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The Great Pumpkin Race rolls back to the Village on October 13

by Mike Conroy

Get ready. Get set. Race! Or roll straight, sideways, fast, leisurely or however gets you to the finish line first. It's time for residents, families, neighbors, groups and organizations to begin planning their pumpkin racers for Montgomery Village's Great Pumpkin Race, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, rain or shine!

Each year the racing and the decorating become more competitive, and this year is expected to be no different. Families, individuals, local dignitaries, groups and organizations are encouraged to build a pumpkin racer for the race, which caps off the

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Fall Festival. Participants will have time before the single-elimination heats to test and tune their racers for optimal performance. A limited number of race kits will be available both at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road (\$15), before race day, and at the festival on race day (limited quantities); pumpkins not supplied. For instructions on how to build a pumpkin racer, see the festival insert; complete rules are available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Before the races get underway, all are invited to enjoy

See PUMPKIN RACE page 7

Cinderella and her family won a Pumpkin Race Medal last year for Best Themed Racer Duo, just one of many categories your racer can place in at the Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 13. Festivities will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the North Creek Community Center parking lot, 20125 Arrowhead Road. See insert for details.

MVF Board approves information for 2019 election cycle

by Mike Conroy

In preparation for the 2019 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election, the Board approved recommendations from both the Nominating and Election committees at the September 27 Board meeting. Among items approved were the Election Calendar, the Board of Directors Application and date changes to supporting materi-

als including voting instructions, information and the Call for Candidates.

Due to timing with changes in the print issues of the *Village News*, and to provide residents more time to submit ballots, the 2018-2019 Election Calendar allows an extra week for applications to be turned in,

See MVF BOARD page 6

Community meeting to update status of golf course redevelopment

Monument Realty will hold a community meeting to provide a development status update on Bloom — redevelopment of the former Montgomery Village Golf Course property. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

During the meeting, Yovi Sever and other members of the Bloom team will make a presentation of updates for the project, as well as respond to resident questions.

BASKETBALL LEAGUES
at Lake Marion Community Center
6821 East Village Avenue

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8044.442	Grade 2 Boys	8044.444	Grade 2 Girls

Games will be played December through February on Saturdays at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg.
Registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 31.
Practice is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m., on Tuesdays, Nov. 27 through Feb. 26, 2019.
Interested in coaching? Call Christine Hayes at 240-245-2167 or email chayes@mdf.org

567/Resident
17/Non-resident

Flashlight Halloween Hunt
4156.612

Wear your costume, bring your own bag and a flashlight! Participants will be hunting for treats!

Interactive Costume Parade and Contest, too!

Saturday, Oct. 27
6:15 to 8 p.m.

Ages 2 to 4 - 6:20 to 6:40 p.m.
Ages 5 to 7 - 6:45 to 7:05 p.m.
Ages 8 to 12 - 7:10 to 7:30 p.m.
All Ages - 7:35 to 7:55 p.m.

The cost is \$3 per child before Thursday, Oct. 25, \$5 at the gate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free!

South Valley Park/Lowell Pavilion, 19063 Watkins Mill Road

FREE! HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center, 6821 East Village Avenue

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LOOK INSIDE

Last chance to submit to the MV Calendar Photo Contest

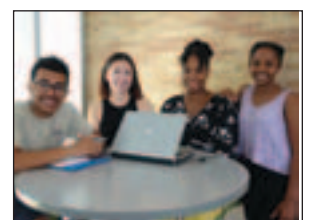


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Vendors wanted for Holiday Craft Bazaar on Nov. 17

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CollegeTracks bolsters presence at Montgomery College-Germantown



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 2019 Budget is on the agenda to be approved.

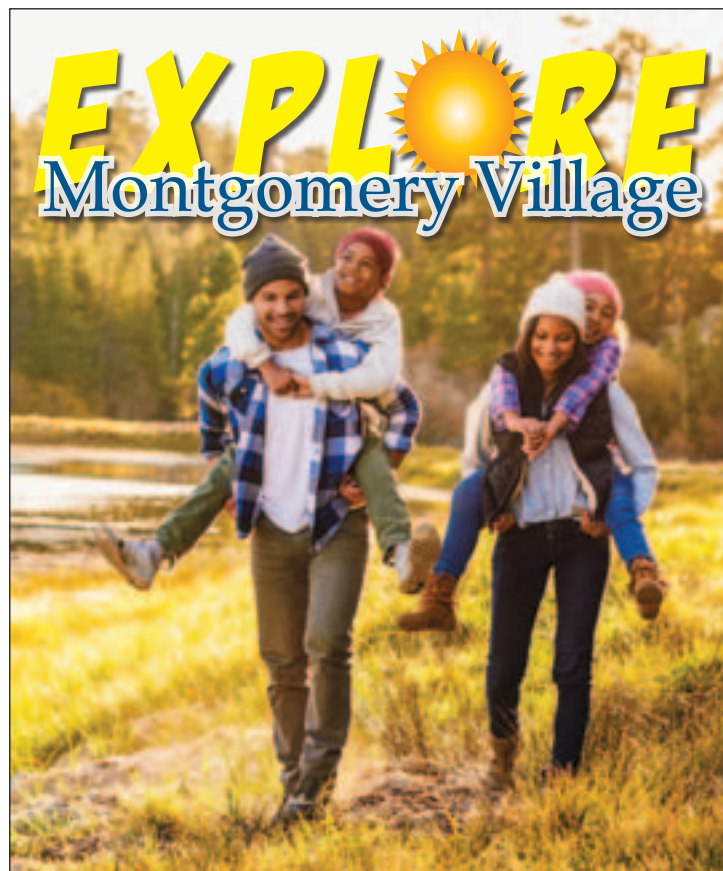
COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Updates will be given regarding shoreline repairs to be done at Lake Marion and the shoreline stabilization project for North Creek Stream Valley. The committee will also discuss the potential for Tree Montgomery to plant trees at specific locations identified by COE during a tour last month of North Creek Lake Park.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The committee will review the MVF Investment Portfolio for the third quarter of 2018.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 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. 24 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the NOLI office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road, #3.

NORTHGATE

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

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 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. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

STEDWICK

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

SOUTH VILLAGE

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

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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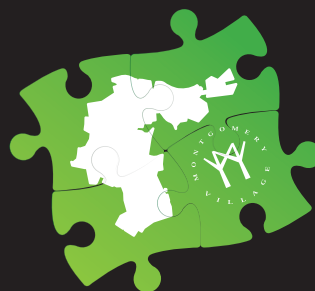
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Use opportunities to engage with the Board



by Glenn Gargan
MVF President

Got a minute? Or more precisely, up to 3 minutes? A reminder that prior to each monthly Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, we have Residents Time, where those residents who sign up just prior to the meeting can address the Board for up to 3 minutes; this is an opportunity for the Board to hear from you directly. In fact, this is true for all local association board meetings as well as MVF committee meetings, all of which are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to engage with the boards and committees, share ideas and be part of the process.

I want to thank staff for an exceptional job done during all of the recent inclement weather, and for the rapid response to the recent incursion at the North Creek Pool. Thankfully, nobody was injured in that mishap.

As a final note to my comments about voter registration, please note the county event below scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7.

I again want to implore all, as the days get shorter, to keep an eye out for our children, especially during the upcoming Halloween festivities.

Some upcoming activities for your consideration as we head into fall and the holiday season:

Sunday, Oct. 7: Montgomery County Board of Elections Voter Registration, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Public Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue. While Library Card signup month (September) is past, it's never too late to get your library card while you're there!

Saturday, Oct. 13: The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. It's never too early to start planning your pumpkin racer. For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com and look for the event insert in this issue.

Saturday, Oct. 27: The Flashlight Halloween Hunt, from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at South

Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road.

Sunday, Oct. 28: The Halloween Band Concert, at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, starting at 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2: Wine and Paint class at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15: New Residents Welcome Reception, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17: A special Holiday Farmers' Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road.

Saturday, Nov. 17: Holiday Craft Bazaar, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Thursday, Nov. 22: Annual Thanksgiving Morning Aerobic Workout, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, 7 p.m. next to the CVS in Montgomery Village Center... who knows, perhaps a special visitor might show?

