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photo by Maria Pullifrone

MVF's Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival was back in action this year and the pumpkin racers and crowd did not disappoint. Participants were excited to show off their creatively decorated pumpkins and even see our referee Radio "Smash It!" See more on page 12.

Board approves 2022 budget, sets assessment rates

by Mike Conroy

At its October 28 meeting, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors approved the 2022 Operating Budget, which proposed no increase in the MVF assessment and a small increase in the Designated User (DU) assessment. The 2022 rates were set at \$21.52/month for the MVF assessment and \$39.77/month for the DU assessment.

After review of year-to-date (YTD) financials and careful consideration of risks for the remainder of the year, Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton and CFO Daniel Salazar believe that 2021 will end favorably versus the 2021 Budget and will not use any of the \$342,818 budgeted Undes-

ignated Reserves (\$81,333 MVF and \$261,485 DU).

Contributions to Reserves will be made in accordance with the budget. Additionally, an increase in the flexible benefit payments to full-time staff from \$455 to \$475 per pay period was approved. The only major project included in the 2022 budget is the Watkins Mill Fitness Park, which will be funded by Capital Contribution Fees; no additional capital funds are needed from the operating budget.

Assessment rate notices will be mailed in November, and coupon books will be mailed to residents in December. Property owners who do not receive coupon books by Sunday, Dec. 31 should call 301-948-0110 for replacement coupons.

Condominium lawsuit update

It is official. Montgomery Village Foundation's (MVF) lawsuit against Heron's Cove, Normandie-on-the-Lake II and Thomas Choice Gardens condominiums is finally over. Earlier this year, the Maryland Court of Appeals (the highest court in Maryland) rejected the three condominiums attempt to withdraw from MVF.

MVF had filed the suit in July 2019 after Heron's Cove and Normandie-on-the-Lake II stopped paying their assessments (Thomas Choice Gardens continued to pay its assessments, but was included as a defendant in the law suit because it also filed a document asserting that it had withdrawn from MVF).

The three condominiums appealed the decisions of the Montgomery County Circuit Court and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, which denied the condominiums' argument that they could unilaterally leave MVF and stop paying assessments. Both courts deter-

mined that this argument was incorrect and contrary to MVF's governing documents as well as each condominium's respective governing documents.

Normandie-on-the-Lake II and Heron's Cove were ordered to pay all past due assessments, with interest; MVF received a total of almost \$300,000 in past due assessments and interest from the two condominiums.

The condominiums' Supplemental Declaration provides that MVF can recover attorney's fees that it incurs to collect unpaid assessments. Subsequently, MVF has also negotiated a settlement with Heron's Cove and Normandie-on-the-Lake II regarding attorney's fees that MVF spent to recover the unpaid assessments.

Heron's Cove and Normandie-on-the-Lake II have resumed paying their assessments, and residents of all three condominiums are once again entitled to their full membership rights in the Montgomery Village Foundation.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Evergreen Investment Company proposal of housing unit on second parcel of Lidl property

A virtual community meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Evergreen will present their proposal for the second parcel of the Lidl property as part of the M-NCPPC's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision application process.

Meeting connection information will be posted online at www.montgomeryvillage.com when it is made available. Any interested residents are encouraged to attend.

December Happenings

WINTER COAT DRIVE
Wednesday, Dec. 1 to Friday, April 1
MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Wednesday, Dec. 1 | 6 to 7 p.m.
The Village Center on Montgomery Village Avenue,
between the parking lot and CVS.

WINTER JAZZ CONCERT
Tuesday, Dec. 7 | 7 p.m.
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE
Saturday, Dec. 11 | 8 a.m. to Noon
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, Dec. 11 | 8:30 to noon
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

SANTA PAWS
Saturday, Dec. 11 | 12:15 to 1 p.m.
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

HOLIDAY TOYS FOR TOTS CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 12 | 3 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

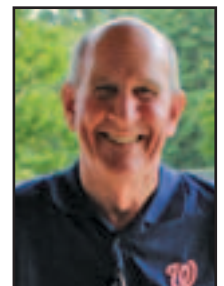
NOTES & JOKES
Thursday, Dec. 16 | 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court

WINTER PROGRAM SAMPLER
Saturday, Dec. 18 | 8 a.m. to Noon
Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

For details about the events listed above, see the 2022 Winter Recreation Guide inserted in this issue.

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Asst. Director of Recreation and Parks to retire



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MVF Winter Recreation Guide!



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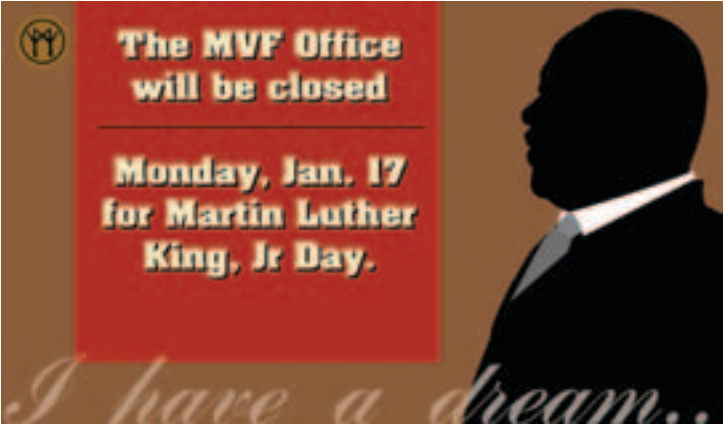
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

- CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM**
The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23 and Jan. 25, 2022 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, Jan. 26, 2022.
- EASTGATE**
The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.
- EAST VILLAGE**
The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022.
- HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM**
The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022.
- MARYLAND PLACE**
The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.
- MIDDLE VILLAGE**
The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23.
- NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE CONDOMINIUM**
The Normandie-on-the-Lake Condominium (NOLI) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker’s Choice Road, #3.
- NORTHGATE**
The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.
- NORTH VILLAGE**
The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.
- PATTON RIDGE**
The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022.
- SOUTH VILLAGE**
The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.
- STEDWICK**
The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.
- THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM**
The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022.
- THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM**
The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 and Jan. 18, 2022 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.
- WHETSTONE**
The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022.

MVF MEETING AGENDAS

- MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9 and Jan. 27, 2022. “Meet the Candidates” is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. prior to the January meeting.
- ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**
The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2, 2022 to review residents’ requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact MVF if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.
- COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**
The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 and Feb. 4, 2022.
- COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**
The Committee on the Environment meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022.
- COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**
The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.
- INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**
The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. The agenda includes review of the 2021 Fourth Quarter MVF Investment Portfolio.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. The committee will set the slate of candidates for the MVF Board of Directors election.
- RECREATION COMMITTEE**
The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Much to do through the end of the year



by Pete Webb
 MVF President

Welcome to Fall! The weather has finally turned and the leaves are piling up on the ground. My family broke out our fire pit for the first s'mores of the season, much to the delight of my children. We have been enjoying walks around the fully restored Lake Whetstone following the completion of the toe drain repair project, and can't wait to start this holiday season.

We have so much going on in the community. Just recently

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) hosted the New Residents Welcome Reception. Unfortunately, we once again had to conduct the meeting on Zoom, which doesn't allow for a proper welcome, but we had many new residents on the call, as well as local leaders State Senator Nancy King and County Councilmember Craig Rice. The reception is one of my favorite events of the year because I get to introduce our new neighbors to all their new community has to offer and answer any questions they might have. Folks are always amazed to hear of how much they now have access to!

While the regular MV Farmers' Market has come to an end, there is a special extra holiday market on Saturday, Nov. 20 at which most of the regular vendors and a few new ones will be in attendance. I get most of our produce for our family's Thanksgiving meal there, and it couldn't be fresher. Stop by the market in the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 9801 Centerway Road.

And as we approach this holiday season, once again MVF is supporting the Lake Marion Lasers Swim Team's sale of the annual White House Christmas Ornament. These great holiday gifts are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. I know many of you collect them every year, so it is nice to see this program operating again.

We will have our annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in the Village Center on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. This is a great event to get together, listen to some holiday music, and see the tree light up for the first time. And if we're lucky, we may even get a visit from Santa himself. But if you can't make it out for the tree lighting, we also have our annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at North Creek Community Center, 201215 Arrowhead Road. You can register for one of two sessions for this event online or by calling 301-948-0110.

The final holiday event I wanted to mention is the Mont-

gomery Village Community Band Holiday Toys for Tots concert scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation and enjoy friends and music.

For more information regarding any of these events and all other programs MVF has to offer, check out the Winter Recreation Guide in this issue, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Lastly, I wanted to mention a call for volunteers to run for the MVF Board of Directors. As usual, we will have three spots open for election in early 2022, and there is no greater way to make a direct impact on your community than volunteering to get involved. Please reach out if you have any questions, whether volunteering or any other item. You can reach me at webbmvf@hotmail.com.

Thank you and be well.

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors Motion List October 28, 2021

- Ms. Ayres moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 23, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (5-0-1) with Mr. Webb abstaining.
- Ms. Prince moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Ayres moved to award the office window replacement project to Quality Window & Door, Inc. for \$47,894 plus an additional 10% for any unforeseen expenses. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Anderson moved to award the South Valley Park scoreboard purchase to Nevco for \$26,133.64, plus an additional 10% for any unforeseen expenses. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Ayres moved to award the bid to P.J.'s Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$28,035, plus an additional 10% for any unforeseen expenses. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Prince moved to approve the modifications to the Park Use Policy, Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Anderson moved to appoint Juan-Manuel Carrillo as a new member of the MVF Board of Directors by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Anderson moved to accept the 2020 401(k) Agreed-Upon Procedures Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Ayres moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate and execute a contract with Lydon Fetterolf Corydon, P.A. as MVF's audit firm for a 3-year period with two 1-year extension options. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bird moved to approve the 2022 budget with the two proposed changes and approve the MVF Fund assessment rate remaining at \$21.52 per unit per month, the Designated User Fund assessment rate will increase to \$39.77 per unit per month, and for the Poplar Spring assessment rate to increase to \$11.46 per unit per month. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Anderson moved that the annual assessment rates for calendar year 2022 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$258.24 for the MVF Fund, and \$477.24 for Designated Users, according to the approved 2022 MVF Budget and the assessment shall be paid and collected in accordance with the terms of the Collection Policy of Montgomery Village Foundation and the Homes Corporations managed by Montgomery Village Founda-
- tion, adopted by the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Ayres moved that the annual MVF assessment rate for calendar year 2022 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$258.24 according to the approved 2022 MVF Budget and that said assessment shall be paid and collected in accordance with the terms of the Montgomery Village Foundation Collection Policy for Condominium Associations and Multi-Family Properties, adopted by the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bird moved that the annual MVF assessment rate for calendar year 2022 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$129.12 according to the approved 2022 MVF Budget and that said assessment shall be paid and collected in accordance with the terms of the Montgomery Village Foundation Collection Policy for Condominium Associations and Multi-Family Properties, adopted by the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Prince moved that the annual assessment rates for calendar year 2022 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$258.24 for the MVF Fund, \$477.24 for Designated Users, and \$137.52 for Poplar Spring according to the approved 2022 MVF Budget and the assessment shall be paid and collected in accordance with the terms of the Collection Policy of Montgomery Village Foundation and the Homes Corporations managed by Montgomery Village Foundation, adopted by the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Ayres moved to authorize the ordering of the 2022 assessment coupons, return envelopes, and postage with Bank-A-Count Corp for a total cost of \$16,957.13 plus an additional 10% for any changes in direct debit enrollments or any other unforeseen costs. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bird moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Coffee-Borden moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Calendar of Events



