



photo by Mike Conroy

by Mike Conroy

The MVF Fund was proposed to increase \$.55/month; however, after review of year-to-date (YTD) financials and careful consideration of risks for the remainder of the year,

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 Monday, Dec. 31 should call 301-948-0110 for replacement coupons.

"Alpacalypse" takes home Pumpkin Race trophy

by Mike Conroy

In the final heat, PJ Maneval's "Alpacalypse," the Reilly family's "Super Bug," Joseph Taylor's "Flames" and George-

For the rest of the festival,

See PUMPKIN RACE page 8



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2018 White House Christmas Ornaments now available



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"A Christmas Carol" at Watkins Mill



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The agenda includes a review of the draft 401k audit report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. The discussion will include an update on 2019 Employee Benefits.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the reconvened Annual Meeting.

MARYLAND PLACE

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

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue. This will include the reconvened Annual Meeting.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Diversity equals strength



by Glenn Gargan
MVF President

I have gone to great lengths to not pontificate or wander into touchy or personal items in this column. I will ignore my own rule on that this month.

We in Montgomery Village can celebrate the fact that we have one of the most diverse communities in the United States. I certainly see that as one of our greatest strengths, and something we all can hopefully identify with.

As a teen growing up in Wheaton, I remember in 1975 when one of my close friends, as well as 6 others, were gunned down in an act that occurred before the terms "hate crime" and "active shooter" sadly became a part of our vocabulary. Being a former Advisory Board member of the Montgomery County Jewish Council for the Aging, I didn't personally know any of the Pittsburgh victims, yet I feel their loss all too well. In an environment today, where political correctness is a fluid term and kindness is becoming a rare commodity, let us please try to hold a good thought for one another, and offer our own private prayers for those affected by these senseless crimes.

This does give us a renewed reason to give thanks this Thanksgiving that our families can gather safely to share with one another blessings, accomplishments and aspirations.

On a more upbeat note, some upcoming activities for your consideration as we continue into fall and the holiday season:

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

Tuesday, Nov. 6: Election Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best regards,
Glenn

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST October 25, 2018

1. Mr. Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 27, 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Webb moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the 2019 Budget with the MVF Fund assessment remaining the same at \$21.03 per unit per month for 2019, the Designated User Fund assessment increasing \$2.05 to \$37.62 per unit per month (as proposed) and for the Poplar Spring assessment to be increased \$0.15 to \$10.50 per unit per month. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dyer moved that the annual assessment rates for private dwelling units for calendar year 2019 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$252.36 for the MVF Fund, \$451.44 for Designated Users, and \$126.00 for Poplar Spring according to the approved 2019 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 Corporation managed by Montgomery Village Foundation, adopted by the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Leonard moved that the annual MVF assessment rate for condominium units for calendar year 2019 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$252.36 according to the approved 2019 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.
6. Mr. Marsh moved that the annual MVF assessment rate for multi-family rental units for calendar year 2019 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$126.24 according to the approved 2019 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.
7. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize the EVP to order the 2019 assessment coupons, return envelopes and postage with Bank-A-Count Corp. for a total cost of \$14,926.70 plus an additional 10% for any changes in direct debit enrollments or any other unforeseen costs. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Marsh moved to approve changes to the Procedures on Private Use of Facilities. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Dyer moved to approve changes to the MVF Park Use Policy Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Webb moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts and (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.
12. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



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KEY:		
BMP.....	Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)	NCBR..... North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
CTS.....	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC..... North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
LMCC.....	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC..... Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP..... South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.
		TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
		WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
		WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
		<i>All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change</i>

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IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is attempting to find a location for an MVF Digital Sign. The contents displayed on the electronic sign would be controlled from the Apple Ridge offices of MVF.

One candidate location that MVF is pursuing is in front of the Whetstone tennis courts along Centerway Road. The intended signage has nothing to do with Whetstone. MVF is urged to seek another location for this eyesore.

Whetstone is a pristine colonial and contemporary style neighborhood and has not invited MVF to intrude into its space with a commercial style Digital Sign. The proximity of the sign across from Whetstone Elementary School would detract from the neighborhood school atmosphere that parents and children find appealing.

Furthermore, the commercial sign is a safety hazard in that it would serve as a distraction to drivers on Centerway Road, many of whom struggle to navigate the entrance to or exit from the school parking lot as it is.

Do we really want this? Absolutely not!

I urge the MVF to drop its consideration of Whetstone and Centerway Road for its MVF Digital Sign Project.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Editor's Note:

MVF staff has communicated with the Whetstone Homes Corporation President noting that the original plans to move forward with a variance application to install a digital sign along Centerway Road in proximity to the Whetstone Community Center have been abandoned.



