to 5 pm – LMCC Deck (21 & Over)
25	26 Montgomery Village Shopping Center Pre-Filling Phase 1B 7 pm Virtual meeting Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm	27 Center Court Condominium 7 pm Middle Village HC 7 pm Patton Ridge HC 7 pm	28 CCLA 4:30 pm South Village HC 7 pm	29	30 Tricked-Out Rides with Sweet Treats 5 to 7:30 p.m. Apple Ridge Recreation Area Parking Lot 10101 Apple Ridge Road	31 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS

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KEY:

BMP Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)
 CTS Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.
 LMCC Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.

NCBR North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
NCCC North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
SCC Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
SVP South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.

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

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9. Letters should be in reference to or contain information about topics relatable to all Montgomery Village residents. Letters addressed to or specifically about homes corporation or condominium association business and affairs will not be printed and may be directed to those association boards of directors when appropriate.

10. 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.

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.

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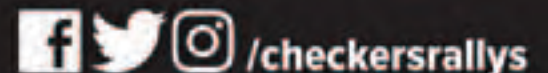
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IN THE NEWS

Board Meeting

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sign work, architectural design work, structural engineering design work, preparation and submission of design plans and applications for county review and permitting and construction administration services.

Asphalt repairs for the MVF Office and Maintenance Facility were also approved. Chamberlain was awarded a bid for \$15,300 to make these spot repairs. In other asphalt work, Total Asphalt was awarded a bid of \$53,475 for path repairs and retaining wall replacement at Lake Marion. Both projects will be funded through Reserves.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Honoring the spirit of volunteerism in the community, the Board appointed several new members to three MVF committees: Herb Tolbert, Recreation Committee; Kelly Leonard, Nominating Committee; and Kimberly Salbany, Committee on the Environment.

In preparation for the 2021 MVF Board of Directors election, the candidate materials and election calendar were also approved, based on recommendations from the Nominating and Election committees. There were no major changes in the

materials from past years, with the exception of updated application questions, the answers to which will be printed in the *Village News* during the election cycle. If you are interested in running for the MVF Board of Directors, look for the first Call for Candidates online or in the *Village News* in November.

To help maintain current trends in recreation, modifications to the Park Use Policy, Rules and Regulations were approved. Updates to the policy included: sections for pavilion use; tennis court and general sports court rules; pickleball and futsal court rules; and the addition of stand-up paddle boards to the acceptable boat ID sticker list. The full policy can be viewed online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Finally, a new policy was approved that will eliminate the acceptance of cash payments at the MVF Office. Staff researched many options to continue to receive assessment payments from residents, including money orders and a service called Paysafe:Cash. Additionally, check, credit card and auto payments from the bank will continue to be accepted. This change is set to take place beginning Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

Read the full article about the cashless change on page 7.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Pete Webb noted that comments on the 2021 MVF Budget were being accepted through Monday, Oct. 5; a full copy is online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Webb said the demolition of the old Professional Center is underway, preparing for the new Lidl building, and he was excited with the progress of the pickleball and futsal courts at North Creek Community Center.

He also announced that a virtual community meeting via Zoom to discuss the site plan for the residential portion of the Village Center is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 26. Connection information for the meeting can be found in the article on page 8 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton announced that long-time Montgomery County Police Department Captain Mike Ward recently took over as the 6th District Commander. He hopes to have the Commander attend a future

MVF Board meeting for an introduction.

Humpton was also pleased with the trend of assessment collections, although he is concerned about non-assessment revenues. Staff is watching those balances closely as they are typically from summer programming and revenue opportunities. He said county regulations currently prohibit special events, but staff is working hard to put other creative programs in place to bring the community together.

He noted that the three development projects in the Village were bustling with activity. The Bloom development on the former golf course is well underway; a site plan amendment will be forthcoming for technical details. The Village Center's new façade has refreshed the center, and Aldi will be opening in the near future. Humpton also echoed Webb's note that the Professional Center demolition would be ongoing, and Lidl would hopefully open next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the treasurer, CFO Daniel Salazar presented the financial report for the month ended August 31

and year-to-date (YTD). He said overall results through end of August were ahead of projections, with Net Income reporting at \$1.3 million. He noted an understandable decline in Revenue (camp, classes, programs, events, pool memberships and advertising) due to COVID-19 closures; however, Investment Income and Miscellaneous Revenue were both reported significantly positive, with lower operating costs and the employee retention credits being the main drivers.

Salazar said the Balance Sheet continues to show MVF's solid financial position with over \$10.5 million in Cash and Investments. He said Accounts Receivable are up 37.7%, mainly due to the condominium lawsuit, and Delinquencies were reported at 12.6%, up from 11.1% from the same time last year.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, most likely as a conference call. Full meeting details, including location (if any), the meeting packet and/or participation instructions will be posted online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week before the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - August 2020

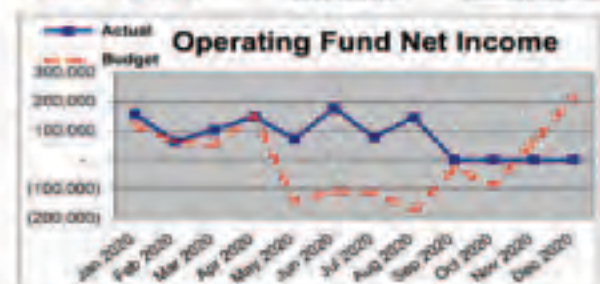
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	August 2020			YTD Aug 2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	556,259	556,259	-	4,450,071	4,450,071	-
Assessment Fees	(1,353)	3,985	(5,338)	142,178	140,851	-1,327
Transfer Fees	5,160	4,248	912	25,485	24,843	642
Disclosure Fees	17,787	15,667	2,120	115,536	101,056	14,500
Advertising revenue	4,127	5,772	(1,645)	19,194	61,197	(42,003)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	1,146	4,912	(3,766)	23,060	106,149	(83,089)
Camps & Classes	3,023	22,299	(19,276)	44,437	230,518	(186,081)
Management Fees	88,406	87,919	486	554,842	543,355	11,487
Capital Contribution fee	21,756	17,545	4,210	112,785	93,421	19,363
Other Income	244,504	19,726	224,778	554,387	137,504	416,883
Total Revenue	920,813	719,334	202,479	6,042,075	5,888,966	153,109
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	382,836	439,912	57,076	2,269,360	2,749,970	480,610
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	89,831	101,736	11,905	669,593	779,782	110,189
Personnel Costs	472,667	541,648	68,982	2,928,953	3,529,752	600,799
Business Expenses:						
Office Supplies	1,234	3,180	1,946	20,262	28,125	7,864
Program/Maint Supplies	13,751	14,105	354	99,699	108,172	17,473
Occupancy	24,991	37,691	12,700	193,506	253,471	59,965
Office Expenses/Service Contracts	57,299	55,294	(2,005)	210,371	228,688	18,317
Equip Maintenance	92	2,077	1,985	1,263	22,787	21,524
Vehicle Expenses	1,456	2,773	1,317	7,330	18,689	11,359
Financial & Legal	11,912	10,240	(1,672)	120,999	113,817	(7,179)
Insurance	12,710	12,706	(3)	77,235	77,020	(216)
Printing	1,695	3,501	1,806	15,297	32,135	16,838
Landscape/Maintenance	37,963	50,290	12,296	374,615	520,567	145,942
Security	358	108	(248)	4,902	4,090	89
Other	(0)	-	0	184	-	(184)
Operating Costs	171,312	223,973	52,760	1,178,557	1,554,024	375,467
Contribution to Reserves	108,651	108,651	(0)	869,205	869,205	(0)
Contribution to GCF	21,756	17,545	(4,210)	112,785	93,421	(19,363)
Purchases of Assets	433	0	(433)	9,824	0	(9,824)
Restricted Expenses	0	0	0	128	0	(128)
Other Equity Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve/Capital	130,838	126,196	(4,643)	991,941	962,626	(29,315)
Operating Expenses	774,717	891,816	117,099	5,100,451	5,046,402	54,051
Excess/Deficit Revenue	146,096	(172,483)	319,579	941,625	(167,436)	1,099,061

