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Welcome to the neighborhood!

by Mike Conroy

On Thursday, Nov. 10, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) welcomed new residents to the Village with help from the MVF Board, staff and local vendors and organizations.

The annual program helps provide new residents with an understanding of MVF, the Village in general and what it means to be part of a flourishing planned community. Local business vendors and non-profit organizations from the neighborhood also share their information and experiences in Montgomery Village with those in attendance.

Approximately 75 of the over 400 residents who moved to Montgomery Village in the last year were greeted by

enthusiastic members of the community as they came to share their resident experiences and learn more about our flourishing community. MVF Board President Pete Young welcomed the attendees to the event and started the program by talking about what it means to live in a planned community such as Montgomery Village. Young talked about the responsibilities of the Board of Directors, as well as obligations of residents in a planned community. He stressed the Board's commitment to fiscal responsibility and resident obligations to adhere to community covenants and architectural standards. While

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Retail trends discussed at recent community forum

by Mike Conroy

On November 3, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) hosted a retail forum to discuss national, regional and local trends in retail development and how these concepts impact potential development in the Village. A panel of retail experts spoke to the 50-plus residents at Lake Marion Community Center and answered their questions about keeping Montgomery Village relevant in the retail market.

MVF Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton opened the forum giving nod to the members of the former Transportation, Development and Public Facilities Committee, and the Retail Subcommittee whose idea it was to have community discussions regarding retail in Montgomery Village. He said this forum was the first in a series of economic and community development workshops to be held in the Village. Humpton introduced the panelists: Maureen McAvey, former Senior Fellow of the Urban Land Institute; Tom Lonergan, Director of Economic Development for the City of Gaithersburg; and Jaynie VanGilder, Retail Leasing Director for Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC), the new owner of the Village Center.

McAvey said that on a national level, the retail industry is going through an identity change. More consumers are buying goods online and the need for traditional brick and mortar stores is on the decline. For those establishments seeking a physical store, location is everything, and they will pay top dollar for a prime position. She noted that companies are relying on "big data," or analytics about consumers' shopping habits, to establish where they need to be in the retail market to remain successful. McAvey said that food and specialty food item retailers, as well as retailers that offer an "experience," are the two categories seeing an increase in physical locations.

At the community level, McAvey noted that factors like density, median/disposable income, traffic and ability to maintain an online presence will attract retailers to an area. Her advice to garnering desired retailers was to negotiate and follow the current trend of making a center "walkable."

Lonergan continued the community level discussion, saying that within the City, there are many micro markets. He noted that in Gaithersburg,

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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

**Wednesday
Nov. 30
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**Montgomery Village Center
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To conclude the 50th Anniversary celebration, a special custom ornament will be given away (one per family).

LOOK INSIDE

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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, Dec. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 2017 budget is on the agenda to be approved.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 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.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 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.



Leaf Removal Schedule

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

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The week of Dec. 5

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The week of Nov. 28

EAST VILLAGE

The week of Dec. 12

MARYLAND PLACE

The week of Nov. 28

NORTH VILLAGE

Please see neighborhood corners for signage.

PATTON RIDGE

The week of Nov. 28

SOUTH VILLAGE

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season.

WHETSTONE

The week of Dec. 5.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

**Community criteria for exterior
features on all homes in
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County Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.

County Offices - closed

Libraries - closed

County Liquor Stores - closed

Recreation - all programs and facilities are closed

Montgomery Parks - For holiday operating schedule on Parks' facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.

Ride On - Ride On will run on a Sunday schedule.

Metrorail - Information available at www.wmata.com.

Metrolink - Information available at www.wmata.com.

TRIPS Commuter Stores - closed

Recycling Collection - No collection*

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - closed. Public Unloading Facility and Recycle Lot, at the Transfer Station will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters - free

MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices - closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25

State Offices and Courts - closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25

*Collection for Thursday and Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

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*next issue
Friday,
Dec. 2*



The MVF Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28 at 8:30 a.m.

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EVP'S MESSAGE

Village Center plans moving forward



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) purchased the Village Center in December 2015 and has been very busy planning for the future of the site. On April 21 and June 2, ARC met with the community to share plans and receive comment from residents. Since June 2, county planning staff have been working with ARC to revise the plan so that it keeps with the master plan, new zoning and sound planning and design principles.

Some changes were made to the concept plan following the community meetings, including realignment of the pad sites that front Montgomery Village Avenue. The development of a large green space at the rear of the property would serve residents of the new homes, as well as the larger community for special events. In addition, there was a slight redesign of the extension of Centerway Road through the property to accommodate better traffic flow for vehicles and to improve pedestrian crossings.

Originally, ARC had indicated that they were going to remove Denny's Restaurant to give more visibility to the retail stores in the center. However, the planners insisted that a pad site remain on Montgomery Village Avenue because the zoning requires that buildings be brought up to streets. In addition, the planners required that ARC submit a plan that shows buildings lining the drive aisle in the center, which would allow for future retail development. ARC agreed to this requirement, but given their leasing obligations with major tenants, this future plan is not achievable any time soon.

The current plan calls for an addition of 297 residential units on the property, as well as approximately 150,000 sq. ft. of retail. ARC plans on constructing 212 apartments, 15 townhouses and 70 piggyback townhouses to support the center. The build also includes a decrease of approximately 45,000 sq. ft. of retail than what the center currently supports.

The planning board will hold a public meeting about the Village Center Sketch Plan on Thursday, Dec. 15. More information can be found at, www.montgomeryplanning.org.

GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT

Monument Realty hosted a meeting on November 1 to share updated preliminary plans for the golf course redevelopment, which is a further refinement of concept plans previously approved by the MVF Board. The plan is consistent with the Montgomery Village Master Plan that was adopted by the county council earlier this year.

As part of the development review process, the county planning board requires applicants to hold a community meeting and receive comments prior to formal submission of a preliminary plan. Monument is expected to formally submit the preliminary plan to Park and Planning by early December. Monument is awaiting formal approval of the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) of the entire site before finalizing the plan and submitting it to the planning agency for review.

During the recent meeting, there were various stations that residents could visit and ask questions about from representatives from Monument or their development team, which included experts on transportation, environment and plan design. Monument recorded comments at the various stations and responded to many resident questions on the spot.

Questions included whether or not commercial vehicles would be allowed to be parked on the new private streets within the subdivision or on county roads, such as the extension of Stewartown Road; the phasing of construction; traffic control at various intersections and need for new crosswalks, such as at the intersection of Montgomery Village Avenue and Stewartown Road; and the number of moderately priced dwelling units (MPDUs).

The preliminary plan includes 467 homes, most of which are townhouses of various sizes, and approximately 65 acres of passive and active recreation space, including a new park that will be owned by MVF. An apartment building and piggyback townhouse proposals were removed from the concept plan, and townhouses were substituted. The park is proposed to include a dog park, community gardens, a play structure and a parking area.

