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photo by Roz Price

The MV Farmers' Market is winding down for the season and vendors will be heading out at the end of this month until they return next June. The market will be open Saturdays in October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road. You'll find plenty of fresh, local fruits and veggies, as well as a variety of bakery and beverage items and other specialties including visits from local breweries and wineries. You don't want to miss out!

## Bloom project moves forward

At the September 28 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board meeting, Yovi Sever of Monument Realty provided a presentation on the current state of the plans for development of the former golf course property.

Sever reviewed the development process, noting the Master Plan was adopted in summer 2016 and the project moved into the formal entitlement and initial engineering phase. He explained the goal was to submit the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Site Plan concurrently in order to also hold the hearings concurrently. The Preliminary Plan was submitted in January 2017

and the Site Plan was submitted in September 2017. Sever reported that, assuming approval of both plans, the next step is record plat followed by building permit. He carefully reviewed the six areas of the plan, noting the changes from the original concept plan that the MVF Board had reviewed and approved in 2014. It was always recognized that the concept plan would change based on further engineering of the site, as well as the Master Plan and other direction from county planning staff.

Sever reported that the current plan shows 494 homes,

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## Ride On extRa service—great benefit for Village residents

Ride On extRa is limited-stop service that will run on MD 355 during peak hours; during October 2017, service will be free. Making just twelve stops, it will run every 10 minutes during morning and evening rush hour between the Lakeforest Transit Center in Gaithersburg and Medical Center Metro in Bethesda. Route 355 is Ride On's highest ridership corridor and connects to half of the bus routes in the County.

Stops include: Lakeforest Transit Center, Summit Avenue, Westland Drive, Shady Grove Metro, Montgomery College, Rockville Metro, Edmonston Drive, Halpine Road, Marinelli Road, Security Lane, Tuckerman Lane and Medical Center Metro (NIH/Walter

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## Shredding Event and Donation Drive

Saturday, Oct. 21  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road

BRING UP TO THREE BAGS OR BOXES OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS FOR SECURE SHREDDING

Non-perishable food items and cash donations will be collected to benefit *Women Who Care Ministries*.

Sports equipment (except flat-bottom shoes, clothing and roller blades) will be collected to benefit *Leveling the Playing Field*

ROVER



Rotary Club of Montgomery Village

SERVICE Above Self

## LOOK INSIDE

Former resident co-authors International Gold Medal children's book with daughter



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Homes Corporation Leaf Removal Schedule

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Ready, Set, Go! The Great Pumpkin Race is here!



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 2018 Draft Budget will be considered for adoption.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

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

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

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

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19501 Brassie Place.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10 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. 19 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. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

SOUTH VILLAGE

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

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9 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. 10 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Action



by Pete Young  
 MVF President

When I wrote to you all last month, we had really faced a series of crises and challenges, and we find ourselves again this month not only in the throes of the major storms and their aftermath but now also the tragedy inflicted upon Las Vegas and our nation this week. I find myself very unsettled with these events, and try to focus on ways that we can help. Personally, I feel less anxious and discouraged through service to others, whether that be by donating money, blood or personal time and service.

There are many ways we can give to those who need help—the schools, charitable groups, political action—and even the simple acts of just being there for each other and providing emotional support. We have a strong community and much to offer each other. I invite you to find a way to act and not simply watch; I am certain that you will feel rewarded and comforted by helping out.

Action also includes supporting our local community and events—we have a busy fall coming up. Our annual Fall

Festival and Great Pumpkin Race is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, and I encourage you to come out and see your neighbors, enjoy some great activities and food and cheer on the pumpkin racers!

We are also celebrating some great new community amenities—the soon-to-come all-ability playground at Apple Ridge Recreation Area, a first for our community! We are opening several other new playgrounds, which are more signs of the investment we continue to make in our community. Come out and enjoy these great new features.

We are also quickly heading into the MVF election season! I would encourage you to consider serving your community, whether that be through volunteering to serve on a committee, an HOA or COA board or the MVF Board. This is a great way to share your talents, help provide direction and serve your fellow residents. Election information will be shared online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), in the *Village News* and through your local homes, condo or apartment associations. Our community requires the many volunteers that serve in order to run and thrive, so your willingness to serve is critical—please consider it!

As always, I invite you to get involved, share your talents and thoughts with us, and help Montgomery Village stay the amazing community it has been all these years. I welcome your feedback; please e-mail me at [peter@youngspa.com](mailto:peter@youngspa.com).

Cheers,  
 Pete



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### MVF BOARD MOTIONS

#### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST September 28, 2017

1. Mr. Webb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint Audit Committee/MVF Board of Directors' Budget meeting held August 24, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-2); Ms. Bort and Mr. Driscoll abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Marsh moved to approve the Election and Voting Procedures 2018, the Guidelines for Ballot Counting, the Voting Information of Private Dwelling Units and Multi-Family Unit Owners using Individual Ballots, the 2017-2018 Election Calendar, and the changes to the format for the Candidate's Forum 2018. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Driscoll moved to approve the 2018 Guidelines for Applicants, the 2018 MVF Board of Directors Election Application for Candidacy, and the MVF Call for Candidates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Ms. Franke moved to approve the 2018 Guidelines for Applicants, introductory letter and candidate application for the MVF Board of Directors Student Representative position. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the Nominating Committee Guidelines. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Marsh moved to approve the revision to the criteria for The Heights to allow an option for subtle front door accent colors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the revision to the criteria for Walker's Choice to allow an option for elevated decks to be constructed on the first level of the townhomes on Lake Landing Road backing to South Valley Park and Ponds. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Webb moved to award the contract to Playground Specialists for the replacement of the Whetstone Community Center Playground for \$79,000, the access stairs for \$1,835, and approve an additional 10% (\$8,083) for unforeseen expenses, for a total of \$88,918. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:13 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. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## Schedule For 2018 MVF Budget Process

### THURSDAY, OCT. 26

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

### NOVEMBER 2017

Notify owners of 2018 assessments

### DECEMBER 2017

2018 assessment coupons mailed

#### NCBR

North Creek Board Room 20125 Arrowhead Road





# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Don't Miss It!</b> Oct. 14 Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Fest 22 Build a Birdfeeder Workshop 26 MVF Board of Directors Meeting 27 Halloween Hoopla 29 Halloween Band Concert 31 Halloween			<b>Village News 6</b> Fall Festival Program <div>             MV Farmers' Market is open every Saturday through Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at CTS           </div>		<b>7</b> Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
	<b>8</b> Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR  MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	<b>9</b> Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR  Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR	<b>10</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC  COE 7:30 pm – NCBR	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Investment Committee 7 pm – NCBR	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC  MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS  Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC	<b>19</b> North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR	<b>20</b> Village News
	<b>22</b> Build a Birdfeeder Workshop 1 to 2 pm – NC Nature Center (Pre-registration required) \$10/birdfeeder kit	<b>23</b> Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)	<b>24</b> Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR  Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR  Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Office	<b>25</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC  CCLA 4:30 pm – MVF Office  South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR	<b>26</b> MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR	<b>27</b> Halloween Hoopla 6:30 to 8 pm – LMCC Ages 3 to 9 (\$3/child or \$2 with non-perishable food donation)
	<b>29</b> Halloween Band Concert – Free 3 pm – LMCC	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>November 1</b> Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC  ARB 5 pm – NCBR  Communications Committee 7 pm – MVF Office  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Village News
						<b>4</b> Holiday Craft Bazaar 9 am to 2 pm – LMCC

## 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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# Saturdays

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## IN THE NEWS

# Letters<sup>to</sup> the Editor

Editor:

The Whetstone Board of Directors has bemoaned its fiscal condition year in and year out reminding residents that it takes money to cut down its Pin oaks and repave its roads.

The reasons for an increase cited by the board are unconvincing:

- Need to increase assessments every 4 to 5 years
- County tax increases
- Inflation

The solution to fiscal challenges is management. In managing the Whetstone financial challenge, the board actions include:

- Pushing maintenance projects into succeeding years
- Dabbling in reserve investment strategies

- Asking residents for an assessment increase

Having exhausted the limit of delayed maintenance and having extended the permissible limit for investing reserve funds from 20% to 30%, the Whetstone board is now exhorting residents to approve an assessment increase. An increase of \$116 is being exacted taking the Whetstone annual assessment from \$914 to \$1,030.

