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## Ahlman family keeps Pumpkin Race victory streak alive

by Mike Conroy

On Saturday, Oct. 14, pumpkins and people once again descended on North Creek Community Center to participate in the area's most creative fall festival, the Montgomery Village Great Pumpkin Race. Colorful decoration, tense racing action, plenty of family fun and pumpkin-themed everything, set to the tunes of local band 45 RPM, formed the backdrop again this year for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival. Families gathered with pumpkin racers in hand to enjoy the festivities and try their luck at racing away with the coveted Pumpkin Racer Trophy.

In the final heat, Mark Ahlman's "River Rush" (a.k.a. "GoPro Pumpkin"), Watkins Mill High School's "The Wolverine," Ahlman Home School's "Punkie" and Leslie Figueroa's "Ashley" all took off for the finish line with a clean, no bumping, crashing or pushing heat. Although all the racers were victorious in their respective race categories, it was "River Rush" who was the one to beat. As noted in earlier races, this pumpkin was clearly in a rush to the finish line.

This was a "three-peat" victory for the Ahlman fam-

See PUMPKIN RACE page 7

**A GUEST APPEARANCE AND A GHOST APPEARANCE!** Keyote from the Frederick Keys raced a pumpkin in this year's MVF Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival before shaking hands and posing for photos. Pumpkin racers of many shapes and sizes took to the track to try to claim the grand prize trophy. There were pretty, scary and funny racers and even racer duos and animal look alikes. There was also a mysterious ghost pumpkin that rolled in unexpectedly several times.

## MVF Board Student Rep position open for high school juniors

Calling all high school juniors who have an interest in serving their community and school and representing the youth in Montgomery Village! The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors invites you to apply for the position of Student Representative. This collaborative program is intended to encourage more youth involvement and input into Montgomery Village activities and the community as a whole; to help bring a new perspective to Board decisions affecting the community; and to help build on the MVF Board's Strategic Goal of continuing partnership opportunities with Village schools.

At the September 28 MVF Board of Directors meeting, the position application and selection process was approved for this new initiative, which arose from a discussion topic at the annual Board retreat.

All high school juniors who live in Montgomery Village are eligible to apply. Selection will be made based on applicants' GPA, interest in government/political science/organization management/business, extra-curricular activities, a letter of recommendation and availability for scheduled Board meetings. The position will also include a summer internship

(June to August) in the MVF Office.

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submitted applications in early February and recommend no more than three candidates to the Board for final selection. The selected candidate will be installed as a non-voting member at the Board's Annual Meeting in March. The chosen candidate will participate in Board discussions and initiatives; work with staff on projects; and gain a clearer understanding of policy decisions in the community.

Applications and full program details can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), or with the Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high school counselors. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org). Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, January 26, 2018.

For more information or questions, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mconroy@mvf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvf.org).

## Halloween Hoopla

Fun for children ages 3 to 9

Friday, Oct. 27

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center  
8821 East Village Avenue

Halloween Parade, Games  
and Costume Contest

\$3/child or  
\$2 and a food donation  
(parents are free)



## LOOK INSIDE

New residents  
invited to welcome  
reception Nov. 16



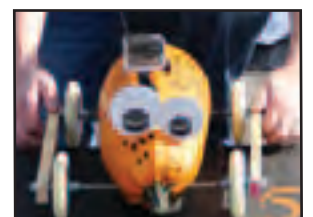
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MVF Great Pumpkin  
Race and Fall  
Festival Results



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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, Oct. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 2018 Draft Budget will be considered for adoption.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1 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.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The MVF Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

### CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

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

### CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association (CCLA) meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

### HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This will include the Annual Meeting.

### MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 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, Oct. 24 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19501 Brassie Place.

### NORTHGATE

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

### NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

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

### PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

### STEDWICK

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

### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

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

### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

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

### WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

## Public Safety Meeting

The Montgomery County 6<sup>th</sup> District Police invite residents to attend a Public Safety Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Officers from the 6<sup>th</sup> District will discuss recent crime trends and tips and answer questions from the audience.

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### EVP'S MESSAGE

## Fall update



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

### THE PASSING OF FORMER MVF BOARD MEMBER JIM KING

I received the sad news that long-time resident and former MVF Board member Jim King, who was dedicated to his community, passed away on October 17 after a long illness. He and his wife, Senator Nancy King, have contributed so much to Montgomery Village over the years. Jim had a quick wit and was always full of suggestions about how to make things better. He will be missed!

### RECREATION AND PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN

New Recreation and Parks Director Duncan Mullis has initiated a strategic planning process with the goal of establishing a clear, simple statement of actionable strategic priorities for the department over the next 5 years (2018-2023). The process will include a data and research-based assessment of our current positioning; identification of three to five broad strategic priorities of the departments/divisions and associated action plans for implementation; involvement of key stakeholder groups and individuals in the development; and review of strategic priorities. The MVF Board and Recreation Department will be invited to participate as the work is ongoing.

### RESOLUTION ON TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS FOR NORTHWEST MONTGOMERY COUNTY (M-83)

Pete Young testified on October 17 before the county council in support of a resolution that identifies transportation improvements in the upcounty, which do not include the build-out of the northern extension of M-83. In addition, the resolution directs the planning board not to assume additional road capacity from M-83 when calculating transportation capacity for development in the upcounty. The council is expected to vote on this matter by year end.

### SMALL CELL TOWER ZTA

The county continues to try to address how siting of small cell towers in county rights of ways will be addressed in the zoning ordinance in its latest draft of the ZTA. The text is available at this link: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/Resources/Files/Towers/documents/ZTA-Telecommunications-tower\\_7-27-17.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/Resources/Files/Towers/documents/ZTA-Telecommunications-tower_7-27-17.pdf).

In October 2016, at a spirited meeting at Ridgeview Middle School, residents raised many issues to county council members and staff regarding a council proposal to revise the process for approving cell phone towers, especially with regard to siting new shorter towers in residential areas. Applications for these small cell towers has alarmed residents who are concerned about the aesthetic and health impacts of these additional towers in their neighborhoods. These issues continued to be raised at public meetings held in July, September and October this year.

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### MVF BOARD AGENDA

#### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, October 26, 2017 North Creek Community Center- 7:30 p.m. AGENDA

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meetings August 24, 2017 and September 28, 2017
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Acceptance of Action List

#### ACTION LIST

##### Decision Items:

- A. Consider adoption of the 2018 MVF budget and 5 year plan
  - B. Consider adoption of the 2018 MVF and DU assessment rates
  - C. Consider approval of revision to the Operating Disbursement Policy
  - D. Consider approval of revision to the Reserve Disbursement Policy
  - E. Consider approval of revision to the Assessment Collections Policy
  - F. Consider approval of revision to the Asset Capitalization Policy
  - G. Consider bid for homeowner files scanning project
  - H. Consider bid for inclusive playground at Apple Ridge Park
  - I. Consider reaffirming the e-mail vote of the Board of Directors authorizing the EVP to negotiate and execute a letter of intent and a Purchase Option Agreement (for conservation easement rights) for each of the two proposed projects with Ecotone, Inc., and to sign any other needed easement documents related to the projects.
7. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
    - A. Executive Committee
    - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
    - C. Audit
    - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
    - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
    - F. Communications
    - G. Election
    - H. Nominating
    - I. Personnel
    - J. Recreation
    - K. Investment Committee
  8. Board Member Issues
  9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B 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.
  10. Adjournment



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## Schedule For 2018 MVF Budget Process

### THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Board Meeting  
NCBR, 7:30 p.m.  
• Adopt 2018 Budget  
• Set 2018 Assessment Rates

### NOVEMBER 2017

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### DECEMBER 2017

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CTS .....	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC .....	North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.	WCC .....	Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
LMCC .....	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC .....	Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.	WHPR .....	Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP .....	South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.		