Once the preliminary plan is submitted in December, review by the planning staff could take several months, and it is anticipated that the planning board will hold a public meeting on the preliminary plan sometime next spring. If everything goes as planned, Monument will begin work very soon on the site plan, which is a much more detailed plan than the preliminary plan, and it is anticipated that they will submit the site plan to the planners by late 2017. To keep up to date on the redevelopment of the golf course property, visit www.bloominmv.com.

Lake Whetstone Outfall Tower update

Mobilization for the county's Lake Whetstone Outfall Tower project began this week with installation of safety fencing around the lake, having a crane put the barge in the lake and other safety measures. The contractor will be using the Whetstone Homes Corporation side of the lake for staging. They will begin lowering the lake next week, with the goal of having the lake lowered to the elevation needed for the repairs to be made by Thursday, Dec. 1.



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LMCC	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC	Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.	WHPR.....	Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP	South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.		

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E-mail letters to [mvmnews@mvmf.org](mailto:mvnnews@mvmf.org).

IN THE NEWS

London Plane tree installed in honor of MVF Treasurer

A London Plane tree has been planted near the Whetstone Community Center playground in honor of recently retired Montgomery Village Foundation Treasurer Beth-El-

len Berry, who requested that a tree be planted in this area.

The London Plane tree is a hybrid resulting from a cross between the native sycamore and the non-native oriental

plane tree. Like sycamore, this is a large tree with beautiful peeling bark. It will provide great shade for the playground once it gets bigger.



Letters to the Editor



Editor:

Why are Whetstone streets used as a parking lot for the county?

In an effort to keep Whetstone Drive clear of non-resident parkers, I monitor the Whetstone Drive parking situation every morning and have noticed an uptick in non-resident parking since the Towing Enforced sign appeared recently.

On Monday I encountered a tow truck turning into Whet-

stone Drive from Centerway Road with a car in tow. The driver parked the car on Whetstone Drive.

I asked the driver what he was doing. He said he was removing Whetstone Elementary School illegal parkers. Pointing to another car on Whetstone Drive, he said this was the second car this morning he had placed on Whetstone Drive. I asked him how often he does this. His response...a few times a week.

Some questions for the Whetstone Board:

1. Is this part of the deal the Whetstone Board has with the county to maintain its Tax Exempt Status for the Roadway Reimbursement?

2. Just why is the Whetstone Board allowing Whetstone streets to be used as a parking lot for the county?

I urge the Whetstone Board to put an end to this practice.

Don O'Neill
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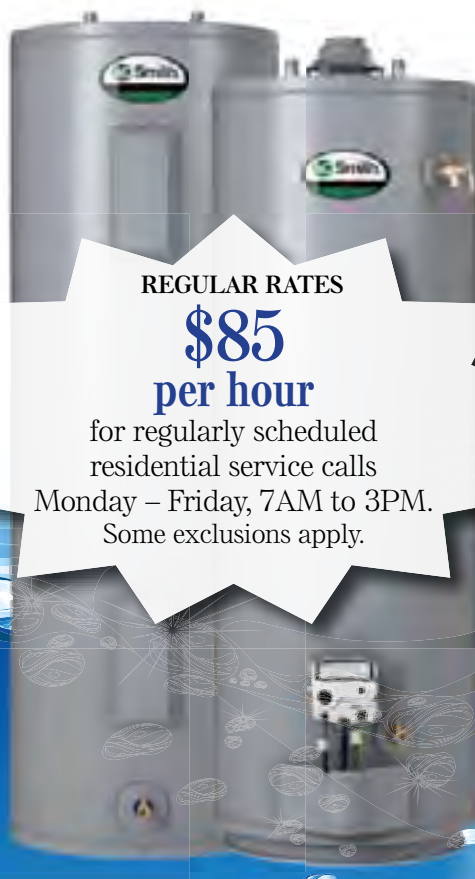
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IN THE NEWS

Welcome

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relaying personal experiences, Young also reminded the new residents to have fun and enjoy the community.

MVF Executive Vice President Dave Humpton introduced staff in attendance and gave a brief overview of how MVF helps shape life in the Village. He noted the importance of architectural standards and community covenants in maintaining property values, and the hard work staff performs each year to keep up those ide-

als. Humpton also reminded residents of the amenities they receive for the assessment dollars they spend. He mentioned programs, camps, classes and special events run by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture. Humpton also noted MVF's office hours and willingness of staff to be resource for residents to navigate livening in planned community. He mentioned projects around the Village, such as the Apple Ridge Pool renovation,

and potential development on the former golf course property and at the Village Center. Humpton encouraged the new residents to stay informed and become involved in their new community.

MVF would like to thank the local businesses and organizations who participated, either in person or by donation: Charis Realty; Christ the Servant Lutheran Church; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Church of the

Redeemer; Federal Trade Commission; Kicks Karate; Ledo Pizza; Montgomery County 6th District Police; Montgomery Village Animal Hospital; Montgomery Village Community Band; Montgomery Village Garden Club; Montgomery Village Kiwanis Club; Mother of God School; Palma Restoration; Rotary Club of Montgomery Village; State Farm Insurance - Christian Durand; Subway; The Village Pharmacy; TW Perry; Village Montessori School; and

Women Who Care Ministries.

All residents are encouraged to contact the MVF Office with questions or concerns in the community. Information can be obtained by calling 301-948-0110; e-mailing mvinfo@mof.org; visiting www.montgomeryvillage.com; posting comments on facebook (www.facebook.com/MontVillageMD.com) or twitter (@MontVillageMD); or in person at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.



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Residents with financial background needed for Investment Committee

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on the MVF Investment Committee. Residents (homeowners or renters) with financial backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The Investment Committee advises the Board on matters related to the Foundation's investment activities. The committee meets quarterly at 7 or 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings (dates to be determined). Responsibilities include making recommendations to the Board on investment strategy and policy and approv-

ing investment transactions that are in line with the policy. Currently, MVF has approximately \$8 million invested. Certified Financial Advisors, Investment Advisors, Chief Financial Officers or others with expertise in investment management/banking are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact MVF CFO Greg Snellings at 240-243-2323 or e-mail gsnellings@mof.org. To apply, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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Staying Aware in the Village

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

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 9100 block of Rothbury Drive in the early morning hours of October 30. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and one suspect displayed a weapon.

Suspects: H/M, age 20 to 25; 2 H/Ms, ages 30 to 35

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 18900 block of Mills Choice Road in the early morning hours of October 29. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his property.

Suspects: 3 B/Ms, ages unknown

IN THE NEWS

Retail Forum

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retail is healthy, but constantly evolving; for example, the current job centers support the retail, especially in areas like the Kentlands. Building on McAvey's points, he said that the 355 corridor has plenty of traffic, but not a lot of room to expand. The result of this combination is mid-market retail establishments – not high end, but useful and affordable retail accessible by local and drive-through traffic. Lonegran noted that the current retail centers complement each other and build on their strengths.