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended August 31, 2020

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv.	3,697,499	2,539,125
Investments	6,773,967	6,043,555
Due from Reserves	(14,325)	261,783
Assessment Receivables	880,215	624,724
Other Receivables	78,244	293,510
Current Assets	11,395,600	9,762,697
Gross Fixed Assets	16,620,116	16,012,004
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,654,814)	(7,357,212)
Fixed Assets	8,971,604	8,654,792
Other Assets	83,114	74,921
Assets	20,450,318	18,492,411
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	(14,325)	261,783
Payables	433,791	262,609
Sunstream Cap Lease	103,039	108,234
Deferred Revenue Liab	834,472	800,837
Liabilities	1,356,977	1,433,263
Undesignated Reserves	3,015,815	2,485,678
Designated Reserves	16,077,421	14,593,467
Equity	19,093,236	17,059,143
Liabilities & Equity	20,450,318	18,492,411



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

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor



Editor:

The virtual Centerway Local Park Community Meeting held on September 15, 2020 at 7 p.m. was a disaster.

The call in phone number on the mailed card was 443-961-1463 while the number on the web page was 433-961-1463. The 443 number was correct; the 433 number was incorrect.

The passcode listed on both card and web page was 426 430 198# and was incorrect. The correct passcode was 426 439 189#.

I persisted and was able to obtain the correct information by calling the disability assistance number at 301 495-2581 and enlisting the help of a person who was very cooperative and helpful.

While the meeting was scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m., it finished at 7:30 p.m. probably because no one could get on the line due to the errors.

The individual who ran the meeting is *John Whilden@MontgomeryParks.org*. John owes everyone an apology for not testing the links and should reschedule the session.

It appears that the errors made took their toll. In my followup conversation with John Whilden, I learned that there were just six virtual attendees at the Centerway Local Park Community Meeting. For the record, there were 500 cards mailed out. John was very apologetic for the mistakes made, and I am confident he will do better in the future.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

MVF to eliminate cash assessment payments at office

by Mike Conroy

As COVID-19 rapidly started to effect lives and business operations in March, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) was no different. In fact, when the MVF Office closed before the end of March due to the Governor's Executive Order, it was right at the end of a quarter, which meant communicating to residents how they could pay assessment fees without coming to the office.

While many residents have an automatic withdrawal from their bank account set up, many still come to the office to pay assessments by cash, check or credit card. Given the office was closed, this posed a problem, especially for cash payments. In addition to not having personnel able to collect cash, there was the uncertainty about how COVID could be spread, causing heightened awareness of how many people touch items like cash in a given transaction. However, many residents made adjustments to their payment options and continued to work with staff to have assessments paid on time. For that, we sincerely thank you.

As with many businesses adjusting their operations during this time, MVF, too, has analyzed processes that we can make more efficient and/or safer for our residents and staff. Cash assessment payments at the MVF Office is one of those processes. Based on how many residents were able to adjust their payment method while the office was closed, MVF staff presented the Board with a proposal to investigate making the office cashless at the June 25 MVF Board of Directors meeting.

After several months of further investigation into cash alternatives, the Board approved eliminating cash assessment payments at the MVF Office beginning Friday, January 1, 2021. Residents will still have several options to make assessment payments, many of which have no additional fees associated with them—these have not changed.

For residents who still wish to pay their annual assessment in cash, the MVF Office will accept money orders, available at many convenient locations (Giant, the US Post Office, Walmart, 7-Eleven and

other retailers), and will implement a new vendor service, PaySafe:Cash on a 1-year trial basis. PaySafe:Cash would allow residents to make their assessment payment in cash at local retailers and be electronically transferred to MVF. This convenience would also allow cash assessment payments to be made during hours that the MVF Office is closed on evenings and weekends.

The MVF Office will still accept assessment payments in person by check, credit card or money order, and online through the CIT bank website. Additionally, cash payments for recreation programs and other fee services will still be accepted at the office.

As the PaySafe:Cash system is setup, further instructions about how to use it will be available. We thank our residents for your understanding of this change; for being diligent in paying your assessments to help maintain the community; and we look forward to offering this service to you.

Bloom Village

Continued from page 1

the development process. The agreement with Monument specifies a graduated scale of per unit fees as development of the Bloom Village community progresses, with first units to be charged \$1,000 per unit and

last units over 400 charged up to \$2,500 per unit. This agreement further ensures that the development of these new properties will contribute to the benefit of every Montgomery Village resident. Once the

house is resold, the customary 1/10 of 1% CCF fee applies.

More information about the Bloom project can be found online at www.bloomvillage.com.

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IN THE NEWS

Village Center virtual meeting

Before entering into the next phase of development at the Village Center, Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) must hold a community meeting to discuss the plan. Due to meeting restrictions from COVID-19, this meeting must be virtual and will be held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 26. The connection details are below or can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com:

Montgomery Village Shopping Center Pre-Filling Phase 1B virtual meeting
Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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South Lake Elementary School Project

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is scheduled to begin the Schematic Design Phase for the approved capital project at South Lake Elementary School. MCPS invites the public to be a part of the process and extends the opportunity to hear about the study phase of the proposed project.

The purpose of these meetings is to develop a preliminary design for the school project. This is an evolving process whereby input from the previous meeting is incorporated into the ongoing proposed design. These meetings are to determine spatial relationships within the school's interior; pedestrian and traffic flow of the site; and how the project will impact the community at large.

Participants will include representatives of the school PTA, neighbors, government agencies, the design architects and staff from MCPS Division of Construction.

The next work session is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., via Zoom Video Con-

ference Call. A telephone call-in option will also be available. The times have been scheduled to allow for maximum community and school staff involvement. Those interested in participating in the meeting should visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/projects.aspx.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided upon

request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 5 business days prior to the event. For more information or to request this or other services, call Division of Construction Project Manager James Duffy at 240-314-1000 (voice), Maryland Relay 711 (TTY) or e-mail James_P_Duffy@mcpsmd.org.



Lake safety reminders for residents, pets

In the summer, it is not unusual for lakes and ponds to develop blue-green algae. Recently, there have been reports of blue-green algae around the county, and this week, potential blue-green algae blooms were noted in some Village lakes for the first time this year. All of this is not surprising, given the high temperatures and amount of rain that has fallen this year.

While not all species of blue-green algae are harmful, some species do produce toxins that can be harmful to humans and animals if ingested. It is also common for blue-green algae blooms to appear quickly and remain for days or weeks without causing any harm. Cooler weather in the fall will naturally kill the algae.