Having failed to provide convincing reasons for seeking an increase, the Whetstone board needs to explain exactly what the increase would deliver if approved and exactly what the consequences of disapproval would bring. Make the board earn your vote!

With no board meeting in August and no board meeting

in October, what better time to ask the somnolent residents of Whetstone for an increase in their assessment. The board has chosen this quiet period to send out a Whetstone Assessment Increase Ballot on Monday, Oct. 2 to be returned by Monday, Nov. 6, thereby, finessing resident questions and avoiding answers.

To pass, 2/3 of the voters voting (not households) must approve. Consequently, it is especially important to make some noise during this quiet period and get out the vote. Your vote really does count this time. This is not the time for apathy!

Your ballot should now be in your mailbox. Mark it today and send it back.

Don O'Neill  
Whetstone

## McKendree gets a new playground

McKendree Playground, located adjacent to the Shadow Oak community in Northgate, along Shadow Oak Drive, has been replaced and was opened to residents on September 29. This new playground replaces a 23-year-old playground. The new playground was designed and installed by Playground Specialists, Inc. a company based out of Thurmont, Maryland.

The new design features belt swings, infant swings, slides, climbers and so much more. The tallest of the slides towers 9 feet above the safety surfacing, which is sure to be a popular feature with older users.

If you have not already, be sure to stop by and give this brand new playground a try – it's sure to have kids playing for years to come!



### MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

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4. Letters must bear the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. The sole use of pen names, initials or the complete omission of a signature

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IN THE NEWS

Board discusses Martin P. Roy Park basketball court at September meeting

by Mike Conroy

In January, the Eastgate Homes Corporation requested the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors look at the possibility of replacing the basketball court at Martin P. Roy Park with a secondary tot-lot. Discussion of the proposal, both by the Board and the Recreation Committee, led to further observation of the park patrons and use, specifically the basketball court and existing playground, to determine trends and feasibility.

At the September Recreation Committee meeting, the observation results were reviewed, along with resident concerns about safety and quality of life. The park was observed three to four times daily during a peak usage summer month. During this time, no criminal activity was noted, and from January to September of this year, only one call was made to police about suspicious activity in the park. The Recreation Committee determined that the origin of the original request to remove the basketball court was from a safety concern and not from a lack of use or recreational concern, and sent the matter back to the Board for consideration.

Board members discussed the issue and also found the usage data does not support a lack of recreational use of the facility; they felt the resident concerns were from a safety

aspect, which the police reports did not support.

Suggestions of fencing the court or adding some a buffer between the court and the playground were made, but overall the Board felt a greater presence in the park may help deter future concerns. The new Park Facility Assistants will be on board by the end of the month, and they will be responsible for locking the park at closing, educating park patrons about park rules and observing future trends and park usage.

At the present time, the Board unanimously feels there is not enough evidence of underusage or safety issues that would call for removal of the basketball court. Several Board members also supported the idea of a community safety meeting between the 6<sup>th</sup> District Police and interested residents, including those in Eastgate who have raised concerns.

The Board noted that anyone witnessing suspicious activity in this (or any) park or facility should call the police right away and not try to intervene themselves.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

In preparation for the 2018 MVF Board of Directors Election, recommendations from both the Nominating and Election committees were presented to the Board. Election materials, including the 2017-2018 Election

Calendar, information sent to homeowners, MVF Board of Directors Application, the MVF Call for Candidates and other supporting materials were all approved. These documents contained date changes for the 2018 election, as well as a procedural change for the Candidates' Forum outlining a process for candidates who arrive late to the event.

The Board also reviewed and approved materials describing the process by which the new Student Representative position will be filled. Guidelines for the applicants, as well as an actual application were recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. To extend the responsibility of the committee for this capacity, the Board also approved revisions to the Nominating Committee Guidelines.

Suggested criteria changes for homes in The Heights (Stedwick) and Walker's Choice (South Village) were also reviewed and approved. Revisions included new options for front door accent colors and elevated decks in the communities, respectively.

Finally, the Board awarded a bid to Playground Specialists for the replacement of the Whetstone Community Center Playground. A preferred design was forwarded from the Recreation Committee, and the Board approved funding not

to exceed \$88,918 for the new equipment, access stairs for adults and unforeseen expenses from Reserves.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Pete Young reminded those in attendance about the upcoming Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. He noted the fun fall tradition and hoped to see many new pumpkin designs this year.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton updated the Board on recent county transportation and legislation issues. He said that the county council recently directed the planning board not to take into account the assumption that M-83 would be built when calculating transportation capacity for future projects in the upper county. Board President Young will testify at a public hearing on the subject on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Humpton also noted that the county transportation committee held a public hearing on September 14 regarding Bill 22-17, which proposed to repeal the roadway maintenance reimbursement. The county voted to not support the bill, leaving the program as is for the time being, with the potential for funding

in future budgets. Humpton noted the Board should consider advocating for program funding in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Carey presented the financial report for both the month of August and the year-to-date (YTD). Carey noted that August financials showed MVF running favorable to the budget mainly due to higher than expected investment returns and other income, camp revenue and lower than expected personnel and operating costs. Declining advertising revenue has been an ongoing trend.

He said that MVF maintains a solid financial position, with 39.4% of total assets in cash or investments; this number is slightly down to previous years due to disbursements for the Peggy Mark pool.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - August 2017

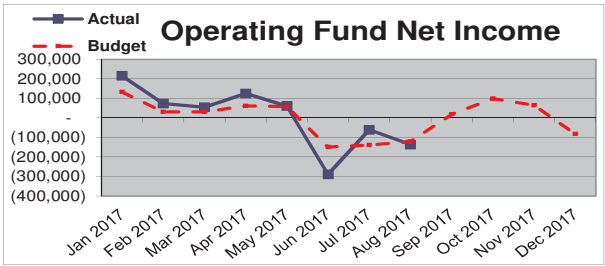
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	August 2017			YTD Aug 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Assessments	518,290	518,251	38	4,146,253	4,146,010	243
Assessment Fees	4,910	(2,020)	6,930	139,405	140,439	(1,034)
Transfer Fees	4,500	3,548	952	26,400	24,279	2,121
Disclosure Fees	14,209	13,648	561	102,754	106,370	(3,616)
Advertising revenue	8,544	9,696	(1,153)	77,017	97,534	(20,516)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	2,974	2,917	57	100,900	80,499	20,401
Camps & Classes	22,534	19,384	3,150	205,608	204,353	1,254
Management Fees	66,711	65,934	778	532,192	527,469	4,723
Capital Contribution fee	16,482	13,505	2,976	106,922	87,793	19,129
Other Income	15,008	19,937	(4,929)	163,346	107,273	56,074
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>674,162</b>	<b>664,800</b>	<b>9,362</b>	<b>5,600,797</b>	<b>5,522,019</b>	<b>78,778</b>
<b>Personnel Costs:</b>						
Salaries & Wages	385,153	367,053	(18,100)	2,427,138	2,502,768	75,630
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	91,903	91,443	(460)	685,809	708,956	23,147
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>477,056</b>	<b>458,496</b>	<b>(18,559)</b>	<b>3,112,948</b>	<b>3,211,724</b>	<b>98,776</b>
Business Expenses	33,974	27,042	(6,932)	123,218	147,097	23,878
Office Supplies	2,382	3,775	1,393	23,542	33,900	10,358
Program/Maint Supplies	13,614	13,700	86	121,631	99,450	(22,182)
Occupancy	34,090	39,338	5,248	212,382	228,817	16,435
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	53,658	52,450	(1,208)	235,045	238,697	3,652
Equip Maintenance	384	3,350	2,966	17,664	26,800	9,136
Vehicle Expenses	1,405	1,867	462	13,485	15,483	1,999
Financial & Legal	5,492	5,433	(59)	75,534	83,391	7,857
Insurance	11,738	12,178	440	74,298	69,028	(5,270)
Printing	8,404	6,283	(2,121)	46,241	56,867	10,625
Landscape/Maintenance	52,093	48,240	(3,853)	506,372	540,104	33,732
Security	8,770	10,222	1,452	58,377	74,594	16,217
Other	(0)	-	0	(136)	-	136
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>226,003</b>	<b>223,878</b>	<b>(2,125)</b>	<b>1,507,653</b>	<b>1,614,227</b>	<b>106,575</b>
Contribution to Reserves	90,830	90,830	(0)	726,639	726,639	(0)
Contribution to CCF	16,482	13,505	(2,976)	106,922	87,793	(19,129)
Purchases of Assets	433	-	(433)	103,464	10,000	(93,464)
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
<b>Reserve/capital</b>	<b>107,745</b>	<b>104,335</b>	<b>(3,409)</b>	<b>937,025</b>	<b>794,432</b>	<b>(142,593)</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>810,803</b>	<b>786,709</b>	<b>(24,094)</b>	<b>5,557,625</b>	<b>5,620,384</b>	<b>62,759</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit Revenue</b>	<b>(136,641)</b>	<b>(121,909)</b>	<b>(14,732)</b>	<b>43,172</b>	<b>(98,365)</b>	<b>141,537</b>