Lonegran also addressed the decline of the retail stores at Lakeforest Mall (not the anchor stores). He said that many of

the leases for the interior stores are coming up, and the City is not seeking to purchase the property. In fact, he said that having the property sold at foreclosure may be an advantageous way to foster change in that area. He also said the property needs to be rezoned to accommodate the needs of today's consumers; a lot could happen on the 100-acre site.

VanGilder gave a nod to the history of The Village Center, relating stories of when she visited the center in its heyday. While she was surprised to see the current state of the center, she said that ARC President David Ross has outlined a great vision to bring the center to the next level. Through

ARC's unique connection with retailers, they are looking to turn this center around and make it an important hub in the middle of Montgomery Village once again.

She said that bringing an established grocery store to the Village Center is paramount on their list. "A good grocer is the key to a good neighborhood center," VanGilder said. ARC's plan also calls for a new façade; to right-size some of the current retailers; redo the pad sites in the parking lot of the center; fix the traffic flow by extending some of the roads through the center; and add pedestrian traffic through incorporation of residential units on the property. Her colleague

Matt Copeland of CBRE added that ARC was looking to bring brands that residents wanted to the center, such as Starbucks, as well as food/fast-casual dining establishments with outdoor seating. He noted that about 90% of the current retailers in the center were expected to stay.

Questions from the audience addressed concerns and support, asking how residents can help foster change in the retail landscape, in particular at the Village Center. The panel, along with EVP Hump-ton, agreed that change is happening in the Village, but it takes some time. For years, the MVF Board of Directors has been planning for the future,

addressing issues with aging infrastructure, and some of those plans are starting to come to fruition. VanGilder noted that the Village Center would be neighborhood-oriented, but to make it successful, ARC is addressing density and transportation hurdles on the site. Pending plan review and approvals, as well as lease timing with current stores, VanGilder estimated a fall 2017 start to some changes at the center.

For information about development in the Village, please visit www.montgomeryvillage.com; click "Development & Projects" from the "About MV" menu on the blue bar.

Village Center Redevelopment Fast Facts

Owner: Atlantic Realty Companies

Proposed site changes:

- extend Centerway Road through the property
- add community green space
- realign pad sites
- right-size retail units
- add pedestrian walkways
- add residential units to support retail

Total Residential Units: 297

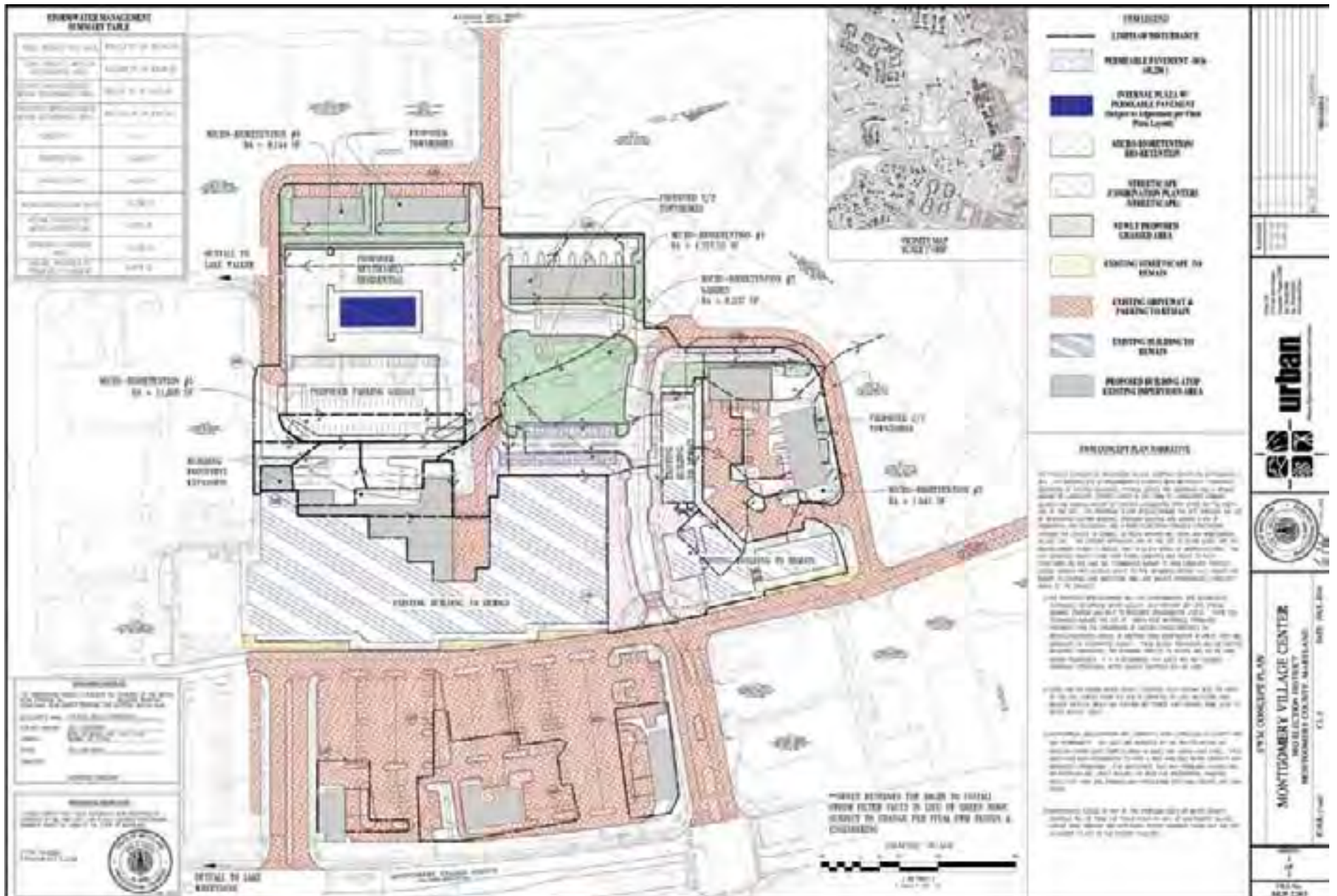
- 212 apartments
- 15 townhomes
- 70 piggyback townhomes

Retail Space: approximately 150,000 sq. ft. (reduction of approximately 45,000 sq. ft.)

- put chain grocer in prime, front-facing location
- retain 90% of current retailers
- add new retail supported by center changes

The Sketch Plan Application and the current Sketch Plan can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Choose "Development & Projects" from the "About MV" menu on the blue bar.

The county planning board will hold a public meeting about the Village Center Sketch Plan on Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information, visit www.montgomeryplanning.org.



IN THE NEWS

The 2016 White House Christmas Ornament

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team's annual fundraiser is the sale of the White House Christmas Ornament. For the past 17 years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team's coaching staff, as well as support the team's operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the 2016 White House Christmas Ornaments available for purchase at the main office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment may be made by cash or check made out to the "Lake Marion Swim Team;" cost per ornament is \$20.