Saturday, Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Sunday, Dec. 9: Holiday Toys for Tots Concert with the Montgomery Village Community Band. Music kicks off at 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Admission is free, and donations of new, unwrapped toys are appreciated.

Saturday, Dec. 15: Parents Afternoon Out, 1 to 5 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Parents can enjoy a little time to themselves for holiday shopping or decorating.

Lastly, a reminder that the *Montgomery Village News* print editions are now distributed monthly. Montgomery Village Foundation will update the website on a regular basis and include pertinent information published online in the following print edition as well.

As is tradition, I invite you to get involved. Volunteerism is the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village, and the plethora of skills and talents present in our community can only ensure our continued improvement if you and your neighbors volunteer.

Your input and feedback to me at garganmvf@gmail.com is welcome.

Best regards,
Glenn

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST September 27, 2018

1. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the joint Audit Committee/MVF BOD budget meeting held August 23, 2018 as amended. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-1); Ms. Bort abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 23, 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-1); Ms. Bort abstained.
3. Mr. Webb moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Webb moved to approve the Election and Voting Procedures 2019, approve the Guidelines for Ballot Counting, approve the Voting Information of Private Dwelling Units and Multi-Family Unit Owners using Individual Ballots, approve the 2018-2019 Election Calendar, and approve changes to the format for the Candidates' Forum 2019. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Leonard moved to approve the 2019 Guideline for Applicants, approve the 2019 MVF Board of Directors Election Application for Candidacy, and approve the MVF Call for Candidates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the 2019 Guidelines for Applicants, introductory letter and candidate application for the MVF Board of Directors Student Application position. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Dyer moved to appoint Wendy Hess as a member of the Commercial Architectural Review Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Marsh moved to appoint Steven Yenzer as a member of the Architectural Review Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Dyer moved to reaffirm the email vote from September 21, 2018 to approve the purchase of a new Barracuda Backup Server for the MVF Office from The Dresner Group at a price of \$20,806.60 with a 10% contingency for any changes in credit amount or shipping, not to exceed \$22,887.26. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Webb moved to award the contract to Ram Restoration Contractors for the repair and painting of the Lake Marion Exterior Insulation and Finishing System (EIFS) for \$53,000 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen conditions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Marsh moved to award the contract to Total Asphalt Maintenance for resurfacing the Lake Whetstone parking lot and replacing the trench drains for \$53,800 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen circumstances and award the contract to Chamberlain Contractors for the resurfacing of the Watkins Mill Recreation Area parking lot for \$14,700 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Mr. Dyer moved to award the contract to First American Millwork for the Lake Marion Community Center cabinetry replacement project for \$28,781 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen conditions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Ms. Bort moved to award the 2018 engineered wood fiber project to Gold Leaf Group for \$19,470. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Webb moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
15. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts, (iv) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters, and (vi) Consideration of the terms or conditions of a business transaction in the negotiation stage, if the disclosure could adversely affect the economic interests of the homeowners association. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Don't Miss It! Oct. 13 Great Pumpkin Race & Fall Festival 25 MVF Board of Directors Meeting 27 Flashlight Halloween Hunt 28 Halloween Band Concert 31 Halloween Nov. 2 Wine & Paint		Village News 5 Fall Festival program	6 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
7 Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	8 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR	9 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR	10 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Committee on the Environment 7:30 pm – NCBR	11 Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR	12 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS Great Pumpkin Race & Fall Festival 11 am to 3 pm – NCCC	13 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS Great Pumpkin Race & Fall Festival 11 am to 3 pm – NCCC
14 Investment Committee 7 pm – NCBR	15 Investment Committee 7 pm – NCBR	16 Normandie-on-the-Lake I 7 pm – NOLI Office Community Meeting Re: Bloom MV/Golf Course update 7 pm – NCCC	17 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC	18 North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR	19 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS	20 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
21 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR	22 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR	23 Center Court Condominium 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR	24 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm CCLA 4:30 pm – MVF Office MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR	25 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR	26 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS (closes for season) Flashlight Halloween Hunt 6:15 to 8 pm – Bowie Concert Pavilion	27 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS (closes for season) Flashlight Halloween Hunt 6:15 to 8 pm – Bowie Concert Pavilion
28 Halloween Band Concert 3 pm – LMCC (Free)	29	30	31 Halloween Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS	November 1 Village News 2 MVF Board applications available online or at the MVF Office Wine & Paint 7 to 9 pm – SCC (Ages 21 and over) Pre-registration required	3	3

KEY:

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

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

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

All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.

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2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters

received during the weeks prior to publication that meet the criteria of this policy.

3. All letters (typed, handwritten or e-mailed) must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution. 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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6. All letters may not exceed 350 words. Longer letters will be eliminated from consideration for publication in the *Village News*. As time permits, the writers may be notified and given the opportunity to shorten the letter for future publication.

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

a previously published article with a
byline.

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

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

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

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion.

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

E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Voter registration and election worker recruitment drives at public libraries

Montgomery County Board of Elections will conduct voter registration and election worker recruitment drives through Tuesday, Oct. 16 at local public libraries. Areas convenient to Village residents are listed below; other dates, times and

locations are available.

For more information, contact Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at 240-777-8532, e-mail Gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

Saturday, Oct. 6 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
15831 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg

Sunday, Oct. 7 (1 to 4 p.m.)
18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg

Tuesday, Oct. 9 (5 to 8 p.m.)
202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville

Thursday, Oct. 11 (5 to 8 p.m.)
3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney

Saturday, Oct. 13 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
19840 Century Boulevard, Germantown

Sunday, Oct. 14 (1 to 4 p.m.)
21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Schedule for 2019 MVF Budget Process

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Board Meeting
NCBR, 7:30 p.m.
Adopt 2019 Budget
Set 2019 Assessment Rates

NOVEMBER 2018

Notify owners of 2019 assessments

DECEMBER 2018

2019 assessment coupons mailed

NCBR
North Creek Board Room 20125 Arrowhead Road

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

The 2019 MVF budget proposes an assessment increase of \$0.55/month, for a total of \$75,100. MVF started 2018 with over \$1,000,000 in Undesignated Reserves (resident money collected in other years but not spent). The MVF budget target for Undesignated Reserves is \$390,000. Any amount over that is idle, not useful to members.

Every budget calls for disaster funds of \$300,000 for the current year and \$300,000 for the budget year. If such unforeseen expense should arise in both 2018 & 2019, the cash cushion would still be \$500,000, well above target. In the last 10 years there have been no MVF disasters (the big snow disaster

for the Homes Corporations was a windfall for MVF who provided the snow removal services, increasing Undesignated Reserves). If or when the undesignated balance reaches that number the Board would be justified in increasing the assessment.

For members a budget goal would be to get the Undesignated Reserve down, closer to the target amount. The Board could reduce the assessment by the \$0.55/month and, perhaps, get under the \$1,000,000 of the last 3 years. That's a lot to ask, but, a no increase is sensible and in the best interest of members.

Barbara St. John
Stedwick

Editor's Note:

Each year when the budget process is started in July, MVF staff works with six months of current financial data to make projections for the next year. By the time the budget is approved in late October, three more months of financials are taken into consideration, and the proposed assessment increase may be adjusted to reflect savings from the current year that can be applied to the proposed budget to offset costs.

Additionally, MVF no longer provides snow removal (or landscaping or other maintenance services) to homes corporations or condominium associations; this change was made in 2011.

You are cordially invited to attend the

Montgomery Village Foundation

Welcome Reception
for new residents

Thursday, Nov. 15

7 to 8:30 p.m.

North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

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IN THE NEWS

MVF Board

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and an additional week to return their signed ballots.

Additionally, the Board approved updated dates for the 2019 Student Representative position. Schools will be notified of the position again in the next month, and applications will be released for interested high school juniors.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

In other committee news, new members were appointed to the Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) and the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Village residents Wendy Hess and Steven Yenzler each bring a number of qualifications and expertise and were appointed to CARC and ARB, respectively.