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## IN THE NEWS

## Montgomery County Drug Take-Back Day

On Saturday, Oct. 28 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., community members can drop off unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs as Montgomery County once again participates in the Washington Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

County law enforcement agencies and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention Office are co-sponsoring the effort. This is a safe, free and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs and is part of a national effort to prevent the increasing problems of prescription drug abuse and theft that continues to occur nationwide.

Drop-off locations will be open to the general public throughout Montgomery County. These locations will

accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of this take-back program. Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lots in facilities or in facility lobbies convenient for Village residents:

- Montgomery County Police 6<sup>th</sup> District Station, 45A West Watkins Mill Road
- Gaithersburg Police Station, 14 Fulks Corner Avenue
- Asbury Methodist Village - Lobby of Hefner Building, 417 Russell Avenue
- Senior Living at Kentlands Manor, 217 Booth Street

Residents are encouraged to bring in medications containing controlled substances; officers will accept any medications brought for disposal. All sites will take pills and medication patches of all kinds. If possible, prescription labels should be removed or personal

information should be blacked out; however, pill bottles will still be accepted if the labels are attached. No questions will be asked.

This is an opportunity to safely empty out a medicine cabinet of drugs that are no longer needed. Disposing of prescription drugs through a drug take-back day is the safest option. If it is safe to dispose of a drug by flushing it down a toilet, the drug label or prescription information will indicate that option is an appropriate means of disposal. Otherwise unused drugs should not be poured down a sink or flushed for disposal. Drugs should not be thrown in the trash unless specific safety precautions for safe disposal are followed.

The returned medications on Drug Take-Back Day will be incinerated according to federal and state environmental guidelines.

## New residents invited to welcome reception

New residents are invited to attend an MVF-sponsored New Residents Welcome Reception from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

The Welcome Reception offers a chance to meet new neighbors and learn about local businesses, clubs, schools and organizations. Meet many state and county

elected officials at the reception.

MVF staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about living in a planned community.

Area services, businesses and schools will also be represented, and free refreshments will be served. For more information, call 240-243-2331.



## EVP

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC) statutes and regulations prohibit the county from enacting laws that have the effect of prohibiting wireless service, and require the county to act on applications much more quickly than the current process takes. The focus of the ZTA is on siting the new towers is on existing county rights-of-way.

Private street rights-of-way in Montgomery Village communities will not be subject to the new provisions for siting and approval of small cell towers in the county right-of-way, but would be reviewed according to the zoning provisions applicable for towers on private property.

Telecommunications providers who want to use the private street rights-of-way in Montgomery Village communities would have to first get the approval from the community association that owns the right of way. To put an antenna on an existing pole, such as a street light, the owner of the pole would also have to consent. The standard for the pole would be the limited use standard from the zoning code. To put a new pole in, the telecommunications provider would have to get the permission of the association owning the right of way, and then apply for a conditional use approval per the zoning ordinance.

An additional hurdle for telecommunications providers to overcome in Montgomery Village communities is that the communities have Public Utility Easements (PUE) covering

use of the right-of-way. The significant features of a PUE provide that: each time a PUE is established, it is not granted to "utilities" generally, but to specific named utilities. If a company wishing to put up a cell tower is not a named utility in the grant of a PUE, they have no rights under the PUE.

Perhaps more importantly, the PUE has a clear and concise list of the improvements that may be constructed under the PUE. They include: (A) underground power transmission lines and aboveground transmission, switching, fusing and junction equipment; (B) underground communication lines and associated aboveground junction pedestals and terminals; and (C) gas transmission and distribution facilities. In other words, the PUE does not encompass cell towers. Finally, the PUE grants the named utilities the perpetual right to keep the property clear of buildings and structures. Staff will continue to monitor the proposed ZTA.

### SHORT TERM RENTAL (AIRBNB) LEGISLATION ADOPTED

After more than a year and a half of review and revision, on October 10, the county council enacted ZTA 17-03 and Bill 2-16 to regulate short-term (less than 30 days) rentals in the county. The laws are in response to emerging patterns of rentals made possible by internet services such as Airbnb.

From the time the bills were introduced, MVF and many other community associations

made the council aware of the potential harms to quality of life in neighborhoods from short-term rentals, including security, noise, and increased competition for parking.

The bills as passed include many provisions that will hopefully mitigate impacts on community associations. These include a requirement to provide a contact person if the owner is not present during the rental; a requirement to be in compliance with community association documents regarding rentals; requirement to notify neighbors that the property will be used for short-term rentals; a requirement to provide one off street parking space for each rental contract; and a limit of six adults as overnight guests per property.

To ensure that properties are not exclusively short-term rentals, owners must certify that the property is their primary residence in order to obtain a license for short-term rentals. An applicant for a license must also certify that he has provided notification of the application to the community association where the property is located. Property owners are encouraged to be present at the property when it is being used for short-term rentals, by a provision in the new law that restricts short-term rental use to no more than 120 days a year the owner is not present.

The new laws take effect in July 2018. The county's Department of Health and Human Services will have the responsibility for enforcement.

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## New Residents of Montgomery Village

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# Welcome Reception

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

**7 to 8:30 p.m.**



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## County council approves supplemental appropriation to fight gang activity

On October 3, the Montgomery County Council voted unanimously to support the county executive's supplemental appropriation to the Montgomery County Police Department in the amount of \$596,920, and the State's Attorney's Office in the amount of \$246,773. As chair of the council's Public Safety Committee, Councilmember Marc Elrich says he is grateful that his colleagues understand the importance of increasing funding to address this issue.

"The county is taking an important first step to combat gang activity in our community. This funding will address needs on both the investigatory and prosecutorial sides of law enforcement. It's also important that we look for effective programs that can reduce the flow of young children into gangs. This problem cannot be solved through law enforcement efforts alone. We need to address it head on and in a thoughtful, thorough manner. I look forward to further discussions with non-profit service

providers and county staff as we examine what more can be done to address this problem with comprehensive, preventative strategies to supplement the work of our public safety departments," says Elrich.

The approved funding will enable the police department to expand its current Gang Unit with the addition of six new positions, including a sergeant, three detectives and two civilian gang analysts. This will facilitate the expansion of a centralized unit focusing on complex, long-ranging investigations into gang organizations, including enhanced coordination with regional and federal partner agencies. It will also include a unit tasked with working in the field with police districts to respond quickly to suspected gang-related crimes.

The funding also will add three new assistant state's attorneys and one new senior legal assistant to the State's Attorney's Office to create a new gang unit, tasked with monitoring and prosecuting cases linked to gang activity.