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended August 31, 2017

	Current	Prior Year
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Cash equiv	918,380	2,590,443
Investments	6,156,018	5,802,636
Due from Reserves	1,482,886	70,922
Assessment Receivables	592,672	683,562
Other Receivables	108,999	91,808
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>9,258,955</b>	<b>9,239,370</b>
<b>Gross Fixed Assets</b>	<b>15,027,329</b>	<b>14,100,775</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(6,402,775)</b>	<b>(7,544,748)</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>8,624,554</b>	<b>6,556,027</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>57,776</b>	<b>57,565</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>17,941,285</b>	<b>15,852,962</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Due to Operating	1,482,886	70,922
Payables	240,288	384,236
Sunstream Cap Lease	118,625	124,253
Deferred Revenue Liab	726,889	688,637
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2,568,688</b>	<b>1,268,048</b>
<b>Undesignated Reserves</b>	<b>9,647,327</b>	<b>8,664,798</b>
<b>Designated Reserves</b>	<b>5,725,265</b>	<b>5,920,112</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>15,372,592</b>	<b>14,584,910</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>17,941,285</b>	<b>15,852,962</b>



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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## IN THE NEWS

## Criteria revisions in The Heights and Walker's Choice

At the September 28 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, revisions to architectural criteria for two communities in the Village were approved.

### STEDWICK – THE HEIGHTS

A revision to the Exterior Color portion of the criteria now allows an option for The Heights owners to have subtle front door accent colors. A guide to these colors is available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

### SOUTH VILLAGE – WALKER'S CHOICE

A revision to the Deck portion of the criteria includes an option for an elevated deck in the three-story townhomes that back to South Valley Park and ponds. The deck plan provided for in the criteria must be followed when applying.

For more information or guidance with these or other criteria, contact the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110. All community criteria can be found from your Resident Dashboard online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Staying Aware in the Village

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

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

An attempted commercial burglary occurred at the Goshen Plaza Beer and Wine located at 9150 Rothbury Drive in the early morning hours of September 20.

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Two residential burglaries occurred in the following areas:

In the 19000 block of Mills Choice Road between approximately 10 p.m. on September 6 and approximately 7:53 a.m. on September 7. No signs of forced entry, a door was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

In the 19300 block of Club House Road at approximately 11:20 a.m. on September 11. Forced entry; property was taken.

Suspects: 2 males, races and ages unknown

### STRONG-ARM ROBBERIES

Two strong-arm robberies occurred in the following areas:

In the 9500 block of Treyford Terrace at approximately 6:45 p.m. on August 30. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his property. One suspect was arrested.

Arrested: B/M, age 20; of Montgomery Village  
Suspect: B/M, age unknown

In the 18200 block of Contour Road in the early morning hours of September 3. The suspects assaulted the three adult male victims and took their cash and property.

Suspects: 3 H/Ms, ages unknown

## Bloom

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including moderately priced dwelling units (MPDUs). He noted the homes range from 16-foot wide to 22-foot wide townhomes to detached single-family homes. The concept plan for Area 1 includes 300 apartments, but the MVF Board requested that Monument consider townhomes instead. Sever noted that the site plan currently includes 111 units; 14 of the units are MPDUs. He explained that the zoning for Area 1 is different compared to the rest of the site and allows for more density, which is not being utilized.

Sever reported that Area 2 was contested by the county planners and had to be reconfigured at the request of the planner due to concerns over floodplain constraints. He noted the county requested that a cluster of townhomes on the south side of the proposed Stewartown Road extension be moved further to the north and east and replace a cluster of detached homes planned for the south side of the proposed Stewartown Road extension. He added that Monument Realty kept its promise to surrounding communities and kept planned detached single-family homes adjacent to existing detached single-family homes.

Sever noted that Area 3 did not change much from the concept plan; however, access from Meadowcroft Lane will not be possible. Instead, access will be provided from Montgomery Village Avenue. He noted they hope to have a sidewalk to connect new and existing neighborhoods so all residents can access the new park areas. He added that Area 4 remained largely unchanged. He noted they hoped to have duplexes in the plan, but there isn't an interested builder.

Sever reported that Area 5 was difficult to engineer because it was the most complex in terms of contour. He noted this section has a lot of roadway and open space, but not a lot of homes. He explained that every linear foot of infrastructure is paid for by the new homes in this area; thus Area 5 is more expensive to develop on a per unit basis. He noted they added homes to the eastern portion of Area 5 as far away from existing homes as possible in keeping with the guidelines set during the concept plan process of 2013. A central portion containing the floodplain is planned to be protected by a conservation easement.

Sever noted nine units were added at the entrance to Area 6.

The MVF Central Park was designed with direction from

the Long-Range Facilities Planning Report. Sever noted they would like to protect a portion of the park with a conservation easement. He added that they plan to daylight a creek in order to provide a habitat for wildlife. He noted most of the paved paths are existing paths that will be rehabbed.

Sever reported the 47 acres planned for dedication as a county park is still in the planning process. He noted there will be fewer paths, and all ponds within the park area will be breached since none are storm water facilities. Most of these ponds may be converted to natural wetland providing more wildlife habitat. He reported they discovered some of the ponds are fed by creeks that were channelized underground. He noted they plan to daylight the creeks and reroute them to the appropriate places in order to create wetland conservation areas.

Sever added that the M-NCPPC Parks Department has a long wish list of things they want to accomplish, but the development project cannot afford much of what the Parks Department is requesting. However, he reported

that a third party conservation group has been engaged and is in talks with Monument and the Parks Department as a potential source to accomplish the much needed and requested environmental work. It was noted that parking will not be available in the new county park area; however, at MVF's Central Park, there will be a parking lot for visitors.

A planning board hearing is scheduled for November 2017. Monument hopes to have a certified Site Plan in February 2018 and the Record Plat submission by fall 2018. The Permit Applications can then be submitted in fall/winter 2018 and potential ground breaking in summer 2019. Sever noted the development of the county park could move ahead of that schedule based on what they can achieve with the Parks Department and conservation partners.

A link to the presentation can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) under "About MV," "Development & Projects," "Bloom Montgomery Village Site Plan Update."

For more information, e-mail EVP Dave Humpton at [dhumpton@mvmf.org](mailto:dhumpton@mvmf.org).



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## IN THE NEWS

## October is Energy Action Month

Throughout the month, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be celebrating in two ways: by hosting fun, free events around the county in partnership with Montgomery County Public Libraries and sharing easy tips to help residents and businesses save energy and money via social media and digital outreach. The events include:

- Energy Explorations, free events with family-friendly games and learning opportunities at libraries in Kensington, Damascus, Long Branch and Potomac
- Energy Bingo events, hosted at Senior Centers throughout the county
- Educational displays in display cases at the Rockville and Silver Spring libraries

More details are available online at [www.MyGreenMontgomery.com](http://www.MyGreenMontgomery.com).

## QUICK HOME ENERGY CHECKUP ELIGIBILITY

Home and apartment owners can take advantage of energy efficiency standards, policies and programs to maximize their cost savings. One popular program is the Quick Home Energy Checkup (QHEC) for multifamily and single-family properties.

The QHEC allows homeowners and tenants to get energy efficient products such as LEDs, efficient-flow showerheads, advanced power strips and more, installed at no additional cost to their usual utility bills. As existing customers of utility companies, owners and tenants bear no additional cost for these energy conservation measures.