November

- 19 Village News
Winter Rec Guide
- 20 Holiday Farmers' Market
9 am to 1 pm – CTS
- 23 Center Court Condominium
7 pm – Heron's Cove Office

Middle Village HC
7 pm
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday
MVF Office Closed
- 26 MVF Office Closed
- 30 Senior BINGO! Night
7 pm – SCC

December

- 1 Christmas Tree Lighting
6 pm – Village Center
- ARB
7 pm
- 3 CARC
9 am
- 7 Winter Jazz Concert
7 pm – NCCC
- 9 MVF Board of Directors
7:30 pm
- Hanukkah begins at sunset
- 11 Breakfast with Santa
8:30 am to noon – NCCC
(pre-registration required)
- Santa Paws
12:15 to 1 p.m. – NCCC
(pre-registration required)
- 12 Holiday Toys for Tots
Concert | 3 pm – LMCC
- 13 Recreation Committee
7:30 pm
- 14 Thomas Choice Gardens
6:30 pm – TCPR
- 16 NOLI Condominium
7 pm
- 18 Winter Program Sampler
8 am to noon – LMCC
- 21 Winter begins
- 24 MVF Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanza begins
- 31 New Year's Eve
MVF Office Closed

January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 ARB
7 pm
- 7 MVF Board applications
Deadline - 5 pm
- 10 Thomas Choice Condo
7 pm
- MV Garden Club
7:15 pm
- 11 Nominating Committee
7 pm
- Northgate HC
7 pm
- Eastgate HC
7:30 pm
- 12 Committee on the
Environment | 7:30 pm
- 13 Whetstone HC
7:30 pm
- 15 Indoor Flea Market
10 am to 3 pm – LMCC
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday
MVF Office Closed
- 18 Thomas Choice Gardens
6:30 pm
- East Village HC
7:30 pm
- Investment Committee
7:30 pm
- 19 Maryland Place HC
7 pm
- Stedwick HC
7:30 pm
- 20 North Village HC
7 pm – LMCC
- 22 BINGO! Night
6:30 to 8:30 pm – LMCC
- 24 Horizon Run Condominium
7:30 pm
- 25 Center Court Condominium
7 pm – Heron's Cove Office
- Patton Ridge HC
7 pm
- 26 CCLA
4:30 pm
- South Village HC
7 pm
- 27 MVF Board of Directors
7:30 pm
(Meet Candidates 7 pm)

February

- 2 ARB
7 pm
- Communications
7 pm
- 4 Village News
Spring Rec Guide
- CARC
9 am

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www.mvnews.online

Note: Until further notice, all MVF-managed board meetings will be conducted via audio/videoconference until meeting in person is deemed appropriate. Individuals desiring to attend a virtual board meeting may find the meeting agenda and instructions to attend the meeting online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/communities/village-communities. Likewise, MVF committee meeting packets will be posted online with instructions on how to listen in or participate in Residents Time.

KEY:		
BMP	Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)	NCBR
CTS	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC
LMCC	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP
		TCPR.....
		WCC
		WHPR.....

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2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication that meet the criteria of this policy.

3. All letters (typed, handwritten or e-mailed) must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution for inclusion in the print version; letters received outside this window may appear online in advance of the next printed issue. When a holiday occurs on a deadline Monday, Letters to the Editor must be received no later than noon on the subsequent Tuesday prior to the Friday publication and distribution.

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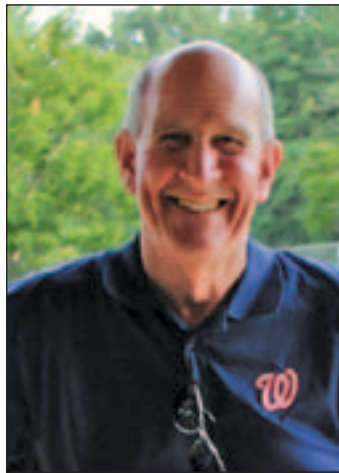
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- E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks to retire after 41 years of service to MVF

Scott Gole is to retire from his position as Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks after completing over 41 years of service to the Montgomery Village community. Scott joined the department full time on November 10, 1980 as a Recreation Leader, and during his time with MVF grew from a programmer to a park manager, and then in 1995 was promoted to his current position, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks. Gole's last day working for MVF will be Friday, Jan. 7, 2022.

Over his 41-year tenure, Scott has had a huge impact on the quality of life of the Montgomery Village community through his work managing the Reserve Program and overseeing all recreation projects. Of the many projects he has managed, those he is most proud of include: the major pool renovations of Whetstone Pool (2013), Peggy Mark Pool (2017) and the recently renovated North Creek Pool. Gole was also proud to obtain State funding for the construction of the South Valley Park Concessions Stand, and restrooms for the ballfield and lawn theater in 2015. Scott also took point on other South Valley Park improvements over the years including, renovating the field to a premium Bermudagrass surface; expansion of the parking



**Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks
Scott Gole**

lot, including adding lighting; and the pending scoreboard that will be installed later this year. All these improvements have really elevated the conditions for sporting and outdoor special events such as the Summers at South Valley Park concert series. Gole was also very involved in the renovation of Lake Whetstone Dock and Boathouse in 2011.

Outside of his role in project management, Gole really took a lot of pride in getting MVF stormwater management structural maintenance responsibilities turned over to Montgomery County. This has resulted in the county being responsible to fund and execute

a number of major stormwater management projects, including dredging Lake Whetstone, repairing the toe drain and the repairing the outfall tower at Lake Whetstone. These structural maintenance projects would have cost MVF millions of dollars.

Scott has really enjoyed his role at MVF, noting the variety of work over the years, which has kept things fresh. In a position like this, every day has been different, and over his 41-year career, the different experiences helped Gole to continue to grow personally and professionally, as well as help Montgomery Village continue to grow.

Gole plans to spend his well-deserved retirement recreating. He plans to hike, bike, kayak explore and travel.

Congratulations, Scott, on a long and impactful career with the Montgomery Village Foundation. Your dedication to the community has benefited all Village residents and you will be missed by staff and residents alike.



Scott Gole with Rake the Lake volunteers and founding member of F.O.W.L., the late Joe Pizzonia (far left).



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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

A sales presentation by Evergreen Investment Company on their proposal for developing the remaining space at the Professional Center was conducted. One listener captured the prevailing sentiment of those present when he asked, "What planet did this project come from?"

What are the facts of the case?

1. Evergreen is a real-estate developer from Bainbridge, Washington specializing in shopping center development and boasting of 150 ground up developments since 1984 including Nashville and Phoenix.

2. Lot 37, the land in question, will be a commercial residential town with buffer, green area, trails and strip retail center.

3. The project will be composed of 180 dwelling units adjacent to the Lidl grocery store and 230 above ground parking spaces.

4. Characterized as an up-scale Class A development, these rental units of studios, one, and two bedrooms for 250 people would be 5 stories high with an additional 2 stories of commercial parking access. All this would be managed by Evergreen.

5. Construction would begin in one year after undergoing the County Planning Commission process.

The question must be asked here, "Is Evergreen operating as a free rider on MVF amenities?"

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Editor's Note:

A virtual community meeting to review Evergreen's proposal is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Evergreen will present their proposal for the second parcel of the Lidl property as part of the M-NCPPC's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision application process.

Any interested residents are encouraged to attend.

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Juan-Manuel Carrillo appointed to MVF Board of Directors

At the September Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, previous director Joseph Hooks announced his resignation, and the Board enacted the procedures to fill the vacancy. Juan-Manuel Carrillo, a 20-year Village resident, submitted an application to fill Hooks' term which ends in March 2024.

Carrillo affirmed his desire to serve the larger community, having served in various capacities with the Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA) and previously working on special projects with MVF staff. The Board was impressed with his credentials and appointed him to the vacancy at the October 28 meeting. Carrillo will be officially installed at the Thursday, Dec. 9 MVF Board meeting.

A number of bids were ap-

proved for the upkeep of MVF facilities. The Board awarded a bid of \$47,894 to Quality Window & Door, Inc. for the replacement of windows at the MVF Office, and a bid of \$28,035 to P.J.'s Roofing Inc. for replacement of the roof and gutters on the Maintenance Building. These were both Reserve purchases with funding in the 2021 Budget.

Additionally, the Board awarded a sole source bid for \$26,133.64 to Nevco for a new digital scoreboard at South Valley Park. The existing scoreboard no longer works, and Nevco is the only company that manufactures a multi-sport display model that will fill the diverse needs of sports using the field in South Valley Park.

In other recreation-related items, updates to the MVF Park Use Policy, Rules and Regulations were approved. The changes updated the policy to be consistent with the types

of sport courts now available in the Village, with the addition of dedicated Pickleball and Futsal courts, as well as updates to the times that courts are lit (where applicable). The full policy is available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

The Board also approved several financial items, including adopting the 2022 MVF Operating Budget and setting the 2022 assessment rates (see article on page 1), as well as authorizing the ordering of the 2022 assessment coupons from Bank-A-Count Corp for \$16,957.13. Additionally, the Board accepted the 2020 401(k) Agreed-Upon Procedures Report which replaced the previous 401(k) audits. This new report was developed as an efficiency to the audit process last year. Following the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the EVP was authorized to negotiate and execute an

Audit Services Agreement with
Lydon Fetterolf Corydon, P.A.
as MVF's new audit firm.

Board President Pete Webb was excited for the latest updates in the development projects around the Village, noting the striping of the Lidl parking lot and the new traffic signal on Centerway Road as operational. He also mentioned the normal water level at Lake Whetstone, and the nearing end of the toe drain replacement project.

