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Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board President Pete Young, MVF Board member Jim Marsh and Montgomery Village Sports Association President David Jacobs joined Senator Nancy King, District 39 Delegates Charles Barkley and Kirill Reznik, Kevin Mack from Congressman John Delaney's office and Montgomery Village Chiefs football players, cheerleaders and coaches to officially open the new Restroom and Concession Stand Facility in South Valley Park on Saturday, Oct. 15.

# Restroom and Concession Stand Facility officially opened in South Valley Park

Before the opening ceremony of the Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival on October 15, Senator Nancy King and District 39 Delegates Reznik and Barkley, representatives from the Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA), Montgomery Village Chiefs football players and cheerleaders and Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board members and staff dedicated the new Restroom and Concession Stand Facility in South Valley Park. The new facility is located behind Watkins Mill Elementary School.

The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held during the MVSA homecoming football games, amid a frenzy of activities for the players and their families. Teams decorated the fences, siblings enjoyed a moon bounce and all enjoyed food fresh from new facility. The restrooms and conces-

The restrooms and concession stand were a built through a partnership with MVSA and MVF using a matching state grant acquired by Senator King. In the past, park patrons used port-a-john toilets and MVSA had a converted trailer to sell concessions at their games. The new facility is a welcome addition to the park. Additionally, a restroom was built at the Gordon W. Bowie Music Pavilion, for use by patrons of the Summers at South Valley Park events in the summer months.

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# "Dragonite" beats "Memes of 2016" for Pumpkin Race trophy

#### by Mike Conroy

On Saturday, Oct. 15, pumpkins and people 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, was the backdrop again this year for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival. Families gathered with pumpkin racers in hand to enjoy the festivities and try their luck at taking home the coveted Pumpkin Racer Trophy.

In the final heat, Kelvin Ahlman's "GoPro Pumpkin," Caroline Magdamo's "Memes of 2016," the "Hero Dog Pumpkin" and River Ahlman's "Dragonite" all took off for the finish line, with no bumping, crashing or pushing. But a close call at the line and a review of spectator video still couldn't decide a winner. Memes and Dragonite crossed the line at the same time, forcing a final race-off of the two pumpkin racers. With a lastminute lane switch, the two headed for the finish again, this time with a clear victory for "Dragonite."

This was a back-to-back victory for the Ahlman family, who took home last year's trophy with "Gordo II." The secret to their success? Fast, straight wheels, carefully picked pumpkins, minimal decoration for less drag and a bit of luck not getting run off course by another racer. This is the first time in Great Pumpkin Race history that a single racer has taken home multiple trophies.

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 110 pumpkins entered into the race this year.

Before the races started, festival goers had an opportunity to visit with local business and organizations, preview or purchase artwork from the Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association, play carnival games, ride the rides, launch tennis balls at 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary targets, visit the Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo

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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. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 2017 budget is on the agenda to be approved.

#### **MVF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

#### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2 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. 2 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple

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.

#### **MVF to host Retail Forum**

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) will host the first in a series of forums to discuss economic and community development in Montgomery Village at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

This initiative came out of discussions from a subcommittee of the recently dissolved of the former Transportation, Development and Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee. The future of improved retail options has been a regular discussion point during community meetings focused on land use.

Several guest speakers will address national, regional and local retail

Former Senior Fellow, Urban Land Institute, retail

next issue

• Tom Lonergan, Director, Economic Development, City of Gaithersburg

 David Ross, President, Atlantic Realties Companies (new owner of Village Center)

 David Petr, President and CEO of the newly established Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (invited)

Residents are encouraged to attend the forum to hear and discuss ideas critical to moving the Village forward. Small plate refreshments from local restaurants will be available from 6:30 to 7 p.m., and a panel discussions and question and answer period will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, e-mail EVP Dave Humpton at *dhumpton@mvf.org*.

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

#### **CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM**

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

#### CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

#### EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

#### EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 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. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 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. 25 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

#### NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 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. 17 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. 10 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. 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 15 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. 26 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. 16 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. 14 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. 8 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

#### WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Community criteria for exterior features on all homes in Montgomery Village is available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com





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trends and issues: Maureen McAvey, expert

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## Village News

# Serving the residents of Montgomery Village

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Executive Vice President David Humpton **EVP'S MESSAGE** 

# Fall is in the air



by David Humpton MVF Executive Vice President

#### FALL FESTIVAL RECAP

Ever seen a pumpkin race? Well if you haven't, plan on attending next year's MVF Fall Festival to enjoy the races, music, food, vendor tables and fellowship with neighbors and friends. It was a beautiful day for this year's festivities last Saturday, and I heard over and over from attendees that this is MVF's best event of the year.

The VIP race was won by MVF Board member Jim Marsh, who had decorated his own pumpkin with Ohio State's colors and regalia! Congratulations to Jim and to all those who participated in the many races. Special thanks to Holy Cross Germantown Hospital for the major sponsorship and to the MVF staff who worked the event.

#### **M-83 STUDIES**

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) is reviewing and finalizing the two studies that are part of the overall Midcounty Corridor Study (MCS), M-83. The county council approved funds earlier this year to study a two-lane parkway. The county had already funded a study of the option involving the master planned MD355 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alignment (Shady Grove Road to Redgrave Place) and Alternatives 2 and 5. Both studies were scheduled to be released in October, but we have been informed that the studies will not be released until November and that no scheduled meetings have been planned as yet to discuss the results.

Since the BRT Master Plan was not approved until 2013, it was not included as an alternative in the original MCS. The new MCS/BRT Alternative will examine whether the combined improvements will satisfy the transportation demands of the study area and meet the purpose and need of MCS without constructing the extension of Midcounty Highway. In addition, DOT is reviewing a commissioned study of an option called the M-83 Mid-ground Option, otherwise known as the two-lane parkway option.

According to DOT, the study methodology will be specified in the study report. It is expected that the county council will seek input from Park & Planning prior to taking up this issue.

#### MEETING WITH DHCA DIRECTOR CLARENCE SNUGGS

I recently toured Montgomery Village with Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) Director Clarence Snuggs, to orient him especially to numerous housing and property maintenance code issues throughout the Village. We truly want to further strengthen our partnership and communications with DHCA, especially with regard to improved enforcement of housing and property code violations.

As I described to Mr. Snuggs, our HOA covenants have limited fining authority, which is crucial to helping gain compliance from homeowners who are not maintaining their properties. In addition, MVF has architectural control, and in more extreme cases, uses the legal process to effectuate change.

We know that in a number of cases, county enforcement has been initiated, including "clean and lien" orders. However, the question is whether potentially more can be done to address problem properties in our community. Mr. Snuggs also shared his concerns and plans for aging housing in the county, especially with regard to condominiums.

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#### **MVF BOARD AGENDA**

#### MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, October 27, 2016

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

Residents Time - As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board,

please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. President's Remarks
- 3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting
- September 22, 2016 4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
- E. Theasurer's Report & Financial Stateme
- 5. Executive Vice President's Report
- 6. Acceptance of Action List ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider adoption of the 2017 MVF budget and 5 year plan
- B. Consider adoption of the 2017 MVF and DU assessment rates
- C. Consider appointment of new MVF Treasurer
- D. Consider appointment of Audit Committee member
- E. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute a contract for audit services
- F. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate the Third Supplemental and Amended and Restated Declaration and Grant of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions of the Montgomery Village Professional Center
- G. Consider Committee on the Environment membership request
- H. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate a license agreement with Smartwebs to implement mobile violations software
- I. Consider COE recommendation MVF Board to send letter to county opposing M-83 parkway option
   I. Consider COE recommendation that no pruning be done
- J. Consider COE recommendation that no pruning be done around Lake Whetstone shoreline this fall
- K. Consider bid for new playground equipment at Watkins Mill Recreation Area
- L. Consider approving change orders for Apple Ridge Pool and Bathhouse project
- 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 I. Recreation
  - . Recreation
  - K. Investment Committee
- L. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 –

(viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. 10. Adjournment



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.. Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave. LMCC. MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd. SCC . South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd. SVP ...

. Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd. WHPR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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E-mail letters to *mvnews@mvf.org*.

#### IN THE NEWS

# Letters the Editor

#### Editor:

As Chair of the Whetstone Ad Hoc Committee on Adult Medical Day Care, I would like to thank the historic number of residents who participated in the recent ballot on proposed changes to Whetstone covenants. Although Amendment 1 did not obtain the necessary 298 votes to pass, of those 315 residents whose votes qualified, 78% were against the establishment of a commercial medical day care business in our community.

I would also like to express my thanks to the Whetstone board for their willingness to listen to residents and put this issue to a vote. Over the past year I have had the privilege to work with Whetstone board members and have witnessed the great amount of time and effort these volunteers dedicate to our community. Obtaining the requisite 298 votes to effect a change in our covenants is a daunting task, but the board took it on and spent hundreds of hours of personal time working to get out the vote.

Sadly, I also observed a tiny but extremely vocal number of residents who actively encouraged their neighbors to not return their ballots. While it is the right of every Whetstone resident to express his or her opinion on any issue, it is also their responsibility to refrain from engaging in innuendo and misrepresenting facts with the intent to suppress a community vote.

With this in mind, I encourage all residents to regularly attend Whetstone board meetings, so that they may make their own voices heard and become better informed members of our community.

> Lynn Strosnider Whetstone

Editor:

Whetstone covenant amendment voting concluded with all five covenant amendments failing to achieve the 2/3 quorum of "For" votes. Inexplicably, Whetstone is voting again. Why? What has changed?

What needs to change? In terms of lessons learned from the first vote, what can the WHC Board and Whetstone community learn from this unfortunate and disappointing experience?

1. Achieve a thorough understanding along with a realistic expectation of the interactions among quorum, turnout and expected voter responses on the proposed issues or amendments.

2. Coordinate the voting deadline, *MV News* publication schedule, WHC Board meeting schedule, ballot counting date

and the posting of correct voting results.

3. Firmly commit to a ballot submission deadline in the Whetstone Voting Procedure with no ad hoc changes permitted once the ballots are sent out.

4. Use straightforward and commonplace language and interpretations in the Whetstone Voting Procedure with respect to the meaning of "receive" to avoid confusion over postmarked versus arrival at MVF Office.

5. Utilize ballot canvassers to better advantage through more effective goal setting, improved management and better instructions.

6. Greatly improve the ballot counting process and professional spreadsheet practices to ensure that the actual counts for "For," "Against" and "No Vote" are fully completed, verifiably correct and transparently visible to all before the ballot counting session is adjourned and ballot counters are excused.

7. Clearly specify the 30-day ballot information and worksheet destruction date in terms of ballot deadline date, ballot counting date, WHC Board voting results acceptance date and the date for release and posting of results.

8. When the voting results prove disappointing to the board, don't immediately double down and launch another ballot hoping for a different result without consulting Whetstone residents.

I urge the board to consider these changes in administering any future votes beginning with the second amendment ballot under consideration.

Don O'Neill Whetstone

#### Editor:

The 2017 MVF budget proposes an assessment increase of \$.88/month. Since MVF started 2016 with \$1,100,000 in Undesignated Reserves (resident money collected from other year assessments and not spent), there is more than enough to cover the proposed 2017 budget, with a continued large surplus. No assessment increase is necessary.

For 2016 the MVF Board wisely voted no increase in the assessment. January 1, 2016 showed a \$100,000 in Undesignated Reserves, greater than the year before, rather than the budgeted decrease. Using some of the reserve in 2016 and 2017 would be good. Our already collected idle money should be used for our benefit. The best benefit is to use that money for our expenses, rather than increasing the assessment for them.

Proposed use of Undesignated Reserves for 2016 and 2017 expenses would bring the Undesignated Reserves balance down to about \$500,000. In that unlikely event, the Board would have a reason to increase the assessment a little (the homeowner association recommendation for MVF is 10% or revenue, about \$350,000 for MVF Undesignated Reserves).

Members of Designated Users (DU), owners in the original homeowner associations, about 80% of MVF, are facing a DU 2017 assessment increase of \$1.40/month to continue the replacement of pools and community centers. Adding an unnecessary MVF assessment is a disservice.

The Board should assess only what it truly needs. Residents should benefit from good management and a little luck, not just the Board. No assessment increase is the best use for our money.

Barbara St. John Stedwick



#### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SNAP?

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), formerly known as food stamps, helps low-income households buy the food they need for good health. Everyone has the right to apply for this benefit.

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We can help you find out if you are eligible and with the application process.

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(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)?



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Cecilia Hernández al 301-740-2523 ext. 977

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#### IN THE NEWS

# EVP's Message

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#### **PROPOSED COUNTY COUNCIL BILLS**

County Councilmember Tom Hucker has introduced two bills, the first of which (38-**16)** levies a \$1,000 fine for those owners of foreclosed sale properties who have not registered with the MD Department of Labor. As way of background, the MD Foreclosure Task Force identified a limbo period of nine to 18 months between the property's foreclosure sale and the deed recordation in the public land records. During this limbo period, it is difficult for jurisdictions to identify the party responsible for foreclosed property, and without this identification, it is difficult to notify owners of maintenance and housing code violations on their property.

The second bill (39-16) requires owners of vacant properties to register them with DHCA. After the property has been registered, DHCA will inspect the property for any code violations, and the property owner will have up to 60 days to address the code violations. Any subsequent inspections performed by DHCA will be charged to the homeowner using a graduated fee similar to the False Alarm fee schedule.

Currently, DHCA can impose fines up to \$500 for violations that are not addressed within 60 to 90 days. However, these fines are often contested in court, where judges often extend the deadline for repairs and reduce or eliminate the fines altogether. Fees address these issues because they are charged directly to the property owner for the inspection services provided without the need for judicial intervention. According to Tom Hucker's office, other jurisdictions that have Vacant Property Registries resulted in a significant decrease in vacant properties.

#### CORRIDOR CITY **TRANSITWAY FUNDING**

Governor Hogan shocked many county officials, smart growth advocates and others by eliminating all current and future funding of the Corridor Cities Transitway through 2023. The Maryland Draft 2017-2022 Consolidated Transportation Program looks considerably different this year from prior years. The real issue is that no funding continues for planning and engineering phases, which will cause difficulty to pick the project up at a later date without going back to the drawing board.

This project could be impactful to Montgomery Village development projects, depending on the requirements that Park & Planning places on transportation modeling for individual projects. This is very disappointing, and I know that our elected officials will be strongly advocating to get this project back on track.

# Familiarize yourself with the new voting system

The Montgomery County Board of Elections encourages county residents to become familiar with the new, paperbased, digital image scan voting system prior to arriving for the Presidential General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, or during Early Voting (Thursday, Oct. 27 through Thursday, Nov. 3). Demonstration voting units will be available at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg.