Whether you reside in a house, condo, townhouse or apartment, and you have an active utility account in the state of Maryland, you're likely eligible for the energy and water saving upgrades. They are a fast, easy way to increase the energy efficiency of your home and help you start saving immediately. At the bottom of your bill, you can see a percent-

age of the existing costs going toward this program that is now redirected back to you and your community.

Call your utility today to schedule your Quick Home Energy Checkup.

## ENERGY ACTION TIPS

Make a counter argument: Most of your small kitchen appliances reside on your counters. This month, we propose you unplug those appliances when they are not being used.



**Do the math:** There are 24 hours in a day and 30 days in an average month, giving us 720 hours. Multiply that by the 0.00308 kilowatts your small appliances are using in "standby mode." That's approximately 2.22 kilowatt-hours per month.

At a rate of \$0.11 per kilowatt hour, that means your appliances are eating about \$0.24 per month sitting on the counter in standby mode. Now multiply that by how many

appliances you have plugged in—your coffee maker, microwave, toaster oven, etc. Unplugging these items will save you dollars a month and won't be wasting energy.

**Breathe easy:** Half your energy bill goes to heating and air conditioning your home, on average. If your units are not running in top form, they're wasting money and could be impacting your air quality.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the air inside the average home is up to five times more polluted than the air outside. One way to maintain healthy air is to clean your air conditioner filters and perform suggested maintenance.

**Watt's up with your lighting:** Now is the time to switch over to LEDs. They are one of the best forms of light for your home or office, compared to less-efficient CFL or incandescent bulbs.

LED light bulbs last significantly longer than other light bulbs—for approximately 50,000 hours—and they don't contain mercury (like CFLs do) so they can be thrown into the trash when they burn out in 17 years!

**Water you thinking:** In an average home, showers are typically the third largest water user after toilets and washing machines. The average American shower uses 17.2 gallons and lasts for 8.2 minutes...that's a lot of water. In addition to taking shorter showers, we encourage you to install an EPA WaterSense high-efficiency shower head. You'll hardly notice the difference—except in your water use and bill.

**Time to caulk it out:** Plugging up small leaks can add up to big savings. Small gaps and cracks around your windows and doors and in your basement and attic can let the air you're heating or cooling escape. It can also let in moldy and dusty air (and even vermin)!

If you can feel drafts, you really have a problem, but even if you don't, almost every home can benefit from additional caulking and weather stripping. Nearly half your energy cost is for heating or cooling your home. So, it's not just air that's leaking out, it's money!

National Energy Action Month takes place every October. It is an annual celebration that has been around since 1990 to increase public understanding of our nation's energy needs and the energy choices available to us. For more information, visit the Department of Energy's website at <https://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>.

## MILESTONES

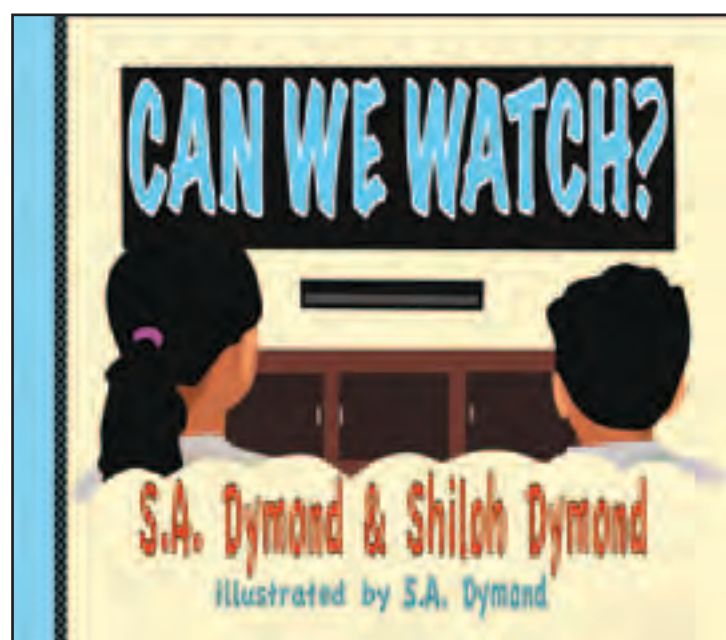
## Former resident co-authors International Gold Medal children's book with daughter

Former Montgomery Village resident Seth Dymond and his 7-year-old daughter Shiloh Dymond have co-authored a children's book that has won an International Gold Medal from Reader's Favorite International. The book, "Can We Watch," deals with children and the time they spend on electronic media like television, iPads and cell phones. An award ceremony honoring the Dymonds is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18 in Miami, Fla.

Seth was born and raised

in Montgomery Village and graduated from Watkins Mill High School. He is currently a partner in a Manhattan law firm and lives in New York with his wife and children. Seth is the son of Bobbi and Ross Dymond, Village residents since 1975.

Seth is also the author of "Exonerated," a fiction murder mystery that has sold in 11 countries and received 5-star reviews. Both titles by Dymond are available online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



## Get Noticed!



Call 240-243-2359 or e-mail [hbenitez@mvmf.org](mailto:hbenitez@mvmf.org).

Community criteria for exterior features on all homes in Montgomery Village are available online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

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## ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

## Roof styles in Montgomery Village



Gable Roof



Gambrel Roof



Mansard Roof

There are many different roof styles in Montgomery Village. As you walk or drive throughout the Village, you can identify many different roof designs.

**The gable roof** is a classic, simple roof design and is the most commonly occurring roof style in the community. A gable roof is one in which the two sides of the roof slope to form a peak or triangular shape. This type of roof is used predominately in colder climates that have precipitation, as it sheds the snow more efficiently than a flat style roof due to its sloping sides.

**A gambrel roof** is a two-sided roof with two slopes on each side. The top slope is positioned at a shallow angle, while the lower slope is steep. This design is also known as a Dutch or barn style roof, as the shape of the roof is used in barn structures. The design of the gambrel roof allows for the maximizing of head room in the upper level of the house, but also keeps the roof from being too tall.

**The mansard roof** is a four-sided gambrel-style hip roof characterized by two slopes on each of the sides, with the lower slope, punctured by dormer windows, at a steeper angle than the upper slope. This type of roof is also called a French roof or a curbed roof. The upper slope is not usually

visible from the ground as it is angled only enough to allow the run off of water.

**A hip roof or hipped roof** is one where all sides of the roof slope downwards to the walls, with a gentle slope. The four slopes of the roof are symmetrical. The hip roof offers less room inside the roof space than a gable roof.

**The flat roof** is a design that is almost level compared to a sloped roof. The flat roof only slopes 10 degrees. This style is most commonly found on commercial style buildings. However, the Clusters townhouse community in Stedwick has mansard roofs that have a flat area on the top of the mansard roof.

No matter the style of roof covering your home, it is always a good idea to maintain your roof. Annual roof inspections by certified roofing contractors are a minor cost that will keep you advised on any required roof maintenance—loose or missing shingles, soft spots in the plywood or mold growing on the shingles. If your house requires a roof replacement, please remember to apply to the ARB for approval before installation of the roof replacement.

For more information or help with the application process, contact the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.

Find resources online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) → "Residents" → "Architectural Standards"

## 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

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

Homes corporation and condominium association articles are provided by representatives or board members from the corporations and associations. The information and opinions provided within these articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the Montgomery Village Foundation, its Board of Directors, representatives or staff. Residents with specific questions or concerns about the information contained in these articles should contact their community manager or the author of the article.

## MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

## Trash and rodents

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

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

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

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

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

### MISUSE OF THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS TENNIS COURTS

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

### SHOPPING CARTS

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

### ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are due paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payment allows us to continue providing services to the community.

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is calling Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mailing [dmatthews@comsource.com](mailto:dmatthews@comsource.com).

### BULK TRASH PICKUP NO LONGER AVAILABLE

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

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

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

Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
2. Trash/recycling out

on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.

3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home. Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash and trash in cans.

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

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

Middle Village trash/recycling collection schedule:

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

### SAVE THE DATE

Middle Village Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2. More details to follow soon.

### CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

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

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

## EAST VILLAGE ECHO

## Annual picnic a success!



by the East Village Board of Directors

East Village would like to thank the approximately 100 residents who attended the annual picnic on Saturday, Sept. 16. The board would like to thank Community Manager April Steward and her assistant, Courtney Haynes, for planning and organizing the event. The board would also like to thank Senator Nancy King, the District 39 Representatives and the Montgomery County Police for attending and showing support for East Village. As always, the board welcomes suggestions and insights from residents.