The Board approved the purchase of a new backup server for the MVF Office, which was necessary due to increased files from the document scanning project. A credit for the existing server and service contract was given, and the Board approved the new server purchase at \$20,806.60 with a 10% contingency for shipping and credit daily prorate.

Several bids were also approved for maintenance work

in and around MVF facilities and parks. Ram Restoration was awarded a bid for \$53,000—with a 10% contingency for unforeseen conditions—to repair and paint the exterior insulation and finish system (EIFS) at Lake Marion Community Center (LMCC). EIFS is an exterior finish comprised of insulating foam, mesh and a finishing product; repairs were last made in 2006. Additionally at LMCC, First American Millwork, Inc. was awarded a bid for \$28,781—with a 10% contingency for unforeseen conditions—to replace the cabinetry in the building, including the front reception area, restrooms and activity room.

Total Asphalt Maintenance and Chamberlain Contractors were awarded bids for asphalt resurfacing at Lake Whetstone and Watkins Mill Recreation Area, respectively. The work at Lake Whetstone was authorized for \$53,800 and at Watkins Mill Recreation Area for \$14,700, both with a 10% contingency for unforeseen conditions.

Lastly, the Board approved spending \$19,470 with Gold

Leaf Group for engineered wood fiber (EWF) surfacing for MVF-owned tot lots. Nine of MVF’s playgrounds require additional EWF to bring them back to national playground standards for fall protection.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

MVF Board President Glenn Gargan gave a general reminder to residents that as it gets darker earlier, we should keep an eye out for kids playing after school. He was excited about the upcoming Pumpkin Race and wished all racers much luck at the event.

EVP REPORT

EVP Dave Humpton updated the Board on several items and projects around the community. He noted that Monument Realty, owners of the former golf course property, are holding a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Monument will be discussing updates to the project and answering resident questions.

Humpton said that the county has been busy in the

Village, and projects that were slated for the community are underway. These include: extending the turn lane at Lake Shore Drive; tree replacement in various areas along county roads; and adding and upgrading street lights along Montgomery Village Avenue.

He also noted that Aldi has been confirmed as the grocery store that will occupy the Village Center. This confirmation also triggers a few changes to the Site Plan, which will be reviewed by the Planning Board. He expects that Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) will present the plans to the CARC later this year.

TREASURER’S REPORT

CFO Daniel Salazar gave the financial update in Treasurer Bob Carey’s absence. Salazar reported that Revenue for the both the month of August and Year-to-Date (YTD) were tracking favorable to the budget; camps and classes, as well as the Capital Contribution Fee were major factors in remaining ahead, while lower Investment income and Advertising Revenue continue to be unfavorable.

Operating Expenses were reported at \$5.2 million, which is favorable to the budget. Salazar noted the strong financial position reflected in the Balance Sheet. He said that MVF currently holds \$8.2 million in Cash and Investments, with \$1.8 million in Undesignated Reserves.

Salazar said that staff is currently reviewing this year’s actuals as well as working on year end projections to help determine the amount of Undesignated Reserves used this year. This figure will help determine what money could be applied to the 2019 Draft Budget, potentially lowering the proposed assessment increase.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - August 2018

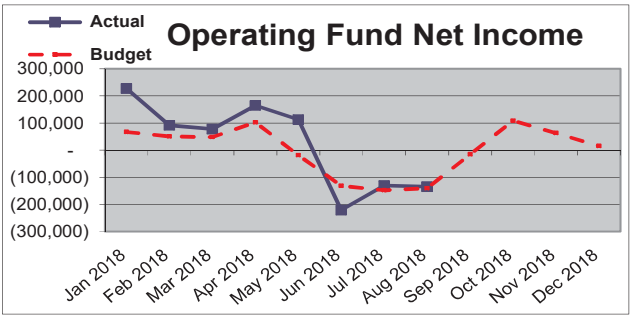
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	August 2018			YTD Aug 2018		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	527,587	527,548	38	4,220,761	4,220,387	375
Assessment Fees	3,483	4,192	(709)	132,711	136,447	(3,736)
Transfer Fees	4,350	4,231	119	25,425	24,147	1,278
Disclosure Fees	17,113	13,716	3,397	109,286	95,730	13,555
Advertising revenue	3,722	6,375	(2,652)	63,544	81,080	(17,536)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	5,976	2,431	3,545	107,710	93,975	13,735
Camps & Classes	23,745	22,392	1,353	245,465	211,889	33,576
Management Fees	67,097	66,707	390	541,202	533,659	7,543
Capital Contribution fee	17,766	16,960	807	255,006	90,307	164,698
Other Income	24,653	24,409	244	145,135	148,792	(3,657)
Total Revenue	695,492	688,961	6,531	5,846,244	5,636,414	209,830
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	396,541	399,263	2,721	2,480,921	2,608,738	127,816
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	91,936	97,780	5,845	694,572	741,281	46,710
Personnel Costs	488,477	497,043	8,566	3,175,493	3,350,019	174,526
Business Expenses	36,369	27,899	(8,470)	129,231	142,301	13,069
Office Supplies	1,552	3,920	2,368	28,302	30,747	2,446
Program/Maint Supplies	16,557	15,193	(1,364)	101,705	112,408	10,702
Occupancy	42,541	28,150	(14,391)	206,524	205,360	(1,164)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	52,018	60,223	8,205	240,522	291,763	51,241
Equip Maintenance	1,766	3,500	1,734	39,238	35,905	(3,333)
Vehicle Expenses	3,063	2,833	(229)	17,040	20,358	3,318
Financial & Legal	4,301	4,428	127	81,518	90,124	8,606
Insurance	11,919	12,085	166	72,689	74,279	1,590
Printing	5,218	5,401	183	46,054	50,685	4,631
Landscape/Maintenance	51,788	55,529	3,741	494,054	550,079	56,025
Security	106	106	-	(712)	3,402	4,113
Other	10	-	(10)	177	-	(177)
Operating Costs	227,208	219,267	(7,941)	1,456,343	1,607,412	151,068
Contribution to Reserves	95,910	95,910	0	767,279	767,279	0
Contribution to CCF	17,766	16,960	(807)	255,006	90,307	(164,698)
Purchases of Assets	433	433	-	3,464	30,464	27,000
Restricted Expenses	-	0	-	(21)	-	21
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(38,000)	(38,000)
Reserve/capital	114,109	113,303	(807)	1,025,727	850,049	(175,677)
Operating Expenses	829,794	829,613	(182)	5,657,563	5,807,480	149,917
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(134,302)	(140,652)	6,349	188,682	(171,066)	359,748

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended August 31, 2018

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	1,939,345	918,380
Investments	6,257,422	6,156,018
Due from Reserves	1,074,445	1,482,886
Assessment Receivables	567,882	592,672
Other Receivables	106,797	108,999
Current Assets	9,945,890	9,258,955
Gross Fixed Assets	15,448,211	15,027,329
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,889,309)	(6,402,775)
Fixed Assets	8,558,903	8,624,554
Other Assets	87,741	57,776
Assets	18,592,534	17,941,285
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	1,074,445	1,482,886
Payables	255,253	240,288
Sunstream Cap Lease	113,430	118,625
Deferred Revenue Liab	749,183	726,889
Liabilities	2,192,310	2,568,688
Undesignated Reserves	2,395,736	2,385,637
Designated Reserves	14,004,483	12,986,956
Equity	16,400,219	15,372,592
Liabilities & Equity	18,592,534	17,941,285



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

IN THE NEWS

Councilmember Rice to host Economic Development Meeting

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice is hosting an Economic Development Meeting and Business Resource Fair on Monday, Oct. 8 at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. The event will be held in the Bethesda/Gaithersburg Room in Building II.

The Economic Development Meeting, scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is a chance for the community to hear and provide feedback on what Montgomery County is currently doing to support our local business community, and enhance talent development and career pathways for our workforce. Speakers at the meeting will include Rice, District 2 Councilmember; David Petr, CEO of Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation; and Ellie Giles, CEO of Worksource Montgomery.