This year the State of Maryland is implementing a new, paper-based, optical scan voting system. Voters will now mark their selections with a pen on paper ballots prior to inserting them in the scanner for tabulation.

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

# **Staying Aware** in the Village

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

#### **COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

An attempted commercial burglary occurred at Goshen Plaza Beer and Wine located at 9150 Rothbury Drive in the early morning hours of September 22. Suspects: 2 W/Ms, ages unknown

A commercial burglary occurred at Grape and Grain located at 19223 Watkins Mill Road at approximately 6:38 a.m. on Oct. 1. Forced entry; property was taken. Suspect: Male, race and age unknown

A commercial robbery occurred at the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 19235 Watkins Mill Road in the early morning hours of October 2. The suspect implied that he had a weapon and took cash. Suspect: B/M, age unknown

#### **STOLEN VEHICLES**

Two vehicles were stolen in the following areas: In the 10600 block of Seneca Ridge Drive between approximately noon on September 25 and approximately 8:07 a.m. on September 26. The vehicle was unlocked and had the keys in the ignition.

#### THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Three thefts from vehicles occurred in the area of Hellingly Place and Walkers Choice Road between approximately 10 p.m. on September 20 and approximately 1 p.m. on September 21. No force; property was taken.

Multiple other thefts from vehicles occurred during this reporting period. Affected streets include Rothbury Lane, Montgomery Village Avenue, Stedmall Place, Mills Choice Road, and Ravensdale Court. Force was reported in one event; cash and property were taken.



# Leaf Removal Schedule

Below is the anticipated leaf removal schedule for most of the homes corporations and Condominium Associations in Montgomery Village. 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 Wednesday, Nov. 2 to Friday, Nov. 4 The week of Dec. 5

EASTGATE The week of Oct. 31

The week of Nov. 28 **EAST VILLAGE** The week of Nov. 7

The week of Dec. 12 HORIZON RUN

Wednesday, Nov. 3 and Thursday, Nov. 4

Schedule for 2017 MVF **Budget Process** 

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 27

- MVF Board Meeting Adopt 2017 Budget
- Set 2017 Assessment Rates

#### **NOVEMBER 2016**

- Notify owners of 2017 assessments Approval of 2017 Assessment Coupon bid

**DECEMBER 2016** 

2017 assessment coupons mailed

All above referenced meetings will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, unless otherwise noted.

MARYLAND PLACE The week of Oct. 24 The week of Nov. 28

NORTH VILLAGE Please see neighborhood corners for signage.

PATTON RIDGE Monday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Oct. 30

The week of Nov. 28 SOUTH VILLAGE

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

**THOMAS CHOICE** CONDOMINIUMS The week of October 24 The week of November 7

STEDWICK The week of Nov. 14

WHETSTONE The week of Nov. 7 The week of Dec. 5.

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.

#### IN THE NEWS

# **Pumpkin Race**

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and participate in pumpkinthemed crafts. The test track and racer garage were encompassed in a flurry of activity up to the last minute.

Earlier in the day, judges sampled pumpkin baked goods prepared for the Pumpkin Treat Competition. Lauren Shuttles' Pumpkin Spice Cupcake took top prize in the 15 and under category, and Alexandrine Froger's Pumpkin Pie won the medal in the 16 and older category. Both winners defended their 2016 titles for back-to-back wins!

Although MVF Board of Directors President Pete Young predicted a victory in the VIP field, it was newly-elected Board member Jim Marsh who pulled off the win with his Ohio State-themed racer. Young's 50th Anniversarythemed racer was smashed, and the rest of the field barely made it to the finish line. But while racing is important, it was Senator Nancy King's "Duke" pumpkin (from the summer movie "The Secret Life of Pets") that looked the best trotting down the track.

Following the VIP opening race, 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 was 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.

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; Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association; Kohl's Cares; Ameritech Construction; Barlev Field Orchard; Bath Fitter; Beldon Leafguard; Charis Realty Group; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Church of the Redeemer; Creig Northrop Real Estate; Divine Landscaping; GAC Services; Georgetown Hill; Giant Food; Homefix; Ledo Pizza; Liberty

Mutual; Kicks Karate; Kitchen Saver; Tabitha Harvey, Mary Kay Consultant; Montgomery Village Animal Hospital; Spanish Catholic Charities; Thompson Creek Window Company; TW Perry; and Village Montessori School 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 2017 Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14—see you then!



Rose Felipe and Doug Ryder, President of Holy Cross Germantown Hospital present the 2016 Great Pumpkin Race Championship Trophy to River Ahlman and her pumpkin "Dragonite." Thanks to Holy Cross Germantown Hospital for their generous support of the event, and congratulations to River on her family's back-to-back trophy wins!



# The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival

# **RACE RESULTS**

#### PUMPKIN RACER DIVISION WINNERS VIP Race Winner

Jim Marsh, MVF Board of Directors, Ohio State Pumpkin

**Children 10 & Under Race Winner** Kelvin Ahlman, "GoPro Pumpkin"

Youth 11 to 18 Race Winner Caroline Magdamo, "Memes of 2016"

**Community Groups Race Winner** Hero Dogs, "Hero Dog Pumpkin"

**Open Race Winner** River Ahlman, "Dragonite"

**Championship Race Winner** River Ahlman, "Dragonite"

# DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS Prettiest

Camila Cuba, "Peacock"

**Most Innovative Design** Stephan Baur, "BB-8"

Funniest Nancy King, "Duke"

Scariest Devric Ahlman, "Black Widow"

Best Disguised Seniors in Action, "Winter Bear"

**Best Animal Look-a-Like** Hero Dogs, "Hero Dog"

Best Cartoon Character Alexandra Monroe, "Minnie Mouse"

**Best Themed Racer Duo** Danielle Camana, "Bat Girl/Pretty Pink Glitter"

#### PUMPKIN PIE AND BAKED GOODS CONTEST 15 and Under

 1<sup>st</sup> - Lauren Shuttles, Pumpkin Spice Cupcake
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sarah and Abby Caldwell and Anne and Kale Davis, Pumpkin and Cream Cheese Cupcake

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jessica Lennon, Pumpkin Cookie

#### 16 and Over

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alexandrine Froger, Pumpkin Pie 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephanie Fox, Pumpkin Cookies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Coraccio, Banana Pumpkin Bread













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1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner River Ahlman, "Dragonite"







# **SPECIAL THANKS**

**45 RPM** Montgomery County 6th District Police **Upper Montgomery County Civil Air Patrol Cadets Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association Kohl's Cares Ameritech Construction Barley Field Orchard Bath Fitter Beldon Leafguard Charis Realty Group Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of the Redeemer Creig Northrop Real Estate Divine Landscaping GAC Services Georgetown Hill Giant Food Homefix** Ledo Pizza **Liberty Mutual Kicks Karate Kitchen Saver** Tabitha Harvey, Mary Kay Consultant **Montgomery Village Animal Hospital Spanish Catholic Charities Thompson Creek Window Company TW Perry** Village Montessori School