### LEAF REMOVAL SCHEDULE

It's almost that time of year; fall is here! Please have your leaves curbside for pickup between Tuesday, Oct. 31 and Thursday, Nov. 2. Check the entrance to your street for signs specifying the date for you area. Also, please allow time for weather delays. The schedule will slide by the number of rain days. There will be another pickup in December and dates will follow in a later article.

### DOG WASTE REMOVAL

The board has implemented dog waste stations in several high-traffic walking areas in the community, and our hope is residents will use these stations to pick up and dispose of their dog's waste. We ask that you partner with us to keep the grass beautiful, so that two and four legged friends may enjoy our greenspace. Also, it's the law!

### TRASH RULES

This is a friendly reminder that all trash needs to be placed out curbside in front of your home no earlier than 7 p.m. the evening prior to pickup, in a vermin-proof container with a lid. Using the container helps the community avoid pesky vermin and birds that will feast on the trash and tear the plastic trash bags.

**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.**



## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## WHETSTONE WATCH

## So, what do I get for my assessment dollars?

by Sharon Cranford

In a few weeks, Whetstone homeowners will vote on raising the ceiling on our assessments by \$9.66/month. The last time the ceiling was raised was five years ago, in 2012. Time flies!

## BUT FIRST, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WHETSTONE?

Our community of 447 households stretches from Montgomery Village Avenue to Centerway Road on the west, excluding the Professional Center. It is bordered on the north by Centerway Road, excluding the Whetstone Community Center, pool, tennis courts and playground, and on the east by Goshen Road and the communities of Severn Run and Sharon Woods. On the south, we own the eastern edge of Lake Whetstone – about 1,800 feet of shoreline. That's a lot of territory!

The Whetstone Homes Corporation owns 60 acres of green space and pocket parks, Mooring Creek, bike paths, one and a half bridges, a gazebo, five retaining walls, a dock (to be rebuilt), five entrance signs, 400+ post lamps, over 1,000 trees and 5 miles of roads. Yes, we own our roads!

## SO, WHAT DO I GET FOR MY ASSESSMENT DOLLARS?

- Twice a week trash removal – Tuesdays and Fridays, including four bulk pickups per year
- Snow removal and salt/sand when roads are icy
- Mowing and maintenance of our 60 acres of green space
- Turf management – weed control and feeding
- One leaf collection, usually the week before Thanksgiving
- Removal, pruning and

planting of street trees and those on common grounds

- Bike path repaving
- Concrete replacement of sidewalks and driveway aprons in The Courts
- Replacement of retaining walls
- Annual flowers at our five entrances
- Maintenance/replacement/rewiring of the post lamps which function as our street lights
- Annual cleaning, inspection and maintenance of our storm drains
- Replacement of unreadable or missing street signs
- Painting fire lanes and curbs
- Professional management of our community – liaison with our residents (who do you call or e-mail when you have a question or concern?); collection of assessments; management of contractors; bill payment; monthly maintenance in-

spection; and enforcement of our covenants and by-laws. Liaison with county officials such as housing code enforcement, Montgomery County Police and public utilities such as Pepco, Washington Gas and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (water and sewer). Set up for board meetings including preparation and distribution of board packets; supervision of annual elections and special votes (assessment increases, amendments to documents; maintenance of our association records and website.

- Private property maintenance inspections
- Reserve study to ensure proper funding for asset replacements
- Annual audit of Whetstone finances
- Liability insurance

Wherever possible, we use county resources rather than asking our homeowners to pay. For example, we have used a county tree planting program to pay for some of our street tree replacements. Recently, we called the county to repair a sinkhole and storm drain in a county easement in the meadow at Whetstone Drive and Lookout Place.

To keep costs down, we are fortunate to have volunteers who replace burned out light bulbs in post lamps on our streets and paths. There are

also those unsung heroes who pick up litter and break up fallen branches and put them out on recycling day. Our nine-member board of directors is also made up of volunteers.

Close to half of our assessments (at \$200,000 each year) goes into our reserve account to pay for repaving our 5 miles of roads and other qualified reserve expenditures (removal and replacement of trees, for instance). We are saving up so that we do not have to request a special assessment when we begin repaving our roads.

Due to our careful spending and conservative investments, we have never needed a special assessment.

So, when it comes time to vote to raise the assessment ceiling, I hope everyone will look at what is being done to maintain our 50-year-old community and support the increase to keep Whetstone beautiful!

## NEXT MEETING

The Whetstone board meets on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. Our meetings are open and all are welcome. Hope to see you then.

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

## CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM



photo submitted by Ralph Colling

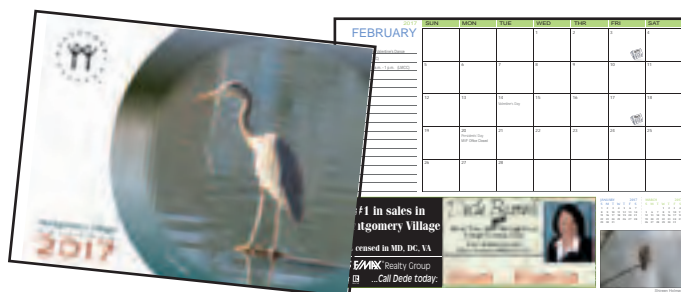
## CENTER COURT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We scream, you scream, Center Court has Ice Cream! Supporting a goal to strengthen a sense of community, the Center Court Condominium community recently hosted an ice cream social on Sunday, Sept. 17. Many residents, owners and Center Court Condominium board members attended. The community shared a beautiful summer day and ideas to improve the community. Thanks to Steve Hanze and Carolyn Fox, who coordinated the event.

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTHGATE NEWS

Early fall updates

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The board has been working on the FY2018 budget. A small assessment increase will be necessary to help refill the community's reserve accounts. Tree work has increased dramatically over the past few years, much of it from storm damage. Another major expense will be road work. The cost for picking up dumped trash has also increased dramatically. We have already exceeded the line item in the 2017 budget because of the problem. More information will follow.

In addition to the budget, the board has been working on the towing and parking policies. They will soon be in the hands of our lawyers, after which they will go out to the homeowners.

The first leaf removal will be scheduled for late October. Please do not place leaves at the curb prior to notification unless they are bagged for recycling. Watch for the signs for the removals by our contractor.

TRASH INFO

NOTE: For residents needing to shred documents, Montgomery County is having a free shred event on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive (near Old Georgetown Road and Democracy Lane), Bethesda. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. There is a limit of five paper bags or small cardboard boxes of paper per household/vehicle. All paper will be shredded on-site. These are drive-through events, and you have to stay in your vehicle. For everyone's safety, you will not be able to watch your paper being shredded. The last car must be in line by 2 p.m.

In addition to the shred event this Saturday, the Montgomery Village Rotary is kindly sponsoring one on Saturday, Oct. 21 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. That event is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These are great opportunities to get rid of outdated financial documents, the shoeboxes full of 25-year-old cancelled checks, etc.

We truly have greater imaginations than what it seems

like with the constant repetition of our trash information, but the message on trash still is not registering with some residents. We will keep repeating the Northgate trash information as long as problems in the community exist: Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>Left on 355>almost immediate Left into Transfer Station).

The Points and Overlea have trash pickup on Mondays and Thursdays. Bulk pickups are Thursday. All the other neighborhoods—Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, the McKendrees, Shadow Oak and Williams Range—have trash pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk pickups are on Fridays.

Per Montgomery County Code, residents are responsible for providing containers with tight fitting lids for storage of solid waste in single-family houses and townhouses. All solid waste storage containers must be rigid plastic or metal, vermin-proof and equipped with tight fitting lids. The Division of Housing Code Enforcement enforces trash and debris on a property.

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

If you see someone dumping trash, please e-mail [northgate\\_hc@comsource.com](mailto:northgate_hc@comsource.com). Your identity will not be revealed to anyone. Thank you!