Prior to the meeting, the Business Resource Fair is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. During the resource fair, government organizations and chambers of commerce will be available to provide resources and answer questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard and support the local business environment, a productive workforce and a more robust economy.

For more information or questions, contact Councilmember Rice's Office at 240-777-7955 or e-mail Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Pumpkin Race

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the sights, sounds and smells of the Fall Festival, beginning at 11 a.m. in the North Creek Community Center parking lot, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Listen to live music from rock band "45 RPM," play children's games, visit the petting zoo, ride the rides, get your face painted and purchase delicious festival food, all in one place.

Once again, a shuttle will bring festival-goers from the MVF Office and the Church of Latter-day Saints parking lots all day. Pumpkins will also be judged for Best Decoration, Most Innovative Design, Funniest, Scariest, Best Disguised, Best Animal Look-A-Like, Best Cartoon Character and Best Themed Pumpkin Racer and Driver Duo—creativity counts! The Frederick Keys mascot, Keyote, will be visiting again this year to take pictures with fans and race his very own pumpkin!

New this year is the expanded Kid Zone featuring more rides and games. Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo will be back with animals for all ages to interact with. And try out the new Balloon Launch or other games for prizes and fun!

Vendor spaces and sponsorship opportunities are also still available! Get your business in front of Montgomery Village residents, and join in the racing action. For more information, call 240-243-2359 or e-mail hbenitez@mof.org.

Join your friends and neighbors for fantastic fall fun on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrow-

head Road. For more information, call 301-948-0110, e-mail jsrlo@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9400 block of Penhurst Court between approximately 1 p.m. on August 29 and approximately 3:39 p.m. on August 31. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 9600 block of Lost Knife Road in the early morning hours of August 26. The suspects took the adult male victim's property.

Suspects: 4 H/Ms, ages unknown

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Watkins Mill Road and Apple Ridge Road in the early morning hours of September 19. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his property.

Suspects: Approximately 5 to 7 B/Ms, ages unknown

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred in the area of Watkins Mill and Club House roads between approximately 9 p.m. on August 22 and approximately 4 a.m. on August 23. Force; cash and property were taken.

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IN THE NEWS

Share your photographs with the Village

What do you love most about living in Montgomery Village? The abundance of wildlife? The parks and greenspace? Fishing at the lake? Playing with friends and neighbors? Now is your chance to show off your favorite Village places, activities or captured moments. Each year, the Montgomery Village Foundation runs a photo contest for our annual calendar, asking residents to highlight their favorite things about living in the Village.

The annual calendar contest requires photos that are at least 10" (w) x 8" (h) at 300 dpi (high resolution suitable for commercial printing) in JPG format. Photos must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8. Two photos will be chosen to represent each month, one large and one small; each entrant can submit up to five photos for the contest.

Photos can be e-mailed to mvnews@mvf.org, with the appropriate contest name in the subject line. Original photos or those on CD may be dropped off at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Please include name, address and phone number for identification purposes.

For more information or questions, contact Graphic Designer Maria Pullifrone at 240-243-2321 or e-mail mpullifrone@mvf.org. The annual calendar is expected to be delivered with either the November or December issue of the *Village News*.

CALENDAR CONTEST RULES

- Photos must be received by MVF by close of business on **Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.**
- 35mm photographs must be in color and no smaller than 3" x 5" in size.
- Digital photographs must be 300 dpi in JPG format.
- Digital photographs must be at least 8" x 10" in size.
- Original photographs will be returned to contributors after they are scanned; CDs, disks and other materials received will not be returned to contributors unless requested.
- Entrants may submit up to five photographs.
- Photographs must be of Montgomery Village scenes, seasons or events.
- All photographs are subject to the policies and by-laws set forth by the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors.

MVF and MCDOT partner to maintain tree canopy in the Village

For the last four years, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) have worked together to keep Village trees healthy. The partnership was solidified through work by Parks and Property Manager Ron Schroers and MCDOT Lead Arborist Joel Spano.

Each year, Schroers and Spano meet to identify dead, dying or diseased trees along county roads or in medians within Montgomery Village. The trees are marked and removed by the county; MVF removes the stumps and prepares the areas for replanting; and the county then replaces trees in those locations. Both MVF and MCDOT work to make sure they stay watered and continue to remain healthy.

To date, the county has removed over 40 trees and replaced them with American Linden, Chinese Pistache, Yoshino Cherry, Chinquapin Oak, Riverbirch and others, adding richness to the tree canopy in the Village.

Additionally, MVF has participated in the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Tree Montgomery program to plant and maintain trees in areas along walking paths, playgrounds and parking lots in the community. Over 60 shade trees have been planted through this program, which "provides new tree canopy and shade, as well as helps keep ground level temperatures down so residents can enjoy recreational areas in warmer weather," says Schroers.

"Working with MCDOT and Tree Montgomery has been great. The county has been very accommodating to Montgomery Village in providing tree canopy for residents and eliminating dangerous trees, reducing the amount of cleanup after major storms."

These valuable partnerships, along with Schroers' oversight, helps Montgomery Village maintain its Tree City status, as well as keeping the Village looking its best throughout all seasons.



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IN THE NEWS

Cider Mill Community Meeting

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice and HOC Executive Director Stacy Spann will host a community conversation with the Cider Mill Apartments community from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday,

Oct. 17 at South Lake Elementary School, 18201 Contour Road.

For more information, contact Councilmember Rice at 240-777-7955 or e-mail councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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. 15, 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.

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New street lights to be installed along Montgomery Village Avenue

Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) will be installing approximately 100 new street lights along Montgomery Village Avenue from Centerway Road to Wightman Road to meet county pedestrian/public safety lighting standards.

The street lights will be on aluminum poles with cobra style heads and will be very similar in style to existing street lights in the area. Funding was included several years ago in the county's capital budget to complete this project and was noted as a priority because

of the high pedestrian usage and number of bus stops.

The street lights will be installed approximately 120 to 130 feet apart and will be LEDs instead of high pressure sodium. Existing street lights on this stretch of roadway will be upgraded to LEDs as well.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Montgomery County 6th District Police will be hosting a National Prescription Drug Take Back location from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Residents can turn in their unused or expired prescription medication for safe disposal. For more information, visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.



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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Trucks in North Village

by the North Village Board of Directors

We are indeed seeing a number of trucks parked overnight in North Village. We hope this article will clarify the rules as stated in our community's covenants. These rules have not changed.

In May, every household received a copy of our Parking Policy by regular mail. The policy has been edited slightly over the years, but the underlying truck policy is specified in our North Village Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, established by and for the community in 1979. The covenant states "No private trucks, trailers, campers or recreational vehicles, whether or not licensed as a Class A motor vehicle, and no unlicensed motor vehicles of any type shall be permitted to remain on the community property or on the property of a private Dwelling Unit within North Village." The policy document you received in the mail spells out definitions in more detail. Pickup trucks, with or without caps, and panel vans, with or without signage, are clearly "restricted vehicles" prohibited from parking overnight on community or private property. All homeowners must agree to abide by these covenants when purchasing their homes.

We all know that this is an important issue in the community. And we are very aware that "times have changed." Many individuals and families have good personal reasons and others have important business reasons for having these vehicles. And the vehicles themselves have evolved and changed from their utility and function and appearance also over time. Historically, the issue was mainly pickup trucks

parking in townhouse areas. More recently, we see many in single-family home driveways. Some can be moved into garages. Others are apparently so large or tall they will not fit even in an empty garage.

It is the board's responsibility to enforce the covenants established on behalf of the community at large. We receive many requests for waivers to the policy that supports the underlying covenant. We cannot provide waivers, and we cannot approve one truck and not another. Granting waivers or selective enforcement would be unfair and discriminatory. Furthermore, many residents are opposed to trucks, and they have the covenants on their side. We are receiving numerous complaints from neighbors—near and more distant—of residents with trucks.

We make every effort to obtain compliance without resorting to legal action. When that fails, violations of the Parking Policy have to be, and will be, pursued through the court system if necessary. To the violators reading this, please find a way to comply with the policy.