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2019 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

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

- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community association
- 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 Candidates' Forum and two "Meet the Candidates" events where candidates can talk with Villagers one-on-one about issues of importance. Applicants are provided equal opportunities through the *Village News*, the Meet the Candidates events, and specially prepared Candidate Statements which are forwarded to all Village homeowners with their ballots.

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

You can find the application online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, beginning Friday, Nov. 2, 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. 11, 2019.**



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IN THE NEWS

MVF October Board Meeting recap

by Mike Conroy

At the October 25 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, updates to park and facility use policies were made, expanding the offerings for residents.

Stemming from findings from the Recreation Strategic Plan, the Procedures for Private Use of Facilities was updated to include the availability of Whetstone Community Center as a rental facility during the months of the year that the Whetstone Pool is not in use. Fees and cancellation procedures were also updated with this policy change. All changes to this policy, including the ability to rent Whetstone Community Center, will take effect beginning Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

The Board also approved changes to the MVF Park Use Policy Rules and Regulations. General changes to this policy included updating the offerings at current MVF parks and other housekeeping language. Additional changes were ap-

proved extending the time-frame that residents and non-residents can rent picnic pavilions at Apple Ridge Recreation Area and Hurley Park; the pavilions are now eligible for rent from April 1 to October 31 each year. Finally, as part of the Park Use Policy, the hourly field rates were updated to reflect the changes recently finished at South Valley Park. The increased fees will help offset the higher maintenance costs for the new fields, and are in line with other area recreation fees for similar facilities.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

The Board adopted the 2019 Budget, set the 2019 MVF and Designated User (DU) assessment rates and authorized the Executive Vice President (EVP) to purchase assessment coupons. Due to cost savings in 2018, the MVF fee will not increase for 2019; the DU fee will increase \$2.05/month as expected in the draft budget. The full adopted budget can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Board President Glenn Gargan thanked Vice President Pete Webb for representing the Board at the Great Pumpkin Race, noting he was unable to attend, but was assured he missed a fantastic event. Gargan also reminded residents that Tuesday, Nov. 6 was Election Day, and encouraged all to exercise their right to vote.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton relayed information from the community meeting that Monument Realty held earlier in the month regarding the development of the former golf course property. Humpton said Monument is partnering with a conservation group to improve the stream valley park, and groundbreaking is still expected in mid- to late-2019, with homes likely coming in 2020.

The EVP also noted that he attended a recent meeting with a tenants’ group from Cider Mill Apartments, hosted by

County Councilmember Craig Rice. At the meeting, residents discussed concerns about how to improve services at the complex. Humpton reported the resident sentiment was positive, but they wanted to be active in making changes.

Finally, Humpton said that the RFP for the North Creek Pool renovation would go out in November, with the hope of presenting plans to the Board in April or May 2019.

TREASURER’S REPORT

MVF Treasurer Bob Carey gave the financial report for both year-to-date (YTD) and the month of September, noting MVF continues to maintain a solid financial position. Carey said that \$8.1 million of its \$18.2 million total assets are in cash and investments.

He reported that overall YTD, MVF remains favorable to the budget, mainly due revenues from the Capital Contribution Fee and camps and classes. Invest income and *Village News* advertising rev-

enue remain unfavorable to the budget. However, personnel and operating costs were reported as lower than budget, helping keep the budget balanced.

Carey also noted that the current delinquency rate is at 6.7%, marking seven consecutive quarters below the 8% mark.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - September 2018