Residents are reminded to take the following precautions in MVF parks, regardless of the presence of algae blooms in the lakes and ponds (which are actually stormwater management facilities):

- Avoid direct contact with water while boating or fishing
 - Swimming and wading are prohibited in lakes at all times
 - Keep dogs on leash and do not allow them to drink or be in contact with the water
 - Wash hands thoroughly prior to eating, drinking or smoking if you come in contact with the water
- Recreational activities in-

cluding boating and fishing will remain open at Lake Whetstone.

For more information regarding exposure to algae for humans and animals, visit www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/protect-your-pooch and www.epa.gov/cyanohabs/health-effects-cyanotoxins.



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IN THE NEWS

Enjoy fishing responsibly at Montgomery Village lakes

More residents have rediscovered Montgomery Village parks this summer and have been enjoying a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing. Following proper fishing etiquette will go a long way to ensure that all park users have an enjoyable experience when visiting a park. Listed below are guidelines that anyone fishing in Montgomery Village parks should follow:

- Abide by Maryland's fishing regulations and report those who don't. Regulations are in place for a reason, so please respect and carefully follow the laws on the water you're fishing. Maryland requires a fishing license for those over the age of 16.
- Appreciate the importance of a clean environment. A good angler avoids littering at all times. Pollution kills fish. The practice of proper recycling and trash disposal is crucial as it prevents pollution and keeps our environment clean. Put fishing line, bait containers, cigarette butts and other trash, all of which can harm wildlife and degrade others' outdoor experience, into the trash containers. Some of MVF's lakes have fishing line recycling containers

around the lakes, including Edward DeSimon, North Creek Lake Park and Lake Whetstone. These bins are for monofilament lines only; please place no trash in these bins. Leave your fishing area cleaner than you found it, and take care not to disrupt the environment around you.

- Practice safe angling. Be aware of others around you before casting. Safety should be the number one priority.
- Keep fishing line away from trees and branches. Fishing line tied in trees or left tangled in branches can ensnare birds and other wildlife.
- Respect other anglers' and park patrons' rights. This means being courteous to others and not intruding in other people's spaces. Anglers will have more fun fishing when they respect each other.
- Practice catch and release. Know how and when to fight and release fish in a manner that gives the fish, especially the little ones, a fighting chance at survival.
- Do not move fish between waters or introduce fish to waters from which they did not come. Doing so can have far-reaching consequences, posing

threats to native fish from predation and competition, perhaps infecting waters and spreading disease, and may harm native fish recovery.

- Support conservation efforts and local resource management to preserve fishing for generations to come.
 - Share fishing knowledge and skills. Help others to become better anglers and improve the sport of fishing.
- For more information about fishing in Maryland, visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries.



Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9600 block of Whetstone Drive between approximately 6:20 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on September 9. No signs of forced entry; a door was reported to have been left open; property was taken. No suspect(s) information available.

A residential burglary occurred in the 10100 block of Kindly Court at approximately 10:05 p.m. on September 16. No signs of forced entry; nothing was taken. Victim/Witness described suspect as: Male, no further description.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between August 26 and September 5. Affected streets included Lake Shore Drive, Walkers Choice Road and Lost Knife Circle. Force was reported in two events; money, property, and vehicle parts were taken. Description of suspect seen at the Walkers Choice Road theft: Victim/Witness described suspect as: W/M, early 20s.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between August 29 and September 2. Affected streets included Weathervane Place, Welbeck Court, Bazzellton Place, Ravenglass Way and Hob Hill Way. Force; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between September 4 and September 10. Affected streets included Gallatin Court, Royal Woods Court, Mercado Way and Enterprise Way. No force; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

VEHICLE THEFT

A vehicle theft occurred in the 18300 block of Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 6:38 p.m. on September 5. No force; the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked and running. The vehicle was recovered on September 5. Victim/Witness described suspects as: W/F, age 20 to 30 B/M, age 20 to 30.

A vehicle theft occurred in the area of Watkins Mill Road and Apple Ridge Road between approximately 9 a.m. on August 31 and noon on September 7. Unknown entry. The vehicle was recovered on September 8. No suspect(s) information available.

A motorcycle theft occurred in the 10200 block of Crested Iris Drive between approximately 10:30 p.m. on September 6 and 6:16 a.m. on September 7. No suspect(s) information available.

A minibike theft occurred in the 18400 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 10:27 p.m. on September 13. Victim/Witness described suspect as: B/M, age 20 to 29.

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IN THE NEWS

Centerway Local Park renovation

by Amy Roswurm

On September 15, Montgomery Parks (Montgomery County) held their first community meeting about an upcoming renovation project at Centerway Local Park, 9551 Centerway Road. While this park is not owned or operated by Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), it serves the community of Montgomery Village and is a wonderful public park for residents and non-residents alike. Centerway Local Park currently features a playground, ballfield, soccer field, picnic shelter and paved pathway around the park's perimeter.

At the meeting, Montgomery Parks staff gave a brief overview of the project, which will include a \$500,000 renovation of the existing playground, accessibility enhancements and a new picnic shelter. \$250,000 of the \$500,000 budget is being funded by a State Bond Bill, which was sponsored by Senator Nancy King.

The existing playground has a play area for children ages 2 to 5, a play area for children ages 5 to 12 and swings. Montgomery Parks is currently seeking input on what features the community would be interested in seeing in a new playground, via their Open Town Hall website, now through Saturday, Oct. 31. In addition to the Open Town Hall, feedback on the project may be e-mailed to the Project Manager John Wilden at John.Wilden@montgomeryparks.org.

In addition to the new playground, there will also be accessibility enhancements to the parking lot and overall area. These enhancements will include ADA parking spaces and accessible pathways to the picnic shelter and playground. The current picnic shelter will be replaced and additional furnishings will be added to the shelter. Montgomery Parks is looking for feedback on what type of picnic shelter would best fit the needs of the community.

Montgomery Parks will gather feedback from the community on the project until Saturday, Oct. 31, which will be used to help form the vision for the renovation. With the current timeline, the Montgomery Parks team plans to develop design concepts during winter 2020-2021, based on the feedback received. Once the design concepts are complete, they will be shared with the public for review in spring 2021 and then finalized in summer 2021. Montgomery Parks expects construction to begin in 2022.

For more information on the project, including the scope of the project, timeline and a link to the Open Town Hall website, visit www.mcp-events.org/centerway. To submit feedback directly, visit www.opentownhall.com/9706.

Montgomery County citizens who wish to vote in the 2020 Presidential General Election need to submit their registration to vote or any update to their current voter record including mailing address no later than Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Voter registration deadline nears

Registering to vote requires that you be a US citizen; live in Montgomery County, Maryland; and are or will be at least 18 years of age on or before Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Registered voters can review/update their voter record by texting CHECK to 77788, or <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> or calling 240-777-8500 to verify their voter registration using the automated phone system or for assistance.

Individuals without a Maryland Driver's license, Learners Permit or MVA ID can register by texting VOTE to 77788 or at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>.





Individuals without a Maryland Driver's license, Learners Permit or MVA ID can visit www.777vote.org to download a voter registration application to mail to the Board of Elections or call 240-777-8500 for assistance.