The Lasers are pleased that both the MVF and East Village Homes Corporation continue to jointly sponsor the sale of these collectible ornaments. Limited ornaments from past years will also be for sale.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The 2016 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Herbert Hoover, who served as the 31st President of the United States from 1929 to 1933. It is inspired by the fire engines that responded to the 1929 Christmas Eve fire at the White House and the toy trucks presented to children by the Hoovers the following Christmas. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold, and the engine carries a Christmas tree for delivery to the White House.

On December 24, 1929, the White House was filled with Christmas cheer when traditional festivities got underway. President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover were entertaining their staff and their children at the party while the Marine Band played carols. The drama began when Chief Usher Ike Hoover whispered to the president, "The executive office is on fire!" President Hoover rose from the dinner table and asked the men to follow him to the West Wing. The men proceeded to rescue as many of the president's papers as time allowed, while First Lady Lou Hoover, informed of the blaze, calmly supervised the party.

The four-alarm fire brought 19 engine companies and four truck companies to the White House. One hundred thirty firefighters began to battle the blaze. The bitter cold temperatures froze some of the hoses. By about 10:30 p.m., the fire was extinguished. Fire Chief George Watson reported that excessive heat from a blocked chimney flue or defective electric wiring had caused pamphlets stored in the attic to ignite, and fire had spread quickly. Congress would soon pass a special appropriation to rebuild the uninsured office wing. The Charles H. Tompkins Company of Washington, D.C., completed the work, and Hoover and his aides moved back into the remodeled West Wing on April 14, 1930.

Some ornaments from past years (2005, 2007, 2012 and 2013) are also available at a reduced price of \$10 each!



MVF CALL FOR CANDIDATES

2017 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Do you have an interest in community affairs? Would you like to help your hometown flourish or help shape the future of our community? Then consider service to the community on the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors!

In March, three candidates will be elected by the members (homeowners) of MVF to serve three-year terms on the nine member Board of Directors. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the North Creek Community Center. These meetings are open to all residents for their ideas, input and support.

The Montgomery Village Foundation provides overall governance to the Village. It interacts with government agencies and oversees proposals for development or legislation affecting the Village. The MVF has two major responsibilities as outlined in its legal documents. First, the MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These include MVF's recreational areas and facilities such as parks, lakes, ponds, tennis courts and community centers.

Second, the MVF, through the Architectural Review Board, provides guidelines and restrictions on architectural changes with the objective of helping to maintain Village property values.

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

All interested applicants who are owners or residents of residential property in Montgomery Village are welcome to apply. MVF urges residents to share their skills, views and energies by participating in Village governance. The Nominating Committee reviews all applications for nomination and considers applicants based on a number of factors including, but not limited to the following:

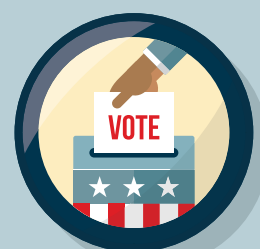
- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community association. Of course, a candidate must be in good standing with MVF and not in sustained violation of any MVF covenant, architectural standard or rule, and current in assessments.
- 18 years of age or above

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?


It's easy. Candidates do not need to run an expensive political campaign to serve the community. Space is set aside in the *Village News* for candidate statements, along with photos, so Villagers can get to know the candidates and their views. Also, the MVF Election Committee sponsors a Candidates' Forum and two "Meet the Candidates" events where candidates can talk with Villagers one-on-one about issues of importance. Applicants are provided equal opportunities through the *Village News*, the Meet the Candidates events, and specially prepared Candidate Statements which are forwarded to all Village homeowners with their ballots.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

You can find the application online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, beginning Friday, Nov. 18, and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application by mail, fax, e-mail or bring it back to the MVF Office for forwarding to the MVF Nominating Committee. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017.



ARB DECISIONS



Architectural Standards

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

MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
NOVEMBER 2, 2016

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

EASTGATE

7714HERITAGEFARM DR - Solar Systems, A
20303 SEABROOK DR - Fence and Gate, AWM

EAST VILLAGE

19905 COLLINGDALE PL - Fence and Gate, A
19812 HELMOND WAY - Miscellaneous, A
8212 DRY RIDGE RD - Fence and Gate, A
20008 GIANTSTEP TER - Roof, AWM
8438 BURCHAP DR - Solar Systems, A
8312 STEDMALL TER - Roof, A
20303 STRINGFELLOW CT - Solar Systems, A
20612 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Fence and Gate, A
20405 OAK BLUFF DR - Solar Systems, A
10 BUTTERWICK CT - Solar Systems, A
20311 MARKETREE PL - Solar Systems, A

MARYLAND PLACE

19440 TRANSHIRE RD - Exterior Paint, AWM

MIDDLE VILLAGE

41 BRASSIE CT - Roof, A

NORTHGATE

20304 GENTLE WAY - Replacement Windows, AWM
20236 GRAZING WAY - Gutter, AWM
9408 BETHANY PL - Roof, A
9408 BETHANY PL - Front Door Replacement, AWM
9408 BETHANY PL - Sidelight, A
9819 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
10002 MAPLE LEAF DR - Exterior Paint, AWM
10036 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Patio Door, A
9713 SHADOW OAK DR - Deck, A

NORTH VILLAGE

9100 BAKERHILL CT - Solar Systems, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - House Addition, AWM
20605 DUBOIS CT - Replacement Siding, AWM
20605 DUBOIS CT - Replacement Windows, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Trim, A

20605 DUBOIS CT - Deck, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Window Addition, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Gutter, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Heat Pump, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Window Modification, A
20663 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Storm Door, A
9407 CHADBURN PL - Gutter Guard, A
20561 STRATHHAVEN DR - Trim, A
9319 BATHGATE CT - Exterior Light, AWM
21 WELBECK CT - Front Door Replacement, A
21 WELBECK CT - Storm Door, A
21 WELBECK CT - Replacement Windows, A
20808 ASPENWOOD LN - Solar Systems, A
9309 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
9309 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Gutter, A
9309 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Shutters, AWM
9309 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Exterior Light, AWM
20713 BOUNTYFIELD CT - Garage Door, A
20809 ASPENWOOD LN - Deck, AWM

PATTON RIDGE

9844 DELLCASTLE RD - Solar Systems, A
9844 DELLCASTLE RD - Miscellaneous, AWM
9852 DELLCASTLE RD - Gutter, A
10112 GRAVIER CT - Oil Tank Above Ground, A
9326 FROSTBURG WAY - Fence, AWM
19861 BAZZELLTON PL - Replacement Siding, AWM
9365 BREMERTON WAY - Steps, A
9359 BREMERTON WAY - Gutter, A
9357 BREMERTON WAY - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
9516 FERNHOLLOW WAY - Fence and Gate, D
9431 CHATTEROY PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
9429 CHATTEROY PL - Roof, AWM
9425 EAGLETON LN - Roof, A