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton expanded on the toe drain project progress, saying the construction fencing would be coming down and the embankment on the Lawn Theater side was being restored, per recent communication with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, he was made aware of a new project by WSSC Water to replace a 24-inch water main along Montgomery Village Avenue from Midcounty Highway to Centerway Road beginning in 2022.

Humpton also noted that talks of M83 had recently resurfaced, due to a number of new candidates for the Montgomery County Council's interest in transportation issues. He noted that the current county council has no intention of exploring the project, and it is not in the CIP or Master Plan; he would keep the Board apprised of any changes.

Treasurer Stephen Taylor gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2021 and the year-to-date (YTD). He noted that overall results remain favorable to the budget.

Net Income was reported favorable by \$584,534 mainly due to Investments (up \$219,000), Capital Contribution Fees (CCF) (up \$67,000) and Pool Memberships (up \$50,000). Additionally, MVF has seen

lower-than-expected Personnel Costs (favorable by \$264,000) from open positions and temp labor due to the North Creek Pool not being open, as well as Operating Costs (favorable by \$301,000).

Total Revenue for September was reported at \$6.9 million (6.4% favorable to the budget) and Operating Expenses YTD were reported at \$5.7 million (15.5% favorable to the budget). Taylor also said the Contributions to Reserves (CTR) were made monthly in accordance with the budget; YTD CTR was reported at \$1,012,087. YTD Capital Expenses totaled \$3.3 million for Reserve-related assets; the largest expense in 2021 has been the North Creek Pool renovation with \$3 million of the \$3.8 million total spent in 2021.

CCF received through September was reported at \$176,733, which was also favorable to the budget.

Taylor said the Balance Sheet continues to show MVF's strong financial position with over \$9.8 million in Cash and Investments. The MVF Operating Fund maintains nearly \$2.64 million in Undesignated Reserves

Accounts Receivable decreased \$279,482 due to payments received from the condominiums covering outstanding receivables from 2020.

The Delinquency Rate was reported at 6.3%, which is a 3.9% decrease over last month. It remains 1.3% lower than the same quarter in the prior year and 0.7% lower than the 5-year average.

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, as a conference call/Zoom meeting. Residents are invited to join the call; full meeting details, the meeting packet and/or participation instructions will be posted online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week before the meeting.

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IN THE NEWS

2021 White House Christmas Ornaments now available

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team will be selling the White House Christmas Ornament as its annual fundraiser. For the past 20+ years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team's coaching staff and operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the ornaments available for purchase at the MVF 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 \$23. Additionally, details can be found online at www.facebook.com/lakemarionswimteam.

The Lasers are pleased that both the MVF and East Village Homes Corporation continue to jointly sponsor the sale of these collectible ornaments.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The White House Historical Association's 2021 Official White House Christmas Ornament commemorates the presidency of Lyndon Baines Johnson. One side of the ornament features a painting of the 1967 Blue Room Christmas Tree. Mrs. Johnson requested that Robert H. Laessig, a designer for American Greetings, paint the official Christmas tree in the Blue Room for their card that year. The 1967 White House Christmas card was sent out by President and Mrs. Johnson to White House staff members, family, and friends.

On the other side of the ornament, there is a quote from President Johnson: "Our mission is at once the oldest and the most basic of

this country: to right wrong, to do justice, to serve man." The president spoke these words to a joint session of Congress on March 15, 1965, calling on legislators to support a bill that would protect the right to vote and outlaw discriminatory measures that prevented African Americans from

voting. Johnson's speech was a response to the violence in Selma, Alabama, where Civil Rights activists were attacked by law enforcement and counter protesters while crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The speech was later remembered by its most famous line, "We Shall Overcome."

The flowers encircling the quote are inspired by Lady Bird Johnson's beautification programs on the White House Grounds and throughout Washington, D.C. There are Texas bluebonnets—a favorite of Mrs. Johnson and the official state flower of Texas.



Gaithersburg adopts Lakeforest Mall Master Plan Amendment

The Gaithersburg mayor and city council adopted the Lakeforest Mall Master Plan amendments MP-1-21 and MP-2-21 on August 16. Over the past year, city staff, along with elected and appointed officials and the public, have been working on the Master Plan to guide future redevelopment of the mall, with a goal of ensuring the creation of a vibrant, sustainable community with amenities, housing, and job opportunities for all.

"A lot of things have to come together for a redevelopment to happen, but what we're doing with this Master Plan update is laying the groundwork for it," said Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman. "When someone does come in, who is able to acquire all of the parcels and bring a plan to the table, they will have a much better sense of what the public envisions and we'll be further along the path toward the Grade A redevelopment that our community expects and deserves."

The plan recommends rezoning the site from C-2 (General Commercial) to MXD (Mixed Used Development). It envisions a mixed-use community with a range of housing types and commercial uses, perhaps providing for experiential uses like maker-spaces, helping entrepreneurs and small businesses with incubators, or perhaps attracting larger biotech users. The plan envisions these uses being anchored by attractive, usable green and open spaces, with the entire project being connected internally and externally with a multi-modal transportation system.

A copy of the adopted Master Plan is available on the "Future of Lakeforest" project page on the city's website. For more information about the Lakeforest Mall Master Plan and the public process that led to its creation, contact the City of Gaithersburg Planning Department at 301-258-6330 or e-mail planning@gaithersburgmd.gov.

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Development project updates

SOUTH LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is planning an addition to South Lake Elementary School, 18201 Contour Road, Gaithersburg. This project went to the Planning Board in early October for review and approval. By way of background, MVF, along with many community members, lobbied to get this school moved up in the county's CIP. The county council was able to identify additional funds to allow for planning to be moved up in the capital budget. The planning is being finalized in 2021/2022 and according to the MCPS schedule, the modernization could be completed by the start of the 2024 school year. This ambitious schedule is contingent on county CIP construction funding availability, as well as state funding.

SITE DESIGN

South Lake Elementary School is located on a 10.2-acre

property on the north side of Contour Road. The property is zoned R-200. Construction will involve demolition of a portion of the existing building, which was constructed in 1971. The portion constructed in 2005 will remain and will connect to the new construction, with added accessibility.

The proposed building addition footprint is 63,086 sq. feet, bringing the total square footage to 106,842 sq. feet. The student drop-off loop and bus loop has been located to utilize two of the existing curb cuts along Contour Road. One existing curb cut will be removed to alleviate traffic flow concerns and separate bus traffic from student drop-off and staff parking. The student drop-off queue area has been expanded to increase vehicle capacity.

The bus drop-off will receive major improvements with a new capacity for seven busses. It will be separated from the main staff parking area and will result in improved traffic flow. Once all the improvements to the site

have been concluded, the final total parking count will be approximately 129 parking spaces, with 126 standard and 6 ADA spaces, as compared to the existing 123 parking spaces. The proposed site layout will provide ample outdoor hardscape and greenspace for student staging during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

BUILDING DESIGN

This project is an elementary school addition adjoining the school's existing 2005 structure. The new building will be two stories at grade adjacent to the existing 1-story structure, plus a new lower level. The school's main entrance and a community plaza front the site's primary access from Contour Road. Bus, vehicle and pedestrian entry will occur here, with parking situated around these access points.

The new building will be organized around a central exterior courtyard which provides a compact plan, and provides natural light and views for the school's circulation and

various programmatic spaces. This courtyard, along with a primary interior stair, provide physical and visual connections from the site's upper plateau to its lower tier, and establishes a direct link from the existing gymnasium to the play fields and new lower-level multi-purpose room.

BLOOM DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY AND SITE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION

The amendment application requests an overall increase of the residential count from 494 units to a maximum of 514 units. The developer of the former golf course property has always estimated that the final unit count would hover around 500 units in total. There are 13 additional units in Area 2, located east of Watkins Mills Road along what will be the new Stewarttown Road extension; 9 additional units in Area 6A, located east of Mont-

gomery Village Avenue, just south of the former golf course; and a reduction of 2 units in Area 3A, located on the west side of Montgomery Village Avenue, just south of Duffer Way.

Planning Board staff does not believe the increased unit count will have noticeable impact on traffic. This is the fourth and final amendment proposed for this project; the previous three amendments have all been approved. These amendments were not unexpected—as the developer fine tunes engineering and better defines the building lots on the property, changes to the plan, including stormwater management facilities, exact road and utility locations and conservation easements, are made as part of the normal process. The full application is online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



IN THE NEWS

2022 MVF 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:

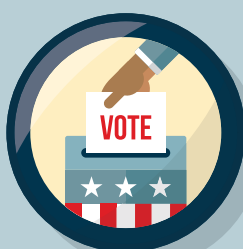
- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community association
- Must be in good standing with MVF and not in sustained violation of any MVF 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 candidate video interview 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, and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application online, by mail, fax or 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. 7, 2022.**



MVF Board Student Representation position open for high school juniors

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

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

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submitted applications in early February and recommend no more than three candidates to the Board for final selection. The selected candidate will be installed as a non-voting

member at the Board's Annual Meeting in March. The chosen candidate will participate in Board discussions and initiatives; work with staff on projects; and gain a clearer understanding of policy decisions in the community.

Applications and full program details can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or with the Gaithersburg High School Internship Coordinator and Watkins Mill High School College/Career Coordinator. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to mconroy@mvf.org. **Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022.**

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

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**IN THE NEWS**

WSSC Water to replace water main along Montgomery Village Avenue

In a public meeting on October 26, representatives from WSSC Water relayed they will be performing a water main replacement project along Montgomery Village Avenue that will last approximately 2 years. This is part of WSSC Water's current mission to strategically replace and rehabilitate again water and sewer infrastructure in the service area, enhancing service and reliability to their customers.

The pipes to be replaced span .97 miles along Montgomery Village Avenue from Mid-county Highway to Centerway Road, and include entrances to Lake Shore Drive, Stedwick Road, Whetstone Drive and Centerway Road. The current pipes were installed in the 1960s and are nearing their end-of-life cycle. Replacing these pipes will help reduce future disruptions from water

main breaks. The new ductile iron pipes have a corrosion protection which provides a life expectancy of 100 years on the new installation.

The project is expected to begin in January 2022 and is anticipated to be complete in January 2024. All work will be performed between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. with road lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. In the event that both lanes on the southbound side of Montgomery Village Avenue are closed, traffic will be routed in both directions on the opposite northbound side. It is estimated that 200 to 300 feet or less of roadway will be closed at any given time.

Within the scope of the project are the installation of new water mains and new service lines up to the property line. Residences may experience water shut offs up to 8

hours; advanced notice (48 to 72 hours) will be given to affected property owners. WSSC Water noted that reliable water and sewer service will be maintained during construction, and property owners will always have access to their properties. Interior home access and access to private property are not required for this work. Parking restrictions may be put in place in a work area during any given day; advance notice will also be provided for these disruptions.