Yes, the covenants can be changed. However, the process is extremely difficult. It can only be accomplished by a 60% vote of all homeowner-members of the community. With 888 homes, that requires 533 affirmative votes, by signed ballot in a formal election. Typically, our annual elections gather votes from less than 10 percent of homeowners.

STAYING AWARE AND BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Fall is here. Days are shorter. Turn on your outside lights earlier.

Lock your car doors, and keep your garage inner doors locked. Keep garage doors closed when you leave your home and otherwise when you can.

"If you see something, say something." In other words, if you see suspicious activity anywhere in Montgomery Village please call the police at 301-279-8000 or our security service, American Protective Service (APS) at 240-631-8383. Of course, if it is an emergency, dial 911.

Clean your house gutters before they start overflowing and keep street gutters free of leaves. They block our drains. We have been dealing with a number of expensive drain clogs after our heavy rains.

Pick up after your dog! We provide both bags and receptacles for dog waste plus other trash cans. Don't leave it to your neighbors to clean up after your dog.

NEXT MEETING

The next North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you wish to address the board during the meeting, you must be present at 7 p.m. and sign up for residents time. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327 or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Paving completed in Estates neighborhood

by the East Village Board of Directors

A nearly \$200,000 paving project was completed in the Estates neighborhoods of East Village in August. This was the first phase of a multi-year repaving project. The rest of neighborhood will be completed next year. Additional neighborhoods in East Village will be finished in the future.

East Village has the lowest assessments of all the homes corporations in Montgomery Village—approximately \$600. Some homes corporations have assessments that reach upwards of \$1,000 per year, per household.

PARKING IN GARAGES

It is well known that parking is tight in East Village.

residents were able to follow through with this example, more parking spaces would be available to visitors.

TOWING STRICTLY ENFORCED

The East Village Board of Directors has signed a contract with a new towing company. Community property is routinely monitored and commercial vehicles and trucks parked there are stickered. Once stickered, the owner has 72 hours to move the vehicle or it will be towed.

Residents should never park in fire lanes. If an emergency were to occur and a fire truck or ambulance is blocked from reaching a fire or other emergency, the results of a vehicle illegally parked could prove



East Village was designed to allow for two vehicles per household. What makes a tight situation more difficult is when residents use their garages for storage and park their cars in visitor parking spaces. Above is an example of what a garage should look like with two cars neatly parked inside. If more

fatal. Vehicles observed in fire lanes are subject to immediate towing.

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



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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS 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)-ap-

proved 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, select Press Room, select *Village News*, then Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 21
Nominating Committee: Whole board

EAST VILLAGE:

Nominations Close: Monday, Jan. 7, 2019
Nominating Committee: Jack Helenek, Terry O'Grady, Jayant Shukla

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 4, 2019
Nominating Committee: Christopher LaRose, Art Thomas, Laurence Thomson

NORTH VILLAGE

Nominations Close: Friday, Nov. 2
Nominating Committee: Barathwaj Bala, Tom Wills

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 27
Nominating Committee: Brian Post, Allison Ewing, Ralph Bally

SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominations Close: Wednesday, Nov. 28
Nominating Committee: Mark Firley, Amani Jude, Suzanne Wheeler

STEDWICK

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 4, 2019
Nominating Committee: Whole board

WHETSTONE

Nominations Close: Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019
Nominating Committee: James Martin, Bryan Price

WHETSTONE WATCH

Proposed assessment ceiling increase

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

After six years without an increase, the board of directors has concluded that a ceiling increase is necessary for the long-term health of the community. If approved by the members, this ceiling increase will help to restore cuts to annual tree and shrub pruning; fund maintenance activities along the lake shore path; and restore cuts to the maintenance of the common green spaces. The proposed increase is \$151 per year (\$37.75 per quarter) from \$914 per year to \$1,065 per year.

An increase in the assessment ceiling is essential to continue proper maintenance of the community and preservation of aging community assets.

MAINTENANCE

The greenspace surrounding the tunnel access is the responsibility of the Whetstone Homes Corporation. Based on an inspection of the Forsythia growing around the tunnel, the overgrowth will be pruned. The maintenance committee has identified trees in the community in need of removal.

An RFP has been sent to three tree service companies for cost estimates.

Residents have expressed concern about the parking of vehicles on Diary and Gunpowder roads, which hinder the passage of emergency vehicles. Also of concern are the large trucks and the resulting damage. After discussing the parking challenges on Diary and Gunpowder roads, the board approved two areas to be designated "No Parking" at the points of greatest congestion.

RESIDENTIAL CELL TOWERS

The Montgomery County Council is considering Zoning Text Amendment ZTA-1811, which would affect residential areas. This amendment would authorize the placement of cell towers for telecommunication purposes in local communities (i.e., placement of an antenna on a street light). ZTA-18-11 does not govern rights-of-way in Montgomery Village that are privately held by the homes corporations. The homes corporation will continue to have control over placement of tow-

ers through existing easements. Telecommunications providers who want to use the private street rights-of way in Whetstone will have to obtain the approval of the Whetstone Homes Corporation, which owns the right-of-way.

SCHOOL DAYS

Residents are reminded that school is back in session and to observe posted traffic signs and school bus signals as they stop to pick up students in the morning and to drop them off in the afternoon.

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

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

ARB APPLICATIONS

Apply before you buy!

Every exterior modification must meet established ARB application and approval requirements regardless of whether modification or replacement material has been approved in concept in the past.

APPLICATIONS ARE FREE.

HOMES CORPORATIONS

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Recycling

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Recycling is collected in Middle Village on Wednesdays.

WHAT GOES IN A RECYCLING BIN?

- Aluminum foil products
- Cans: aluminum, steel, bi-metal
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles, containers, tubs and lids
- Paper items: break down boxes and bundle your paper items separately

Is your recycling bin overflowing? You can order new recycling bins (limit of five bins per calendar year) free of charge from Montgomery County and they will be delivered to your home by county recycling staff (not the recycling collection crew).

To order a new bin(s), visit www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/items.aspx?subcatalog_id=11. For more information or questions, call the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection using the 311 system.

Remember to place house-

hold trash or recycling out after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup or on the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.

Note: If it does not fit into the blue recycling container, it is not recycling. If it does not fit into the 35-gallon trash can previously provided, it is not normal household trash. If it is yard waste, it must be in a paper bag or bundled and placed out with recycling.

DID YOU KNOW...

All vehicles parked in unserved parking spaces, whether covered or uncovered, must be moved at least every 30 days. If the vehicle is not relocated, a violation sticker/tag will be attached to the vehicle and the vehicle will be subject to towing—at the vehicle owner's expense—48 to 72 hours after the sticker is attached.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

The school year is back in full swing, which means children will be walking to and from school and activities. Drive slowly through our community

and keep an eye out for children crossing streets, playing in the parking lots and running from between or behind cars. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

STORM DRAINS

There are numerous storm drains located along the curbs throughout the community. Please do not dispose of any items in the storm drains other than water! Placing an item such as a water bottle in the drain may seem harmless, but it can be the start of a very costly problem, which can translate into increased assessment fees. Remember, no bottles, paint cans or hazardous materials such as paint, oils, gasoline, etc. are ever to be placed in the storm drains. Help keep our community water system flowing efficiently and protect your property from flood damage.

ASSESSMENTS

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

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

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

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is to contact Delphine Matthews at 301-924-7355 or dmatthews@comsource.com.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand:
877-241-1265

Big Tow: 301-424-4869

Potomac Disposal:
301-294-9700

Montgomery County Police

Non-emergency:

301-279-8000

Emergency: 911

ComSource: 301-924-7355

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.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Association meetings now occur every other month. The last meeting for 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place. One of the parking permit distribution dates will be December 4 instead of a December meeting. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in clubhouse unless otherwise stated.

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Has autumn arrived?

by Keith Silliman

The schools are back in session, and the crossing guards are directing traffic in the morning and afternoon. Our air conditioners are mostly turned off, and the swimming pools are closed. The Stedwick community is green and attractive following a rainy summer. The business of the Stedwick Homes Corporation continues as usual.