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village Towing Policy

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

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

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

"Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/permit will lead to immediate towing – even if vehicle

is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

"No commercial vehicles or trailers of any type, campers, or recreational vehicles shall be permitted to remain overnight on either the property of a private dwelling unit or on the community-owned property within Middle Village. For purposes of these rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

"Commercial vehicles include vehicles with any type of writing or printing (letters, words, pictures, insignia, etc.) identifying a firm, organization, service, product, etc., of any kind, type or description. All vehicles carrying ladders, pipes, ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded tool boxes, etc., will be considered commercial. Vans used for delivering, storing or transporting goods or cargo are

also considered to be commercial vehicles and are prohibited from remaining overnight in the community. Police vehicles are exempted."

"No commercial vehicles (including commercial pickup trucks) shall be permitted to remain overnight in the community. Pickup trucks must not have ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded toolboxes. Further, pickup trucks may not park overnight in the community with any cargo, items or material of any kind in the truck bed (landscaping debris, tools, boxes, trash, equipment, etc.) that exceeds the height of the truck bed sides or that extends beyond the tailgate. Pickup trucks with cargo that meet this description will be considered commercial vehicles and are not permitted to park in the community overnight. Violations are subject to immediate towing."

ASSESSMENTS

We live in a community that requires every homeowner to pay assessment fees. Assessments are used to pay contractors for landscaping, snow removal, trash collection, collection of illegally dumped

trash, lighting, repairs on community property, etc. If you are a homeowner, you were provided with this information during closing.

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

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is contacting Edna Kweti at 301-924-7355 or e-mail ekweti@comsource.com.

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Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail ekweti@comsource.com or sumali@comsource.com.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Middle Village board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice to protect the health and safety of our residents and board members.

Residents who have registered with ComSource to receive community information via e-mail will receive the meeting link. Those who have not registered should contact Edna Kweti at ComSource to receive meeting details and sign up to receive all the latest information for our communities.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

End of summer updates

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The FY2021 Northgate draft budget was approved at the September board meeting. There will be no increase in the assessment rate next year.

Funds were approved to prune the street trees in Williams Range. Mead Tree will be doing the work.

We are fortunate that COVID-19 has not had a major impact on the ability of our contractors to perform the trash and landscape work. While some items may be somewhat delayed, the work is getting done.

We continue to ask for your patience as the board works on parking issues. As we mentioned in a previous column, in order to allow residents of Apple Ridge, Overlea, McKendree I and McKendree II communities to have a better chance to park in their individual subdivisions, new parking policies will be put into effect.

There will be no changes for four areas. Dorsey's Regard and Shadow Oak have two reserved spots per house, the maximum that can be allocated. Williams Range and The Points have driveways and double garages.

The proposed amendments will be mailed to all homeowners. Again, please be patient as they are finalized, passed by the attorney and enforcement logistics are worked out. This is a case where COVID has impacted our ability to move any faster.

The board will continue to meet remotely for the foreseeable future. The next board meeting is in October. Any questions should be directed to NorthgateHC@comsource.com.

Northgate News: for residents of Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Overlea, The Points, Shadow Oak and Williams Range.

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Autumn in Whetstone

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Autumn has begun to arrive in earnest in Whetstone. It is always a season of change. The leaves of summer begin to fall, and eventually make way for the new growth that spring will inevitably bring. This annual reminder of seasonal change and rebirth comes at a time when the community is also undergoing a change.

Residents will have noticed the ongoing demolition of the Professional Center to make way for Lidl. For many residents, the Professional Center was historically a place where children attended their first doctors' and dentists' visits, and where residents could conveniently obtain necessary professional services. For decades it was a place that helped keep Montgomery Village healthy and vibrant. Although its time has passed, and while we are all hopeful that Lidl will become a valued part of

our community, which is itself undergoing a cyclical renewal, the end of the Professional Center is a little bitter sweet.

The Whetstone board had a productive meeting on September 10. The management committee reported that Crepe Myrtle trees will be planted on Rhodes Way. The board took the opportunity to review existing community policies. The board also approved draft language to present to the community regarding the proposed covenant amendment that, if it passes, would permit residents to park personal use, non-commercial pick-up trucks in their driveways in Whetstone. The draft amendment is with the board attorney for final review and for preparation of voting materials.

Finally, residents will be pleased to learn that M-NCP-PC is planning to renovate Centerway Local Park. The project is only in its infancy. A design will need to be devel-

oped, reviewed by the public and approved before construction permitting can begin. The project is not projected to be complete until 2022. Interested residents should check out the county parks webpage for more information, and to find out how to become involved: www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/centerway-local-park.

In an effort to communicate more effectively with our residents, the WHC board would like to update our board e-mail list. This allows you to receive meeting notices, agendas, emergency information, etc. This is not a neighborhood discussion forum. If you are not on the current list or have changed your provider, just send an e-mail to vermillion.whc@gmail.com.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village annual meeting message

by David Cline

East Village Homes Corporation is a vibrant community of 1,389 homes located in the larger community of Montgomery Village. Every effort by the board of directors and the officers has been made to ensure that East Village residents live in an attractive community with an abundant amount of resources for all members to enjoy.

Many projects were started and completed in 2019. First, major expense was made to remove trees in specific neighborhoods and replaced with trees that are well suited to thrive in the Mid-Atlantic. Additional trees were removed, as storms caused some to fall and they had to be removed to prevent damage to persons and property.

Monthly inspections were performed to keep pace with changing needs of the community. Feedback was provided to BrightView, our maintenance contractor, to increase the attractiveness of East Village. BrightView management was also involved in making suggestions for improvements to our community. Streets on Dry Ridge and Hamil Circle were repaired due to a resident's water main breaking and causing significant damage.

As part of a team, East Village maintains its high standards due to the great teamwork of the individual board members and the professional staff with Montgomery Village management and the maintenance company of BrightView.

Board members serve in various capacities as officers and on committees. Kevin Linck, a long-time board member, served as president. His advice on different items related to the community has proven to be invaluable. Kevin has also given his time as a representative to the UpCounty Advisory Board. He has consistently brought back information from the advisory meetings and shared it with the East Village board. Issues related to future transportation needs of the UpCounty region have been particularly helpful.

Assisting as vice president is another long-time board member, David Cline. He also chairs the publicity committee, writing for the "East Village Echo" and on Facebook.

Jayant Shukla served as the East Village board treasurer. His financial wisdom has helped East Village maintain a healthy financial outlook.

Aaron Shura also shares his talent as a writer. He has writ-

ten some excellent articles for the "East Village Echo" and we hope to see more in the coming months.

The East Village board is also thankful to have support from directors Terry O'Grady, Suzanne Jubert, Jack Helenek and our newest board member, Monica Guillen.

Finally, even with all of our best efforts, we would be lost without the guidance of our wonderful Community Manager, April Steward. She is the calm voice residents hear on the phone when they call with an emergency or have a question or suggestion. April drives through our neighborhoods each and every day before or after she arrives at her office. She is to be commended for her quick response to the needs of the residents. She has been extremely easy to work with as board members when they have questions or suggestions. She is a wealth of information, and we'd be poorer without her.

I want to also thank BrightView for their willingness to increase productivity and actively engage and listen to suggestions from board members and residents. It's their everyday work that keeps East Village looking spectacular.

However, it is the residents that should be thanked. It is your board, and we happily serve you, our neighbors. We appreciate your feedback, for every comment is needed to keep East Village one of the best communities in Montgomery Village.

Looking forward, as East Village ages, we'll need to be mindful of the infrastructure and vegetation that need more attention. Our resources have been spent to maintain our corner of the Village, but we'll need to keep even more care to build up our reserves for the future. While financially strong, we should plan for the unexpected while continuing steady progress.