For more information, contact WSSC Water Design Project Manager Ling Li at 301-206-8745 or e-mail Ling.Li@wsscwater.com. To view the meeting presentation, visit www.wsscwater.com/sites/default/files/2021-10/Montgomery%20Village%20Ave%20WMR_BT6496A18_Community%20Meeting.pdf.

Montgomery Village is Hiring Lifeguards for the 2022 Summer Season



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Successful course completion requires completion of online learning component by Sunday, Dec. 26; 100% participation in classroom and skill sessions; and performance in skill knowledge evaluations. Class sessions will be held at the Rockville Swim & Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane, Rockville. Space is limited. A detailed course schedule/syllabus will be provided on the first day of class. Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville; all classes are subject to change.

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Monday, Dec. 27 5 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 5 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 5 to 9 p.m.



Successful Lifeguard Class participants are encouraged to apply for lifeguard positions with MVF. Apply online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

IMPORTANT: If you plan to apply for a job opportunity with MVF, but register for a lifeguarding course with a different agency, make sure that it is American Red Cross training and that you will receive an actual American Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate. MVF follows American Red Cross standards and to be considered for a position with MVF, the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate is required.



If you are interested in working at MVF pools, e-mail Aquatics Manager Petra Padilla at ppadilla@mvf.org for questions and information.

IN THE NEWS

Staying Aware in the Village

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

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

A theft from vehicle occurred between September 28 and November 3 in the 9900 block of Walker House Road. Force was reported in one event; money, property and a vehicle part were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

VEHICLE THEFT

Vehicle thefts occurred in the following areas:

In the 9900 block of Walker House Road between approximately 9 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. on November 1. Unknown entry; a vehicle key was reported to have been left inside. The vehicle was recovered on November 1. No suspect(s) information available.

In the 18200 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 7:02 p.m. on November 1. No force; the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked with the key in the ignition. The vehicle was recovered on November 1. No suspect(s) information available.

In the 9500 block of Treyford Terrace at approximately 6:40 p.m. on November 5. No force; the vehicle was reported to have been left unlocked and running. Victim/Witness described suspects as: 2 H/Ms, ages unknown.

A motorcycle theft occurred in the 19100 block of Mills Choice Road between approximately 1:45 p.m. on November 2 and 5:30 a.m. on November 3. The motorcycle was recovered on November 3. No suspect(s) information available.

Transportation and roadway notes

As part of his regular monthly report delivered at the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meetings, Executive Vice President Dave Humpton noted the following about recent transportation questions and issues in Montgomery Village.

WATKINS MILL ROAD PEDESTRIAN/ TRAFFIC REVIEW

MVF staff toured the section of Watkins Mill Road from the Watkins Mill Bridge to Apple Ridge Road with Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) staff. The traffic engineer indicated that they would make some simple modifications and perform necessary traffic analysis before determining the need for any other improvements on Watkins Mill Road.

MCDOT scheduled a 48-hour vehicle speed assessment along Watkins Mill Road just south of Apple Ridge Road, and once completed, they will share findings and recommendations. MCDOT also put in work orders to install "Pedestrian Crossing Ahead" warning signs along the eastbound Watkins Mill Road approach to the marked crosswalk at Mill-

stream Drive to alert motorists they are entering a pedestrian corridor. MCDOT anticipates this new sign will be installed in November 2021, weather and schedule permitting.

M-83/MIDCOUNTRY HIGHWAY

MVF has recently been contacted by several individuals asking MVF to maintain its opposition to building M-83. The question is: why has there been renewed interest in this project given that the county has not included it in the CIP and no funding has been approved to further study the project?

By way of background, this project (prior CIP) provided for Facility Planning, Phase I and preparation of an environmental document to evaluate alternatives providing congestion relief and improving vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle mobility for the corridor east of I-270; more specifically, between the existing Midcountry Highway and future Snowden Farm Parkway (A-305) at MD 27. The study also evaluated widening Middlebrook Road east of MD 355.

In talking to DOT officials, DOT suspended all work on the project, after the county

council adopted Resolution 18-957, which directed the Planning Board to "not assume additional road capacity from the northern extension of Midcountry Highway when calculating the land use-transportation balance in future master plans, including but not limited to the Upcoming Gaithersburg East Master Plan and the Germantown Plan for Town Sector Zone. This step ensures that any new development allowed under these plans does not rely on the northern extension of Midcountry Highway, while retaining the right of way for this extension in these plans." The county council then removed it from the CIP.

The answer to the earlier question is that several candidates for county council have indicated an interest in further pursuing the project. The current county council and county executive have not supported the project, and have stressed more funding for spot road improvements on local roads, enhancements to I-270 and increased funding for transit/buses to improve traffic congestion.

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IN THE NEWS

“SpiderRoo” claims Pumpkin Race victory

by Mike Conroy

It wouldn't be October without the Montgomery Village Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival. On Saturday, Oct. 9, pumpkins and people once again descended on North Creek Community Center to participate in the area's most creative fall festival. It was great to be able to offer this event again, given last year's cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions. Colorful decoration, tense racing action, plenty of family fun and pumpkin-themed everything, with the backdrop of music by “The Tolerators” (formerly “45 RPM”) and DJ Big Court, set the mood again this year for the 12th Annual Fall Festival. Families gathered with pumpkin racers in hand to enjoy the festivities and try their luck at racing away with the coveted Pumpkin Racer Trophy.

Each heat had its own set of thrills, whether it was bumping, bouncing off the hay bales or full-on racing down to the wire. But the best part, as always, was the smashing of cheater racers. The most memorable, of course (and symbolic of the feeling of 2020) was the smashing of the Seniors in Action's “Coronavirus” pumpkin.

In the final heat, the Taylor



family's two entries “Pumpkin Jack Flash” and “Peanut the Squirrel” faced off against the Lewis family's “SpiderRoo.”

All three took off for the finish line with the intention of a clean, no bumping, crashing or pushing heat. But the Taylor

family's pumpkins couldn't stay away from each other, and got hung up half way down the course. “SpiderRoo” took advantage and sailed right to the finish line, claiming the win.

This is the second year the Lewis family has participated in the Pumpkin Races, making it into the second round of heats in 2019. For 2021, kids Jack and Callie inspired the design, and dad Shaun made sure the pumpkin was heavy and went straight—a strategy that paid off big time. After the race, Callie said that once she saw their competition crash into each other, she knew they had won. The Lewis family said they really enjoyed seeing the creativity and decorations on all the other pumpkins, and they will be back next year to defend the title—with their lucky wheels!

For the rest of the festival, hundreds of residents and community neighbors enjoyed the rides, games and food. It was clear from the number of test runs, pumpkin garage visits and fantastically decorated pumpkins, that competition for this year's medals and trophy was going to be stiff. There were over 100 pumpkins entered into the race this year, as well as a full slate of VIP racers—enough for two heats!

Before the races started, festival goers had an opportunity to visit with local businesses and organizations, play carnival games, ride the rides, taste the festival food and participate in pumpkin-themed crafts. The test track and racer garage were encompassed in a flurry of activity up to the last minute, with all racers trying to gain the competitive edge—or at least figure out how to roll straight enough to cross the finish line! The last-minute tinkering paid off, as a large number of race heats came down to the wire.

Back by popular demand this year were the beer and wine garden, giving adults a place to taste a beverage with their meal; the balloon launch, with an adjusted target; and the petting zoo, which kept visitors busy before and after their racers were eliminated.

With a full field of racers clamoring for position in the VIP exhibition, Montgomery County Councilmember Sydney Katz's pumpkin rolled straight for the finish line—again. MVF Board of Directors President Pete Webb's “George Kittle” was chased by the 6th District Police's “Police Cruiser”; Senator Nancy King's “Frog” leapt in front EVP Dave Humpton's “Elvis Victor Pumpkin” and Delegate Lesley Lopez's “Pumpkin Spice Latte” who collided; and MVF Board Member Doniele Ayres'

“Bluey” rolled right off the ramp and came to a stop.

In the second VIP race, Georgetown Hill's “George” took a hard right, but stayed out of harm's way, while “Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker” made a slow but steady run for the finish. EVP Dave Humpton's second attempt at victory was slowed by a bump into the wall, followed closely by “George Kittle.” But it was the 6th District Police's second, the “The Mandalorian,” that took it all right across the line; this is the way.

Following the opening races, resident racers lined up for elimination heat after heat for the next hour and a half, pitting siblings, friends, neighbors and strangers against each other. Amid a plethora of finely decorated, rule-abiding pumpkins lurked a fair number of cheaters, who, once identified, were at the mercy of the crowd and the referee. It didn't take much crowd convincing to have those whose pumpkins bent the rules eliminated from competition via the referee's mallet. Several chants of “Smash it! Smash it!” were heard before the final thud of the mallet sent pumpkin seeds flying across the race track to loud cheers from the crowd. Several racers were smashed this year, including those not even attempting to hide, like the MVF Communications Department's “Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker” made from an actual honeydew melon.

To see the highlights of the event, visit <https://youtu.be/GibgqN35-o>.

MVF would like to thank our generous sponsors and participants in the event, including: Montgomery County 6th District Police; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; DJ Big Court; D's Smokehouse BBQ; Family Support Network; the Frederick Keys; Georgetown Hill Early School; Independence Now; Marieem Caribbean Cuisine; MedStar Family Choice; Mr. Softee; Montgomery Village Animal Hospital; NVR/Ryan Homes; Pop-up Poutine; ServPro of Gaithersburg; SkyPoint FCU; Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo; TakeFlight; The Tolerators; and True Respite Brewing Company for supporting the event through attendance and volunteerism.

Next year's Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival is sure to bring even more competition and excitement—keep your wheels, or find new ones, and start planning your racer now! The 2022 Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8—see you then!

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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Final North Village leaf pickup and more

by the North Village Board of Directors

Our next and final leaf pickup isn't until December. Watch for the signs and be ready to take action!

Leaves are scheduled to be picked up the week of December 13. Any weather-related updates or schedule deviations will be posted online at <https://bit.ly/30kKYh2> and on [NextDoor.com](https://bit.ly/3Hefk5X).

IMPORTANT: Please do not rake leaves into the streets at any time until the Bright-View Landscaping signs have been posted that pickup is imminent. At all other times, homeowners are responsible for leaf removal either by bagging and recycling or mulching them. Leave them out on the curb for the county recycling on their regular service days. The county will take them at no cost. Branches should be trimmed to a four-foot width and tied in bundles for county pickup.

HIRED LANDSCAPERS SHOULD BAG LEAVES AND YARD WASTE

Please remind your hired landscapers to pick up or bag the yard waste when they are done with your lawn. There has been a recent trend of workers blowing the debris and leaves onto common areas, again creating more work and potential cost to the entire community.