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village 2018 Budget

Comparison of Proposed NVHC Budget for 2018 with Prior Years

	2018 Draft Budget	2017 Budget	2016 Actual
<b>Operating Costs</b>			
• <b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$212,200</b>	\$203,400	\$226,827
Security	44,000	60,000	62,505
Trash	58,000	56,500	53,280
• <b>Total Security and Trash</b>	<b>102,000</b>	116,500	115,785
• <b>Non-Maintenance</b>	<b>153,618</b>	162,288	134,439
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$467,818</b>	\$482,188	\$477,051
<b>Contribution to Reserves</b>	<b>136,000</b>	132,000	130,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$603,818</b>	\$614,188	\$607,051
<b>Annual Assessment</b>	<b>\$679.98</b>	\$691.65	\$683.73
<b>Quarterly Assessment</b>	<b>\$169.99</b>	\$172.91	\$170.93

by the North Village Board of Directors

At its August 17 meeting, the North Village board approved its draft 2018 budget for publication, in preparation for a final vote at the Thursday, Oct. 19 meeting. The accompanying table provides a brief summary, and the corresponding assessment the board proposes for 2018.

Good news for everyone is that the proposed assessment on each of the 888 homes in the North Village community will decrease by 1.7% from 2017 and is slightly below 2016 as well. This surprise is due to our substantial decrease in security costs from changing back to American Protective Services (APS) as contractor early in 2017. We were not able to apply those savings elsewhere in the budget because our costs other than security and trash are at the mandatory ceiling, and security and trash contracts are outside that ceiling. Our budgeted expenditures, over time, except for trash and security contracts, are limited to the change in the Consumer Price Index, which was only 0.7% the past year. Since some of our costs unavoidably are rising at faster rates than that, we have very limited flexibility.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

For those of you interested in more budget detail, the following information about the budget process and components of the summary categories may be helpful.

Maintenance costs are the largest part of the budget, and our fixed price landscape contract is nearly half of that. Fertilization, weed control, seeding and plantings are

separate. We included in our budget funding for these items. We increased our tree removal budget yet again, as more trees have died and aging trees required removal for safety reasons. Our tree removal budget is now \$45,000 for 2018, after spending over \$35,000 this year just through June, with much more to come. Fortunately, the snow storms largely missed us this year, but even small storms are costly. Therefore, we are continuing to keep the snow removal budget at a high level. We did considerable fence repair in 2017, many times what was budgeted. We hope to keep those costs lower in 2018.

Our costs increased tremendously with our hiring US Security in 2016, but we did not see benefits from this higher cost. We negotiated a new contract with APS in 2017, which seems to be working better. Our contract costs for trash collection by Potomac Disposal have remained very stable the last several years, although Potomac is slowly raising their rates to meet the new minimum wage and labor demands. Furthermore, a number of residents fail to dispose of large bulk trash items properly. As a result we incur extra costs for bulk trash pickups. These costs have risen drastically this summer. We are seeking solutions and charging back residents engaged in this unhealthy and unsightly practice where we can.

Non-maintenance costs include our management contract with Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), as well as audit and legal, insurance, postage and printing and bad debt expenses. They also in-

clude costs of electricity for street lighting. We are keeping most at 2017 budgeted amounts or lower. Fortunately, receivables balances have continued to stabilize and enable a relatively low provision for bad debts. Our management fee will increase by 2.5% in 2017 and 2018. Also, our umbrella insurance policy with MVF now excludes director's liability insurance, requiring us to purchase a separate, surprisingly costly, director's liability policy.

The planned contribution to Capital Reserves for 2018 of \$136,000 is a small increase over 2017 but consistent with recommendations of our 2015 Reserve Study. Following the major roadwork project in 2015 and a number of smaller projects in the past two years, we do not plan major capital improvements in 2018. We are examining sidewalks, drain structures and other possible concrete work.

We encourage residents to comment on the proposed budget. Please provide questions or comments to Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344, or e-mail [asteward@mvpf.org](mailto:asteward@mvpf.org) before our October board meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, or plan to attend residents time at the meeting. Residents time begins at 7 p.m.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

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

6. Also, per a Montgomery County Law, if elected, can-

didates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-approved board member training class, to be scheduled and completed within 90 days of the start of their term of service.

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

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

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

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

**EAST VILLAGE**

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

**EASTGATE**

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

**MARYLAND PLACE**

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

**NORTH VILLAGE**

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

**PATTON RIDGE**

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

**SOUTH VILLAGE**

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

**STEDWICK**

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

**WHETSTONE**

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

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

HOMES CORPORATION BUDGETS

HOMES CORPORATIONS - 2017 & 2018 BUDGET INFORMATION								
Homes Corporation	Year	Income	Administration & General Expenss	Utilities (Included in Admin)	Maintenance	Reserves/Capital Expenses Contrib.	Number of Units	Annual Proposed Assessment including trash
East Village	2018	\$825,310.00	\$290,629.00	\$34,000.00	\$370,322.00	\$183,159.00	1389	\$594.18
	2017	\$801,272.00	\$286,545.00	\$32,000.00	\$353,128.00	\$163,839.00	1389	\$576.87
Eastgate	2018	\$304,718.00	\$116,304.00	\$12,000.00	\$142,054.00	\$46,760.00	443	\$666.20
	2017	\$300,311.00	\$114,998.00	\$12,000.00	\$137,750.00	\$44,063.00	443	\$653.07
Maryland Place	2018	\$172,012.00	\$74,121.00	\$6,000.00	\$53,696.00	\$44,195.00	276	\$606.92
	2017	\$167,133.00	\$75,171.00	\$6,000.00	\$48,110.00	\$43,102.00	276	\$589.23
North Village*	2018	\$603,818.00	\$255,618.00	\$23,500.00	\$212,200.00	\$603,818.00	888	\$679.98
	2017	\$614,188.00	\$278,788.00	\$23,500.00	\$203,400.00	\$614,188.00	888	\$691.65
Patton Ridge*	2018	\$814,618.00	\$187,169.00	\$33,990.00	\$341,638.00	\$164,272.00	1072	\$759.92
	2017	\$797,082.00	\$188,669.00	\$33,990.00	\$325,352.00	\$161,522.00	1072	\$743.55
South Village*	2018	\$735,280.00	\$220,501.00	\$30,000.00	\$445,240.00	\$141,675.00	1010	\$728.00/\$832.00
	2017	\$735,280.00	\$216,600.00	\$30,000.00	\$435,580.00	\$141,675.00	1010	\$728.00/\$832.00
Stedwick*	2018	\$991,915.00	\$205,329.00	\$28,000.00	\$399,841.00	\$218,869.00	1260	\$767.39
	2017	\$932,925.00	\$207,229.00	\$30,000.00	\$398,380.00	\$193,231.00	1260	\$740.42
Whetstone	2018	\$499,711.00	\$101,079.00	\$4,500.00	\$186,920.00	\$257,712.00	447	\$1,117.92
	2017	\$543,620.00	\$112,871.00	\$4,500.00	\$196,000.00	\$277,635.00	447	\$1,216.15

\*Includes private security

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## Leaf Removal Schedule

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

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

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

**CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, Oct. 26  
The week of November 27

**EASTGATE**

The week of October 30  
The week of December 4

**EAST VILLAGE**

The week of October 30  
The week of December 4

**HORIZON RUN**

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

**MARYLAND PLACE**

The week of October 23  
The week of November 27

**NORTH VILLAGE**

The week of November 12  
The week of December 17

**PATTON RIDGE**

The week of November 6  
The week of December 11

**SOUTH VILLAGE**

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

**STEDWICK**

Monday, Nov. 13  
Monday, Dec. 4

**THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM**

Thursday, Oct. 26  
The week of November 27

**WHETSTONE**

Monday, Nov. 6  
Monday, Dec. 4

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

## World Polio Day Luncheon

The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg will hold a special luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 24 on the occasion of World Polio Day at the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue. Space is limited, and advance payment is required.

For many years, polio was a dreaded disease, and the wild virus still exists in a few countries. The campaign to eradicate it must continue for three years after the last reported new

case. The Rotary organization has long been a leader in this campaign, along with the Centers for Disease Control, the International Red Cross, the World Health Organization, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the governments of many countries.

The luncheon speaker will be Dr. John Sever, vice-chair of "Polio Plus" for Rotary International. For more information or to attend, e-mail [president@gaithersburgrotary.org](mailto:president@gaithersburgrotary.org).