I hope we can improve our communication through Facebook, and increase community outreach through small picnics and gatherings with our neighbors where they live. As a board united with purpose to serve our neighbors, I feel confident we will serve out our terms successfully.

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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HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Stedwick Homes Corporation Annual President's Statement

by Keith Silliman

This Stedwick Homes Corporation Annual Meeting is being held after a 6-month delay due to the coronavirus pandemic and related governmental restrictions. The significance of these results has dimmed by that delay, but they are reported as part of the annual meeting tradition.

The 2019 year was a good one for the Stedwick Homes Corporation. Overall expenses were below budget, and investments have been made to enhance the appearance and the environmental quality of our community. However, we continue to be confronted with significant parking and trash problems.

The Stedwick Homes Corporation's 2019 financial status indicates an increase in overall expenses compared to 2018, but it was still slightly under budget. Snow removal costs were significantly under budget. Storm drain repair, tree removal from storm damage and trash removal costs all increased. A financial reserve study was completed and resulted in updated reserve contribution projections.

Investments were made in our community's infrastructure. Fire lanes were repainted throughout Stedwick. Curb and street paving repairs were made in Clusters II and Club Hill. Twenty-five American Hybrid Chestnut trees were planted in the large open greenspace area inside the Wayridge Drive loop as a joint effort with The American Chestnut Society.

Replacement of incandescent post lamp lighting fixtures in the Clusters I and Clusters II communities reduced electricity consumption and costs.

We continue to hear concerns about parking problems throughout our community and are seeing an increased number of trucks, vans and cars parked along Stedwick and Watkins Mill roads. Our security service continues to be aggressive in stickering

cars which are in violation of parking rules.

The smooth operation of the Stedwick Homes Corporation results from the cooperative efforts of our board of directors, our management team, our contractors and our residents. Thanks to all our board members for volunteering their time and efforts; to Community Manager Karen Kodjanian and her team; and to all our contractors, especially the team from J.B. Kline Landscaping, which provides our landscaping and snow removal services. Audrey Houser, our maintenance chair, deserves a special thank you for her tireless efforts working on maintenance related items, from evaluation of the problems through their correction, and finally approval of payment for the work accomplished. We thank Wayne Rowland for his service on the board of directors. He chose to not stand for re-election.

The board of directors has worked to keep the Stedwick community an attractive place to live, to keep it safe and affordable, and to be environmentally friendly. That job has been a collaborative effort of the board members, our community manager and our contractors. Thanks to all of them for their efforts. And a thank you to our residents who attractively maintain their property and pay their assessments on a timely basis.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community manager at 240-243-2327; visit our website, www.stedwickhc.com; e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

Leaf ahead

by the North Village Board of Directors

As the leaves have started falling, please keep in mind that storm drains and gutters should be kept clear to avoid expensive maintenance and clean up. In the past, North Village Homes Corporation (NVHC) has paid \$2,500 to have one storm drain cleaned out.

Here are the tentative dates for leaf pickup. Mark those dates on your calendars!

Monday, Nov. 16 through Thursday, Nov. 19. December dates are TBD—check the Village News and www.montgomeryvillage.com for updates.

Please do not rake leaves into the streets at any time. Wait until the BrightView Landscaping signs have been posted before raking leaves to the curb. At all other times homeowners are responsible for leaf removal either by bagging and recycling or mulching them. Leave them out on the curb for the county recycling on their regular service days. The county will take them at no cost. Branches should be trimmed to a 4-foot length and tied in bundles for the county pickup.

HIRED LANDSCAPERS

Please remind your hired landscapers to pick up or bag the yard waste when they are done with your lawn. There has been a recent trend of workers blowing the debris and leaves onto common areas, again creating more work and potential cost to the entire community.

PARKING IN NORTH VILLAGE

We are aware that parking

is a hot topic, and the board is diligently working on a new parking policy. If you wish to add your voice on this issue, please join us for our next meeting (see how to join below). In the meantime, we are in the process of evaluating different options with the goal of accommodating the needs and concerns of all the subdivisions in North Village.

WHERE HAS THE DAY GONE?

As the days get shorter, be sure to turn on your outside lights earlier. Remember to lock your car doors and keep your garage inner doors locked. Keep garage doors closed when you leave your home and otherwise when you can. Most break-ins happen due to ease of access.

LIKE A GREAT NEIGHBOR

"If you see something, say something." In other words, if you see suspicious activity anywhere in Montgomery Village, please call the police at 301-279-8000. Of course, if it is an emergency, dial 911.

BULK PICKUP IS FREE, AND KEEP RECYCLING

Free bulk pickup on large items is available. Remember that failure to call and arrange the bulk pickups leads to increased costs for all of us. Many of us have now seen updated recycling information on our blue cans and front doors. Review the fliers and postcard and keep them handy. Contact the number below, or go to

MyGreenMontgomery on Facebook for more details.

IMPORTANT

NUMBERS TO KEEP:

Security APS: 240-631-2399
Potomac Disposal: 301-294-9700
MC Recycling - New Blue Bins - Scrap Metal: 311
Pepco: 877-737-2662
WSSC: 301-206-4001

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be conducted via audio/video conference.

Individuals desiring to attend the October virtual board meeting must e-mail their intent to attend the meeting with their name and unit address to asteward@mof.org no later than noon on Thursday, Oct. 15. Management will then respond with further instructions.

Individuals desiring to speak to the board during residents time must e-mail their comments and or questions to asteward@mof.org no later than noon on Thursday, Oct. 15.

If you have any questions or want to report any problems please call our community manager, April Steward, at 240-243-2327.

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

Leaf Removal Schedule

Below is the anticipated leaf removal schedule for most of the homes corporations and condominium associations in Montgomery Village managed by MVF. Crews are expected to be in the community listed on the weeks listed (weather permitting). Please be sure that your leaves are raked to the curb (where applicable) in time for removal on the scheduled week. In the event of a rain delay, the calendar will shift to the next calendar day; therefore, the entire schedule will shift for each community as well. We will update the website each Friday with any weather related changes to the schedule.

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

Monday, Nov. 16

EASTGATE

Wednesday, Nov. 4 and Thursday, Nov. 5

EAST VILLAGE

The week of November 2

MARYLAND PLACE

Tuesday, Nov. 24

NORTH VILLAGE

The week of November 16

PATTON RIDGE

The week of November 9

SOUTH VILLAGE

The week of November 9

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

Monday, Nov. 16

Note: If you miss your scheduled date for curbside leaf removal, you may place your leaves in approved paper bags, to be placed at the curb and removed at no charge by the county on your recycling day. Do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be removed by either the county recycling or your trash contractor. If you have any questions regarding leaf removal, please contact your community manager.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Paper Carriers



Village residents ages 10 to 18 can visit the carriers page at www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2342 for information

AT YOUR LEISURE

Sandy Spring Slave Museum Candlelight Tour

Join members of the Sandy Spring Slave Museum for an informative and unique candlelight tour experience on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. The outdoor tour "From 1619 to Freedom" will feature live music, historical re-enactors and craft vendors.

Masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. Admission is \$20/Adult, \$10/Youth, children under 10 are free.

Parking will be available at Ross Boddy Community Center, 18529 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, and tours will

begin at 4:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the tours will be rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17.