Concrete curb and gutter repair work associated with the repaving of the Club Hill community has been completed. However, the repaving of the entire Club Hill community has been delayed multiple times by the heavy rains. We expect the repaving work to be completed in the near future.

Your Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors

recently approved a 2019 operating budget for publication that included a very modest increase of 0.4%. They also approved new greenspace maintenance and community management contracts with minor increases in costs for the coming years.

A solar powered light was recently installed at the Forest Brooke North tot lot.

Montgomery County has approved the installation of a landscape conservation area near the entrance to Burlingame Way on the stream valley side. Implementation of landscape conservation areas and rain gardens reduces the rate of storm water runoff and erosion in our community, and helps to reduce the amount of silt and pollutants flowing into the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. Montgomery

County reduces the water quality fees charged to Stedwick because of the reduction in runoff and erosion.

The Stedwick maintenance committee has developed a list of potential sites for the planting of additional trees. We will be asking Montgomery County's Tree Montgomery program to plant trees on those sites.

We will soon be walking our paths with an asphalt contractor to identify areas of concern and those in need of repair.

Our repaving activity in Club Hill, the implementation of landscape conservation areas and the continued program of tree planting, indicate your board of directors' commitment to renewing and enhancing our community and its appearance. Please do your

part to help with your private property.

Thanks to Montgomery County Police for their efforts to remove commercial trucks parking along Watkins Mill Road.

The next maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 9. If you know of any items, situations or conditions that need the maintenance committee's attention, please let us know prior to that date.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick

Road. The first item on the agenda is residents time which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express your concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@gmail.com or communicate via regular mail with the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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



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



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Celebrate Community Service Day with MCDOT

Celebrate Community Service Day with Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) by donating a bike on Friday, Oct. 26.

MCDOT is partnering with Rockville Bike Hub and Bikes for the World to collect child and adult bikes, bike parts and bike helmets. Repaired bikes will be provided to low-income Montgomery County

residents. Bring your donation to the Council Office Building Garage, E. Jefferson and Monroe streets, Rockville, between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.; outside drop-off for good weather; in case of rain, drop off bikes inside the garage.

For more information, e-mail communityoutreach@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit www.rockvillebikeshub.org.

Election workers needed for 2018 Gubernatorial Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election workers at polling places for the Gubernatorial General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

- Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county; particularly in Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Potomac and Rockville.

- Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages are also needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act, which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polling places.

- Students 16 or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State. Students serving as election workers may choose to earn 25

Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of the stipend.

To serve in this paid volunteer position, all election workers must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland, able to speak, read and write English and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. This includes an online quiz and classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working the election. Several positions are advertised online at www.777vote.org. To apply online, or for more information, visit www.777vote.org and select "Election Workers."

For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org or <https://elections.maryland.gov>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook, Twitter (@777vote) and Instagram@777vote.

SCHOOL NEWS

CollegeTracks bolsters presence at Montgomery College-Germantown



Onylofor, who has been assisting first-generation students with transition to college for many years, says that students like Joselyn have so much potential, but the cost of higher education and the logistics of the college process can be overwhelming—sometimes to the point where they are so confused they do not move forward to earn a life-changing college degree.

"I am really excited to be working with the students at Watkins Mill," says Onylofor. "They are so eager and hardworking. I

find that many have decided to stay close to home and go to MC-Germantown because it is economical and has a beautiful new campus with a wonderful staff and exciting resources."

CollegeTracks expects both its high school Access program at WMHS and its Success program at MC-Germantown to grow in the year ahead. In fact, the need in the Gaithersburg-Germantown area is so great that CollegeTracks will open a new site to serve students at Quince Orchard High School.

HELP STUDENTS IN THE GAITHERSBURG-GERMANTOWN AREA GO TO COLLEGE

At the moment, CollegeTracks has an urgent need for ACT test prep tutors at WMHS, but also welcomes inquiries about volunteer assistance at the high school and college levels. For more information or to explore volunteer opportunities at CollegeTracks, e-mail Michele Parsonnet at mparsonnet@collegetracksusa.org.

"I had a number of options but didn't want to be in debt the first couple of years of college, so I chose Montgomery College at Germantown with the idea of studying very hard and transferring to the Smith School of Business at UMD," says Gaby Maya, a 2018 Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) graduate and freshman business student at Montgomery College.

Since opening more than two years ago, the CollegeTracks program at WMHS has helped nearly 400 students like Gaby go to college. The first cohort is now entering its sophomore year at colleges all over the United States, with many kicking off their higher education careers at the Germantown campus of Montgomery College.

Joselyn Morales, who graduated from WMHS in June 2018 and wants to be a forensic scientist, says she chose to start at MC-Germantown so she could be near family and professionals who can support her during her first year in college.

"The first year can be especially stressful as a first-generation student," she says. "My mother didn't go to college, so she doesn't understand the admissions process or the pressures of college life."

While her mother has pushed her to move forward with her education, she says working with CollegeTracks is so important since she cannot count on help from her own family.

"I am lucky to have Coach Nneka of CollegeTracks at my side to answer all of my questions about college—what courses to take so I can transfer to a four-year school to complete my criminal justice degree, how to keep my financial aid in place and how to manage the stress of my first semester of college," she says.

To accommodate the growing cohort of students going to MC-Germantown from WMHS, CollegeTracks has assigned Nneka Onylofor to support those CollegeTracks Success students with academic, financial aid and personal challenges.

Stedwick Elementary School PTA Open House

The Stedwick Elementary School PTA invites school families to a Columbus Day Open House/Día de Columbus Orientación de Salon on Monday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stedwick Elementary School, 10631 Stedwick Road.

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.stedwickpta.org.

Para más información sobre los próximos eventos, visítanos en www.stedwickpta.org.



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AT YOUR LEISURE

Meet the next generation of successful women

The Gaithersburg branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) invites you to meet the winners of college scholarships funded by proceeds of AAUW-Gaithersburg's 2018 book sale. These young students will share their inspiring stories beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the second floor meeting room of Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

The AAUW-Gaithersburg helps advance equity for women and girls by putting higher education within reach for aspiring local students at Montgomery College and the Universities of Shady Grove.

For more information, call 301-840-5443. To donate books for next year's book sale, kindly bring donations to the meeting, call 301-840-1258 or e-mail booksale@meral.com.

Voices from the Holy Land film series

On Sunday Oct. 7, the documentary "Roadmap to Apartheid" will be shown starting at 2:30 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road. This film examines the apartheid analogy commonly used to describe the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A moderated discussion will follow the free showing.

This 1 hour, 35 minute film, narrated by Alice Walker (author of "The Color Purple"), reviews the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa; reveals why many Palestinians feel they are living in an apartheid system today; and why, increasingly, people around the world agree with them.

The Voices from the Holy Land film series seeks to offer the perspective of the people living in the Holy Land. It presents informative, compelling and award-winning documentary films by Israeli, Palestinian, American and European film makers to start conversations.

This is the 2nd Annual Montgomery County series, run by an interfaith and interdenominational coalition of more than a dozen supporting organizations. For more information about this film series in Montgomery County, visit www.voicesfromtheholylnd.org or call Bob Cooke at 301-661-0449.

Fall for Art exhibit

Village residents are invited to enjoy the special "Fall for Art" exhibit Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14 at Spectrum Co-op Art Gallery, 259 Spectrum Avenue, Gaithersburg (between Barking Mad Cafe and California Tortilla).

The 15 juried members of the Spectrum Co-op Art Gallery of Gaithersburg (including Village resident Howard Clark) are focused on producing high-quality two- and three-dimensional wall art, wood work and a variety of smaller gifts. Artists work in such media as oil, watercolor, collage, ink, polymer, mosaic, charcoal, color pencil, pastels, acrylic, mixed media and photography.

Gallery hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, and 11 a.m.

to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, visit <https://spectrum>

gallery259.wixsite.com/arts or search Spectrum Pop-Up Art Gallery on Facebook.