## Mary of Nazareth raises \$2,500 for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts

Girl Scout Troop #398 challenged Mary of Nazareth Catholic School with a donation of \$346 of its own funds toward Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The school responded to the challenge with an unbelievable \$2,154 collection.

Girl Scout troop leader Dante Preciado states, "We're proud to report that a total of \$2,500 was raised today to help Hurricane Harvey relief efforts."

The catchy \$346 dollar amount is symbolic of Hous-

ton's 346 area code, one of the hardest hit areas of Texas. The 4th Grade Girl Scout Troop #398 will make a donation to Catholic Charities on behalf of Mary of Nazareth School.

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## AT YOUR LEISURE

**“Open Bethlehem” free film on Oct. 15**

The first in a series of films, “Open Bethlehem,” will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church (CTS), 9801 Centerway Road, to be followed by a moderated discussion. Director Leila Sansour plans to attend.

“Open Bethlehem” spans seven momentous years in the life of Bethlehem, revealing a city of astonishing beauty and political strife under occupation. The camera follows director Leila Sansour as she returns to her hometown, soon to be encircled by The Wall. Chronicling Sansour’s campaign to stop occupying Israeli forces from encircling Bethlehem, this fierce and poignant story maps a determined and ongoing effort to unite Christians, Muslims and Jews in the desire for free access to the Holy City.

Residents are invited to attend all of the Montgomery County VOICES from the Holy Land film series and explore the issues of justice, human rights and peace in the Holy Land through these films and join in these very timely conversations.

The other films in the series — also scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at CTS — are “Life in Occupied Palestine” on Sunday, Oct. 22; “Two Blue Lines” on Sunday, Nov. 5; and “Where Should the Birds Fly” on Sunday, Nov. 12. They provide perspectives rarely seen in the United States, but essential for peace and reconciliation. Free admission and parking are available for all films.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/VoicesHolyLand](http://www.facebook.com/VoicesHolyLand) or [www.voicesfromtheholylnd.org](http://www.voicesfromtheholylnd.org).

**Kensington Fall Colors and Holiday Lights seasonal walk**

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a seasonal, self-guided Kensington Fall Colors and Holiday Lights walk from Sunday, Oct. 15 to Saturday, Dec. 30. The trails are two 10km loops and two 5km loops that take walkers through Historic Kensington — Howard Avenue Antique Row and up to the Mormon Temple Visitor’s Center — to view annual holiday light decorations and displays in December.

The trails also include a walk through Garrett Park and along Rock Creek Park’s

hiker/biker trail to enjoy the fall foliage as well. Trails are on sidewalks, paved roadway shoulders and asphalt hiker/biker trail. It is suitable for strollers, but wheelchairs may encounter difficulty.

Participants must register for the walk in the “Walk Box” at the customer service desk at the Safeway, 10541 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington. It is suggested to walk with a group during evening hours for Holiday Lights in December, but the trail can be walked alone during the day. When walking in the evening hours, be sure

to wear reflective clothing and bring a flashlight. The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3.

Restrooms are available in the Safeway, Mormon Temple Visitor’s Center and Garrett Park Town Hall. Pets are allowed, but must be leashed at all times during the walk; owners must clean up after their pets. Pets are not allowed in the shops, buildings or in the Temple’s Visitor’s Center.

For more information, contact Maribeth Evans at 301-946-5496 or e-mail [evansm0612@gmail.com](mailto:evansm0612@gmail.com).

**Changing climate...grow with the flow**

On Monday, Oct. 9, the Montgomery Village Garden Club will present Successful and Sustainable Gardening in a Changing Climate. Join in the discussion at 7:15 p.m. at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

Sadly, climate change is our new reality. Gardeners must expect hotter, drier days and find ways to adapt their

traditional practices to a new, more challenging environment. Savvy gardeners will succeed though, by employing creative methods to produce sustainable gardens and landscapes.

University of Maryland Professor of Entomology Dr. Sara Via will present a variety of practical techniques for dealing with the changing climate’s

effects. Dr. Via will discuss simple and sustainable ways to reduce the impact of carbon emissions while enhancing carbon storage in the soil. Using Dr. Via’s methods, gardeners can also be an important part of the world’s climate change solution and relish the benefits of peaceful gardens and healthy foods.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Living Grace School student named 2018 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student**

Living Grace Christian School announces that Caleb Switzer has been named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource;

recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

Congratulations Caleb!

Living Grace Christian School is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information about the school, call 301-840-9830 or visit [www.northgatecc.org/lgcs.html](http://www.northgatecc.org/lgcs.html).



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## RECREATION

# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

## Pumpkin Treat Contest – Saturday, Oct. 14

As part of The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival, we're continuing our popular Pumpkin Treat Contest! If racing pumpkins is not your thing, try baking with them! This contestant-friendly event has two rules: entries must contain pumpkin in the recipe and be a homemade baked item.

Courageous participants in two age categories, (15 and Under, 16 and Older) will compete for the "gold" medal and recognition at the Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival. Entries must be brought to North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, on either Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 to

7 p.m. or Saturday, Oct. 14 between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Entries will not be accepted any other time or place.

For more information or questions, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org).

## How fast is your pumpkin?

You can find out when you build and enter a Pumpkin Racer in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Race! Come to this unique side-by-side contest scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at North Creek Community Center,

20125 Arrowhead Road. This family-friendly event features speedy pumpkin racers, delicious food, live rock and roll music, rides, amusements, games, a baking contest and exceptional family fun!



## Limited racer kits available for The Great Pumpkin Race

You can still purchase a pumpkin racer kit which included everything you need to race, except the pumpkin! Don't delay, stop

by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple ridge Road, and pick up your kit today! Racer kits can be purchased in advance for \$15, while supplies

last. For more information, call 240-243-2334 or e-mail [jserlo@mvf.org](mailto:jserlo@mvf.org).

## Free Halloween Concert

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

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

Residents are invited to Lake Marion Community

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

**Halloween Hoopla**

Halloween Parade, Games and Costume Contest!

**Friday, Oct. 27**  
**6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Lake Marion Community Center  
8821 East Village Avenue

[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) #halloweenhoopla

## Babysitting course

**NEW!**

Enroll in this fun, fast paced course that includes hands on activities, videos, role play and discussion. Designed for teens who are interested in sharpening their child care skills, course topics will include how to choose age appropriate games, bedtime, discipline, safety, diapering and feeding. Learn to prevent injuries and mishaps, as well as First Aid and CPR. Successful par-

ticipants will receive American Red Cross certification.

This full day class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road and costs \$60/Resident or \$70/Non-resident. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail [toshea@mvf.org](mailto:toshea@mvf.org). To register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



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

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

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

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

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

**Holiday Craft Bazaar**

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## RECREATION

## Soccer Shots for ages 2 to 8

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

Sessions are held at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area, 10101 Apple Ridge Road, on Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



photo by Alex Alcon

6<sup>th</sup> District Police Community Services Officer Kim Jones stopped by the Whetstone Afterschool Club to meet and interact with program participants. Officer Jones answered questions and gave kids coupons for free slurpees.

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## Tuesdays

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road

**4001.410**

This urban-inspired dance/fitness class uses optional weighted gloves. A fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training, this class will take your workout to a whole new level.

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

# Taekwondo

**Mondays**

North Creek Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Road

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

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

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## KIDS PAGE



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## MV Kids Learn About Bowling



Young boys working at a bowling alley in 1909 setting up bowling pins.

In St. Louis, Mo., there is the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame ([www.bowlingmuseum.com](http://www.bowlingmuseum.com)) where the history of bowling is described for visitors. Bowling is one of the most popular sports in the world. According to the bowling museum, a crude form of bowling was discovered in an Egyptian child's grave that dates back to 3200 B.C.

There is evidence that forms of bowling originated all over the world, including England, when King Edward III allegedly outlawed bowling so the troops would stay focused on archery practice.

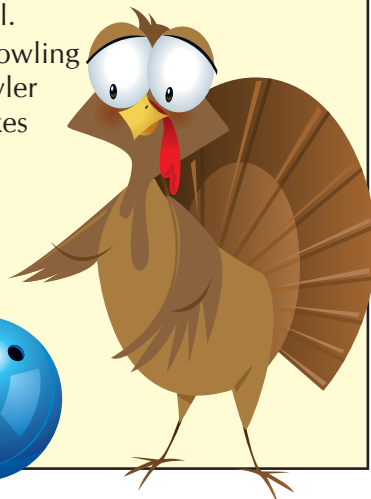
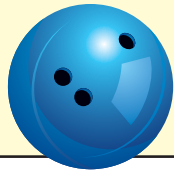
The earliest mention of bowling in American literature is found in "Rip Van Winkle," written by Washington Irving in 1819. The character Rip Van Winkle awakens to the sounds of "crashing ninepins."