9401 EAGLETON LN - Solar Systems, AWM
9732 DUFFER WAY - Front Door Replacement, AWM
9732 DUFFER WAY - Storm Door, AWM
9732 DUFFER WAY - Replacement Patio Door, A
9732 DUFFER WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
19810 GREENSIDE TER - Front Door Replacement, AWM
19810 GREENSIDE TER - Sidelight, A
19810 GREENSIDE TER - Trim, A
19803 GREENSIDE TER - Replacement Windows, A

POPLAR SPRING

9321 PENNYWISE LN - Roof, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE

9869 LAKE SHORE DR - Vinyl Siding, A
9815 SAILFISH TER - Trim, A
9921 LAKE LANDING RD - Fence and Gate, AWM

STEDWICK

19157 STEDWICK DR - Replacement Patio Door, A
19157 STEDWICK DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
10511 CAMBRIDGE CT - Miscellaneous, AWM
10616 SENECA RIDGE DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
10521 SENECA RIDGE DR - Railing, A
19514 DIVOT PL - Fence and Gate, AWM
19650 CLUB LAKE RD - Storm Door, A
19650 CLUB LAKE RD - Security Camera, A
10244 WILD APPLE CIR - Patio, AWM

10244 WILD APPLE CIR - Retaining Wall, AWM

WHETSTONE

9817 CANAL RD - Exterior Paint, A
9817 CANAL RD - Storm Door, A
9821 CANAL RD - Storm Door, A
9821 CANAL RD - Front Door Replacement, A
9821 CANAL RD - Miscellaneous, AWM
9821 CANAL RD - Window Modification, A

9821 CANAL RD - Exterior Light, AWM
9821 CANAL RD - Steps, A
9736 WHETSTONE DR - Steps, A
19105 RHODES WAY - Exterior Paint, AWM
9400 CHIMNEY WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
9309 ELGER MILL RD - Fence and Gate, A

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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WHETSTONE WATCH

November board meeting notes

by Sharon Cranford

At its November 10 meeting, the Whetstone board took the following actions:

- 1) Approved a new landscaping and maintenance contract with JB Kline.
- 2) Approved a draft ballot for amendments to the Whetstone CCRs on adult medical day care facilities and quorum requirements and appointed Bill Ott, Dennis Barnes and Ben Burrell to an ad hoc committee to finalize the ballot and begin preparations for its presentation to homeowners in early 2017.
- 3) Approved the budget for 2017 and set the annual assessment for 2017.
- 4) Authorized the county to utilize a portion of the North Dock area for staging equipment needed for the repair of the riser at Lake Whetstone.
- 5) Authorized the county to utilize green space near Freestate Place for staging equipment needed to repair the lake shore along the Freestate Place outfall.
- 6) Authorized creation of a plan to improve parking in NW Roman Way for the board to review.
- 7) Appointed Bill Ott to serve as Vice President of the Whetstone Homes Corporation.
- 8) Appointed Ben Burrell to serve as Secretary of the Whetstone Homes Corporation.
- 9) Tabled discussion of mini-cell towers in communities and a discussion of the Community Association Institute's report on the future of homeowner associations until the next board meeting.

Draft minutes of the November board meeting are posted on the Whetstone portion of the MVF website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Residents will need to sign up for a free account or access their Member Dashboard to view the minutes as well as other documents and specific homeowner information.

NEXT MEETING

The Whetstone board does not meet in December. The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. These are open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Trash pickup in South Village

by the South Village Board of Directors

Trash collection in South Village is on Monday and Thursday and recycling is picked up on Thursday. Residents are reminded that trash cannot be put out until after 7 p.m. the night before collection and must be put out in a "vermin-proof" container, as is required by Montgomery County. Trash may not be left out in loose trash bags, as they attract unwanted pests and also lead to additional community cleanup. As an additional reminder, trash should be put out directly in front of your home and not on any other common area. The full trash policy for South Village can be viewed at www.montgomeryvillage.com; residents will need to sign up for a free account to access their Member Dashboard.

If you need a recycling container, call 311 and request one from Montgomery County at no charge.

Every attempt is being made to determine who residents are that are putting trash out on community property—in violation of the policy—and those homes are billed for the additional pickup that may be required. Let's all work to keep our neighborhoods beautiful.

PROJECTS – UPCOMING AND COMPLETED

The board reviewed and approved several proposals that their last meeting. The repainting of assigned and reserved parking spaces in The Hamptons was completed in October, and the board has approved a repaving project which is on schedule for early spring 2017.

BOARD MEETINGS

Residents are reminded that all South Village board meet-



photos submitted by Andrea Mandato



Thank you to community volunteers! On October 22, 18 South Village volunteers participated in a community cleanup of the conservation area to the rear of the Hamptons. Volunteers removed an estimated 350 pounds of miscellaneous debris from the area including 17 bags of trash, 15 bags of recyclable materials and 50 pounds of scrap metal. Thank you to all who assisted in the cleanup project!

ings are open to the membership and residents are encouraged to attend to see what the board is working on and has accomplished. Residents are invited to speak during residents time, for up to 3 minutes per person, to express views, provide comments and thank

the board volunteers for their efforts to improve the community.


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

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Towing in Middle Village

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The current Middle Village Parking Policy states:

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

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

"Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/permit will lead to immediate towing – even if vehicle is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

The parking policy is available to view on the ComSource website at www.comsource.com.

2017 PARKING TAGS

The 2016 parking tags will expire on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Residents can pick the new 2017 parking tags from Montgomery Village Middle School, 19300 Watkins Mill Road, on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 to 5 p.m.

Residents must have a photo ID to receive their 2017 parking tags.

Please note, after Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, homeowners/ten-

ants displaying an expired tag will be towed from their reserved space (any time of the day or night), or parked overnight hours in a non-reserved space.

If you are a new resident and do not know your assigned parking space number or have not picked up your parking tag, contact Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail dmatthews@comsource.com.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

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

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

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
2. Trash/recycling out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home.

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

Log in at www3.senearthco.com to view or download the entire trash policy if you have an online account. Click "Com-

munity Information," then "Property Information" to view the current trash policy. Contact Shirley Umali at sumali@comsource.com if you would like to register for a Sourcelink account.