For more information or to register, visit www.sandyspringlavemuseum.org.

Preserving summer

Everyone knows it's autumn. Treetops are turning red, and sometimes orange or even purple. Evenings are tinged with a bit of chill. So, it's time now to put in the final word on summer. On Monday, Oct. 12, the Montgomery Village Garden Club will feature Master Gardener Pat Kenny, as she presents A Gift of Herbs—a presentation of the technique used to extend the afterlife of your garden by fashioning your herbs into favors.

The evening's virtual meeting will offer additional ways to repurpose your summer bounty by either pressing your blossoms, or returning them to Mother Nature as future nourishment from your compost.

For more information or for the meeting connection details, e-mail Montgomeryvillagegardenclub@gmail.com.



Montgomery Village Rotary Club Virtual Gala



President of Montgomery Village Rotary Club David Zeff recently announced that a special, virtual, Rotary-sponsored, community event has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Making this program announcement, David noted, "Montgomery Village Rotary Club is excited to share our 1st Virtual Gala Event to continue raising awareness and funds for community charities. Each year for the past 7 years, Montgomery Village Rotary Club, along with its area partners in the Historic Emory Grove and Gaithersburg rotary clubs, we have marshalled the energy of community service minded individuals and businesses to show their support for the heroes in our lives. This past year—due to the pandemic—we had to cancel the annual Flags For Our Heroes event, but we continued to promote

opportunities for giving through our Go Fund Me page, and now with a special event in the virtual land of Zoom."

The evening will feature a silent auction, entertainment, testimonial speakers and more. Highlight acts include: the comedy of Robert Mac, winner of Comedy Central Grand Prize on "Laugh Riot"; the magic of Mark Phillips, winner of National Theater's "Star of Magic" Award; music by The 19th Street Band, a constellation of Americana, country and rock characterized by high energy and strong vocal harmonies; music by Bryan Frates, Rotarian and super-talented singer/songwriter and performer from Portland, Maine; and, music by The Taylor Family Singers, an amazing locally-based family of soulful singers.

For tickets and more information, visit www.trellis.org/mvrcgala.

Sandy Spring Slave Museum presents

Candlelight Tours

from 1619 to Freedom

Saturday, October 10, 2020
 18524 Brooke Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860
 4pm—7pm

Register: <https://www.sandyspringlavemuseum.org>
 Adults \$20; Youth \$10; Children under 10, Free
 Rain Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020

Tours begin at 4:30 pm; Parking at Ross Boddy Community Center
 Historic Re-enactors, Live Music, Craft Vendors

Masks Required—Social Distancing Observed

Sankofa Saying: "Go back, look for, and gain wisdom, power and hope"

18524 Brooke Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

HERITAGE MONTGOMERY



MILESTONES

Blessing Box installed in Maryland Place

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the Maryland Place Board of Directors celebrated the neighborhood groundbreaking for installation of a community Blessing Box. This was the culmination of a project completed by Eva Lake Olan for her Girl Scout Silver Award and had been approved by the Maryland Place board to be placed at the top of the Transhire Road loop.

Eva coordinated the efforts to make and install the box, and constructed the box with the help of her dad. Together, they assembled the box, dug the post hole, filled it with cement and installed the box. This took most of the 50 hours required to achieve the Silver Award; Eva plans to organize a community cleanup and a fundraiser to fill the box with the help of other nearby Girl Scouts in October to fulfill the rest of the service hours. The Silver Award requires a lasting, beneficial project that provides a sustained community improvement.

Eva has been a girl scout with Troop 6924 for 5 years. Troop 6924 is a French Immersion troop affiliated with Maryvale Elementary School.

The Blessing Box pantry will offer non-perishable food items to residents in need. Neighbors and friends are invited to contribute cans or boxes of non-perishable food items to the box; with a little community participation, the Blessing Box should be well stocked! Those who need an item or two are welcome to what the box has to offer!

Congratulations and thank you to Eva for this wonderful addition to the community!



Top: Eva receives the first donation for the Blessing Box. Left: Eva and her family. Bottom: Eva and dad construct the Blessing Box from scratch.

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Outdoor Wine and Craft

Fall weather is for D.I.Y. and crafting season! To get you in the festive spirit, you can create your own “porch leaner” in our Wine and Craft event. This craft is perfect for the upcoming season to add a little décor to your porch, patio or even living room.

Join Susan Baldridge on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m., regardless of your crafting abilities. For those who are not fans of wine, we will have water and tea as other beverage options. Bring your neighbor, spouse, family members or friends – this

is the perfect fall event for anyone 21 and older!

Wine and Craft will be held on the Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost for this class is \$30/Resident and \$40/Non-resident. Pre-registration is required, and all program participants must wear facial coverings that cover their nose and mouth unless otherwise specified.

For more information or to register, contact Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail smaizel@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Tricked-Out Rides with Sweet Treats Halloween fun

MVF has got you covered this Halloween with a safe and fun option for collecting treats! Come celebrate the spooky season with MVF's first Tricked-Out Rides with Sweet Treats in the Apple Ridge Recreation Area Parking Lot, 10101 Apple Ridge Road. Get in the spirit from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 (pre-registration for limited capacity time slots is required).

To hand out treats, pre-register your vehicle, and bring it “tricked-out” in Halloween decorations! To maximize the number of candy collectors, there is a limit of two occupants per car (if you also have little ghouls and goblins that would like to Trick-or-Treat, they must register separately for a selected time slot). Those handing out candy to trick-or-treaters must wear gloves and maintain social distance.

To Trick-or-Treat, residents must register in advance for a specific time slot—\$3 per

person—and register the exact number of people within their group. Choose from 5 to 5:20 p.m., 5:30 to 5:50 p.m., 6 to 6:20 p.m., 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. or 7 to 7:20 p.m.; **each time slot will have a maximum of 30 participants (including parents/guardians).** Trick-or-Treaters will be able to come during selected time slots only to ensure social distancing and other COVID-19 safety measures. Participants will be required to show their receipt at the entry point, no exceptions.

All participants over 2 years old, whether handing out candy or Trick-or-Treating, must wear facial coverings that cover their nose and mouth. Hurry—space is limited and you don't want to miss out on the spookiest event of the year!

For more information contact Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338 or e-mail smaizel@mvmf.org. To register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Outdoor Yoga

Looking for ways to exercise your mind and body? We have just the class for you—Outdoor Yoga! Join Kirsten from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays on the Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue, for this hour-long energizing yoga class.

Classes are for beginner/intermediate levels. Please bring your own yoga mat, and wear a face covering. All participants must pre-register for class, no drop-ins accepted. Yoga is scheduled from Wednesday, Sept. 2 to Wednesday, Dec. 16, with classes held via Zoom

when inclement weather prevents outdoor class.

Find your Zen for \$208/Resident or \$218/Non-resident. For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2367, e-mail toshea@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Pickleball

Come see what Pickleball is all about! The game is a combination of badminton, tennis and Ping-Pong. It's never been easier to meet new friends, socialize and learn a new sport. With larger paddles than Ping-Pong, but a smaller court than tennis, this fun sport will have you active in no time. Beginner, intermediate or advanced levels offered.

The next session will run on Tuesday evenings, from Oct. 13 to Nov. 3 and costs \$40/Resident and \$45/Non-resident. All participants must wear a face covering before and after class.