The first American bowling location was established in New York's Battery area. Though it is no longer there, New Yorkers still call it the Bowling Green.

In the 1950's, bowling became a televised sport with championship bowling, celebrity bowling and a game called "Bowling for Dollars." Today bowling is played by 95 million people in over 90 countries.

### Fast Facts

- People used to bowl using only nine pins instead of 10. Using 10 pins originated in colonial America as a way to get around a gambling law that made "bowling at nine pins" illegal. In order to avoid getting into trouble by disobeying the law, bowlers added an extra pin and called the game "10 pins."
- Bowling is not an Olympic sport, but some people would like it to become one because it requires a bowler to have stamina, accuracy, good concentration and muscle control.
- A Turkey in bowling is when a bowler gets three strikes in a row.



### How is American Bowling Played?

1. Keeping score when bowling is described with 10 frames. Each bowler gets two chances per frame to knock down all 10 pins.
2. Most bowling alleys today have electronic score keeping that is displayed on a screen above your lane area.
3. Each player's score is kept track of on one line.
4. A strike is when the bowler knocks all 10 pins with the first ball in a frame. A strike is recorded with an "X" in the box for that frame.
5. A spare is when the bowler knocks down all 10 pins by the second try in a frame. This is recorded as a "/".
6. The number of pins knocked down is recorded at the top of each frame square. The first roll on the left and the second roll on the right. The two numbers are added together and then added to the previous score to make the current score which gets recorded in the large space at the bottom of the box. Special bonuses are awarded for strikes and spares. When a strike is bowled, the bowler is awarded the score of 10 (for knocking down all ten pins), plus he gets to add the total of his next two rolls to that frame. For a spare, the bowler gets the score of 10, plus the total number of pins knocked down on the next roll.





MV SENIORS

# seniors in | action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

## FALL Session through Dec. 15

No activities Nov. 23 or Nov. 24

### MONDAY

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

Various creative projects for all levels.

Oct. 9: SiA Pumpkin Racer decorating

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

This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong!  
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#### SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to noon

Games, conversation and refreshments.

#### Book Club 10 to 11 a.m.

third Monday each month

Oct. 16: "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLean

### TUESDAY

#### Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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

#### Seated Tai Chi 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low impact movements of Tai Chi.

### WEDNESDAY

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

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### THURSDAY

#### Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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

#### SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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#### Total Body Tune-Up 11 to 11:45 a.m.

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### FRIDAY

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

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## A look back...



SiA Total Body Tune-Up— over 35 participants came out for this new class!



SiA Birthday Celebration/Potluck



SiA Arts & Crafts-Clay Pot decorations & Tulips

## Up next...



### BINGO!

Join your friends in Seniors in Action the second Friday of every month for Bingo and Brown Bag Lunch! Eat your lunch with friends, then try your luck with multiple rounds of Bingo! **Free for members and \$2 for non-members.**

### REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)!

The Seniors in Action program offers convenient and affordable activities to seniors 55 years and older, Monday through Friday. For more details on any Seniors in Action activity, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail [aalcon@mvf.org](mailto:aalcon@mvf.org).





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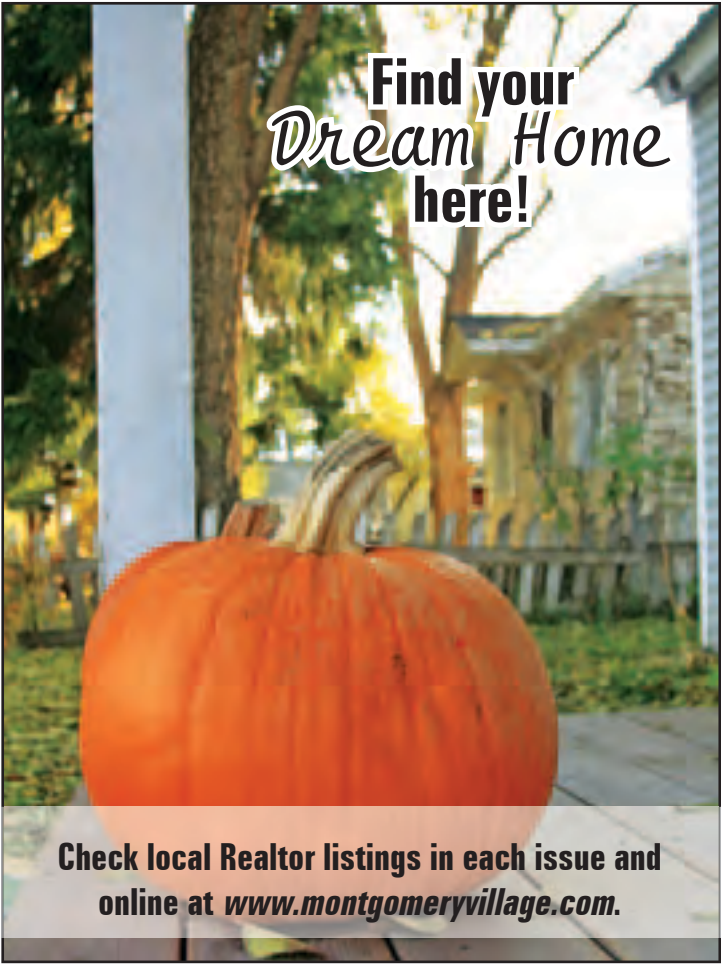
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## Coming later this month

### STEDWICK

3 BR, 2.5 BA Townhouse – Major renovations throughout. Walkout basement. Desirable cul-de-sac location. New kitchen, new carpet, fresh paint. Watch for this updated townhome.



## Under Contract



### KENTLANDS CONDO \$259,000

BEING SOLD AS A SHORT SALE!

Beautiful 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 3 BR, 2 FBA condo located in Kentlands Ridge. New carpet, paint, appliances, granite counters and windows. LR fireplace.

You're gonna *Love It* here!

## Sold



### PLEASANT RIDGE \$499,000

5 BR, 2 FB, 2 HB SFH – new HVAC, new carpet, renovated kitchen with stainless steel and granite, updated baths, gleaming hardwood floors, amazing 2-level deck, large yard with lovely landscaping.



### MCKENDREE \$210,000

Brick end unit TH with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, all new carpet, new windows & front door. All fresh paint, new lighting, updated baths with ceramic tile, new vanities & fixtures. Fenced yard with paver patio.



### PARTRIDGE PLACE \$265,000

Lovely big townhouse with finished walkout basement – 3 BR, 2.5 BA, hardwood floors, new carpet, fresh paint, updates throughout – large eat-in kitchen – separate dining room – backs to woods.



### THE POINTS \$410,000

Sure to please SFH on quiet cul-de-sac – 5 BR, 3.5 BA, finished basement with full bath – updated baths, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet, renovated kitchen, vinyl siding, new fixtures/lighting.



### KENSINGTON \$606,000

Beautiful 5 BR, 3.5 BA SFH w/1<sup>st</sup> floor master suite, hwd. floors, 2 fireplaces – master bath w/designer tile, slipper tub, walk-in shower, double vanities – open kitchen w/granite counters, bay window.



### THE HEIGHTS \$367,000

SFH w/2-car garage & fenced yard – sunroom addition, table space kitchen w/new dishwasher – 4 BR, 2.5 BA, separate DR, LR, FR w/fireplace, hardwood floors, ceiling fans. Great value!



### EAST VILLAGE \$349,000

Stunning garage 3 BR, 2 FBA, 2 HBA TH. Renovated kitchen w/new stainless steel appliances – wood floors, new carpet, ceramic tile – Fireplace, finished w/o basement – deck, fenced backyard.



### COLLINGWOOD/GOSHEN ESTATES \$559,000

Stunning Toll Bros 4 BR, 2.5 BA SFH w/1<sup>st</sup> floor office – treed lot on cul-de-sac, hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen w/center island, stainless appliances.

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