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## IN THE NEWS

## Last call for fresh, local produce

There's only two more weeks to visit the MV Farmers' Market for the season to stock up on fresh produce and local goods! The market will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, so make sure to visit this weekend or next weekend.

The MV Farmers' Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday mornings and is located in the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church parking lot, 9801 Centerway Road. For more information, or to get updates next season, visit [www.mvfarmersmarket.com](http://www.mvfarmersmarket.com).

Thank you to all our vendors and patrons for a successful 2017 season! See you next June!



## County council passes legislation on short-term rental services

The Montgomery County Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, Oct. 10 to enact two legislative proposals that address the legal and regulatory status of short-term rentals in the county. The two measures, ZTA 17-03 and Bill 2-16, represent Council Vice President Riemer's and the Montgomery County Planning Board's recommendations to balance the substantial economic potential for county residents of short-term residential services like Airbnb with concerns about regulating these services.

The measure was initially introduced by Council Vice President Riemer more than a year ago, and was sent to the planning board to gather public input and refine the approach. After a September 12 public hearing and two Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee meetings to review these measures, the council voted

unanimously (9-0) to adopt both measures.

ZTA 17-03 makes bed and breakfasts limited uses in most residential and mixed-use zones. It limits the total number of adult overnight guests in a short-term rental to six, limits the total number of adult overnight guests per bedroom to two and requires one off-street parking space for each rental contract. These measures put in place a regulatory framework that did not exist before, addressing concerns about the potential for residential housing to be used exclusively as a short-term rental service.

ZTA 17-03 was approved with two revisions: (1) the dwelling unit used as a short-term rental must be the property owner's or owner-authorized resident's primary residence; and (2) if the property owner or owner-authorized resident is not present in the residence, the property can be used as a

short-term residential rental for a maximum of 120 days in a calendar year.

The council also enacted Bill 2-16, which requires that several conditions be met to receive short-term residential licensing.

Riemer spoke about the importance of these measures which ensure that residents can benefit from short-term rental services while maintaining the security and character of neighborhoods.

"By bringing all the stakeholders together, we were able to find a balance that works for us here in Montgomery County," said Riemer. "This legislation will allow residents and visitors to get the value of home-sharing services, while preventing abuse and stopping investors from creating de facto hotels in residential neighborhoods and taking valuable housing stock off the market."

## Pumpkin Race

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ily, who took home the 2015 trophy with "Gordo II" and last year's win with the original "GoPro Pumpkin." The secret to their success remains the same—fast, straight wheels; carefully picked, aerodynamic pumpkins; minimal decoration for less drag; and a the best luck in not getting run off course by another racer. Another first in Great Pumpkin Race history, the triple win!

For the rest of the festival, though, hundreds of residents and community neighbors enjoyed the rides, games and food. It was clear from the number of test runs, pumpkin garage visits and fantastically decorated pumpkins, that competition for this year's medals and trophy was going to be stiff. There were 119 pumpkins entered into the race this year, as well as seven VIP racers, a full line up of MVF staff racers and even sponsor participation!

Before the races started, festival goers had an opportunity to visit with local businesses and organizations, play carnival games, ride the rides, taste the festival food and participate in pumpkin-themed crafts. The test track and racer garage were encompassed in a flurry of activity to the last minute, with all racers trying to

gain the competitive edge—or at least figure out how to roll straight enough to cross the finish line!

Earlier in the day, judges sampled pumpkin baked goods prepared for the Pumpkin Treat Competition. Alexis Whelan's Caramel-topped Pumpkin Cheesecake took top prize in the 15 and under category and Misty Kingsbury's Pumpkin Spice Cupcake with Cream Cheese Icing won the medal in the 16 and older category. All the baked treats were enjoyed by the judges; there were no empty stomachs in the judging booth!

With a full field of racers clamoring for position in the VIP exhibition, the WMHS Wolverine pumpkin sneaked to victory. MVF Board of Directors member Jim Marsh paired his win from last year with another heat win against MVF staff with his Board member-themed racer. And it was GAC Services' silver racer that beat out Keyote in the sponsor race. But while racing is important, it was Senator Nancy King's "Poppy" pumpkin (from the movie "Trolls") that looked the prettiest, trotting her pink hair down the track.

Following the opening races, resident racers lined up for elimination heat after heat

for the next two hours, pitting siblings, friends, neighbors and strangers against each other. Amid a plethora of finely decorated, rule-abiding pumpkins lurked a fair number of cheaters, who, once identified, were at the mercy of the crowd and the referee. It didn't take much crowd convincing to have those whose pumpkins bent the rules eliminated from competition via the referee's mallet. Several chants of "Smash it! Smash it!" were heard before the final thud of the mallet sent pumpkin seeds flying across the race track to loud cheers from the crowd.

A few cheater pumpkins held surprises, including some candy from "Paula Pinata" and a mess of chocolate sauce and whipped cream from "Smash Me." But one cheater ghost seemed to outrun the mallet over and over.

MVF would like to thank our generous sponsors and participants in the event, including: Holy Cross Germantown Hospital; 45 RPM; Montgomery County 6th District Police; Upper Montgomery County Civil Air Patrol Cadets; Kohl's Cares; ADT, LLC; Asbury Methodist Village; Barley Field Orchard; Capital Remodeling; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Di-

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Thompson Creek Window Company; and TW Perry for supporting the event through attendance and volunteerism.

Next year's Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival is sure to bring even more competition and excitement—keep your wheels, or find new ones, and start planning your racer now! The 2018 Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13—see you then!



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# The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival

## RACE RESULTS

### PUMPKIN RACER DIVISION WINNERS

#### VIP Race Winner

Carol Goddard, Watkins Mill High School – The Wolverine

#### Sponsor Race Winner

GAC Services

#### Youth Race Winner

Leslie Figueroa – Ashley

#### Community Groups Race Winner

Ahlman Home School – Punkie

#### Open Race Winner

Mark Ahlman – River Rush (GoPro Pumpkin)

#### Championship Race Winner

Mark Ahlman – River Rush (GoPro Pumpkin)

### DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS

#### Prettiest

Nancy King, Poppy (from the movie “Trolls”)

#### Most Innovative Design

Village Montessori School, Hamburger

#### Funniest

Peter Perry, Mickey Mouse Roadster Racer

#### Scariest

Millary Fredes, The Untimely Death of Danny Greene

#### Best Decoration

Alegra Kenyon, Cupcake

#### Best Animal Look-a-Like

Village Montessori School, Octopus

#### Best Cartoon Character

Kai Diaz, Charlie Brown

#### Best Themed Racer Duo (Tie)

Ervin Fatih, Knight & Horse;  
Stella Helbowski, Princess & Coach

### PUMPKIN PIE AND BAKED GOODS CONTEST

#### 15 and Under

1<sup>st</sup> – Alexis Whelan, Caramel-topped Pumpkin Cheesecake

2<sup>nd</sup> – Abigail Whelan, Pumpkin Crumb Cake

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lauren Shuttles, Pumpkin Cinnamon Rolls