PARKING PERMITTING STARTED

Permitting has begun in the neighborhoods. Watch your mailbox for information on your neighborhood. Each residence will receive two permanent permits and one visitor permit for overnight parking along our streets and in townhouse parking areas.

IMPORTANT: If you are delinquent in your quarterly fees, you will only be issued one visitor permit. To remain current on your assessment payments, contact the MVF Office at 301-948-0110 so you

can obtain your permits. Residents can download the Parking Permit form at <https://bit.ly/3Hefk5X>.

BULK PICKUP IS FREE...AND KEEP RECYCLING

Free bulk pickup on large items is available from our trash contractor. Remember that failure to call and arrange the bulk pickups leads to increased costs for all of us. Many of us have now seen updated recycling information on our blue cans and front doors. Review the fliers and postcard and keep them handy. For more information, see the contact the numbers below, or search "MyGreenMontgomery" on Facebook.

SAY IF YOU SEE

"If you see something, say something." In other words, if you see suspicious activity anywhere in Montgomery Village, call the police at 301-279-8000. Of course, if it is an emergency dial 911.

REMAINING HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION FOR 2021

Below is the remaining holiday trash schedule for 2021. The holidays with an asterisk (*) indicate that the county transfer facility is closed. If one of these holidays falls on a service day (Monday or Thursday), North Village will have service the following day (Tuesday or Friday). Check NextDoor messages for weather related updates to the calendar.

Thanksgiving*
Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021*
Native American Heritage Day
Friday, Nov. 26, 2021
Christmas Day*
Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021*
New Year's Day*
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2022*
Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
Monday, Jan. 17, 2022*

**IMPORTANT
NUMBERS TO KEEP**
APS Security: 240-631-2399
Potomac Disposal: 301-294-9700
MC Recycling - New Blue Bins - Scrap Metal: 311
Pepco: 877-737-2662
WSSC: 301-206-4001

NEXT MEETING
The next North Village Homes Corporation meeting of is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. We will return to the North Creek Board Room when construction is completed.

You may contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327, with your interest in attending the meeting. If you have any questions or want to report any problems in the community, call the number above 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.

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

South Village 2022 budget approved

by Doniele Ayres

2021 has been a challenging year in many ways, but I am grateful for the way the board of directors and Community Management have supported the South Village community. For 2 years, our budget allowed us to avoid an increase in assessments. In 2022, we will see an increase attributed to the increased cost of trash pickup. Our trash contractor has serviced us well for 3 years, but the cost of pickup for dumping in common areas, removal of trash after illegal evictions and trash left out on the wrong days has been the driver of our current increase.

South Village remains fiscally solvent, and the current budget will allow us to remain so. The budget is available in your member dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or available from the community manager.

Thank you for being a resident of South Village. I hope that your holiday celebrations are joyous and that the new year brings peace.

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

FALL/WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Tips for keeping your home and family safe in the fall and winter include:

- Fireplace and chimney inspection
- Ensuring your home has working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
- Monitoring candles - extinguishing them before you leave home or go to sleep
- Using space heaters at a safe distance
- Clearing sidewalks and other private property of snow and ice as soon as possible
- Locking vehicle doors and not leaving vehicles running unattended
- Locking doors at home and stopping newspapers and other deliveries if you will be away from home
- Watching for neighbors walking with pets in streets when sidewalks aren't passable
- Slowing down in neighborhoods and stopping at signs and intersections

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

WHETSTONE WATCH

Change is in the air

by William R. Ott

WSSC PROJECT
ON MONTGOMERY
VILLAGE AVENUE

WSSC Water has announced a major project that will affect everyone in the Village. For 2 years, starting in January 2022, WSSC Water will be replacing the water mains under Montgomery Village Avenue, closing lanes wherever the work is going on, from Mid-county Highway to Centerway Road. When the project reaches Whetstone Drive, our access to the Montgomery Village Avenue will be temporarily closed, leaving open just the Centerway Road intersection with Whetstone Drive.

LIDL OPENING

According to The MoCo-Show, the Lidl store will be opening on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. Lidl is currently recruiting staff for the new store on the property of the former Professional Center.

PROPOSED
APARTMENT
BUILDING ON
CORNER OF
WHETSTONE DRIVE

A virtual community meeting is being scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7 to announce a formal proposal to build an apartment building on the remainder of the Lidl property. On the corner of Whetstone Drive and Montgomery Village Avenue, this structure will be our nearest neighbor. You are strongly encouraged to participate in the meeting to find out the details of the proposal.

LAKE WHETSTONE
UPDATE

The project to repair the outfall of the lake will continue through December 2021. When the project is finished and the lake fills again, the county will restock the lake with fish. Taking advantage of the low water level, the Whetstone board is inspecting the shoreline and considering plans to remediate parts of the lake shore and path that appear to be deteriorating.

NEW TRASH SERVICE

Our present trash company, Potomac Disposal, has been sold. The new owner plans to offer just one pickup per week at a higher cost than the twice weekly service we have always

had. We have consequently switched to J & J Inc which will continue to provide us, at a reasonable cost, two pickups per week on Tuesdays and Fridays, effective Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022. J & J Inc also provides service to four other communities in the Village.

NEW STREET
LAMPS UNDER
CONSIDERATION

There are 419 globular street and bike path lamps in Whetstone. Because the present poles are rusting and the aging lamp fixtures continue to require frequent and costly service, we are replacing them. Lamp fixtures like those in North Village are popular and have been selected. They are compatible with high efficiency LED bulbs and are more traditional than the contemporary globe fixtures in Whetstone.

However, it is hard to beat the effectiveness of the globe fixtures and their translucent envelopes that utilize most of the light from the light bulb for illumination purposes. The board is making NIST-calibrated photometric measurements to try to find a fixture/bulb combination that will match the brightness of typical globe lamps. For security reasons, a lamp should be bright enough to illuminate the area around the lamp but not so bright as to detract from your night vision and make it hard to see things in the surrounding vicinity. This is a costly project, so we want to do it right.

HOLIDAY
LIGHTING AWARDS

Again this year, the Whetstone board will recognize community activity by awarding certificates for imaginative residential decorative lighting: Best House, Best Street, Winter Wonderland, Kids' Delight and Traditional.

STREET AND
PATH REPAVING

Board members have done their annual survey of the streets and bike paths and will soon be marking off the sections most in need of asphalt or concrete remediation next summer.

TREE PRUNING AND
REPLACEMENTS

There are hundreds of trees in Whetstone. The board

schedules different sections of Whetstone for tree pruning so that all trees are inspected/treated over a 4 or 5-year period. The pruning will be done before leafing in early Spring. Recently, young "fruitless" Sweet Gum trees were removed from along Whetstone Circle because they were found to be fruit-bearing (large prickly balls). Where needed, White Oaks are being planted this Fall as replacements.

WHETSTONE 2022
ASSESSMENT

The 2022 annual assessment for Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) will be less than both 2020 and 2021, about \$92/month/household, including the cost of trash pickup and (last year's) snow removal. This assessment is part of the MVF annual assessment that includes the MVF Fee and the Designated User (DU) Fee as determined by the MVF. There is also no increase in the MVF Fund for 2022, though there is a slight increase in the DU Fee; good news during these inflationary times.

WHETSTONE BOARD
MEMBERS

Consider copying this part of the column for future reference. Your nine WHC board members are: Dennis Barnes, Greg Davis, Jamie Martin, Bill Ott, Bryan Price, Jay Taylor, Timothy Thompson, Debby Vermillion and Kate Webb. Three of these terms are expiring in March 2022, so consider running for the board if you are interested in having a vote as to the best ways of maintaining the quality of life in Whetstone. Change is in the air—your input can make all the difference.

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

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Addressing needs of the community

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

The Patton Ridge Board of Directors would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Holiday Season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year! During recent meetings, the board has continued to focus on improvement projects and policy revisions to address the needs and concerns of the community.

RECENT AND
ONGOING PROJECTS

The Spur Hill Drive tot lot renovation was completed in October 2021. The project to replace the retaining wall at Doolittle Street started earlier this month. The main project is expected to take 8 to 10 weeks, while the walking path replacement and plantings will occur in Spring 2022.

PROPOSED PARKING
POLICY

The board of directors has been working on a resolution to assist residents with congested parking within Patton Ridge. All residents will receive a notice which outlines the proposed policy. The board welcomes comments and feedback at pattonridgehc@mvpf.org no later than Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our community a great place to live.

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

Leaf Removal Schedule

Below is the anticipated leaf removal schedule for most of the homes corporations and condominium associations in Montgomery Village managed by MVF. 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 schedule 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 (if any) to the schedule.

CHRISTOPHER
COURT LAND
ASSOCIATION

The week of December 6

EASTGATE

The week of November 29

EAST VILLAGE

The week of November 29 into December 1

HORIZON RUN
CONDOMINIUMThe week of November 22
The week of December 22

MARYLAND PLACE

The week of November 22
The week of December 13

NORTH VILLAGE

The week of December 13

PATTON RIDGE

The week of December 6

SOUTH VILLAGE

The week of December 6

STEDWICK

The week of December 14

THOMAS CHOICE
CONDOMINIUM

The week of December 6

WHETSTONE

The week of December 6

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.

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

www.montgomeryvillage.com

HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Looking forward to winter and the new year

by Keith Silliman

Daylight Savings Time has ended and the chill of winter has arrived. We have had our first freezing temperatures, and the leaves have colored and are falling with each gust of wind. The first round of leaf collections has begun. Time and events march on.

A big thank you to Sam Korper for his service on the Stedwick Board of Directors. Sam resigned his position after many years of service. A call for volunteers to fill that position was made and three stepped forward. Chris Leishear of the Club Hill community was appointed to fill the vacancy during the October board meeting. We thank Chris for volunteering to take on this important role in our community and welcome him to the board.

We also welcome Martha Cruz as our new management agent at the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office.

Three seats on the Stedwick Board of Directors will be up for election in early 2022 and the winners will be seated at the Stedwick Homes Corporation Annual Meeting in March 2022. Nominations for those positions are due at the

MVF Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2022. Information and forms can be obtained from our community manager—see her contact information below.

The Stedwick Homes Corporation 2022 Operating Budget was approved by the board at the October meeting. It calls for a small increase in assessments. The combined Stedwick and MVF assessment letter will be arriving soon in the mail.

The proposed revised parking policy was discussed at the October board meeting also. Unfortunately, an overall agreement on the policy and its implement could not be reached.

Please patronize our local merchants, and visit the special holiday session of the Montgomery Village Farmers’ Market on Saturday, Nov. 20. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church parking lot at 9801 Centerway Road.