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#### ARB DECISIONS



# Architectural Standards

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

#### **MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD OCTOBER 5, 2016**

#### EAST VILLAGE

19909 HAMIL CIR -Exterior Light, A 19905 COLLINGDALE PL

- Roof, A 19905 COLLINGDALE PL - Gutter, A

3 SAINT REGIS CT -Security Camera, A

8405 SAINT REGIS WAY -Garage Door, A 8408 SAINT REGIS WAY -

Gutter, A 8408 SAINT REGIS WAY -

Gutter Guard, A 8205 RAINBOWVIEW PL -

Downspout/Gutter, A 8214 RAINBOWVIEW PL

- Replacement Patio Door, A 8214 RAINBOWVIEW PL -

Replacement Windows, A 8659 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Replacement Windows

with Capped Trim, AWM 8732 DELCRIS DR -

Replacement Patio Door, A 8600 DELCRIS DR -

Replacement Windows, A 8608 DELCRIS DR

Solar Systems, AWM 20653 BEAVER RIDGE RD

- Shutters, AWM

20653 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Shutters Resubmit, A

20609 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Gate, A

8604 BITTERFIELD CT -Generator, A

Replacement Windows, AWM 8826 RUSTBURG CIR -

Roof, AWM

Replacement Windows, AWM

# 8605 BITTERFIELD CT -

8826 RUSTBURG CIR -

19929 SUGAR NOTCH CIR

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- Miscellaneous, A

1 HALFPENNY CT -Solar Systems, A 8605 HALFPENNY WAY - Trim, A

8401 MARKETREE CIR -Roof, A

8328 MARKETREE CIR -Roof, A

11 MARKETREE CT -Solar Systems, A

#### MARYLAND PLACE

19301 KEYMAR WAY -Exterior Paint, D

9531 TIPPETT LN -Deck, AWM

9531 TIPPETT LN -Fence and Gate, AWM 19304 THOMAS FARM

RD - Front Door Replacement, AWM

19304 THOMAS FARM RD - Storm Door, A

19304 THOMAS FARM RD - Replacement Windows, AWM

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE

10227 RIDGELINE DR -Window Modification, AWM 10227 RIDGELINE DR -

Replacement Patio Door, A 9924 RIDGELINE DR -

Storm Door, A 9924 RIDGELINE DR -

Front Door Replacement, A 9835 BRASSIE WAY -

Solar Systems, A

#### NORTHGATE

20200 LEA POND PL -Storm Door, AWM

9311 SPARROW VALLEY DR - Replacement Patio Door,

AWM 9327 SPARROW VALLEY

DR - Solar Systems, A

20400 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Shutters, A 20624 HIGHLAND HALL 19200 Montgomery Village Ave DR - Roof, A 301-740-3351 20632 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, A 9331 CHADBURN PL -'alkway, A 9341 CHADBURN PL -Roof, A

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9500 DUNBROOK CT -Fence and Gate, Withdrawn

**KEY** 

A .....Approved

9335 SPARROW VALLEY

9305 GRAZING TER -

9305 GRAZING TER -

9508 ASPENWOOD CT -

9819 BROOKRIDGE CT -

9819 BROOKRIDGE CT -

9827 MAPLE LEAF DR -

20118 TORREY POND PL -

9716 SHADOW OAK DR

9716 SHADOW OAK DR -

Replacement Windows, AWM

- Front Door Replacement, A

NORTH VILLAGE

20605 DUBOIS CT - House

20605 DUBOIS CT -

20617 DUBOIS CT -

Window Addition, PEND

Replacement Windows, PEND

Replacement Siding, PEND

Replacement Windows, A

Front Door Replacement,

Front Door Replacement,

Storm Door, AWM

Vinvl Siding, A

Gutter Guard, A

Gutter, A

Sidelight, A

Addition, PEND

Trim, PEND

Deck, PEND

Gutter, PEND

Deck Addition, A

DR - Front Door Replacement,

Vinyl Siding and Trim, A

Front Door Replacement, A

AWM

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- 9500 DUNBROOK CT -Solar Systems, A
- 8852 WELBECK WAY -Roof, AWM
- 8711 WELBECK WAY -Exterior Paint, A

9504 ASPENWOOD PL -Replacement Patio Door, A 9504 ASPENWOOD PL -Storm Door, A

AWM ......Pending PEND.....Pending

D .....Denied

#### PATTON RIDGE

14 MEADOWCROFT CT - Front Door Replacement, A

- 9844 MEADOWCROFT LN - Fence, A
- 9844 MEADOWCROFT LN - Deck, A

9844 MEADOWCROFT LN - Front Door Replacement, A

9840 DELLCASTLE RD -

- Miscellaneous, A 9901 SHREWSBURY CT -
- Garage Door, AWM 9912 SHREWSBURY CT -
- Fence and Gate, AWM 10024 DELLCASTLE RD
- Front Door Replacement, A
- 10024 DELLCASTLE RD -Sidelight, A
- 9853 DELLCASTLE RD -Gutter, A
- 19905 MASTENBROOK PL - Storm Door, A
- 20009 HOFFSTEAD LN -Roof, A
- 19932 SPUR HILL DR -Roof, AWM
- 9571 FERN HOLLOW WAY - Exterior Paint, AWM
- 20133 HOB HILL WAY -Replacement Patio Door,
- AWM 9638 DUFFER WAY -

## Replacement Siding, AWM

#### SOUTH VILLAGE 9864 DOCKSIDE TER -

- Roof, A
- 21 DOCENA CT -Replacement Windows with
- Capped Trim, AWM 18722 NATHANS PL -
- Front Door Replacement, A 18722 NATHANS PL -Sidelight, AWM
- 9827 DOCENA DR -Front Door Replacement, D
- 19010 MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AVE - Miscella-
- neous, AWM 19010 MONTGOMERY
- VILLAGE AVE Exterior Paint, A 18126 ROYAL BONNET
- CIR Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A

#### STEDWICK

10400 CAPEHART CT -Front Door Replacement, A

10400 CAPEHART CT -Sidelight, A

- 10400 CAPEHART CT -Storm Door, A
- 10541 CAMBRIDGE CT -Deck, AWM
- 19039 CANADIAN CT -Storm Door, A
- 19039 CANADIAN CT -Front Door Replacement, A 19039 CANADIAN CT -
- Sidelight, A 19005 CANADIAN CT -
- Walkway, AWM 19530 BURLINGAME WAY - Replacement Patio Door,

19209 SENECA RIDGE CT

19209 SENECA RIDGE CT

10620 SENECA SPRING

10620 SENECA SPRING

19305 DUNBRIDGE WAY -

19313 DUNBRIDGE WAY -

19335 FRENCHTON PL -

10612 WAYRIDGE DR -

19514 DIVOT PL -

19628 CLUB LAKE RD -

47 CRESTED IRIS CT -

9713 BRECKENRIDGE PL -

9736 WHETSTONE DR -

19148 ROMAN WAY -

19148 ROMAN WAY -

19106 ROMAN WAY -

19135 ROMAN WAY -

19135 ROMAN WAY -

19000 REGIONS WAY -

18924 N MEADOW FENCE

Front Door Replacement, A

Exterior Light Resubmit, A

WHETSTONE

Replacement Patio Door,

WAY - Replacement Win-

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Shutters, D

AWM

- Gutter, AWM

- Gutter Guard, A

WAY - Shutters, A

Exterior Paint, AWM

Solar Systems, AWM

Exterior Paint, AWM

Solar Systems, A

Fence and Gate, A

Walkway, A

Sidelight, A

utter, A

Walkway, A

RD - Patio, A

Trim, A

Walkway, AWM

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North Creek Community Center 20125 Arrowhead Road Montgomery Village, MD 20886

#### HOMES CORPORATIONS

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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#### PATTON RIDGE REPORT

# Patton Ridge leaf removal schedule

# by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Patton Ridge will have two designated weeks for curbside leave removal during the week of October 24 and November 28. The contractor will be posting signs at the entrance of the community on the Friday before the designated week.