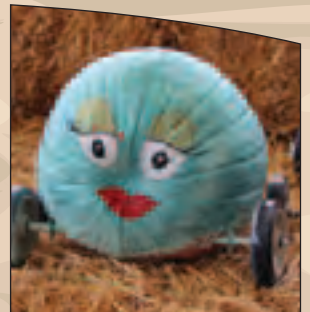
#### 16 and Over

1<sup>st</sup> – Misty Kingsbury, Pumpkin Spice Cupcake with Cream Cheese Icing

2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Coraccio, Maple Glazed Pumpkin Muffins



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner**  
Mark Ahlman, “River Rush”







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**MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS**  
**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**  
**Oct. 4, 2017**

**KEY**

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

**EASTGATE**

7822YANKEEHARBORDR-  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 7822YANKEEHARBORDR-  
Miscellaneous, AWM  
 20310 TROLLEY CROSS-  
ING CT - Walkway, AWM  
 7737HERITAGEFARMDR-  
Fence and Gate, AWM  
 7714HERITAGEFARMDR-  
Fence and Gate, AWM  
 20412 SAWGRASS DR -  
House Addition, AWM  
 12 SEABROOK CT -  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 7503 OYSTER BAY WAY -  
Downspout/Gutter, AWM  
 7503 OYSTER BAY WAY -  
Roof, A

**EAST VILLAGE**

8100 DRY RIDGE RD -  
Roof, A  
 19904 COLLINGDALE PL -  
Exterior Light, A  
 8201COLLINGDALEWAY-  
Exterior Paint, AWM  
 8201COLLINGDALEWAY-  
Miscellaneous, A  
 8201COLLINGDALEWAY-  
Deck Resubmit, AWM  
 8212 DRY RIDGE RD -  
Trim, A  
 8212 DRY RIDGE RD -  
Downspout/Gutter, AWM  
 8508 SILVERFIELD CIR -  
Roof, A  
 8650 FOUNTAIN VALLEY  
DR - Roof, AWM  
 8700LAURELVALLEYLN-  
Roof, A  
 8717 IVYBERRY WAY -  
Walkway, A  
 19802FAWN VISTA WAY -  
Garage Door, A  
 8507 WELBECK WAY -  
Replacement Windows, AWM

8507 WELBECK WAY -  
Downspout/Gutter, AWM  
 8730 RAVENGLASS WAY -  
Storm Door, A  
 8728 RAVENGLASS WAY -  
Roof, AWM  
 8728 RAVENGLASS WAY -  
Replacement Windows, A  
 8522 HAWK RUN TER -  
Landscape Plan, D  
 8522 HAWK RUN TER -  
Storm Door, AWM  
 20 HAWK RUN CT -  
Walkway, A  
 20 HAWK RUN CT -  
Landscape Plan, AWM  
 8654 DELCRIS DR -  
Trim, AWM  
 8654 DELCRIS DR -  
Replacement Windows, A  
 8605 LIME KILN CT -  
House Addition Resubmittal, AWM  
 37 TINDAL SPRINGS CT -  
Deck Removal, AWM  
 37 TINDAL SPRINGS CT -  
Miscellaneous, A  
 39 TINDAL SPRINGS CT -  
Miscellaneous, A  
 8720 DREXEL HILL PL -  
Exterior Light, A  
 19946 DREXEL HILL CIR -  
Roof, AWM  
 19904 IVORYTON PL -  
Solar Systems, A  
 20000 HOLLY POND WAY -  
Solar Systems, A  
 8516 TINDAL SPRINGS DR -  
Fence, AWM  
 8516 TINDAL SPRINGS DR -  
Exterior Paint, AWM  
 5 MARKETREE CT -  
Roof, A  
 5 MARKETREE CT -  
Skylight, AWM

**MARYLAND PLACE**

9509 MARSTON LN -  
Fence and Gate, AWM

**MIDDLE VILLAGE**

9935 RIDGELINE DR -  
Front Door Replacement, AWM  
 9935 RIDGELINE DR -  
Sidelight, AWM  
 9935 RIDGELINE DR -  
Vinyl Siding and Trim, A  
 9935 RIDGELINE DR -  
Replacement Windows, A  
 9935 RIDGELINE DR -  
Replacement Patio Door, A  
 9929 RIDGELINE DR -  
Security Camera, A  
 10023 RIDGELINE DR -  
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM  
 9626 BRASSIE WAY -  
Downspout/Gutter, AWM  
 9626 BRASSIE WAY -  
Gravel Guard, AWM  
 9626 BRASSIE WAY -  
Trim, AWM  
 9626 BRASSIE WAY -  
Miscellaneous, AWM  
 9688 BRASSIE WAY -  
Replacement Windows, AWM  
 9688 BRASSIE WAY -  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM

**NORTHGATE**

9430 GENTLE CIR -  
Front Door Replacement, A  
 9525 ASPENWOOD CT -  
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM  
 9902 FOREST VIEW PL -  
Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A  
 20265 DARLINGTON DR -  
Roof, A  
 9916 MAPLE LEAF DR -  
Roof, AWM  
 9920 TAMBAY CT - Shed, D  
 10043 MAPLE LEAF DR -  
Radon System, AWM  
 10131 MAPLE LEAF DR -  
Shed, D  
 10131 MAPLE LEAF DR -  
Fence and Gate, AWM  
 9601 OYSTER POINT WAY -  
Solar Systems, A

**NORTH VILLAGE**

9004 NESBIT CT -  
Exterior Paint, AWM  
 20610 HIGHLAND HALL  
DR - Storm Door, AWM  
 20509 STRATHHAVEN DR -  
Exterior Paint, A  
 9310 JARRETT CT -  
Replacement Windows, AWM  
 9311 BATHGATE CT -  
Replacement Patio Door, A  
 8684 WELBECK WAY -  
Fence and Gate, AWM  
 8620 WELBECK WAY -  
Front Door Replacement, A  
 8620 WELBECK WAY -  
Storm Door, A

8800 WELBECK WAY -  
Patio, AWM  
 9500 ASPENWOOD PL -  
Roof, AWM  
 20705 BOUNTYFIELD CT -  
Gate, AWM

**PATTON RIDGE**

9816 MEADOWCROFT LN -  
Front Door Replacement, AWM  
 10029 DELLCASTLE RD -  
Roof, A  
 9911 DELLCASTLE RD -  
Front Door Replacement, D  
 9911 DELLCASTLE RD -  
Sidelight, D  
 10 MASTENBROOK CT -  
Garage Door, A  
 9813 MEADOWCROFT LN -  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 20066 DOOLITTLE ST -  
Fence, AWM  
 9210 FROSTBURG WAY -  
Storm Door, AWM  
 9210 FROSTBURG WAY -  
Front Door Replacement, A  
 9340 BREMERTON WAY -  
Patio, AWM  
 20006 SPUR HILL DR -  
Exterior Paint, A  
 20006 SPUR HILL DR -  
Shutters, A  
 9443 HICKORY VIEW PL -  
Deck, AWM  
 9443 HICKORY VIEW PL -  
Balcony, AWM  
 19715 GREENSIDE TER -  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM

**SOUTH VILLAGE**

9861 SAILFISH TER -  
Storm Door, A  
 9839 SAILFISH TER -  
Roof, A  
 9804 ISLANDSIDE DR -  
Miscellaneous, AWM  
 9869 DOCKSIDE TER -  
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM  
 18723 PIER POINT PL -  
Exterior Paint, AWM  
 18601 PIER POINT PL -  
Garage Door, AWM  
 19022 MONTGOMERY  
VILLAGE AVE - Exterior  
Paint, A

**STEDWICK**

10359 WATKINS MILL DR -  
Fence and Gate, A  
 10353 WATKINS MILL DR -  
Fence and Gate, A  
 10439 KARDWRIGHT CT -  
Retaining Wall, AWM  
 10421 KARDWRIGHT CT -  
Replacement Patio Door, A

19121 CAPEHART DR -  
Replacement Siding,  
 19121 CAPEHART DR -  
Trim, AWM  
 19621 SPARR SPRING RD -  
Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A  
 10004 BATTLERIDGE PL -  
Miscellaneous, AWM  
 10617 SENECA RIDGE DR -  
Miscellaneous, AWM  
 19307 DUNBRIDGE WAY -  
Front Door Replacement, A  
 19307 DUNBRIDGE WAY -  
Sidelight, AWM  
 19307 DUNBRIDGE WAY -  
Storm Door, A  
 19331 DUNBRIDGE WAY -  
Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM  
 19359 FRENCHTON PL -  
Gate, A  
 19344 FRENCHTON PL -  
Exterior Paint, A  
 19513 DIVOT PL - Roof, A  
 19513 DIVOT PL -  
Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM  
 19513 DIVOT PL -  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 10106 BLUE TEE TER -  
Solar Systems, A  
 10301 ROYAL WOODS CT -  
Replacement Patio Door, AWM  
 10245 COVE LEDGE CT -  
Exterior Light, A

**WHETSTONE**

9840 CANAL RD -  
Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A  
 9728 DIGGING RD -  
Walkway, A  
 9728 DIGGING RD -  
Stoop, A  
 9729 LOOKOUT PL -  
Walkway, A  
 9729 LOOKOUT PL -  
Stoop, A  
 9729 LOOKOUT PL -  
Steps, A  
 19130 ROMAN WAY -  
Front Door Replacement, A  
 19130 ROMAN WAY -  
Sidelight, AWM  
 19130 ROMAN WAY -  
Storm Door, AWM  
 19128 BROOKE GROVE CT -  
Exterior Paint, A  
 18909 BLUEWILLOW LN -  
Garage Door, A  
 19121 N PIKE CREEK PL -  
Patio, A  
 18928 N MEADOW FENCE  
RD - Miscellaneous, A  
 18928 N MEADOW FENCE  
RD - Security Camera, A

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## MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

## Trash and rodents

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Trash and rodents continue to be an ongoing problem in Middle Village. If you are one of the residents who places trash out in plastic trash bags or trash cans without a closed lid, you are contributing to the rodent problem. To get rid of rats and mice, we must starve them and get rid of the food source.

If you see a resident(s) placing trash out in plastic bags or a trash can without a top, call ComSource and report them! There is a \$100 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof, which includes the address of the violator or other identifying information, is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Residents who place trash out in plastic bags will be fined.

If your trash can is overflowing, purchase an additional trash can with a lid.

We have to cut off the food supply of rodents to get rid of them. If you have bags of trash in your yard, put them in a trash can with a lid. If your neighbors have trash in their yard, report them to ComSource. We are not trying to create an atmosphere where we tell on our neighbors, but we have to eliminate the problem – trash – to get rid of the rats.

### MISUSE OF THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS TENNIS COURTS

A portion of your assessments allows Middle Village residents to utilize the Thomas Choice Condominium tennis courts. There have been reports of residents misusing the courts. Activities such as soccer, skate-boarding, riding scooters, etc. are not allowed. These activities can damage the court surface, which may result in an increased assessment due to repair costs. The courts are to be used for tennis only.

### SHOPPING CARTS

Shopping carts are being removed from the neighboring stores in the shopping center and being left in the Middle Village community. Do not remove any shopping carts from the shopping center – it is illegal. If you have shopping carts in your possession, return them to the shopping center.

### ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are due paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15th of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payment allows us to continue providing services to the 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 calling Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mailing [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com).

### BULK TRASH PICKUP NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Due the large volume of bulk trash, the cost to have it collected and the fact that bulk trash attracts rodents and lowers the property values, it was decided that residents will now be responsible for disposing of their own bulk trash.

Placing bulk trash in the community is a violation that is subject to a fine. Any resident dumping bulk trash on Middle Village property will be fined \$250.

There is a \$100 reward for picture or video proof that identifies violators of the community trash policy. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Homeowners will be fined if they or their tenants violate the trash policy.

Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.

2. Trash/recycling out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home. Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash and trash in cans.

Remember, do not place household trash or recycling out until the evening before pickup or the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.

*Note: If an item does not fit into the blue recycling container, it is not recycling. If an item does not fit into the 35-gallon trashcan previously provided, it is not normal household trash.*

*If an item is yard waste, it must be in a paper bag or bundled and placed out with recycling pickup.*

Middle Village trash/recycling collection schedule:

**Tuesday and Friday** - household trash collection only

**Wednesday** - recycling collection only

### SAVE THE DATE

Middle Village Community Day is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. More details to follow soon.

### CONTACTING COMSOURCE

ComSource is our management company. If you have a comment or complaint, please

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

There will not be an MVHC board meeting August. The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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WHETSTONE WATCH

2018 budget and beyond

by Brian Clark, Treasurer

This article presents an updated analysis of Whetstone’s financial situation from the analysis presented in a July “Whetstone Watch” article.

- Based on resident feedback, this analysis was adjusted to:
- Remove the snow component from both income and expenses
  - Update for board budget actions at the July 2017 meeting
  - Update for the results of the 2016 Whetstone audit
  - Update the current expenses to date and the projected expenses for the rest of 2017

Each resident has received a ballot asking for an assessment ceiling increase. The requested amount is \$116 per resident (\$29 per quarter or 13% overall). This was the absolute minimum that could be asked for and still maintain a comparable level of maintenance as the current year.

Whetstone has not raised its general assessment of \$914 since the 2013 budget year. Typically, general assessment increases need to be done every four to five years—hence 2018 would be the appropriate year to consider a new increase.

Currently the board is considering two budgets for 2018—one assuming an increase and one that does not.

	2017	2018	2018
Budget		Current Assessment	Increased Assessment
Maintenance			
General Maintenance	\$ 52,000	\$ 60,920	\$ 60,920
Required Maintenance*	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500
Discretionary Maintenance	\$ 83,000	\$ 14,346	\$ 66,198
Total	\$ 144,500	\$ 99,766	\$ 151,618
Undesignated Reserves**	\$ (53,561)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Administration	\$ 83,185	\$ 73,150	\$ 73,150
Trash	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,429	\$ 28,429
Reserve Contribution	\$ 277,635	\$ 257,642	\$ 257,642
Income*	\$ 481,759	\$ 478,987	\$ 530,839

\* - Snow components have been removed  
\*\* - Estimated

Without an assessment increase, the board will be required to reduce yearly maintenance spending by roughly 31%. This minimal budget will result in only safety issues being addressed, the minimal maintenance of assets and a very small amount of discretionary improvements. Even with the assessment ceiling increase, overall maintenance spending will only be increased by a modest 5%.