SOURCELINK/ACCOUNT ACCESS

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next Middle Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Criteria for nominating directors to the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Interested in becoming involved with Patton Ridge community issues and activities? Election time will soon be upon us for the 2017-2020 term, and there are established criteria and a timeline within which the election process takes place:

1. All candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) and the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation. In addition, resident candidates must not be in violation of By-laws and Covenants, and must also be current in their payments of dues and assessments to both MVF and the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation.
2. To become a candidate for nomination, one must prepare a written statement of qualifications, interests and reasons for candidacy. This statement must be delivered to any member of the nominating committee or to the MVF Office no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30.
3. An individual nominating another person must obtain the candidate's written consent, along with a statement of qualifications, interests and reasons for candidacy, prior to the submission of the name to the committee.
4. The nominating committee will consider all candidates who meet the above criteria. Nominees shall be selected from among the candidates on the basis of a number of factors including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Extent of previous participation in community activities (both within and outside Montgomery Village).
 - b. Consideration for an equitable geographic representation on the board (i.e. representation from each section within the homes corporation).
 - c. Professional or other qualifications related to the fields of fiscal management and property maintenance.
5. All nominees are required to submit a single page (type written, double spaced) summary statement of no more than 150 words for publication in the Friday, Dec. 16 edition of the *Village News*. The summary statement and the statement of qualifications may in fact be the same document. Ballots along with the summary statements will be mailed to the electorate by Tuesday, Dec. 13. Standard candidate forms will be supplied to all nominating committee members by MVF staff.
6. The nominating committee shall also select at least one candidate for each of the positions of Representative and Alternate Representative to MVF. The names selected will also appear on the ballots.
7. All potential candidates, if elected to the board, agree to complete the Montgomery County required electronic board training immediately after being elected.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes.

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

EASTGATE EXPRESS

Trash etiquette

by the Eastgate Board of Directors

Trash collection in Eastgate is on Tuesday and Friday, and recycling is picked up on Friday. Residents are reminded that trash cannot be put out until after 7 p.m. the night before collection and must be put out in a "vermin-proof" container, as is required by Montgomery County. Trash may not be left out in loose trash bags, as they attract unwanted pests and also lead to additional community cleanup. As an additional reminder, trash should be put out directly in front of your home and not on any other common area. The full

trash policy for Eastgate can be viewed at www.montgomeryvillage.com; residents will need to sign up for a free account to access their Member Dashboard.

If you need a recycling container, call 311 and request one from Montgomery County at no charge.

PARKING

Residents are reminded that pickup trucks are not permitted to park in the community overnight. Recently there have been several calls to our community management team about pickup trucks parking in the parking lot. Please take the time to review and comply

with the policy as approved by the Eastgate Board of Directors. The parking policy can be also be viewed on your Member Dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

LEAF REMOVAL

The next leaf pickup for Eastgate is scheduled for the week of November 28. Residents are reminded to have all leaves blown to the curb for clearing. Crew members do not go on private property.

Eastgate Express: for residents of Charlesgate, Hickory Grove, Kings Point, The Meadows, The Mews, Ridgefield and Wood Edge.

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village November board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors was held Thursday, Nov. 17. Since this article had to go to press on Monday we were unable to cover news of the meeting. Look for full coverage of the meeting in our next article, which will appear on Friday, Dec. 2.

The most important item on the agenda was the approval of the 2017 North Village budget. A summary of the budget was published in the October 7 issue of the *Village News*. Once the budget is published, the board allows 30 days for residents to comment on the budget. Since the 30 days had expired, the board was scheduled to vote on the budget at their meeting on Thursday.

Other items on the agenda included the review of bids on two important contracts: the landscaping contract and the audit contract. This year we decided to go out for more bids for landscaping to see if we can obtain better service for a similar amount of money. At \$100,000, landscaping is the largest single line item in our budget and represents almost half of all maintenance expenditures.

We are seeking another audit firm to review the corporation books, not because we are dissatisfied with the current auditor whom we have had for more than five years, but because it is good financial practice to periodically have a new set of experts looking over our books.

Also on the agenda was preparation for our yearly board elections, which will take place in December and January. The election calendar was approved at the August meeting. The calendar calls for approval of the election material and selection of candidates at the November board meeting. Election material will be mailed to residents the week of December 13, and ballots are due back by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, which is the date of the next board meeting.

Three seats on the nine member board are up for election each year. The incumbents are expected to run again for their seats, but that should not stop anyone from volunteering to be a candidate. In fact, the board has been operating with one vacant seat. This means that anyone who wants to run will have a good chance of being selected. Even though time is running out, you still have time to submit your name to our community manager whose name and contact information is listed at the end of this article.

MAINTENANCE

The 2016 tree work is scheduled to be completed next week by our contractor, Elliot Tree Service. The maintenance committee performed an inspection in September and marked another 14 trees for removal in 2017.

The installation of the replacement fence in Picton was to have begun this past week. This is the long fence that separates Picton from the Pepco

property. It is over 30 years old and is showing signs of age.

At this week's meeting, the board was scheduled to review two proposals for solving a persistent storm water run-off problem that was identified some time ago.

Our landscaping contractor is continuing with the leaf removal throughout North Village. The exact dates of the leaf removal are posted at the community entrances. We found that such posting is much more timely and reliable than publishing dates in the *Village News*, which must go to press one week before publication.

When leaves are piled in the gutter for long periods of time, there is a risk that our storm drains will be clogged. In that regard it is really better to keep the leaves on the lawn edge than in the streets, where they can clog the drains. However, driving through the neighborhood last weekend, we saw that all the piles are in the street.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

1. According to the documents, a candidate is not required to be a resident of Montgomery Village, except in Whetstone Homes Corporation and North Village Homes Corporation, where the candidate is required to be a resident homeowner. However, resident candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation and their respective homes corporation with regard to covenants and policies and must be current in all assessment payments. In several cases, the Nominating Committee is given the authority to determine which of the nominees will be on the final slate of candidates.

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

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

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

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

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

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

Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the Montgomery Village News must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view Village News guidelines, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, select "MVF," select "MVF Policies," choose "Communications Policies" and then "Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy" (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

NORTHGATE NEWS

BOLO for Fraud

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The Northgate board is advising all residents to Be On the LookOut (BOLO) for anyone representing themselves as members of the board, trying to collect money for services. At no time will the Northgate Homes Corporation, ComSource, or the Montgomery Village Foundation approach you in person and ask for a payment.

Recently, we were forced to warn residents of one subdivision about a scam to collect money for pest control services. The individual claimed to be on the board. Fortunately, a number of residents called

Sean Farrell of ComSource for clarification, and we were able to quickly get notice out to the affected neighborhood.

Hopefully, this was a one-time event. However, if it should happen again, please call 911, then alert Sean.

NOVEMBER UPDATE

At the November meeting, the board approved the FY2017 budget, which includes a \$1.00 per quarter increase. Also approved: \$19,500 for pruning of street trees in Williams Range; \$1,660 for pruning five oak trees in the Williams Range park area; \$1,580 to remove two Ash trees in the Williams Range park area; \$1,175 to remove a substantial oak on

Darlington Drive; and \$3,500 to remove four large pines on Maple Leaf Drive.

Leaf removal should be completed by the time you read this. An additional pickup will be scheduled in December. Stay tuned.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Have a wonderful holiday. We are grateful to those who take the time to stop by, or call, or e-mail thanks. It means a lot!