The second round of leaf collection is scheduled for the week of December 13. Look for the notices at community entrances.

There will be no Stedwick Board of Directors meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022. The first portion of the meeting is residents time when residents can talk to the board, express concerns or otherwise make the board members aware of needs and items of interest. We are hopeful that we can resume in person meetings in January 2022. If you would like to attend that meeting, contact Community Manager Martha Cruz at 240-243-2326 or e-mail mcruz@mof.org for the meeting contact information.

If you have an issue, concern or item to report, please visit the Stedwick Homes Corporation website at www.stedwickhc.com, contact Community Manager Martha Cruz or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Truck Parking Survey update

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

The board would like to thank each homeowner that took the time to complete the parking survey. Unfortunately, only about 12% of homeowners returned the survey. After much discussion and review of those surveys submitted, the board agreed to keep the rules as they are, with pickup trucks being prohibited from parking in the community from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. While the board understands the style and use of trucks have changed over the years, the board has a responsibility to work in the favor of the community as a whole and honor the majority of the feedback not in favor of allowing parking for pickup trucks.

THE REAL COST OF TRASH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Let us remind you that trash is everyone’s responsibility! Placing trash, recycling, dumping of furniture or building materials on community property is against our by-laws and county laws. Furniture and building materials require a special pickup, costing the whole community money! Money that could be spent on beautifying the community or maybe a community picnic. If you see someone placing trash, recy-

cling or furniture on community property, take a picture of the offender and/or call the MVF Office to report it to the community manager.

Placing of plastic bags of trash outside your yard or on community property attracts rodents—we have rats in Maryland Place! Nobody wants to have rats in the community, it is a health hazard. Rats are here because we are providing them with plastic bags of free food. Montgomery County law states that all trash is to be kept in plastic or metal trash cans with lids at all times on your property.

Trash is picked up from the rear of your house on Monday and Thursdays except for holidays. Trash is to be put out for pickup in a closed plastic or metal trash can outside your rear yard/fence after 9 p.m. the evening before. Trash cans must be returned to your yard, inside your fence the day of pickup. Trash cans are never to be left outside of your fence or on community property after pickup.

Let’s all work together as a community and stop this. Let’s make Maryland Place the cleanest and prettiest community in Montgomery Village!

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

HOMES CORPORATIONS CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

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

to board nominees).

6. Also, per a new Montgomery County Law, effective January 1, 2016, if elected, candidates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-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.montgomery

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

<p>EASTGATE</p> <p>Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 17, 2021</p> <p>Nominating Committee: Whole Board</p>
<p>EAST VILLAGE</p> <p>Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 7, 2022</p> <p>Nominating Committee: J. Helenek, J. Shukla, T. O’Grady</p>
<p>MARYLAND PLACE</p> <p>Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 7, 2022</p> <p>Nominating Committee: S. Lake, A. Summers, K. Thomas</p>
<p>SOUTH VILLAGE</p> <p>Nominations Close: Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021</p> <p>Nominating Committee: Whole Board</p>
<p>STEDWICK</p> <p>Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 7, 2022</p> <p>Nominating Committee: Whole Board</p>
<p>WHETSTONE</p> <p>Nominations Close: Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022</p> <p>Nominating Committee: J. Taylor, K. Webb</p>

MILESTONES

Montgomery Village Woman crowned Miss Maryland USA 2021

Montgomery Village resident Layilah Nasser was recently crowned Miss Maryland USA 2021. On July 25, she soared above 102 contestants to win the coveted title. Nasser will represent Maryland at the Miss USA pageant in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The 4-day Miss USA pageant culminates in an FYI channel broadcast on Monday, Nov. 29 at 9 p.m. The winner will represent USA at the Miss Universe Pageant in Israel this December.



Upon graduating from Spelman College with honors, Nasser became a recruiter coordinator and staffing channels specialist at Google. She now is the Diversity Talent Acquisition Programming Leader at Adobe, wherein she created many internship opportunities for students. Her career highlight includes having several companies adopt programs that she developed globally for attracting underrepresented talent.

Her company "Queens in Tech Connect" trains women who aspire to have technology-based careers. As Miss Maryland USA, she provides resources to young Marylanders through hands-on-experiences and skill building workshops. Moreover, Nasser has awarded many national scholarships to deserving young women.

As a member of Girls Scouts of America since the 1st grade, Nasser learned the virtue of community service. She completed over 1,000 hours of community service as a Girl Scout,

and as an adult she has served as troop leader in two underprivileged communities in the greater Maryland area and overseas in Denmark. In addition, she addressed 250,000 attendees at the 100th year Girl Scout Anniversary celebration in Washington, DC.

As an educational and service-oriented travel enthusiast, Nasser has lived in Denmark and explored Iceland, Japan, England, Thailand, Cuba, Haiti, Morocco, Paris and Spain, just to name a few countries on her travel list. Lastly, she enjoys volunteering with Ronald McDonald House, community outreach programs and other women's empowerment groups.

Congratulations, Layilah, and best of luck in the Miss USA competition!

For more information about the Miss Maryland competition, visit www.missmarylandusa.com/miss-maryland-usa.

AT YOUR LEISURE

2021 Home Efficiency Upgrade Grant

Upgrade your home for free—apply now! The 2021 Home Efficiency Upgrade Grant is live and accepting applications. Upgrade the efficiency of your home at zero cost to you!

Funding for the 2021 MEA Home Weatherization and Upgrade grant was released in July through Building Change Inc. (formerly BCFF). Weatherization upgrades may include attic air sealing/insulation, duct sealing, water heater replacement and HVAC upgrades.

Building Change Inc. was awarded \$400,000 for the Central Region for 2021. To date they have completed \$165,248 in weatherization improvements realizing \$10,518 in annual savings in utility bills for residents. Join your neighbors



in cutting your utility costs and making your home more comfortable.

In the 2020 grant cycle, we completed over 35 projects in Montgomery Village with weatherization upgrades. Currently we have 8 projects in process in Montgomery Village alone and we are still accepting applications.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make your home more energy efficient, more

comfortable and lower your energy bills with upgrades paid for by the Maryland Energy Administration. Again, this is at zero cost to you! Join your neighbors and apply now before funding for this year runs out! Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For more information or an application, visit www.edge-go-green.com/grants/.

Upcoming events at Northgate Community Church

Northgate Community Church is hosting several events and Christmas services that are open to the Montgomery Village community. All are welcome and invited to participate.

FAMILY LIFE AND PARENTING SEMINAR

Pastor Thurlow Switzer and his wife Lynda will teach on the Biblical principles of grace-filled, spirit-led Christian family living and parenting. The workshop is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 4.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Area residents and their families and holiday guests are joyfully invited to celebrate Christmas with two specific services highlighting the true meaning of the season. The Sunday Christmas Worship Service on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. will be uniquely designed with an Advent worship and message.

Then, come worship at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24 at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service.

For more information on any events at North-

gate Community Church, call 301-840-9830 or visit www.northgatecc.org. Northgate Community Church is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Watkins Mill High School's first graduating class holds 30th reunion



photo by Gary Thompson

Watkins Mill High School Class of 1991 alumni gather at Lone Oak Brewery in Olney to celebrate their 30th reunion.

The Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) Class of 1991 — the first graduating class — held their 30th reunion on October 2 at Lone Oak Brewery in Olney. This was the fourth reunion for the Class of 1991 (previous reunions included the 10th, 20th and 25th reunions). Members of the planning committee (Shaka Berry, Melinda Buck, Brian Mahone, Tracey Pickerel, Lisa Ferrante Perrone, Mark Rivers, Aklilu Seium, and Jennifer Stolbach) met weekly on Zoom for 5 weeks to prepare for the reunion. Lone Oak Brewery opened 15 months ago and is owned by two Gaithersburg High School graduates.

About 40 classmates attended the festivities, which included

a Friday night happy hour at Gentleman Jim's in Gaithersburg and the Saturday event at Lone Oak Brewery. Many of the attendees have been friends since kindergarten. Classmates spent time at the reunion reliving old memories, looking through old yearbook photos and updating each other on their lives and families today. "To quote John Leonard," said Jennifer Stolbach, "just like that tremendous tree behind us in the photo, it takes a long time to grow an old friend. We are all so grateful that our roots will always be tangled together."

"You never forget your high school friends," said Aklilu Seium. "When we reunite and get to spend time together — the

feelings of delight, comfort and elation are so strong. Hearing that laugh or seeing that smile — it's uplifting and invigorating!"

Melinda Buck commented, "we are proud to be the first graduating class of Watkins Mill High School, and we are committed to setting the standard to keeping our class members connected."

"As we all said goodbye, we decided that waiting five more years before our next reunion was too long and we plan to see one another at a joint 50th birthday party in summer 2023," said Tracey Pickerel. If you are a member of the WMHS Class of 1991, be sure to look us up on Facebook and join us the 50th birthday celebration in 2023!

Living Grace Christian School Soccer Team achieves final four in MCST

The Living Grace Christian School Varsity Boys Soccer Team made it to the final four of the Maryland Christian School Tournament (MCST) with a record of 8 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie. In the first round of the tournament, the team beat Washington Christian Academy 6 to 1 to make it to the semifinals. There they battled Covenant Life School in a hard-fought game, losing

3 to 2. Josué Escalante and José Camacho Saenz were named to the MCST All-Tournament Team.

Throughout the season, Captain Josué Escalante provided inspirational leadership from center mid with 15 goals and 10 assists (56 goals and 40 assists for his career). In addition, Captain José Camacho Saenz provided strong play and a consistent scoring

threat with 12 goals and 4 assists. Dante Fuentes tallied 7 goals and 7 assists, and David Sarmiento scored 11 goals and assisted on 5 more. Goalkeeper Jaiden Gaskin-Vilson, defenders Ronald Davis, Jr. and Kevin Freeman, Jr., and defensive center mid Joshua Switzer anchored the defense. Living Grace Christian School is very grateful for an excellent season.



Car donations sought for MCPS automotive programs

The Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) is looking for car donations to help support the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Automotive Program. MCPS students evaluate, repair, and restore vehicles in order to learn the specialized skills necessary to become successful in the automotive industry.

MCPS students engage in a hands-on curriculum to refurbish used cars. As part of the automotive program, students sell the cars at three sales throughout the school year (www.cars2purchase.org).

By making a donation to the ATF, you are providing an

engaging educational experience for MCPS students. All donations can be used for tax deductions. Donations are accepted by appointment, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Damascus, Gaithersburg or Seneca Valley high schools; the Shady Grove Bus Depot; or the Foundations Office/Thomas Edison High School of Technology.