The need for a ceiling increase is simple—inflation and increases in taxes/fees charged by the county.

	2013	2018	% Increase
General Maintenance Contract	\$ 42,867	\$ 60,920	42%
Trash Contract	\$ 24,943	\$ 28,429	14%
Community Management Contract	\$ 46,900	\$ 48,450	3%
Taxes/Fees	\$ 9,709	\$ 15,000	54%
Total	\$ 124,419	\$ 152,799	23%

	2016	2018	% Increase
General Maintenance Contract	\$ 47,222	\$ 60,920	29%
Trash Contract	\$ 26,661	\$ 28,429	7%
Community Management Contract	\$ 47,500	\$ 48,450	2%
Taxes/Fees	\$ 12,962	\$ 15,000	16%
Total	\$ 134,345	\$ 152,799	14%

There have been a few voices in the community claiming that the board has not justified the need for an increase—that somehow the \$18K increase in certain expenses in just two years (due to inflation and county fees) is being faked. To which I say balderdash. The association’s books are open to everyone and every question asked has been answered. If any member needs more information to understand the community’s needs, you only need to send us your questions. You can send your questions via e-mail to [whetstonehc@mof.org](mailto:whetstonehc@mof.org).

The board understands that no one wants to pay more in assessment; board members pay the same assessment as well and we have no incentive to ask for one more dime than is needed. Ultimately, it is each member’s decision on what the community will spend. Choose wisely.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village October board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

Your board of directors held their October meeting this past Thursday, Oct. 19. This article went to press earlier in the week so we can only discuss what was on the agenda. We will cover the actual meeting in our next article.

There were three items of new business on the agenda: approval of the 2018 budget; setting the assessment for 2018; and appointing the election committee.

A summary of the 2018 draft budget was published in the last issue of the *Village News*. Since all board members were involved in the development of that budget, it is most likely that the budget was approved at the meeting this past Thursday. The good news is that the board of directors was projecting a lower assessment, the result of reduced security costs when we switched contractors. So, as the board sets the assessment for 2018, residents can expect to pay less in 2018 if the board held to the numbers that were in the draft budget.

The other new business on the agenda was the appointment of the election committee. These individuals will be responsible for the approval of the candidates, preparation of the ballots, counting the ballots when the voting closes and determining the winners. Winners will be announced at the North Village Annual Meeting in February.

LEAF PICKUP

The last issue of the *Village News* listed tentative leaf pickup in North Village for the weeks of November 12 and December 17. Several residents are concerned with what they should do with the leaves until then. Obviously, folks can't keep leaves on their lawns until then, and filling up the gutters in the interim isn't a solution. Your HOA will have to pay someone to clean the drains

when the leaves clog the drains and the water backs up. And if you have a landscaper, do not let them put leaves in the gutter until the pickup dates. In the meantime, your board of directors recommends that you bag the leaves and put them out on the curb for the county recycling on their regular service days.

North Village does not have a leaf policy. In fact, none of the associations in Montgomery Village do. Leaves should be raked to the curb only the week of the stated collection. All other times the homeowner is responsible for removal. This means you should bag and recycle them or mulch them with a lawnmower.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Election for your board of directors is fast approaching. Every year we elect three members to the nine-member board. Board members serve for three years. Three incumbent board members are up for election this year. The nominating deadline is Thursday, Nov. 9, so the list of candidates will be completed soon. The election material will be distributed to residents in mid-December, with ballots due in January 2018. If you are interested in volunteering to help your community, please submit your name to our community manager before November 9. Her phone number is given below. You will be asked to submit

a short paragraph describing your background and interest in serving on the board. There is not a big demand on your time with only seven board meetings, normally every other month, except for the annual meeting in February. You will be asked to attend a budget meeting in mid-summer to help prepare the budget for the next year. We need dedicated residents who want to take an active role in managing our homes corporation.

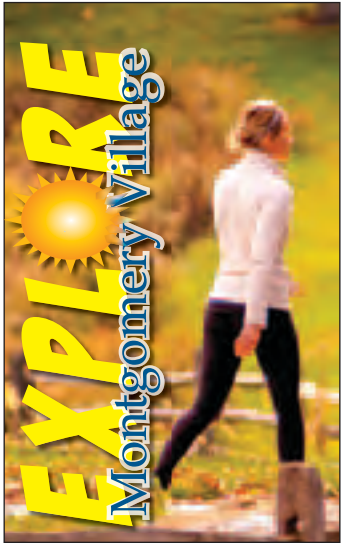
OCTOBER ASSESSMENT DUE

If you have not done so already, please remember to send in your fourth quarter assessment payment to the Montgomery Village Foundation. Fourth quarter assessments were due on October 1. To avoid late fees, your assessment must be received by the end of the month.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2325 or e-mail [asteward@mof.org](mailto:asteward@mof.org).

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



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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

## 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

policies and must be current in all assessment payments. In several cases, the Nominating Committee is given the authority to determine which of the nominees will be on the final slate of candidates.

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 Montgomery County Law, if elected, can-

didates 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.

*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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), select "MVF," select "MVF Policies,"*

**EAST VILLAGE**

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018  
Nominating Committee: T. Holloway, K. Linck

**EASTGATE**

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 29  
Nominating Committee: J. Amtmann, E. Olson, D. Sigano, E. Stockton

**MARYLAND PLACE**

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018  
Nominating Committee: S. Kimbell, J. Kozo

**NORTH VILLAGE**

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 9  
Nominating Committee: C. Conlon, J. Powell

**PATTON RIDGE**

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 30  
Nominating Committee: M. Finn; K. Monnig, B. Post

**SOUTH VILLAGE**

Nominating Deadline: Monday, Nov. 20  
Nominating Committee: J. Andre, N. Farrar, L. Jerome

**STEDWICK**

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018  
Nominating Committee: K. Silliman

**WHETSTONE**

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018  
Nominating Committee: S. Cranford, J. Martin

choose "Communications Policies" and then "Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy" (see #4

under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## Leaf Removal Schedule

Below is the anticipated leaf removal schedule for homes corporations and condominium associations managed by Montgomery Village Foundation. 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 any

changes to the website each Friday and print an updated schedule in each *Village News* published throughout the season.

*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.*

**CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, Oct. 26  
The week of November 27

**EASTGATE**

The week of October 30  
The week of December 4

**EAST VILLAGE**

The week of October 30  
The week of December 4

**HORIZON RUN**

The week of November 12  
The week of December 3  
The week of December 17

**MARYLAND PLACE**

The week of October 23  
The week of November 27

**NORTH VILLAGE**

The week of November 12  
The week of December 17

**PATTON RIDGE**

The week of November 6  
The week of December 11

**SOUTH VILLAGE**

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season beginning Monday, Nov. 7.