For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2367, e-mail toshea@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

The following statement applies to all MVF classes, programs and events: COVID-19 safety measures and guidelines must be followed by all participants and will be enforced by MVF staff. All participants must wear facial coverings over the nose and mouth unless otherwise specified and maintain 6-foot distance from one another.

The Great Pumpkin Race Virtual 5K



Are you up for a challenge to compete against your friends and neighbors? Choose your own course and compete with neighbors across the Village! Registration is free, but required.

Participants can run anytime between Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 18 and submit proof of their results and route using any smartwatch or programs such as Map My Run, Google Health, etc. Results must include distance walked/run, date and time completed.

For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2367, e-mail toshea@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Outdoor Preschool Adventures

Come join us on the deck at Lake Marion on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. as we learn about nature outdoors. Each class will consist of a story, craft and some type of movement activity. Please dress appropriately for the weather. If weather is a concern a decision will be made the day before in regards to holding class via Zoom. Must be pre-registered for each week the Monday of the topic week. Social distancing is a must, and all participants

must wear a mask. Care givers are required to stay for the activity. Cost is \$40/Resident, \$50 /Non-resident for the whole session or \$8 per week.

Oct. 21: Looking at Leaves
Oct. 28: What's wild?
Nov. 4: Oh Deer!
Nov. 11: Lunch for a Bear
Nov. 18: Terrific Turkeys
Nov. 25: No class week of Thanksgiving
Dec. 2: Wildlife is everywhere!
Dec. 9: Hiding in plain sight!

MV Farmers' Market and Holiday Market Day

The MV Farmers' Market season has a few more weeks left—don't miss out on local produce, bakery items, organic meats, sweets, wineries, breweries and more, every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. now through Saturday, Oct. 31. The MV Farmers' Market is located in the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 9801 Centerway Road.

Look for the special Holiday Market Day just in time

for Thanksgiving! The market will be open for one last date on Saturday, Nov. 21 for the Third Annual Holiday Farmers' Market. This is the perfect time to get your turkey from Springfield Farms, bread and pies from Barley Field Orchard or your squash and pumpkins from our produce vendors.

For more information, contact Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail smaizel@mvmf.org or visit www.mvmfarmersmarket.com.

TENNIS

Find tennis classes for all ages and skill levels
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Adult Intermediate Class
Recreational level play for those with some experience, the ability to rally forehands and serve and the ability to hit some other shots.

Adult Beginner/Adv Beginner Class
Introduction to technique for all strokes, rules, basic doubles and positioning.

Private lessons available. Please call 301-948-0110 for details.

Junior Red Ball (ages 4 to 6)
Class for youngsters using low compression, light slow-moving balls, learning to track balls, fun games and stroke technique.

Junior Orange Ball (ages 7 to 9)
Class using low compression, light slightly faster balls, rallying, games and stroke technique.

Junior Green Dot Ball (ages 10 to 12)
Slightly low compression balls, more specific stroke technique, shortened court tennis, rules and play.

Junior Tennis (ages 13 to 16)
Intermediate level play intended to enhance recreational players skill-set. Technique for all strokes stressed, scoring, play and rules.

Register Online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

For pricing, class times and to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com

For more information or to register, call Kimesha Jenkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunks@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

RECREATION

The Great Pumpkin Race Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Do you miss The Great Pumpkin Race as much as we do? We still want to see your amazing pumpkins decorated! Decorate your pumpkins as if there were a race this year and submit your pictures to kmarrs@mvf.org between Thursday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 18. Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to check out MVF's Facebook page and vote for your pumpkin between Monday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 25.

Highlights and winners will be announced on our Facebook page by



Saturday, Oct. 31. Registration is free, but required. For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2367, e-mail toshea@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

The Great Pumpkin Race Scavenger Hunt

Travel around Montgomery Village with clues to search for various fall festival items. Find new areas of interest in our parks that you may not have known existed! Take pictures of each complete clue/item and e-mail them to Tara O'Shea at toshea@mvf.org between Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 25 for a chance to win some fall swag!

Registration is free, but required. This is a great family activity! For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2367, e-mail toshea@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Tailgate BINGO!

BINGO is back! Bring your favorite chair and marker to join us for an exciting night of Tailgate BINGO! Check out the most sought out Recreation event of the year, COVID-style! We will play Bingo in the North Creek Parking Lot, 20125 Arrowhead Road, out of the backs of cars in the parking lot. Come for the fun and take a chance at winning prizes.

Participants must bring their own tables and chairs if they choose to sit outside their

car; please bring your own dabbers or markers as well. Social distancing and masks are a must, but won't take away from the fun!

Pre-registration is required, and each person in your group must register due to limited space. No walk-ins will be allowed the day of. Purchase 12 Bingo boards for \$10. Bingo is scheduled for on Friday, Oct. 9 with a rain date of Saturday, Oct. 10. Parking starts at 5:30 p.m. and the event will

start promptly at 6:15 p.m. Space is limited so don't wait to register for the hottest event of the year!

For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2367, e-mail toshea@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Stay tuned online at www.montgomeryvillage.com and our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MontVillageMD> for registration information for classes offered in the Lake Marion Community Center gym beginning in November.

Pickleball DOUBLES LEAGUE

Thursdays
Oct. 15 to Nov. 12 | 6 to 9 p.m.
North Creek Pickleball Courts
20125 Arrowhead Road

Deadline to Register:
Oct. 7



\$40/Resident, \$45/Non-resident | 6 teams max per level

Pickleball teams can be co-ed and will play doubles matches in 45-minute increments. Best played 2 out of 3 games will win. Matches will be self-officiated and will be played outdoors. Site supervisor will be present.

When registering, participants should include teammates and team name. Players must bring their own paddles; balls will be provided by MVF.

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Intermediate (3.0-3.9)

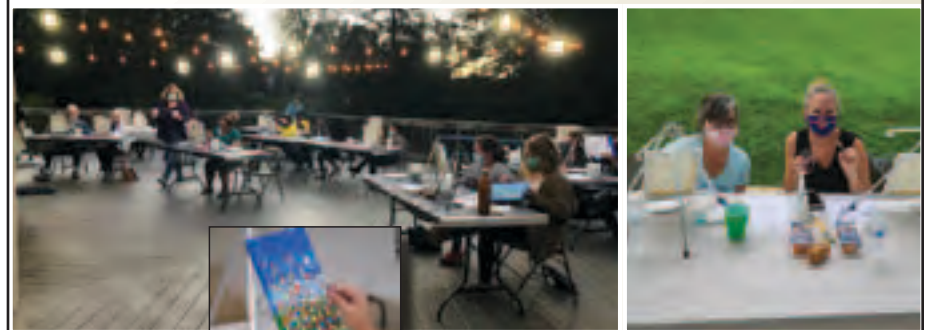
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COVID-19 safety measures and guidelines must be followed by all participants and will be enforced by MVF staff. All participants must wear facial coverings over the nose and mouth unless otherwise specified and maintain a 6 foot distance from one another.



For more information or to register, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail smaizel@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Wine & Paint



LAST WINE & PAINT EVENT OF THE YEAR

Friday, Oct. 16
6 to 9 p.m.

4019.426

\$30/Resident
\$40/Non-resident

Instructor Caryl Strauss will lead you through an easy step-by-step process to create your one-of-a-kind painting as you enjoy the sweet summer evening with a glass of wine. Come join the fun, but hurry – space is limited!