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

www.montgomeryvillage.com

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 30, 2016

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2017

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 9, 2016

SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, Nov. 20, 2016

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 6, 2017

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

SCHOOL NEWS

WMHS boys' varsity soccer enjoying winning season

The Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) boys' varsity soccer team is currently 15-1 on the season. They have won their division and region and

are now headed to the state semifinals. The team is comprised of 15 seniors. This is only the second time in WMHS history that the boys' soccer

team has advanced this far. The Wolverines are one of two out of 25 Montgomery County high school teams still playing this season.



photo submitted by Jeff Heckert

Network Operations students to donate a computer lab

The Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation, Inc. (ITF) Network Operations program held its annual computer lab gifting ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 17 at Clarksburg High School.

The Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc. (ACSGW), based in Silver Spring, was this year's computer lab recipient. The ACSGW is a unique establishment within Montgomery County whose goal is to help youth (ages 17 to 25) acquire computer repair skills and knowledge to earn CompTIA A+ certification. By providing youth the opportunity to attain such a foundational skillset in the informational technology (IT) field, students will have better career opportunities available to them. It is the hope of the ACSGW that by the end of the program, students' IT skills and experiences will enable them to acquire an entry level IT job or become a computer service technician.

The goal of ACSGW is to train as many youths as possible in the IT field. Currently, ACSGW has a lab with 15 computers, with almost half of the lab in disrepair. Additionally, the ACSGW holds IT trainings

12 times a week with approximately 75 participants. With the donation of the computer lab from the ITF, the ACSGW plans to revitalize their current computer lab in order to allow more student participation and utilize newer technology.

ITF students at Clarksburg High School reconditioned six computers with operating systems, monitors, keyboards, mice and a printer for the lab. This project provides an opportunity for the ITF students to put into practice their computer maintenance skills, earn student service learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for charity and community involvement.

The ITF is a non-profit organization established cooperatively by the Montgomery County business community and Montgomery County Public Schools. It provides a unique method of hands-on training for high school students to earn valuable computer certifications that will prepare them for higher education opportunities or direct entry into the information technology job market. Please visit www.itfcareers.org and www.foundationsfb.org for more information about the foundation.

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MV Kids Learn About Thanksgiving

In 1621, colonists from Plymouth, England and Native American Wampanoag Indians shared a three-day autumn harvest festival that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. But it wasn't until 1863 (242 years later), in the middle of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



The Mayflower

The small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—some were religious separatists looking for a new home where they could freely practice their faith and others who wanted success and land ownership in the New World. It took 66 days to cross the Atlantic in uncomfortable and dangerous conditions. They sailed into Cape Cod and stayed there for one month before crossing Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of making a village at Plymouth, Mass.



Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring.



Samuel de Champlain's 1605 map of Plymouth Harbor, showing Wampanoag village Patuxet, with some modern place names added for reference.

www.history.com

Did You Know?

- Seafood, deer and swans were on the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving menu. They also ate lots of local veggies, nuts and fruits.
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1924 featured 400 employees and live animals from Central Park Zoo. They marched from Convent Avenue to 145th street in New York City.



- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the "Guinness Book of Records," weighed 86 pounds.
- There are four places in the U.S. named Turkey. Turkey Creek, Louisiana; Turkey, Texas; Turkey, North Carolina; and Turkey Creek, Arizona.
- Only male turkeys (called toms) gobble. Female turkeys (called hens) cackle.



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Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road

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

FALL SESSION

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



Holy Cross presents: A Matter of Balance

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to emphasize practical strategies to manage falls and increase activity levels.

Classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 9, 2017 to March 30, 2017 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. The program is free. Registration is limited to MVF Seniors in Action members.

For membership information, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.com.



SiA Caring Hands

Our service program is back and committed to giving back to the community! Seniors in Action will be hosting various drives throughout 2017 to benefit at risk families and community members. Meetings will be held as needed. For information on how to be involved, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.com.



Potluck and Guest Speaker

Our Potluck for November is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the afternoon with members of Seniors in Action!



Birthday Celebration

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



Take a look at the DIY Mason Jar Lamps project that the SiA Arts & Crafts group completed!

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Artists of all skill levels will enjoy the wide variety of projects this workshop has to offer.
Nov. 21: Ribbon Woven Gift Bags



Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

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



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

Nov. 21: "Down and Out in Paris and London" by George Orwell
Dec. 19: "Rogue Lawyer" by John Grisham

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

Work out with exercise videos, light weights and resistance bands.



Seated Tai Chi Noon to 12:50 p.m.

Instructor Marcy takes you through the low impact movements of Tai Chi.

WEDNESDAY



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

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

Workout with other SiA members using light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.



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

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

FRIDAY



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

second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.

**Free for members, \$2/Non-member
Dec. 9**

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

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.

RECREATION

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 10



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

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

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

Wine & Paint – Seasonal Lake Whetstone Scene



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

Participants will be guided step-by-step through this fun

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

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

MVF Christmas Tree Lighting

Catch the holiday spirit by joining friends and neighbors from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30 for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

This family friendly, free holiday event will feature heavenly sounds from the Watkins Mill High School Chamber singers; festive holiday tunes by the Montgomery Village Community Band; tasty hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes; and a much anticipated visit from Santa

Claus himself. Also, to conclude the 50th Anniversary celebration, a special custom ornament will also be given away (one per family).

Festivities take place in the Village Center parking lot adjacent to Montgomery Village Avenue, between the Montgomery Village Avenue entrance and CVS.

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

Annual Thanksgiving Morning Workout

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

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

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

MV Community Band/ Blue Notes wants you!

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

The MV Community Band meets on Wednesday evenings, and the Montgomery Blue Notes meets on the second and fourth Monday evening of each

month. Both groups meet at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

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

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

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RECREATION

Rental Facilities in the Village

Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

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

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



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

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

Argentine Tango Open House

Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Meet instructors Viviana and Isidoro and enjoy a complimentary lesson along with a chocolate and wine pairing provided by SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier. Must be 21 or older to attend.



BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 21
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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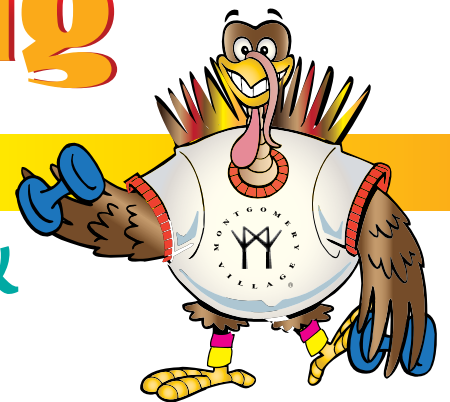
Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 online by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20! Each booklet contains 12 cards. Prices at the door are \$10/Booklet or \$1/card (cash only).



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Annual Thanksgiving Morning Workout

Work up a hunger & help the hungry!



All proceeds will be donated to Gaithersburg HELP.