CUMC Fall Children's Treasure Sale

The Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC) Annual Fall Children's Treasure Sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. This is a great time to get gently used clothes, coats, Halloween costumes, toys, bikes, ride-on toys, sleds (winter is coming!), games, books, DVDs and baby items suitable for children ages newborn to 5th grade. There will also be a special table for

fall and Christmas decorating items. Proceeds help the Ter-rific Two's preschool education program. For more information call 301-926-8920, ext. 15.

Pasta Pandemonium and Door-to-Door Treats event, for children and adults alike, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. Pasta dinner begins at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and goes until 7 p.m.; Door-to-Door treats will start at 6 p.m. in the Education Wing. The cost for the dinner is \$10 for ages 10

and up, \$5 for ages 5 to 9, and kids under 5 are free! Costumes are encouraged! Treat bags will also be provided to collect candy, or you can bring your own. Proceeds of the dinner will go towards the Music Ministry.

Both events are entirely indoors at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For other church related activities, e-mail office@covenant-umc.org or visit www.covenant-umc.org.

Exhibit at BlackRock celebrates local artists

Fine original works in a wide variety of mediums by more than 40 members of the Art League of Germantown will be featured in the Kay and Terrace Galleries at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, from Thursday, Oct. 18 through Saturday, Nov. 3. Art League of Germantown (ALOG) artists present paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, art glass, ceramics, finely crafted jewelry, fiber art pieces, mixed media

works and more. All exhibited pieces will be available for sale, and a special Gift Gallery will be open each weekend during the exhibit offering additional works in all mediums. On Sunday, Oct. 28, the public is invited to the Meet the Artists Wine Reception from 2 to 5 p.m.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available.

The Art League of Germantown (ALOG) is a group of professional and amateur visual artists, fine crafters and art appreciators organized to further the careers of its members and to bring an appreciation of fine art and crafts to the community. The group is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, and draws members from throughout Montgomery County. For more information about ALOG, call 301-528-2260, e-mail artists@alog.org or visit www.alog.org.

Asbury Reads

Join the Asbury Methodist Village community for the Asbury Reads event scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Rosborough Theatre, 301 Odendhal Avenue.

Tim Junkin, author of "Bloodsworth" will discuss his book, which is the 2018

"One Maryland One Book" selection. "Bloodsworth" is the true story of the first death row inmate and Maryland native, exonerated by DNA evidence.

Seating for the event is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or questions, call 301-216-4955.

Rotary sponsoring luncheon to help end polio

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue, to mark World Polio Day. Nearly all members of the Montgomery Village Rotary Club are expected to attend, and non-Rotarians may also attend, with advance registration.

Rotary International and its 35,000 local clubs have long been leaders in the fight to eliminate the dreaded polio virus, which crippled millions of people in prior years. The wild virus still exists in a few countries, and vaccination teams must continue their work for three years

after the last reported case. The cost to finish wiping out polio is estimated at \$3 billion.

This will be the Rotary Club's second year organizing an "End Polio" luncheon. It will feature speaker Billy D. Louis, who was born in Haiti and contracted polio. When Louis moved to the USA, he joined a local Rotary club because of the organization's ongoing campaign against polio.

Persons who want to attend should e-mail president@gaithersburgrotary.org. The cost is just \$20. For more information, contact Kenneth Weiss at 301-947-8150 or e-mail plansolv@aol.com.

Walk the Muddy Branch Greenway Trail

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring Walk the Muddy Branch Greenway Trail in Gaithersburg on Saturday, Oct. 13. There are 10km and 5km trails, which are rated 2C. The planned excursions are out and back walks on the Muddy Branch Greenway Trail, a natural surface path that traverses the Muddy Branch Stream Valley in twists and turns over varied terrain and through ecosystems including upland forests, stream banks and meadows. The trails are

not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

The walk is free unless Volksmarchers want to register for IVV Credit for \$3. Children 12 and under can earn IVV Credit for no charge at all events sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. The start time is between 8 a.m. and noon; walkers must finish by 3 p.m.

The Start/Finish point is MedImmune/AstraZeneca, 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg. Parking is in the lot behind the building.

Pets are allowed on this walk, but must be leashed at all times. Port-a-Potties, trail instructions and a map, water and hard candy will be available at the start/finish. This walk will be held unless conditions cause the sponsors to close the trail for safety reasons.

For more information, contact event coordinators Jone Parr at 301-385-0054 or e-mail Jone.P@comcast.net or Paul Hlavinka (Muddy Branch Alliance) at 240-424-5392 or e-mail phlavinka@gmail.com.

RECREATION

Teens making a difference in their community

As a teen, do you want to help make a difference in your community? Do you want to get involved, but do not know how? Want to have a say in programs that Montgomery Village offers in the future to teens?

Join us once a month on Thursday nights where teens ages 12 to 16 will come together and help plan programs, learn

leadership skills and develop community service projects that the group can work on together. Make new friends and learn new skills while having fun doing it! Earn SSL hours when helping with additional community events.

Program meets one Thursday a month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Cen-

ter, 8821 East Village Avenue. Meetings are; the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 18. This program costs \$10 per participant.

For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Flashlight Halloween Hunt

Village children ages 2 to 12 can search for Halloween treats at the new Flashlight Halloween Hunt from 6:15 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. Wear your costume, bring your own bag and a flashlight! Participants will be hunting for small plastic pumpkins filled with goodies!

There will be sights and sounds as you follow the paved path through South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road, to the haunted hunting grounds at the G. W. Bowie Music Pavilion. Early pumpkin

hunt times for the younger set will not require a flashlight, and the path will be more fun than scary. A costume contest will follow each age group hunt. Pumpkin hunt times are based on age categories.

Costumed children can get up on stage and strut their stuff for the friendly -fiendish judges. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded to the Best Costume in each age category.

The cost is \$3 per child before Thursday, Oct. 25 or \$5 at the gate; adults are free.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Ages 2 to 4: 6:20 to 6:40 p.m.

Ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:05 p.m.

Ages 8 to 12: 7:10 to 7:30 p.m.

All Ages: 7:35 to 7:55 p.m.

Interactive Costume Parade and Contest

Wine and Paint Night

Sue Kay brings another fun and easy painting experience to Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2. Paintings will be acrylic on stretched canvas and each participant will take away a unique creation. This is great for date night or friend's night out.

Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine; \$30/Resident, \$36/Non-resident. Participants must be at least 21 years of age to attend and pre-registration is required. Limited space available.

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



Afterschool Open Gym

Children ages 3 to 12 can come and play active games at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 11 to Dec. 30. Different equipment will be available each week and parent/guardian supervision is required.

Open Gym costs \$21/Resident and \$28/Non-resident or drop-in for \$3/Resident and \$4/Non-resident. There is no charge for adults with a paying child.

For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED and First Aid

Learn how to respond to first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies. This class will teach students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, scrapes, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat and cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies to help victims of any age. Students who successfully complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years.

Class will be held on Monday, Oct. 29 and Monday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Participants must be at least 11 years old to participate and should bring a non-perishable lunch. Cost is \$60/Resident, \$70/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Holiday Craft Bazaar

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Saturday, Nov. 17

9 a.m. to 3 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.

For more information or to register, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Paper Carriers



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

RECREATION

How fast is your pumpkin?

You can find out when you build and enter a pumpkin racer in the 9th Annual Great Pumpkin Race! Come to this unique side-by-side racing contest held at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, on Saturday, Oct. 13. This family-friendly event features speedy pumpkin racers, delicious food, live rock and roll music, rides, amusements, games, a petting zoo and exceptional family fun!

Wheels of all kinds can be attached to pumpkins to create the ultimate racing machine. But, if you can't find any spares, MVF has pumpkin racer kits available with everything you

need to get rolling, except the pumpkin!

Kits will be available for sale for \$15 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road and at the festival, while supplies last.

For more information, call 240-243-2334, e-mail jserlo@mvpf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Montgomery Village Community Band looking for percussionists

The Montgomery Village Community Band (MVCB) is seeking percussionists of all kinds to join the fun! The MVCB meets to rehearse on Wednesday evenings at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

In addition to regular rehearsals, the band performs at MVF events, including seasonal

concerts, the Montgomery Village Foundation 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 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Tiny Tots Playtime for ages 5 and younger

Bring your tiny tot to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for playtime in the gymnasium. Have fun interacting with your little one while you play with balls, hula-hoops and scooters, or bring your own riding toys.