Please wear a face covering for your own safety, as well as the safety of other participants and staff. MVF will be enforcing social distancing precautions and other protective measures.

Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue



For more information or to register, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail smaizel@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

FALL Session

through Friday, Dec. 28

Looking for something to do? Register now and come Zoom with Seniors in Action, Mondays through Fridays! These are fun, interactive Zoom sessions for ages 55+ to keep you engaged, educated, and having fun.

MONDAY

Zumba Gold with Kirsten 10 to 11 a.m.
Come learn new dance moves and stay active!

Bridge Online with Ralph 1 to 3 p.m.
Are you interested in playing Bridge online? Contact Ralph at collingralph@gmail.com.

TUESDAY

Book Discussion 10 to 11 a.m.
Third Tuesday each month
Oct. 20: This month's reading is any choice of fiction by an African American author.

Games/Bingo Noon to 1 p.m.
Come play word games, Bingo, and fun interactive games. Learn something new each week.

Walking Club Choose AM or PM
Take pics of your daily walk or run and share your pictures at Happy Hour on alternating Fridays.

WEDNESDAY

Video Yoga Noon to 1 p.m.

Bridge Online with Ralph 1 to 3 p.m.
Are you interested in playing Bridge online? Contact Ralph at collingralph@gmail.com.

Craft & Laugh! 2 to 3 p.m.
Work on your current project at your favorite Zoom location, share and laugh as we create and chat.

THURSDAY

Chair One Fitness 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
with Susan – Oct. 1, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29

Stay Fit for Seniors 11 a.m. to Noon
with April – Oct. 8 and Oct. 22
Every other Thursday alternate between Chair One Fitness and Stay Fit for Seniors.

FRIDAY

Tea-Time & Trivia 11 a.m. to Noon
Bring your favorite beverage, relax, chat and play a game or two of Trivia.

Friday Night Happy Hour 7 to 8 p.m.
Oct. 9 and Oct. 23
Bring your favorite drink, come chat and enjoy the bi-weekly program on Friday nights!

A look back...



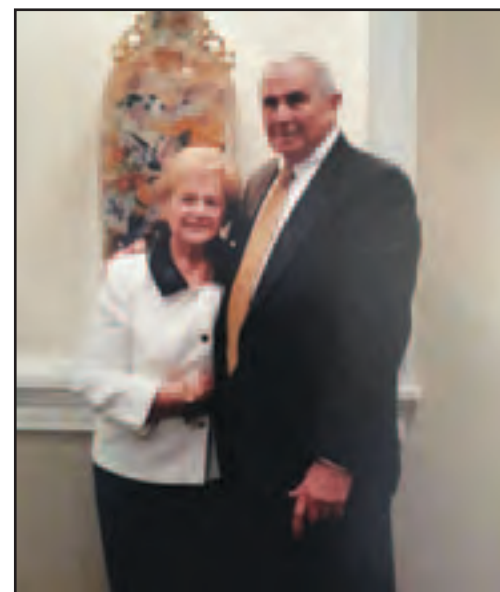
During this time of distancing, Seniors in Action members have adjusted most of their activities to include lots of Zoom meetings, but with the technology they can still chat, play games and have some great discussions.

Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse groups in Montgomery Village!

Spotlight on Seniors...

MARY AND WILL PARNELL

Mary and Will moved to Montgomery Village from Chicago in 1972, and have been here ever since. They have 2 grown daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Besides being a great place to raise their family, their favorite part of living here in the Village is its central location to everything they need. They have volunteered for Seniors in Action in various capacities since signing up 2 years ago. Mary loves the game of Canasta and the Book Discussion. Will loves being around people, really likes Arts and Crafts and helping others in any way he can. We are happy to have Mary and Will Parnell as part of our group.



REGISTRATION

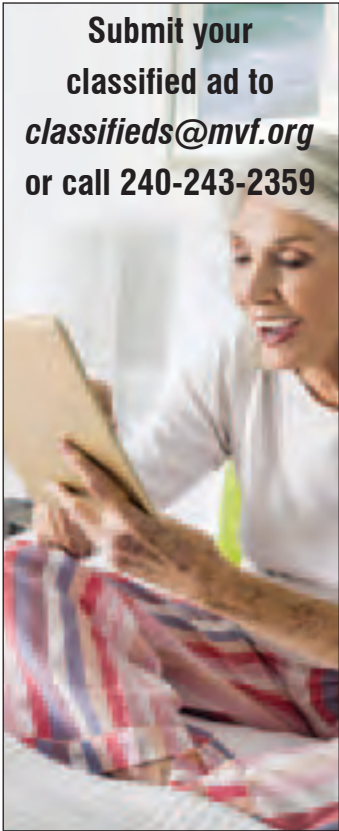
Not a member of Seniors in Action? Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse group in Montgomery Village! Sign up today for a nominal fee for our September through December session at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Need more information? Please contact Susan Baldrige, Seniors in Action Activity Coordinator, at sbaldrige@mvf.org.

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail sbaldrige@mvf.org to be added to the e-mail list. Get updates and changes related to Seniors in Action. Sign up for the Seniors in Action e-mail list for more information!


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CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE

MONDAY,
NOV. 2

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Submit a photo of your lost pet at no additional charge.

Title: _____

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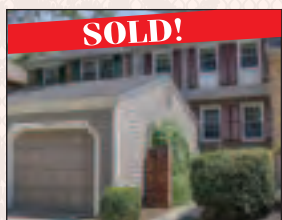
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SOLD!

CHRISTOPHER COURT \$194,900

COZY CONDO, GREAT LOCATION!
2 bed/2 bath, 3 level condo w/renovated kitchen,
updated baths, separate laundry room, new carpet
& fresh paint. Close to the library, shopping,
restaurants, Rt 355 and Rt 270.



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GREENSIDE TERRACE \$366,000

LARGE BRICK GARAGE TH ON QUIET CUL-DE-SAC
4 generous BRs including big master suite with
updated master BA and two closets - 2 FBAs and
2 half baths, LR, DR, library pass through with floor
to ceiling bookcases, beautiful updated kitchen with
stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets, more.



SOLD!

WHETSTONE

\$502,000

LOVINGLY MAINTAINED & IMPROVED
Stunning brick colonial w/hardwood floors, replace-
ment windows/doors - kitchen w/new solid surface
counters, new sink, tile backsplash, custom wood
cabinets, double pantry - fam. room w/gas fire-
place - baths w/new custom cabinets.



SOLD!

HORIZON RUN

\$290,000

THIS ONE IS A WINNER!
Beautiful 3-level TH with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, renovated
kitchen w/new cabinets and counters, updated
baths, new flooring, deck, w/o basement, rec. room
and storage - close to 355, I270, MidCounty Hwy!



SOLD!

WHETSTONE

\$510,000

4 BR colonial with beautiful expanded kitchen
including large breakfast room, skylights and view
of back yard - 2 FBA and 2 half baths, large LR and
DR, FR with fireplace and new carpet, large deck,
finished w/o basement with recreation room, half
bath, den/BR, storage room and laundry.

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9705 Lookout Place, Lakeside of Whetstone	\$539,900
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9509 Aspenwood Court, The Points	\$435,000
9505 Aspenwood Court, The Points	\$420,000
20220 Darlington Drive, Williams Range	\$435,000
20517 Highland Hall Drive, Pleasant Ridge	\$520,000

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