**STEDWICK**

Monday, Nov. 13  
Monday, Dec. 4

**THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM**

Thursday, Oct. 26  
The week of November 27

**WHETSTONE**

Monday, Nov. 6  
Monday, Dec. 4

## SCHOOL NEWS

## Watkins Mill High School Booster Club citrus sale

This fall, the Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) Booster Club is again sponsoring a Citrus Sale to raise funds that support sports programs at WMHS. Through Florida Indian River Groves, residents can order a variety of oranges, grapefruit or orange juice. Orders can be placed on-

line and delivered either to WMHS for pickup, or directly to you.

To view the selection of fruit available and/or place an order, visit [www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/172602](http://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/172602) by Thursday, Nov. 9. Delivery to WMHS will be in the beginning of December, and you

will be notified of the exact delivery date for pickup.

Please consider supporting the WMHS Booster Club with this healthy fundraiser! For more information, call Dick Campbell at 301-580-4932 or e-mail [WMHSCitrusSale@gmail.com](mailto:WMHSCitrusSale@gmail.com).



## Montgomery Village News

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## AT YOUR LEISURE

## Free Senior Forum and Resource Fair

Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz will host a Senior Forum and Resource Fair at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 27. The program will focus on recognizing the signs of elder abuse, protecting seniors from scams and ways for seniors to live life to the fullest through volunteering. It will be accompanied by an informational resource fair showcasing a wide range of service providers to seniors.

The Senior Forum and resource fair are free and open to the public. The resource fair will open at 9:30 a.m., with speakers beginning at 10 a.m. Residents do not have to be a member of the Activity Center at Bohrer Park to attend.

Councilmember Katz, the former Mayor of Gaithersburg, serves on the Public Safety (PS) Committee as its lead member for Behavioral Health in the Justice System. The PS Committee has jurisdiction over the county's consumer protection programs and public safety issues affecting seniors.

"We know that stopping senior abuse, avoiding scams and leading a fulfilling life are issues of great interest to seniors, and that is why we are pleased to yet again bring together our county's leading experts in these fields. It is our hope with this forum that our seniors will receive timely and relevant information and see the community resources available so they can continue to live safe, full and enriching lives" said Councilmember Katz.

The following experts will be speaking starting at 10 a.m.:

- John McCarthy, the Montgomery County State's Attorney
- Eric Friedman, director of the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection
- Gretchen Zekiel, Senior Fellow/Program Manager, 50+ Volunteer

Network, Montgomery County Volunteer Center

At the resource fair, representatives from community-serving organizations will have information and materials for forum attendees. Organizations confirmed to be in attendance include:

- Aspire Counseling
- City of Gaithersburg, Benjamin Gaither Center (formerly Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center)
- Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County
- EveryMind
- Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
- Jewish Social Service Agency
- Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
- Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division
- Montgomery College Lifelong Learning Institute
- Montgomery County Board of Elections
- Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Aging & Disability Services
- Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
- Montgomery County Public Libraries
- Montgomery County Recreation
- Montgomery County Police Department, Keeping Seniors Safe
- Montgomery County State's Attorney
- Montgomery County Volunteer Center, 50+ Volunteer Network
- NAMI Montgomery County
- Rockville Senior Center
- Senior Connection
- The Village at Rockville

For more information on the forum, contact Mary Gies at 240-777-7817 or e-mail [mary.gies@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mary.gies@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## Shop, volunteer and do good!

Did you know that Habitat for Humanity operates two ReStores in Montgomery County? ReStores sell new and used donated goods and are open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland is a non-profit organization whose mission it is to build affordable housing in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. We are able to help everyday working class families realize their dream of homeownership by selling the homes at cost and with a 30-year, no interest mortgage. Our ReStores help to provide us with funding to support this mission. We also divert tons of materials from the landfill every year and support our workers by paying a livable wage and providing benefits.

ReStore volunteers are so very important to our mission because they help to support store operations and help us to convert more of our shoppers' dollars to affordable housing. We desperately need volunteers to take shifts at the store and "take charge" of departments.

Whether you are good at customer service, upcycling, repair, organizing or decorating, we need you! Come have fun, learn a skill, help customers find what they need or create (and fix) masterpieces. We are also certified for SSL hours and many other programs. We really need retirees and folks who have time during the day to volunteer. We also have an after school shift for teens (3 to 6 p.m.). You must be 16 years old to volunteer alone; 14 to 16 years old must be with a parent.

For more information or to volunteer, call 301-990-0014, ext. 16 or e-mail [alena.biagas@habitatmm.org](mailto:alena.biagas@habitatmm.org).



## The Covenant United Methodist Women's Marketplace is coming!

On Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents are invited to shop local, support missions in the community and get a head start on your holiday gift list! Artists from the community will be selling handmade jewelry, textiles, photography, hair accessories, candles and more. Your favorite direct sales companies such as Scentsy, Thirty-One Bags and Tastefully Simple will also be represented. And don't forget about the always popular silent auction!

The Holiday Marketplace experience would not be complete without a visit to The Emporium, featuring unique gifts made by the Covenant Women's Group. This event is more than just gifts and crafts. The Covenant Women will be selling fabulous baked goods and other food items.

Get your holiday shopping done, bid on one or more items and take some home-made baked goods with you. The Holiday Marketplace will have something for everyone. All

are invited to attend this special event. Fifty percent of the proceeds go to children's and family ministries of the church.

For more information about this and other events, call 301-926-8920, e-mail [office@covenant-umc.com](mailto:office@covenant-umc.com) or visit [www.covenant-umc.org](http://www.covenant-umc.org). Covenant United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Wightman Road and Montgomery Village Avenue.

## Spectrum symposium

Join fellow residents and friends for a sociable gathering and discussion about climate change. The St. Rose of Lima Eco Action Team is sponsoring the symposium from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the Duggan Room at St. Rose of Lima, 11701 Clopper Road.

The evening will afford participants the opportunity to meet and discuss reactions to selected materials with content offering a spectrum of responses to this pressing issue. Each video will be followed by a small group discussion. The event will encompass a

broad range of climate focused ideas as set out by Climate Conservatives and Climate Change Concerned, and present a nonpartisan suggestion for legislative action to counter pollution.

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## RECREATION

# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

## Free Halloween Concert

The ghostly sounds of All Hallows Eve will fill the air as the Montgomery Village Community Band performs "A Little Nightmare Music." Selections will include "Mu-

sic for a Darkened Theater," "Funeral March of a Marionette" and other ghostly pieces.

Residents are invited to Lake Marion Community

Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. for the "musi-ghoul" event. Be sure to wear your most frightful or delightful costume.

## Come join us for Halloween Hoopla!

Ghouls, ghosts and goblins ages 3 to 9 — oh my! The Halloween-themed action doesn't stop once you dare to enter our haunted lair, also known as Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

### INTERACTIVE COSTUME PARADE AND CONTEST

Costumed children can get up on stage and strut their stuff for the friendly-fiendish judges. This year's categories are Scariest, Fun-

niest, Prettiest and Most Creative. Kids can play a variety of Halloween games and visit Montgomery Village's favorite fortune teller if they dare!

Join us for a frightful-good time from 6:30 to

8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27. The cost for Halloween Hoopla is \$3 per child or \$2 with a non-perishable food item donation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free!



## Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Learn how to help in an emergency. This class will teach how to recognize and care for various first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, scrapes, sudden illness, head, neck and back injuries, heat and cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims of all ages.

Students who successfully complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and

Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years.

Minimum age for participation is 11 years old. Class is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road and costs \$60/Resident or \$70/Non-resident. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org). To register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

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Check out the new urban-inspired dance/fitness class using optional weighted gloves. A fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training, this class will take your workout to a whole new level! Using a carefully designed mix of today's hottest music, BANG Power Dance will inspire you to get fit and move.

BANG Power Dance meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, through Dec. 19 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Register for the whole session for only \$84/Resident, \$94/Non-resident, or drop in to classes for only \$7 per visit.



## Holiday Craft Bazaar

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**Saturday, Nov. 4**  
**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
 Lake Marion Community Center  
 8821 East Village Avenue

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

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






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## RECREATION

## Babysitting course

**NEW!**

Enroll in this fun, fast paced course that includes hands on activities, videos, role play and discussion. Designed for teens who are interested in sharpening their child care skills, course topics will include how to choose age appropriate games, bedtime, discipline,

safety, diapering and feeding. Learn to prevent injuries and mishaps, as well as First Aid and CPR. Successful participants will receive American Red Cross certification.

This full day class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the North

Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road and costs \$60/Resident or \$70/Non-resident. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [toshea@mof.org](mailto:toshea@mof.org). To register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Soccer Shots for ages 2 to 8

Be sure to reserve space in the upcoming session of the finest soccer program around! The second fall session begins on Thursday, Oct. 19. Toddlers will learn through fun games, song and lots of activity. Older tots will learn basic skills (passing, dribbling and shooting) through creative/imaginative games. League play for 5 to 8-year-olds will build on acquired skills with scrimmages and learn tactical elements in preparation for competitive play.

Sessions are held at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area, 10101 Apple Ridge Road, on Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings. For more information or to

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



## Christmas Tree Lighting



Free and fun for the entire family! Join friends, neighbors, the Montgomery Village Community Band and Santa to kick off the holidays with the Montgomery Village Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy festive music, an opportunity to sing along with classic carols and complimentary hot chocolate and treats to celebrate the holiday

season from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The large evergreen tree is located adjacent to the Village Center on Montgomery Village Avenue, between the parking lot and CVS.

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

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**Taekwondo**

**Mondays**

Chagun Yong (Little Dragons)  
 Ages 3½ to 5  
 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Beginner Taekwondo  
 Ages 6 and older  
 6 to 7 p.m.

Advanced Taekwondo  
 7 to 8 p.m.

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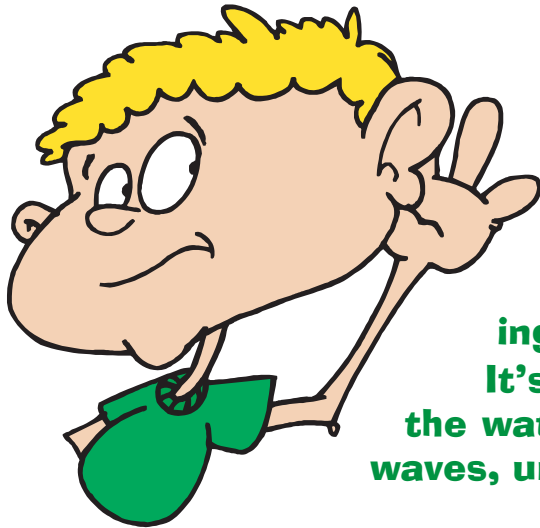


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## MV Kids learn about sound



**Have you ever wondered what makes a noise or sound?**

**Sounds are actually a type of energy that makes vibrations. When your ear is in range of the vibrations, you hear the sound.**

**When an object vibrates, it moves the tiny air particles around it. Those particles move too and bump into more and more particles. This movement, called sound waves, keeps going until all the particles run out of energy.**

**It's kind of like throwing a rock into still water. When the rock hits the water, it makes small waves. Those waves make more and more waves, until there is not enough energy to make any more waves.**

### How to make water chimes

#### Materials

8 glasses  
 teaspoons  
 water



#### Directions

- Line up eight glasses of about the same size and shape.
- Fill the first glass about  $\frac{1}{8}$  full of water for the high note, the second glass should be  $\frac{1}{4}$  full, the third glass should be  $\frac{3}{8}$  full for the next note and so on.
- Each glass should sound like a note on the music scale (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do). You may need to tune your music scale (add or remove water with teaspoon).
- Use a metal teaspoon to gently tap out the scale.

#### Hints for water chimes

- Ask your parents for help when filling and playing the glasses.
- Don't use expensive glasses to make water chimes.
- Add a bit of food coloring to help identify which glass is which sound.
- Changing the amount of water will change the musical note. The amount of water in the glass changes the pitch of the sound wave.

Can you use the notes to play a simple tune?

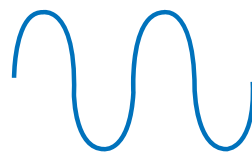
### So how do you hear different sounds?

Different sounds are made from different vibrations. Fast vibrations make high-pitched sounds, and slow vibrations make low-pitched sounds. If a sound wave repeats its vibrations in a regular pattern, you hear musical notes. If a sound wave repeats its vibrations in an irregular pattern, you hear noise.

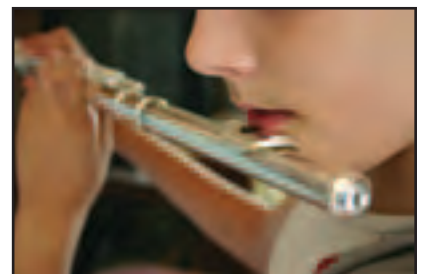
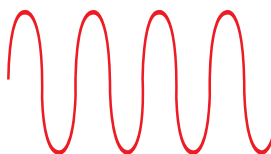
Think of a flute. When you blow air into the hole at one end, you start making the air particles vibrate down the inside of the flute. Because the flute is a long straight tube, the sound waves bounce off of each side in a regular pattern making musical notes. When you press the keys of the flute down, the notes change because you increase or decrease the amount of space inside the flute.

With an instrument like a guitar, vibrations start when you pick or strum a string or strings. You can change the amount of space that vibrates by moving your fingers up or down the strings. Just like the space air has to travel inside the flute, this changes the sounds and notes you hear. The thickness of the strings also helps change the sound produced.

low frequency sound waves



high frequency sound waves





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SiA members worked together to paint and assemble two pumpkin racers for the MVF Fall Festival.

SiA Pumpkin Racer  
"Seniors in Action Man"SiA Cheater Pumpkin "Super  
Senior in Action" was filled with  
fresh coffee grounds.*Up next...***Lunch Bunch**

The Lunch Bunch crew will meet at the Stedwick Community Center on the second Tuesday of each month after the conclusion of Tai Chi. Please see the flyer on the SiA board for more info!

**REGISTRATION**Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)!The Seniors in Action program offers convenient and affordable activities to seniors 55 years and older, Monday through Friday. For more details on any Seniors in Action activity, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail [aalcon@mvf.org](mailto:aalcon@mvf.org).





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