Remember that only leaves raked to the front curb will be picked up. We will not pick up leaves from the back of homes. Those leaves must be raked to the curb or placed in paper bags for pickup by the county recycle program on Wednesdays.

Please note that if you miss the scheduled week, 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. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be removed by either the county recycling or your trash contractor.



#### UNSIGHTLY DOG MARKINGS

As we enjoy the pretty fall foliage and the colorful leaves on the ground, it can also provide a sharp contrast into view of unsightly dog markings that get left behind. It's common courtesy to clean up after your dog and it shows respect for your neighbors and our community. Making a difference only takes seconds and it's up to each dog owner to do your part in keeping the grounds and sidewalks poop-free.

For those who may not know, there is an Animal Defecation law on the books. Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2) better known as the "pooper scooper" law states, "An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. Penalty for Violation - \$100"

For further information on selected county animal control laws, or to report an animal bite or a violation of animal control laws, call the Animal Services Division at 240-773-5960 or 240-773-5925.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m., please limit your remarks to no more than five minutes.

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

#### WHETSTONE WATCH

# **Professional Center property**

#### by the Whetstone Board of Directors

At a September committee meeting, five board members and approximately 30 residents considered a list of possible uses for the Professional Center allowing Whetstone to offer their comments to Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF).

Kettler Brothers placed a declaration to the covenants to restrict the uses on the Professional Center property to doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. and once Kettler had sold the property any modification to the declaration would be the responsibility of MVF.

Of the 60 proposed uses, 11 were removed by MVF. Twenty-five were viewed by the committee as inappropriate for the community. Twentyfour proposed uses were considered acceptable.

On hand at the September 29, board meeting were MVF Executive Vice President David Humpton; Tim Dugan, attorney for Northstar, owner of the Professional Center site; and Pat Dunn of Park & Planning. Mr. Humpton stated that he is concerned that the additional limitations would not allow the developer to market the site successfully.

It is the consensus of MVF and the Whetstone board that it is in the best interest of everyone involved to not have the property sit vacant.

The MVF Board of Directors will act on this issue at the Thursday, Oct. 27 meeting. Residents may speak on the topic during Residents Time; the meeting is scheduled fro 7:30 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### MAINTENANCE NEWS

The board approved a proposal by JB Kline to bush hog the triangular area behind Freestate Place and Whetstone Drive, near the lake shore path. This area must be kept accessible for Verizon.

The board approved a bid by JB Kline for tree replacements throughout Whetstone. The board approved a proposal by O'Leary Asphalt for replacement of rotten wood steps next to 19115 Roman Way with concrete steps and for miscellaneous concrete work in the Courts of Whetstone.

The Maintenance Committee conducted its regular monthly maintenance inspection on October 4.

The committee also met with officials from the county about reinforcing the Lake Whetstone shore line near the storm water outfall between Freestate Place and Canal Road. This is good news for Whetstone, in that this work would be done at the county's expense.

#### LEAF REMOVAL

Leaf removal is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4 through Tuesday, Nov. 8 (weather permitting). Residents are asked to avoid on-street parking by parking their cars in their driveway or in their garage to expedite the process. A second leaf collection is scheduled from Thursday, Dec. 8 through Monday, Dec. 12.

#### **BOARD VACANCY**

Director Will Fisher has submitted his resignation from the Whetstone board. We thank him for his dedicated service to the community.

The board is seeking a Whetstone resident with an

interest in community service to fill this unexpired term until March 2018. If you have a few hours each month and are interested, please send a statement of interest to Community Manager Andrea Mandato at *amandato@mvf.org*. The board will consider applications at the Thursday, Nov. 10 meeting.

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

In response to resident requests, the Whetstone Committee Assignments have been put on the website.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Whetstone Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. These meetings are open to public, and each meeting begins with resident's time for questions or comments.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

To receive e-mails about upcoming events, news and important notices from Whetstone Homes Corporation, e-mail *sandpiper412@gmail.com*. Don't forget to update WHC when you change your e-mail provider.

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



Montgomery County law states that you must keep your dog on a leash and pick up and properly dispose of your dog's defecation when outside of your premises.

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## Volunteers needed!

# by the South Village Board of Directors

Residents of South Village are invited to join Montgomery County in a community cleanup project on Saturday, Oct. 22. Volunteers will meet at Goshen Road and Odendhal Avenue from 10 a.m. to noon to assist the county in cleaning up the conservation area to the rear of the Hamptons. Anyone under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. SSL and community service hours will be provided, and staff will have forms filled out and ready the day of the event.

Participants should wear

something that they don't mind getting dirty and hardy shoes. Those with open toe shoes, sandals or flip-flops will not be allowed to participate. This is a rain or shine event, so come prepared for the weather – dress in layers if appropriate. For more information or questions, e-mail Leslie Wilcox at *leslie.wilcox@ montgomerycountymd.gov*.

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

#### NORTHGATE NEWS

# **McKendree project starts!**

# by the Northgate Board of Directors

The Brookridge courtyard (McKendree I) is undergoing a rehab, courtesy of a federal block grant. The grant was issued to the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) and awarded after a strong presentation by the Northgate board. Board president Jane Hatch began working with DHCA in 2011, giving a tour of McKendree along with its history and issues. The ongoing board effort on behalf of the community is now paying off.

Construction will involve the installation of trees, landscaping, lighting in the courtyard and parking areas, concrete sidewalks, drainage basins and electrical conduit work. Construction will be completed in approximately six months. A senior planner from DHCA will oversee the project.

#### LEAF REMOVAL

The first Northgate-wide leaf removal will be the week of November 14. Williams Range will have a first pickup the week before Halloween due to the large amount of leaves in that community. Please watch for the posted notices. Remember that weather or mechanical problems can delay removal. The contractor will be back as soon as possible if there are delays.

#### MORE TRASH INFO

We regret the need to repeat the following over and over: Montgomery County requires that trash be stored in trash containers with tight fitting lids. This applies to both single-family houses and townhouses. Placing trash out in plastic bags or in open containers is causing a substantial litter and trash problem in Northgate. Fox, birds and other varmints are ripping bags and tipping open containers. Please do your bit by properly storing your trash!

The Home Depot has 32-gallon trash cans with lids that cost \$13 to \$15, depending on whether or not the can has wheels. Please take advantage of the reasonable prices and always place your trash out in a lidded container.

The board is asking if you see a resident putting out regular or bulk trash other than on the evening before pickup (or early on the pickup day), that you please report it to *northgateHC@comsource.com*. You will remain anonymous. There continues to be a dumping issue in certain neighborhoods and we need your help to resolve it.

Trash pickup in The Points and Overlea is on Mondays and Thursdays. Every other subdivision has pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays. Both regular and bulk trash should be placed out the evening before pickup.

If you need a bulk trash pickup, please place your items out on the following schedule:

**Thursdays**: Overlea and The Points

**Fridays:** Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Shadow Oak and Williams Range.

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

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

# Middle Village Community Day

# by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Residents of Thomas Choice West and Clubside should plan to join your neighbors for fun, games, fellowship and food as we celebrate our Middle Village community! There will be activities for the kids, raffle prizes, food and an opportunity to learn more about Middle Village. See you on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Ridgeline Drive.

#### BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

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

There is a \$25 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

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

2. Trash/recycling out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.

3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home.

o Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash, trash in cans and bulk trash.