For more information, or to schedule a donation, contact Michael Snyder at 240-740-2050 or e-mail Michael_C_Snyder@mcpsmd.org. For program information, visit www.cars2donate.org or www.atfcareers.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mercy Seat Chapel Turkey giveaway

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mercy Seat Chapel (MSC) is giving away free turkeys again this year. This generous service to the community was established in 2015, and over the last several years, the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, through individual donations from church members, has provided over 2,000 turkeys to families in need. Recipients were from the local community and included people from different races, ethnicities and vocations. The giveaway helps spread the message that reminds recipients that difficult times do not last forever, but are only for a season.

MSC's Head Pastor Ola Olarinde announced that MSC will again be hosting a drive-through event this year to support the community. 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 2021 Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, and they are hoping for a great turnout.

Area residents in need of a turkey should visit 17604 Washington Grove Lane, Gaithersburg, on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 3 to 6 p.m.

MSC's annual turkey giveaway is only one of the numerous programs this family church offers to assist members of their neighboring communities. For more information about Mercy Seat Chapel and weekly activities, visit www.mercyseatchapel.org.



RECREATION

Winter Program Sampler

Discover the newest and exciting programs that the Department of Recreation and Parks has to offer at our first annual Winter Program Sampler! Join us at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Attendees will be able to participate in shortened versions of upcoming winter programs to get an idea of what programs will be like. This is a family-friendly event with classes for all ages to explore. Registration is required, but the event is free.

For more information, call 301-948-0110, e-mail programstaff@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

	Activity Room
8 to 8:55 a.m.	Yoga (ages 18+)
9 to 9:55 a.m.	Zumba (ages 18+)
10 to 10:25 a.m.	Ballet, Tap and Jazz (ages 3 to 11)
10:30 to 10:55 a.m.	Hip-Hop (ages 3 to 11)

	Gym
8 to 9 a.m.	Aerobics (ages 18+)
9 to 9:30 a.m.	Football (ages 4 to 10)
9:30 to 10 a.m.	Soccer (ages 5 to 9)
10 to 10:30 a.m.	Basketball Express (ages 6 to 15)
10:30 to 11 a.m.	Sports Explorers (ages 3 to 5)
11 a.m. to Noon	Pickleball (ages 16+)
Noon to 1 p.m.	Tennis (ages 7+)

MVF follows state and county executive orders for COVID-19 requirements. Some classes and events may be subject to participants wearing facial coverings or other restrictions, or may change during the course of instruction. MVF reserves the right to change and update guidelines and restrictions as necessary.

MVF Soccer

Keep your skills sharp with MVF (indoor) Soccer! Our instructional classes will teach your little dribbler all the fundamentals of the game including dribbling, passing, shooting and some cool tricks along the way. Instructors will lead fun games and drills that will enhance players' skills.

Two sessions are scheduled for kids ages 5 to 9 on Saturdays, Jan. 8 to April 2, 2022 (two separate sessions) at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Pre-registration is required; soccer costs \$80/Resident and \$90/Non-resident per session.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Senior BINGO! Night



Join us for our first Senior BINGO! Night in Montgomery Village. Anyone 64 years young or older is welcome to this free event, scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Registration is required. This event is held in partnership with BlueCross BlueShield.

For information or to register, call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Basketball Express

Your young hooper will receive quality training while learning the fundamentals of the game in a dynamic atmosphere. Players will learn the core components of the game including: shooting, dribbling and passing. This class is taught by experienced instructor and referee, Charlie Williams.

Players ages 6 to 15 will be divided into age-appropriate groups. Classes are scheduled

in two sessions for Sundays, Jan. 9 to April 3, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Registration is required; no drop-ins are allowed at this time. The cost is \$90/Resident or \$100/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Sweetheart Dance

The annual Sweetheart Dance is back and it couldn't be any sweeter! It's time to show off those electric dance moves with your loved one(s). Couples and families alike can expect an evening of great tunes, delicious treats, refreshments and surprise raffles! Take home a keepsake photo of you and your loves one(s).

The Sweetheart Dance is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m.

on Saturday, Feb. 12 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If registered by Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, the cost is \$30/Resident couple and \$40/Non-resident couple; \$45/Resident family and \$55/Non-resident family (families are limited to 2 adults and up to 3 children), each additional guest is \$10. Prices will increase by \$5 for any registration after Friday, Feb. 4. Registration

closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022. Don't delay as this event always sells out! Early registration is encouraged. This event is open to children ages 5 to 12 and their parents/families.

For more information call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvf.org or Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit montgomeryvillage.com.

Fall Holiday Farmers' Market Event

Saturday, Nov. 20
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
9801 Centerway Road



Get all your fresh holiday fixings this season at the
4th Annual Holiday Farmers' Market.



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WINTER COAT DRIVE



Dec. 1 to April 1

Give the gift of comfort and warmth to someone in need.

Drop off a new or gently used clean winter coat
at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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RECREATION

Notes and Jokes

Enjoy a free night out in the Village! Pack your pipes and leave the kids with the sitter for a night of karaoke and comedy (ages 21+). Join KJ Alexa as we sing, socialize and laugh the night away. Karaoke will be followed by special guests Lily Kerrigan and Matthew Marcus, who will share stories of how they fell in love accompanied by some unexpected props!

This free event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16 at Whetstone Commu-

nity Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Karaoke will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The comedy show will follow from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m.

Additional karaoke-only nights are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Whetstone Community Center. Participants must be 18 and older.

For more information, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Vision Board Workshop

Get ready to reach your goals in 2022 with a goal focused vision board. This two-part vision board workshop is led by Kari Primozic, Courageous Conversation Coach with Courageous Living. Learn how to write impactful goals and create your own unique vision board. This workshop gives participants a foundation for setting goals and making a realistic action plan. Each part covers a different aspect of vision boarding and demonstrates a functional way to accomplish your goals.

The workshop is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 5 and Jan. 19, 2022 at North Creek Community Cen-

ter, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Participants must attend both sessions. The cost to attend is \$50/Resident and \$60/Non-resident.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Reset your body and mind with a mid-week yoga session. Join Kirsten from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 12 to March 30, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for this hour-long (re)energizing yoga class.

Classes are for beginner/intermediate levels. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Registration is required, no drop-ins

accepted at this time. Yoga costs \$144/Resident and \$154/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Indoor Flea Market

Start the new year off with a chance to turn your belongings into cash! Shop for bargains and the best deals in Montgomery Village from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue (snow date Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022).

Free admission and parking for shoppers. Vendor spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up today! Each 6' x 8' space includes one 6' x 2.5' table and one chair. Green Drop will provide a truck to haul away all your unsold items to give to charity. Spaces cost \$25/Resident and \$30/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Toys for Tots Concert

Get into the holiday spirit with a free Holiday Concert by the Montgomery Village Community Band. Be part of this annual concert by donating a new, unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program which helps underserved children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

Start your holiday off right at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Bring a toy and enjoy an outstanding holiday orchestral performance! Following the show, mingle with the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Admission is free!

Winter Jazz Concert

Have you missed hearing your favorite Jazz tunes in person? Get back in the groove with The Montgomery Blue Notes jazz-inspired group. Listen to this free winter concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

The concert is free, but a non-perishable food item donation is appreciated. All donation benefit Gaithersburg HELP. Come enjoy all your favorite Big Band Era, Swing and Jazz Fusion songs.

For more information, call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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Tennis

If you are a beginner or experienced player looking for extra match play, MVF's tennis programs offer the challenge for you. Under the direction of Pros To You, lessons for ages 5 and older are available. All winter tennis classes are held indoors. Participants are responsible for bringing their own racquets (a limited number of racquets are available to lend), water and appropriate footwear.

Munchkins Red Ball (ages 4 to 6) and Crushers Orange Ball (ages 7 and 8)

Players will learn the basics of the game; hand-eye coordination, racquet control, basic movements, cooperation and fun in a game-based environment.

Fridays or Saturdays | Jan. 21 to Feb. 26

4117.101 Fridays 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

4117.102 Saturdays 11 to 11:50 a.m.

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Fridays or Saturdays | March 11 to April 9

4117.110 Fridays 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

4117.112 Saturdays 11 to 11:50 a.m.

\$100

Spartans Green Dot Ball (ages 9 and 10) and Junior Titans (ages 11 to 14)

Focused on developing strong technical, mental and strategic foundations, this is the path for those in elementary school that aspire to play on their middle school and high school tennis teams.

Fridays or Saturdays | Jan. 21 to Feb. 26

4117.103 Fridays 5:30 to 6:20 p.m.

4117.114 Saturdays Noon to 12:50 p.m.

\$120

Fridays or Saturdays | March 11 to April 9

4117.104 Fridays 5:30 to 6:20 p.m.

4117.124 Saturdays Noon to 12:50 p.m.

\$100

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

For more information, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunkins@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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Third Wednesday

each month from

December to June

Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16,

April 20, May 18 and June 15

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Free

Get your early learners involved with this monthly play group that will help them work on whole-body movements. Kids ages 3 to 5 will enjoy adventures as they learn spatial awareness and engagement with their peers.

Registration is required. No drop-ins. Participants must register in advance. Limited space available.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunkins@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

RECREATION

Be Well Nutrition

Ever had questions on how to change your diet? Now you have the opportunity to learn healthy strategies right here in your community. Join Registered Dietician Laura Sullivan and her team for a 6-week interactive educational program designed to change health behaviors with 1-hour weekly classes.

Classes are scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tues-

days, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15, 2022 at Whetstone Community Center 19140 Brooke Grove Court. The cost to participate is \$200/Resident or \$210/Non-resident; drop-ins welcome for \$35/class.

For more information call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunkins@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MV Flag Football

Thursday night football is back! Have your future football stars (children ages 4 to 10) test their skills on the indoor gridiron in this instructional, co-ed, non-contact, flag football program. Your athletes will learn the fundamentals skills of running routes, throwing, catching and playing defense, all while understanding the importance

of team work! All equipment is provided and no prior playing experience is necessary.

Practices are scheduled on Thursdays, Jan. 6 to March 10, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Ages 4 to 6 will practice from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and 5:05 to 5:55 p.m. for children ages 7 to 10.

This cost for ages 4 to 6 is \$90/Resident child and \$100/Non-resident child; for children ages 7 to 10, \$100/Resident and \$110/Non-resident.

Please note that this class is not a progression from previous flag football programs. Some drills, games and skill development activities may be repeated.

For more information call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Sports Explorers

Help your budding athlete grow into sports they will love with Sports Explorers! Each week will focus on a different sport including: soccer, T-ball, basketball and relay races. Children will have the chance to exercise, improve motor skills and coordination, play games and learn new skills in a fun-filled environment.