Note: Parents must supervise children at all times.

Fall session meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 16 to Dec. 18 and costs \$15/Resident, \$20/Non-resident child and \$6 each additional child in same family.



Fall Cross Country

The Montgomery Village Falcons Cross Country team competed in their first meet on Saturday, September 29 at the City of Gaithersburg Bohrer

Park. The Falcons did an excellent job.

Congratulations to Gordon Robinson who finished 2nd in the Grades 1 to 3 group with

a time of 6:18 in the 3/4 mile. Congratulations to Jacob Nerstheimer who placed 1st in the Grades 6 to 8 group with a time of 11:22 in the 1.5 mile.

WHETSTONE
afterschool CLUB

Monday through Friday | 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Sept. 4 through last day of
MCPS 2018/2019 school year

Whetstone Elementary School students will be escorted by MVF staff from school immediately after dismissal to Whetstone Community Center. 5004.410

No club when MCPS are closed for a full day
\$6/day, 20-day minimum (\$120)

STEDWICK
afterschool CLUB

Monday through Friday | 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Sept. 4 through last day of
MCPS 2018/2019 school year

Stedwick Elementary School students will be transported at dismissal from school by Montgomery County School Bus to Stedwick Community Center. 5004.420

No club when MCPS are closed for a full day
\$6/day, 20-day minimum (\$120)



MV SENIORS

seniors
in **action**

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

FALL Session

through Dec. 14

No meeting Nov. 22 or Nov. 23

MONDAY**Pickleball Group 10 a.m. to noon**

Pickleball enthusiasts of all skill levels meet for fun on the Stedwick Community Center Tennis Courts.

SiA Social Games 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Games, conversation and refreshments.

Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m.
third Monday each month

Oct. 15: "The Notorious RBG" by Irin Carmon and Sharia Rovizhnik

Nov. 19: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amir Towes

Arts and Crafts 10:15 a.m. to noon

Various creative projects for all skill levels.

TUESDAY**Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.**

Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

Flow-Motion 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Work the mind/body with controlled, flowing motions, range of motion improvement, balance and muscular strength. Seated and/or standing.

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Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

Pickleball Group 10 a.m. to noon

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Total Body Tune-up 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

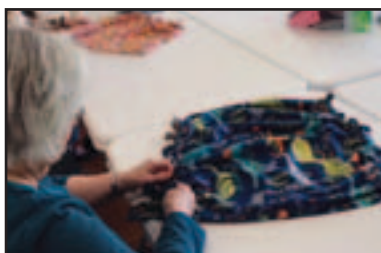
This fun, easy-to-follow, seated and standing movement class emphasizes light toning and stretching and can be done by people of any fitness level.

FRIDAY**Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch Noon to 2 p.m.**
second Friday each monthBring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with friends. **Free for members, \$2/Non-member**

Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14

A look back...

Join one of the most distinct and action-packed groups in Montgomery Village and participate in all of the diverse offerings!

*Up next...***Arts and Crafts****Oct. 8 No-Sew Blankets – Session 1**

Scissors and some fabric provided

We will be making adult-sized throws and baby-sized blankets for donation.

Consider donating fleece fabric for this project 36" x 36" solid fabric and 36" x 36" matching print fabric.

Oct. 15 No-Sew Blankets – Session 2

Scissors and some fabric provided

You can start a new one, or finish up on the previous ones

Oct. 22 Gift bags;

Ziplock bags, trial sized personal products and snack packs provided

Donations of trial sized personal products and snack packs are gladly accepted and appreciated

Oct. 29 Santa's Workshop for Local Church

- Spa Baskets for Moms-bath salts, bath bombs, hand soap
- Handmade Scented Candles - for men and women
- Manly hand scrub; Ingredients provided

Please bring a basket or box to decorate and 2 jars with lids (8 oz. or smaller)

**SIA E-MAIL LIST**If you're not receiving the weekly e-mails from SiA and would like to be added, send an e-mail to aalcon@mvf.org with the subject line SiA e-mail list. We'll add you to the list for updates and changes related to Seniors in Action.**REGISTRATION**Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

The Architectural Standards Compliance Specialist ensures compliance with MVF Architectural Standards by conducting property inspections in assigned communities. Responsible for meeting monthly scheduled inspections target, conducting architectural inspections for resale disclosure packets, performing follow-up inspections to determine if violations were corrected, conducting inspections to determine if applications for homes with violations can be released for review and conducting reported violation inspections.

The Compliance Specialist communicates with residents by phone and in person regarding violations on their homes. Determines necessary course of action needed for violation cases to ensure compliance with MVF Architectural Policies and Guidelines.

This position reports to the Director of Architectural Standards. Salary range is \$31,755 to \$32,500 per year DOQ with excellent benefits package.

PROGRAM LEADER

Program Leader needed four days a week, 3:30 to 6:15 p.m., to lead daily operation of Stedwick Afterschool Club. Previous experience supervising staff. Previous experience working with children K-5. Other duties as needed.

For more information, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Program Assistant for the Stedwick Afterschool Club. Monday to Friday, 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. Position helps with the daily operation of afterschool club, including supervision, leadership, setup and cleanup. Must have experience and love working with children.

For more information, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367.

YARD SALE

Saturday, Oct. 20
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road, Montgomery Village
Proceeds will benefit Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), Casa Ruby and Building Puentes

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MONDAY
OCT. 29

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OLNEY MILL \$502,500

COMPLETELY RENOVATED KITCHEN!

Olney Mill is one of the most desirable in the Olney area – respected schools, great local shopping and an abundance of things to do – this is a 3 BR, 3.5 BA rambler w/fin. w/o basement – woodburning fireplace – the kitchen was completely renovated

last year and it looks like HGTV helped! Fantastic fenced backyard and party-sized deck.



PARTRIDGE PLACE \$329,900

CENTER HALL LAYOUT!

Excellent end unit floor plan w/true center hall layout – large LR w/fireplace on one side and separate DR and table space kitchen on the other. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, finished basement – tons of storage. Renovated throughout including gorgeous kitchen

with stainless steel appliances, granite counters, white cabinets and designer tile backsplash – new windows and doors, huge deck & fenced backyard.



PLEASANT RIDGE \$525,000

SUNROOM ADDITION!

Gorgeous renovated SFH w/4 BR, 3.5 BA – custom gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, Viking 6 burner stove, dbl wall ovens, breakfast bar, dbl dishwasher – breakfast rm & sunroom addition – updated bathrooms, huge walk-in master closet, wood floors

– finished basement w/full bath – beautiful landscaping & hardscape.



STEDWICK \$305,000

BEAUTIFUL RENOVATED KITCHEN!

Updated end unit TH in Clusters I. 3 BR, 2 FB & 2 HB – beautiful renovated kitchen w/cooktop, oven, granite counters, expanded cabinet space, display shelving & pass through to DR – upgraded baths, new lighting, fresh paint, new carpet, fin.

basement w/rec rm, craft room & half bath – fenced backyard, paver patio.

Under Contract



WALKERS CHOICE \$295,000

END UNIT TOWNHOUSE!

3 BR, 2.5 BA, family rm w/fireplace – over 2,000 sq. ft. of finished space – fabulous renovated kitchen w/granite counters, stainless appliances, designer tile backsplash, top-of-the-line range hood, 5 burner stove, microwave w/pizza drawer – plus updated

baths, new flooring – so much house for the money!



ARROWHEAD \$379,500

COMPLETELY RENOVATED!

End unit townhome w/4 BR, 3.5 BA – beautiful designer features like on HGTV! 1st floor office & 1st floor fam. rm w/fireplace – stunning bathroom renovations – all hardwoods on 1st floor & new carpet elsewhere – new windows & doors – fabulous

kitchen w/everything new incl: granite, cabinets, SS appliances, breakfast bar, pendant lights – fin basement w/full bath!

Coming Soon



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4 BR with fireplace



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New upscale kitchen



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