Log in at *www3.senearthco. com* to view or download the entire trash policy if you have an online account. Click "Community Information," then "Property Information" to view the current trash policy. Contact Shirley Umali at *sumali@comsource.com* if you would like to register for a Sourcelink account.

#### 2017 MIDDLE VILLAGE BUDGET

The 2017 operating budget for the Middle Village community was approved, and the new budget will include a 10 percent increase in home owners association dues, effective January 1, 2017. Watch your mail for the HOA assessment fee payment booklets from ComSource. You can mail your payments or sign up for Sourcelink and make your payment online.

#### SOURCELINK/ ACCOUNT ACCESS

Please contact Shirley Umali at sumali@comsource.com to create a Sourcelink account. Use Sourcelink to pay assessment balances quickly and easily if you are an owner. You can view your account information 24/7, and access community documents, including parking policies and architectural guidelines. You will also be able to receive updates on any new policies quickly via e-mail. Landlords can provide online access to tenants by adding them as an additional user and setting permissions according to preference.

#### PARKING

Any vehicle parked in Middle Village between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. must have a valid 2016 parking permit properly displayed in the front windshield to avoid towing. Vehicles that do not properly display the 2016 parking permit will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. Owner's whose vehicles are towed for violations of Middle Village parking rules are not eligible for reimbursement of any fees associated with towing. Please remember that 2016 parking permits will expire on December 31, 2016. Residents will be notified prior to that expiration



#### **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.

#### CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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





Stop by our store and let us help you on your upcoming projects! Our sales staff have product training to assist you quickly and efficiently.



NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

# North Village October board meeting

# by the North Village Board of Directors

The regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors was on Thursday, Oct. 20. Since this article had to go to press on Monday, we were unable to cover news of the meeting. Look for full coverage of the meeting in our next article which will appear on Friday, Nov. 4. Items on the agenda were the renewal of our management contract with the Montgomery Village Foundation and the approval of a landscaping contract. This year we decided to go out for more bids on our landscaping to see if we can obtain better service for similar amount of money. Also on the agenda was the appointment of the election committee in preparation for the upcoming board elections at the end of the year. The election calendar was approved at the August meeting. At the same meeting, the board voted to combine the corporate and election calendars. Traditionally, they have been two separate calendars.

#### MAINTENANCE

The 2016 tree work has been completed, but there are some individual trees that need pruning and our tree contractor is still working on those. The maintenance committee performed an inspection in September and marked another 14 trees for removal in 2017.

Chamberlain Contractors have completed the striping in Picton and the work has been checked by our management. The installation of the Picton replacement fence is now scheduled to begin the week of October 31.

We are continuing to search for a contractor who will paint our light poles. Our regular lighting contractor, Montgomery Lighting, has informed management that they do not paint fiberglass poles and do not have information on the type of paint appropriate for this work.

#### ALERT TO RESIDENTS REGARDING DELIVERY OF PACKAGES

A McRory resident recently reported that three packages delivered to the front door of a home were taken by unknown persons before the packages could be brought inside. Two empty boxes were found nearby. Several delivery services have been alerted to this incident and have been asked to take additional care to ensure that packages are left in a safe place.

An alternative to home delivery is to have packages delivered to an office. Packages coming via UPS may also be directed to the UPS store near the Safeway on Goshen Road for later pickup. If you observe a suspected theft of packages or have other information about this incident, please contact the Montgomery County 6<sup>th</sup> District Police at 301-279-8000.

#### 4TH QUARTER ASSESSMENTS WERE DUE OCTOBER 1

If you have not done so already, please remember to send in your October assessment payment to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). Fourth Quarter assessments were due on October 1. Administration fees will apply if the assessment is not paid by Tuesday, Nov. 1. One check covers both MVF and North Village assessments. Either mail your payment with the coupon and envelope you received last December, or place your payment and coupon in the drop box in the MVF Office parking lot, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. This will be the last payment coupon in your book and a new coupon book will be mailed to you in December.

#### **BOARD VACANCY**

North Village Homes Corporation is seeking a new member for the board of directors. Since filling two seats at the last election we still have one vacancy on the board. Please notify us if you are interested in contributing some of your time and talent to the management of our community.

#### THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail *asteward@mvf.org*.

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

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

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

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

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

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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, select "MVF," select "MVF Policies," choose "Communications Policies" and then "Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy" (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).



Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 **EAST VILLAGE** Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2017 NORTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 9, 2016

SOUTH VILLAGE Nominating Deadline: Monday, Nov. 20, 2016

STEDWICK Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 6, 2017 WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

# **SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS WITH THE VILLAGE**

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

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# Memorial dedicated to F.O.W.L. founder at Rake the Lake Cleanup

photo submitted by Jeannie Pizzonia

Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L.) thanks all the volunteers who showed up at the South Dock of Lake Whetstone on Saturday, Oct. 8 to celebrate the legacy of Joseph Pizzonia, founder of F.O.W.L. with a beautiful memorial. Joseph created F.O.W.L. and organized the Rake the Lake events because he wanted to maintain and preserve the precious "Jewel of Montgomery Village."

His love of Lake Whetstone and the beautiful wildlife prompted him to do something to help preserve it for future generations. The small but significant idea of picking up trash and watching for injured wildlife at the lake is how it all started some 13 years ago. Today, the project continues with volunteers from all walks of life, young and old, who choose to follow his example.

Three times a year, dates are set by F.O.W.L. members to come together for one common cause – keeping this little

part of the world clean and free of trash. Since there are no natural lakes in the Village, there will always be trash runoff from our storm drains, and thus we will always have trash issues. Keeping this in mind, Joseph went in search of volunteers to help with this project and at the same time to teach our future generation of kids about the importance of preserving our environment and wildlife. "They are our hope for a "greener and trashfree world," said Joseph.

For the October 8 cleanup, over 60 volunteers came together to prove that when we work as a team, we can be successful. This group of volunteers was instrumental in making a difference in our community and showing that through their efforts, they can be part of the solution.

F.O.W.L. thanks Elizabeth O'Colman for being part of the dedication and memorial celebration; Gregg Conklin, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1988, for his leadership and for being part of the solution to a very big problem; Karla Sandoval, a dedicated teacher at Watkins Mill High School, for being such a great role model for her students; Seasons Nursery for the donation of the tree; and GraphicVisions for creating a beautiful plaque.

F.O.W.L. is grateful to all

who took part in this wonderful celebration dedicated to the protection and preservation of the "Jewel of Montgomery Village."

# Shredding Event helps residents clean up

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village held their bi-annual Shredding Event at the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office. Approximately 190 residents brought 8,750 pounds of old checks, bills and documents to be properly disposed of.

Also at the event was the Montgomery Village-based Women Who Care Ministries, who collected over 350 pounds of nonperishable food items that will be distributed to those in need, as well as approximately \$250 in cash donations.

Women Who Care Ministries is very grateful for the community shredding events that take place several times a year with support from the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village and MVF.

The food and cash donations from the community as they get their shredding done benefits the Helping Kids Eat weekend meal program. Women Who Care Ministries has been serving the community for 15 years, and the outpouring of assistance from the community reinforces our motto that indeed "it takes a village to feed a kid."

Leveling the Playing Field expressed their gratitude for a partnership with the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village

to collect used sporting equipment at the shredding event. Throughout the day, community members dropped off over \$5,000 worth of sporting equipment! It is this type of support that allows helps one in every five underserved families who do not get their kids involved in athletics because of the price of sporting equipment. Support from community organizations such as the Rotary Club and communities like Montgomery Village is why Leveling the Playing Field has donated over \$1.7 million worth of sporting equipment in under four years!