Sports Explorers is scheduled from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on

Thursdays at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, in two separate sessions. This program is for children ages 3 to 5 and parent supervision is required and participation is encouraged.

Session I is from Thursday, Jan. 13 to Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022 and Session II is from Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 to Thursday, March 10, 2022. The cost to participate is \$50/

Resident child and \$60/Non-resident child. Please note that session two will be a repeat of the first involving the same games and activities. Session two will not be a progression of session one.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mof.org or Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Indoor Walking

Walking is just as beneficial as other cardiovascular exercises like running, biking or swimming, and there are a lot of health benefits to walking regularly. Walking just 30 minutes a day is recommended for everyone; a brisk walk can help you lead a happier, healthy life.

Join your friends and neighbors on an indoor walk Wednesdays and Fridays Jan. 5 to April 1, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Enjoy a bit of exercise and meet new friends from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is required; \$30/Resident and \$40/Non-resident for once per week or \$50/Resident and \$60/Non-resident for twice per week.

For more information or to register, call Susan Baldridge at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldridge@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Zumba®

Let's burn some calories this winter to some upbeat Latin fusion music! Zumba provides a great workout with long-term health benefits for all. These body-energizing movements will keep you fit while having fun and socializing. Zumba combines fast and slow rhythms and uses with resistance training to tone and sculpt your body and burn fat. All fitness levels are welcome.

Classes are scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 11 through March 15, 2022, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Pre-registration is required; \$90/Resident and \$100/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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Valentine's Wine & Paint

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Friday, Feb. 11
7 to 9 p.m.
Snow date is Friday, Feb. 12

Create your own masterpiece with a little wine and a whole lot of love! Join an experienced instructor who will guide you step-by-step through a unique and easy painting that will surely spice up any room. No experience necessary! Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Must be 21 or older to attend.

\$40/Resident, \$50/Non-resident

For more information or to register, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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Road Runners Meet-Up

Fridays | 6:30 a.m.
Jan. 7 to April 1

The Montgomery County Road Runners will be offering the Montgomery Village community the opportunity to participate in a weekly 4 to 5-mile drop-in run. Runners of all paces and experience levels are welcome to join. **No MCRRC membership or MVF registration is required for this free weekly workout.**

Patsy Huson Ballfield
20300 Fulks Farm Road

For more information, call Duncan Mullis at 240-243-2337, e-mail dmullis@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

RECREATION

BINGO! Night

There's no better way to get family and friends together than to join us for a fun-filled evening of BINGO! Take a chance at winning great prizes including gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, summer camp coupons and more.

Come play the night away from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Reserve your seats ahead of time by purchasing discounted BINGO! booklets (each containing 12 cards) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 for \$10 each! Prices at the door are \$12/booklet or \$1/card (cash only). All ages and groups are welcome. Light refreshments available for purchase. Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

For more information or to register, call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Children's dance classes

Let's get moving! If your child loves music and dancing, look no further. MVMF children's dance classes are offered for all skill levels, whether kids are looking to learn something new or brush up on current skills. Choose from a wide variety of classes that teach the basics movements of Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop and more!

Classes times and days vary

per style, and are scheduled from Tuesday, Jan. 11 to Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Cost is \$150/Resident and \$160/Non-resident per class style.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MVMF follows state and county executive orders for COVID-19 requirements. Some classes and events may be subject to participants wearing facial coverings or other restrictions, or may change during the course of instruction. MVMF reserves the right to change and update guidelines and restrictions as necessary.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer a package of five affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke.
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body.
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke.
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease.
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis.

The screenings will take place at North Creek Community Center on Friday, Dec. 3.

These five vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. Register today for a \$10 discount. To register, call 1-888-653-6441 or text "circle" to 797979.



Pickleball

Pickleball doesn't stop just because it's cold outside! This fast-growing game is easy to learn and tons of fun. MVMF is offering several options, including classes for various skill levels, league play and drop-in pickleball.

Classes are scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 10 to March 28, 2022, at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Pre-registration for each session is required. Each session costs \$40/Resident and \$50/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Children's Yoga

Attention all tiny Yogis of Montgomery Village — we have a class for you! Join experienced instructor Terra Douglas on Saturday mornings from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in this interactive fun yoga class for preschoolers ages 2 to 5. Each class will teach your new Yogi poses with fun names to fit into various child friendly theme!

Children's Yoga is scheduled for two sessions between Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 and April 2, 2022 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Session I runs from Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, 2022; session II runs from Feb. 26 to April 2, 2022. The cost to participate is \$50/Resident child and \$60/Non-resident child, per session. Parent/guardian supervision is required and adult participation is welcome.

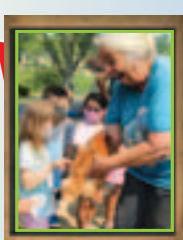
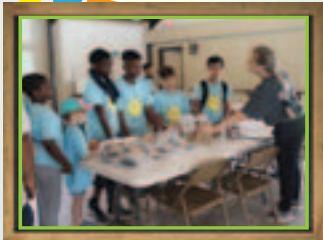
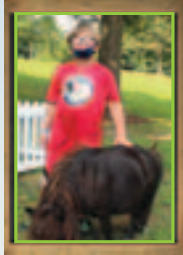
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MVF Summer Camp

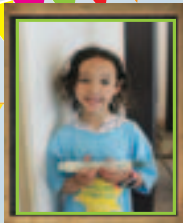
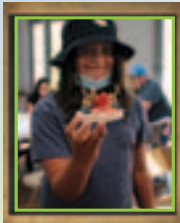
Discounts and Door Prizes!

Wednesday, Feb. 9
6 to 7:30 p.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

Discover all the fun the Department of Recreation and Parks has lined up for Summer Camp, and get a glimpse of how MVMF summer camps operate! Information on activity centers, summer swim lessons, volunteer opportunities and summer employment will also be provided.



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Aerobic Dancing

This dynamic dance workout includes stretching and flexibility moves, floor work, standing weight work (hand and ankle weights optional), aerobic conditioning and cool-down, as the instructor leads you through a choreographed workout. All workouts are easy to learn and follow.

Mondays and/or Wednesdays | 9 to 10 a.m.
Jan. 3 to March 30
No class Feb. 14 and Feb. 16

4020.101	Mondays and Wednesdays	\$215/Resident \$225/Non-resident
4020.103	Mondays only	\$120/Resident \$130/Non-resident
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Aerobic Workout

This workout starts with a warm-up medley of floor work and standing weight work (hand and ankle weights optional), adds a 30-minute fat burning aerobic workout and ends with a cool-down session. Work at your own pace for your desired intensity.

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Saturdays | 8 to 9 a.m.
Jan. 8 to April 2
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Note: Class on Jan. 15 and March 5 will be at Whetstone Community Center



Strength and Flexibility

Build strength, increase flexibility and learn stretching techniques all in one class. Look good and feel good in this no-impact program. Bring a mat and weights (limited supply available). This program works the whole body without impact on the joints.

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays | 6 to 7 p.m.
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For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

FALL Session
through Friday, Dec. 31

Winter Session
Jan. 3 to April 1

MONDAY

Zumba Gold with Kirsten 10 to 11 a.m.

Games & Social Time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come play Bridge, learn Canasta, a variety of card games, Scrabble or Rummikub

Arts & Crafts 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
Light to moderate cardio workouts.

Member Meeting 9 to 9:45 a.m.
2nd Tuesday of each month. Planning for future activities and events.

Book Club 10 to 11:30 a.m.
2nd Tuesday of each month. Share your thoughts about books selected monthly by the group. Lake Marion Community Center.

Senior Fit Noon to 12:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Games & Social Time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Play a variety of games including Bridge, Rummikub, Scrabble and various card games.

Lunch Gathering Noon to 2 p.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month.

THURSDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
Light to moderate cardio workouts.

Tai Chi Noon to 12:45 p.m.
Mild stretching and slow movement combined with focus and meditation.

FRIDAY

Bingo and Brown Bag Lunch Noon to 2 p.m.
2nd Friday each month.

Looking for something to do? Register now with Seniors in Action, Monday through Friday! These are fun in-person sessions for ages 55+ to keep you engaged, educated, and having fun. SiA meets at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided – even cheese!

Get Involved...



Watch for Santa sightings at upcoming MVF events and join in with other SiA members to stay fit and active during the holiday season.

Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse groups in Montgomery Village!

Spotlight on Seniors...

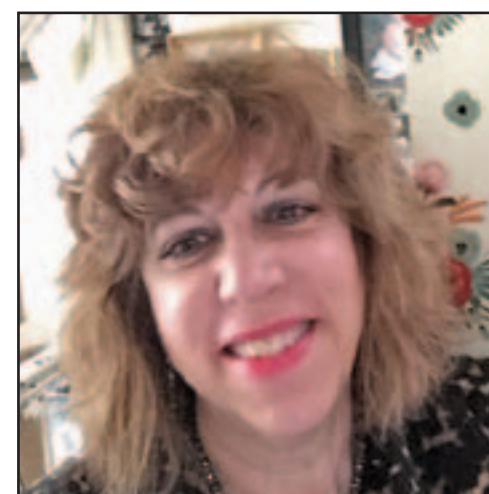
Introducing...Mary Beth Miller!

Seniors in Action is proud to announce the addition of a new Activity Assistant, Mary Beth Miller. Mary Beth is a 30+ year resident of Montgomery Village. She raised her son in the Village and when asked what she likes most about raising a child here, she was quick to respond that the beauty and open spaces are what attracted her to the community at first; however, the community spirit within Montgomery Village has kept her here.

With her long-term background working in a legal office as an administrative assistant, Mary Beth is organized, friendly and possesses great people-skills. She even still takes "shorthand" at member meetings.

She loves Seniors in Action because the program has so many offerings for MV senior citizens. From arts and crafts to yoga and Tai Chi, meeting new people and participating in Village-wide activities, Mary Beth feels the SiA program is essential for seniors.

In her free time, Mary Beth likes to make collages, write poetry, and take care of neighborhood cats (she has 4 cats of her own). Welcome, Mary Beth Miller! Seniors in Action is excited to have you on board!



REGISTRATION

Not a member of Seniors in Action? Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse group in Montgomery Village! Sign up today for a nominal fee for our September through December session at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Need more information? Please contact Susan Baldrige, Seniors in Action Activity Coordinator, at sbaldrige@mvf.org.

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail sbaldrige@mvf.org to be added to the e-mail list. Get updates and changes related to Seniors in Action. Sign up for the Seniors in Action e-mail list for more information!

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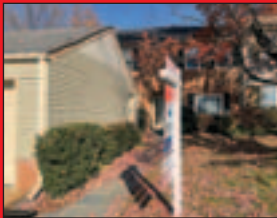
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