Thursday, Nov. 24, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Lake Marion Community Center • 8821 East Village Avenue

Begin your Thanksgiving morning with a 90-minute sampling of Jacki Sorensen's Aerobic Workout and Aerobic Dancing led by fitness instructor Karin Baker at Lake Marion Community Center.

Cost at the door

\$8/person OR

\$5 w/two non-perishable food donations



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

AT YOUR LEISURE

Third Annual Montgomery County GreenFest

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Montgomery County GreenFest, the largest one-day environmental festival in the county! This year's GreenFest is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2017 at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. GreenFest is a free, family-friendly festival dedicated to celebrating the people and environment of Montgomery County with a fun-filled day of music, films, speakers, exhibitors and workshops.

For the latest info and updates on the schedule, visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org.

Sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services are available upon request. Contact Jessica Jones at 240-777-7753 or e-mail askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Montgomery County GreenFest is sponsored by Montgomery County Government, Montgomery Parks, the City of Gaithersburg, WSSC, GreenWheaton, Poolesville Green, Silver Spring Green, Bethesda Green, the City of Takoma Park, Montgomery College, the City of Rockville, the University of Maryland Extension, and MCPS Outdoor Environmental Education.

GreenFest has activities for all ages:

- Relax to the sound of local musicians
- Check out the arts and crafts, the book reading and the electric vehicle show
- Explore the more than 100 exhibitors and vendors
- Check out our new kids pavilion
- Attend a variety of workshops and panel discussions
- Grab a bite to eat at a food truck
- And much more!

Kiwanis Club to sponsor Harlem Ambassadors for charity event

The Montgomery Village Kiwanis Club is partnering with the Harlem Ambassadors and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for a charity event scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2017 at Montgomery College, 51 Manatee Street, Rockville.

The Harlem Ambassadors' show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks, hilarious comedy, music, dancing, games with kids in the audience and free autographs after the show.

The event proceeds benefit:

- The Three House CAC: Dedicated to reducing trauma and promoting healing for children of physical and sexual abuse and neglect.
- CSAAC: Providing support to children and adults with Autism

- Relay for Life: Giving support to children with cancer.
- Miracle League: Supports a baseball field and team league for children of all ages with physical and mental challenges.
- The Eliminate Project: A global effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus infection.
- Women Who Care Ministries: Provides weekend food items to school children living at or below the poverty level.

The Harlem Ambassadors have performed more than 2,800 comedy basketball shows as fundraising and community entertainment events for non-profit organizations, the U.S. military and community service groups since 1998. These events have helped raise over \$10 mil-

lion for communities in 50 states and 20 countries.

"We're proud to give communities quality family entertainment that parents, grandparents and kids can enjoy together and make memories that last a lifetime," Harlem Ambassadors President Dale Moss said. "Even people who aren't basketball fans love our show because it's two hours of fun, and laughter for a great cause. Plus, where else can you see your neighbor, co-worker, granddaughter's coach or son's teacher play against professional athletes? This is an event that you do not want to miss."

For more information or ticket sales, e-mail Earlene Reynolds at earlene10@aol.com or visit www.montgomeryvillagekiwanis.org.

Become a Master Gardener

Montgomery County residents interested in learning environmentally sound gardening practices and sharing the information with others can apply now to join the 2017 Montgomery County Master Gardener volunteer training program.

The course runs from Friday, Jan. 24, 2017 through Friday, March 10, 2017 (depending on possible snow days). Classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. The training fee is \$325 and includes a training manual and other materials. Faculty and staff of the University of Maryland Extension, as well as other experts in the green industry, present horticulture lectures that cover such

topics as ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables and herbs; identifying common pests and diseases; and proper fertilization and watering practices.

"The class provides a great opportunity for home gardeners as well as those in the green industry to increase their knowledge," said Steve Dubik, Extension Horticulture Consultant and county Master Gardener Coordinator.

The non-profit program falls under the auspices of Montgomery County government and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It is open to all regardless of race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status or national origin.

The requirements to become a Master Gardener are: attendance at a mandatory,

two-hour orientation; completion of course work and a final exam; and performance of 45 voluntary service hours in the first year. Participants should have access to the internet.

Once qualified, Master Gardeners maintain active status by completing 10 hours of advanced training annually and 25 hours of volunteer service annually. Volunteer activities include maintaining demonstration gardens, assisting at plant clinics, speaking to community groups and providing therapeutic horticulture to residents of nursing homes and special needs students.

Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 30. Class size is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To request an application, or for more information, call 301-590-2836.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mercy Seat Chapel turkey giveaway

In the spirit of thanksgiving, Mercy Seat Chapel (MSC) is giving away 300 free turkeys. Last year's Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative, through individual donations from church members, provided 200 turkeys to families that needed them. Recipients were from the Gaithersburg community and included people from different races, ethnicities and vocation. The giveaway, which spanned two days, culminated in an evening service that inspired and reminded recipients that difficult times do not last forever, but are only for a season. One of the 200 recipients of a frozen turkey was so grateful that she sent a public message on Instagram, thanking the church for helping to bring joy to her family.

MSC's Head Pastor Ola Olarinde announced that this year, 300 families will be receiving one turkey each, a significant increase from last year's efforts. He believes that we need to support each other in difficult and trying times. In his own words "Just the way MSC families will be

celebrating Thanksgiving with a turkey, we want parents that may be struggling right now to do the same with their families, regardless of their financial situation." Organizers are gearing up for a successful 2016 Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative and they are hoping for a great turnout.

Area residents in need of a turkey should contact the church office at 301-740-8118 on Thursdays or Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit 17604 Washington Grove Lane, Gaithersburg to schedule a turkey pickup.

MSC's annual turkey giveaway is only one of the numerous programs this family church offers to assist members of their neighboring communities. Other programs include monthly outreaches to the Montgomery Village Healthcare Center and disadvantaged communities; Angel Tree Christmas gift giveaway to families; and Mercy for Many.

For more information about Mercy Seat Chapel and weekly activities, visit www.mercyseatchapel.org.



Thanksgiving servers needed at Asbury

Asbury Methodist Village is currently seeking volunteers to help serve and be customer service ambassadors in the dining rooms on Thanksgiving Day.

Volunteers will help serve residents their Thanksgiving meal. Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24, and are asked to register prior to the event.

For more information or to register, contact Volunteer Manager Sharon Bennett at 301-216-4200 or e-mail sbennett@asbury.org. A mini orientation and a flu shot are required.

Asbury Methodist Village is located at 301 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg.

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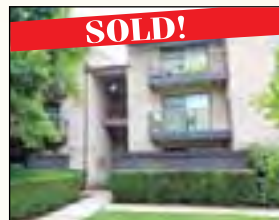
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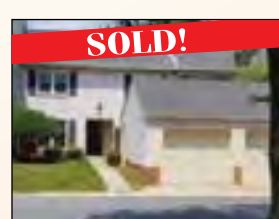
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