It was a very successful event, with help from over 15 student volunteers from Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) Interact Club; each volunteer received four student service learning hours that will be used towards their high school graduation.

The Rotary Club of Montgomery Village would like to thank the Montgomery Village Foundation, Women Who Care Ministries, WMHS Interact Club, Leveling the Playing Field and Iron Mountain shredding company for their support of this community event. For more information about the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village, visit *http://portal.clubrunner.ca/*4779.

#### MILESTONES

# **CUMC** to host book launch party

Over 60 volunteers participated in the October 8 Rake the Lake Cleanup event.

Covenant United Methodist Church is delighted to host a book launch party for Ray Heisler. Heisler has overcome a physical disability to release two books, one of which was released this summer. He will be celebrating with a book launch party at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive. Light refreshments will be served.

Heisler's first book, "Dark Before The Dawn," was voted one of Amazon's best new books of 2014. He just released "The Journey of A Man" in July 2016, and it has already had many sales; information on both books can be found at *www.amazon.com*.

Ray "The Wheelchair Poet" Heisler's interest in music and writing began at the age of 10. While most kids were interested in basketball and climbing on the jungle gym, Heisler, on the other hand, would hang out with his favorite teacher, Justin. Justin would bring his guitar out at recess and sit down in a shady spot against the wall and play Vertical Horizon and Red Hot Chili Pepper songs until the bell rang. Little did Heisler know, it would be that one teacher who would help initiate his music career.

Heisler was born with Cerebral Palsy, which hampers his ability to walk. And because of his disability, he suffered severe dyslexia-hindering his ability to read and write. Despite this, he has overcome all these challenges throughout his life to become a local celebrity and mentor. Finally, at the age of 17, Heisler reunited with his teacher, Justin.

Heisler contacted Justin and expressed a desire to release a CD based on his poems. The CD was released in late 2005 to an overwhelming response. It quickly became the talk of his high school thanks to a chance meeting with an advertising executive. In the spring of 2011, Heisler released "Love, Life and Everything in Between," showcasing a more mature self, which solidified his status as an influential lyricist and song writer in the area. During this time, Heisler became invested in giving back and mentoring children who also had disabilities. He made 500 copies of his sophomore disc and gave them

away as a present to 500 at-risk youth at Holiday for Hopeshowing these children that they too, could achieve their dreams. In 2011, Haiderbagan

Heisler began mentoring high school student Micaela Gonzalez, an up-and-coming artist. He has performed with Micaela, as well as hit band Bonnie Rash at Holiday for Hope over the last few years.

Learn more about Ray online at *www.rayheislermusic. com.* Find his music on iTunes and his books on Amazon.





#### SCHOOL NEWS

# Whetstone Watch D.O.G.S.

On September 30, Montgomery County Public Schools celebrated "Dads Take Your Child to School Day." At Whetstone Elementary School (WES), it was decided to introduce the Watch D.O.G.S. program to the community. Although it was expected that between 25 and 30 male role models would be in attendance, the response was close to 150 male role models who accompanied their kids to school to find out what happens at school after they drop their kids off, and how they can help in the future.

"Dads" were to spend the day observing the classroom; having a coffee and donut break; debriefing about their experience; learning about the implementation of the Watch D.O.G.S. program through the National Center for Fathering (www.fathers.com/watchdogs); watching an ABC World News presentation; hearing from a new parent who started the program in Frederick County; and signing up to be part of the DOG TEAM at WES.

The response was extremely positive. Nine men stepped

up to offer their assistance in making sure this program gets implemented with fidelity. Most schools only start with a DOG TEAM of two to five men, so WES is extremely pleased and encouraged by this very positive community response.

For more information or to be part of the WES DOG TEAM, contact Watch D.O.G.S. School Representative Andre Enceneat at 240 401-2591.



Approximately 150 male role models gathered at the Whetstone Elementary School Take Your Child to School Day and discussed the formation of the Whetstone Watch D.O.G.S. program.

# Watkins Mill High School **Booster Club citrus sale**

This fall, the Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) Booster Club is 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 online 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 by Wednesday, Oct. 26. Delivery to WMHS will be during the week of November 14, 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.







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Reach 40,000 residents in Montgomery Village Call 240-243-2359

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#### **KIDS PAGE**



# Your ad here! Call 240-243-2359 to sponsor the **MV Kids Page TODAY!**

# **MV Kids Learn About Smiling**

Smiling uses about 26 muscles in the face and is an expression meaning pleasure, sociability, happiness, joy or amusement.

# World Smile Day

World Smile Day is celebrated on the first Friday in the month of October every year.

Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Mass., is known to have created the Smiley Face in 1963 and coined the World's first World Smile Day in 1999.

After Harvey died in 2001, the "Harvey Ball World Smile Foundation" was created. The slogan of the Smile Foundation is "improving this world, one smile at a time."

The message of World Smile Day is "Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile."

Visit www.worldsmileday.com to find out all about events, supplies and ambassadors of World Smile Day.



## **Benefits of Smiling**

- Neurotransmitters called endorphins are released when you smile which are responsible for making us feel happy and lowering stress.
- Endorphins are also a natural pain reliever. So, if you can, laugh it off when you get a bump or scratch.
- Smiling can be an effective way to release emotions.
  - Smiling makes you look friendly, which is more likely to draw people to you, rather than push them away.
- A happy, positive expression will make challenging situations easier.
- Children smile about 400 times a day. The average adult smiles only 40 to 50 times a day.







## Make Me Smile

Knock, knock Who's there? Cows go Cows go who? No, cows go MOO! the corner!



Q: What do you call a pig that knows karate? A: A pork chop!

Q: What do you call a fly without wings? A: A walk!

Q: Why do bees have sticky hair? A: Because they use honey combs! Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest? A: An investigator!

Q: Why is it dangerous to play cards in the jungle? A: There are too many cheetahs!

















#### RECREATION

# **Disguise A Pumpkin – extended deadline!**

Help camouflage our pumpkin so he can escape being turned into pie! Color or glue your disguise directly on our pumpkin template, which can be downloaded at *www. montgomeryvillage.com*, picked up at the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or found on page 20 of this issue. Disguised pumpkins will

be judged by age, and ribbons will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each age category. Age groups are 5 to 9-year-olds, 10 to 14-year-olds and 15 and older. Entrants must submit their disguised pumpkins by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 to MVF, Attn: Melanie Maggi.

For more information, call 204-243-2338 or e-mail *mmaggi@mvf.org*.



Ho! Ho! Ho! Join Santa for the most important meal of the day from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road! Children (and accompanying adults) will enjoy a delicious cup of cocoa along with a continental breakfast, before spending time with Santa. Other fun includes holiday crafts, a family photo op and the chance to tell Santa what you're hoping for this holiday season!

Children ages 6 months to 8 years old will take home a special photo of their visit. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The cost for this event is \$12/per child resident, \$17/per child non-resident and \$6/adult.

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





Monday, Nov. 7 (4040.421) & Tuesday, Nov. 8 (4040.422) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lake Marion Community Center 8821 East Village Avenue



Enjoy a sampling of new and classic sports! Sports instruction includes, but is not limited to pickleball, volleyball, floor hockey and basketball. Please wear outdoor appropriate clothes and bring a non-perishable lunch. Register for one or both days! **Price per day: \$40/Resident, \$50/Non-resident** 



For more information or to register, e-mail *lhydorn@mvf.org* or call 240-243-2361.

# Thanksgiving Morning Aerobic Workout

Work up a hunger and help the hungry! Come out to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24 for breakfast, prizes and Jackie Sorensen's Aerobic Workout and Dance programs. Start your long weekend of right with this 90 minute class, taught by Karin Baker, which includes stretching, flexibility, strength and cardio. Exercises are suitable for everyone. Bring an exercise may and hand/ankle weights (optional).

Cost at the door is \$8 or \$5 with two non-perishable food donations. Proceeds benefit Gaithersburg HELP.

For more information call 301-948-0110 or visit *www.mont gomeryvillage.com*.

# MV Community Band/ Blue Notes wants you!

The Montgomery Village Community Band and the Montgomery Blue Notes Jazz Band are seeking percussionists of all kinds to join the fun! Additionally, there are openings for low brass and bassoon players to complete their instrumentation.

The MV Community Band meets on Wednesday evenings, and the Montgomery Blue Notes meets on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Both groups meet at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

In addition to regular rehearsals, the band regularly performs at MVF events including seasonal concerts, the MVF Summers at South Valley Park concert series, Falcons Landing, Sunrise Senior Living and other venues.

For more information, e-mail Band Director Steven Wampler at *jazzwamp@ gmail.com*.



performed by the Montgomery Village Community Band under the direction of Steven Wampler

For more information call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.co

ADVERTISE in the Village News Call 240-243-2359 or e-mail hbenitez@mvf.org RECREATION

# Wine & Paint – Seasonal Lake Whetstone Scene

Whether it's date night or ladies night, Wine & Paint is the perfect way to wind down after a busy week! Join friends, neighbors or family from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, to make your own seasonal Lake Whetstone scene.

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

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





# Stay connected with Montgomery Village

# in the Village

**Rental Facilities** 

or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Since the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors updated the policy, now Village Designated Users and Non-designated users who live in Center Court, Horizon Run, Park Place I and II, Center Stage, Walkers Choice, Thomas Choice Condo, Thomas Choice West, Thomas Choice Gardens, Normandie I and II, Heron's Cove, Christopher Court and Breckenridge can all also rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through December 2016. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request From" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com.* Please remember that all functions must be non-alcoholic, and that the renter must be present the entire length of the rental.

For more information, contact Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2361 or e-mail *lhydorn@mvf.org.* 



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



North Creek 20125 Arrowhead Road 125 people max.\*

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

#### RECREATION

# Disguise a Pumpkin Contest

Let your creativity loose and use your noodle to help camouflage our pumpkin so he can escape being turned into pie! Color or glue your disguise directly on our pumpkin template or cut the template out to create a scene on a larger paper Disguised Pumpkins will be judged by age and ribbons will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category. Age groups are 5 to 9-year-olds, 10 to 14-year-olds and 15 and older. Additional pumpkin templates can be downloaded at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* or picked up at the MVF Office. Entrants must print their name, address, phone number, age, grade and school on the back of the poster.

Check out the examples below and see how crafty YOU can get.

Submit your disguised pumpkin by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Attn. Disguised Pumpkin.







Example 3





Winners will be announced at Halloween Hoopla and in the Nov. 4 issue of the Village News.

## **MV SENIORS**



Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and select Fridays!

**Stedwick Community Center** 10401 Stedwick Road

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



through Dec. 16 (no meeting Nov. 23 or Nov. 24)



# **Fall Trip**

Our next trip will be to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.! We are scheduled to visit the museum on Wednesday, Nov. 16. The bus will leave from Stedwick Community Center at 10 a.m. Seats are limited; registration opens to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Free/SiA Members, \$15/Non-members beginning November 8.

# **Potluck and Guest Speaker**

Our Potluck Luncheon for October is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Our guest speaker will be from Comfort Home Care. Bring your favorite dish, and enjoy the afternoon with members of Seniors in Action!



# **Birthday** Celebration

Happy Birthday to all our fall members! We will be celebrating these birthdays on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at noon!









SiA Member Edna Miller led a jewelry class during our Arts & Crafts last Monday. See some of the jewelry that was made by our SiA members, and a recent Arts & Crafts project!

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





MONDAY

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

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



#### Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

Join Pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court playing this sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong! Limited equipment available for use.



#### **Book Discussion Group**

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month Nov. 21: "Down and Out in Paris and London" by George Orwell Dec. 19: "Rogue Lawyer" by John Grisham

## **TUESDAY**



**Light Cardio Workout** 9 to 10 a.m. Work out with exercise videos, light weights and resistance bands.

Noon to 12:50 p.m. Instructor Marcy takes you through the low impact movements of Tai Chi.



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

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

## **THURSDAY**



#### **Light Cardio Workout** 9 to 10 a.m. Work out with exercise videos, light weights and resistance bands.



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

**FRIDAY** 



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

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

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.



# Seated Tai Chi



**WEDNESDAY** 

#### AT YOUR LEISURE

# The Art League of Germantown hosts 33<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Glow Art Show & Sale

Artist demonstrations and focused programs dominate the new festival-style program running from Wednesday, Oct. 26 through Sunday, Oct. 30 at the BlackRock Center for the Arts.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 7 p.m., the Art League of Germantown (ALOG) Autumn Glow Show & Sale opens with a live model drawing session in the Kay Gallery for ALOG members. Bill Mapes, accomplished portrait artist and long-time ALOG member, organized this part of the show featuring model, Shadiyah, who will pose in seasonal holiday costumes. Visitors are invited to come view the exhibit display and see the ALOG members in action.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m., the Kay Gallery will be open to visitors. From 5 to 7 p.m., the program will be Photography as Art: A Panel Discussion featuring the work and commentary of professional photographers Thomas Germer, Marge Wasson, Craig Higgins and Jaree Donnelly. Audience participation is invited and encouraged. Bring a thumb drive with up to 10 photos to participate in the discussion.

On Friday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 8 p.m., ALOG Fine Crafters will preview their works in the Kay Gallery. This includes pottery, jewelry, sculpture and more. On Saturday Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 30, from noon to 5 p.m., ALOG Artists in Action! will feature two dozen artists as they demonstrate their artistry live! Meet and chat with participants as they demonstrate their artistry live.

Wine receptions are scheduled each day from 2 to 4 p.m. with door prizes on Saturday and Sunday. A children's scavenger hunt is also scheduled each day for younger art enthusiasts. Admission to the exhibit and all events is free. There is plenty of parking available on site.

BlackRock Center for the Arts is located at 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown. For more information, visit *www.alog.org*.



early at the annual Holiday Marketplace at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Talented local artists and crafters will show and sell their handcrafted original work. Stoneware pottery, olive oil soaps and skin care products, customized beaded jewelry, pottery, baskets and photography are just a small sample of the many beautiful

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For more information, visit covenant-umc.org.



Family Services, Inc. presents the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Hustle 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Montgomery Village Shopping Center (near Global Food). Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

The main objective of the Halloween Hustle is to promote an active lifestyle, and encourage families to spend quality time together and get involved in their community. The Halloween Hustle is focused less on ability and much more on just having fun with friends and family.

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To register, visit www. active.com/gaithersburg -md/running/distancerunning-races/halloweenhustle-5k-2016.

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For sponsorship opportunities or more information, contact Erica Henze at 301-840-3225 or e-mail *fsi5k@ fs-inc.org*. For information about Family Services, Inc., visit *www.fs-inc.org*.

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