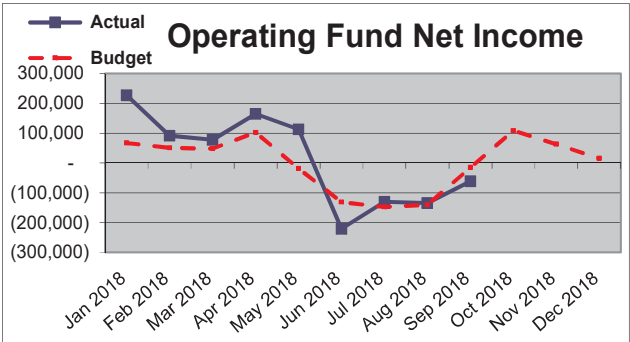
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	September 2018			YTD Sep 2018		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	527,587	527,548	38	4,748,348	4,747,935	413
Assessment Fees	4,157	1,006	3,151	136,868	137,453	(585)
Transfer Fees	3,375	3,300	75	28,800	27,447	1,353
Disclosure Fees	14,065	12,790	1,275	123,351	108,521	14,830
Advertising revenue	3,843	4,606	(763)	67,387	85,686	(18,299)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	3,647	3,020	627	111,357	96,995	14,362
Camps & Classes	17,110	18,215	(1,105)	262,575	230,104	32,471
Management Fees	70,271	66,707	3,563	611,473	600,367	11,106
Capital Contribution fee	15,625	16,095	(470)	270,631	106,403	164,228
Other Income	11,221	16,723	(5,502)	156,356	165,515	(9,159)
Total Revenue	670,900	670,011	889	6,517,145	6,306,425	210,720
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	312,557	308,673	(3,885)	2,793,479	2,917,410	123,932
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	87,001	87,275	274	781,572	828,556	46,984
Personnel Costs	399,558	395,948	(3,610)	3,575,051	3,745,967	170,916
Business Expenses	9,755	11,587	1,832	138,986	153,888	14,902
Office Supplies	783	3,466	2,683	29,084	34,214	5,129
Program/Maint Supplies	10,581	8,202	(2,379)	112,286	120,610	8,324
Occupancy	27,576	44,842	17,267	234,100	250,203	16,103
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	40,157	19,890	(20,267)	280,679	311,653	30,974
Equip Maintenance	5,028	1,560	(3,468)	44,266	37,465	(6,801)
Vehicle Expenses	2,975	2,970	(5)	20,015	23,328	3,313
Financial & Legal	7,988	19,973	11,985	89,506	110,097	20,591
Insurance	11,908	12,085	177	84,598	86,364	1,767
Printing	1,916	4,500	2,584	47,970	55,185	7,215
Landscape/Maintenance	71,686	47,484	(24,202)	565,740	597,563	31,823
Security	195	206	12	(517)	3,608	4,125
Other	(0)	-	0	176	-	(176)
Operating Costs	190,546	176,766	(13,780)	1,646,890	1,784,178	137,288
Contribution to Reserves	95,910	95,910	0	863,188	863,189	0
Contribution to CCF	15,625	16,095	470	270,631	106,403	(164,228)
Purchases of Assets	30,846	433	(30,413)	34,309	30,896	(3,413)
Restricted Expenses	-	0	-	(21)	-	21
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(38,000)	(38,000)
Reserve/capital	142,381	112,438	(29,942)	1,168,107	962,488	(205,620)
Operating Expenses	732,485	685,152	(47,333)	6,390,048	6,492,632	102,584
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(61,585)	(15,142)	(46,443)	127,097	(186,208)	313,304

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended September 30, 2018

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	1,873,670	953,071
Investments	6,230,943	6,203,518
Due from Reserves	816,414	1,429,141
Assessment Receivables	487,135	496,352
Other Receivables	103,751	76,851
Current Assets	9,511,912	9,158,933
Gross Fixed Assets	15,513,612	15,063,542
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,941,521)	(6,457,010)
Fixed Assets	8,572,091	8,606,532
Other Assets	68,259	55,532
Assets	18,152,262	17,820,997
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	816,414	1,429,141
Payables	340,358	268,860
Sunstream Cap Lease	112,997	118,192
Deferred Revenue Liab	475,949	496,566
Liabilities	1,745,717	2,312,758
Undesignated Reserves	2,402,057	2,521,279
Designated Reserves	14,004,483	12,986,956
Equity	16,406,540	15,508,235
Liabilities & Equity	18,152,262	17,820,997



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

IN THE NEWS

MVF Board Student Rep 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 summer intern-

ship (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 and Watkins Mill high school counselors. 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@mvpf.org. Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, February 1, 2019.

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

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IN THE NEWS

Asphalt work at Lake Whetstone Park

The Lake Whetstone Park trench drain replacement and asphalt overlay project is underway, and is anticipated take approximately 30 days to complete. Due to the nature of this project, the driveway and parking lot will be closed during the week; however, the parking lot will be open on

weekends for use. Guests are advised to use caution while using the park until the project is complete.

For more information or questions, contact Parks and Property Manager Ron Schroers at 240-243-2341 or e-mail rschroers@mof.org.

Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 19100 block of Mills Choice Road between approximately 5 p.m. on October 16 and approximately 8:45 a.m. on October 17. No signs of forced entry, a door was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 18300 block of Lost Knife Circle between approximately 9:30 a.m. and approximately 2:30 p.m. on October 18. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 18300 block of Contour Road at approximately 6:05 p.m. on September 26. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his property. One suspect was arrested.

Arrested: B/M, age 26; of Norfolk, Va.

Suspects: Approximately 7 to 9 B/Ms, ages unknown

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Horizon Run Road and Contour Road at approximately 1:14 p.m. on October 10. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his cash and property.

Suspects: 3 B/Ms, late teens

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Two thefts from vehicles occurred in the 19300 block of Transhire Road between approximately 4 p.m. on September 25 and approximately 12:30 p.m. on September 26. No force; property was taken.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between October 7 and October 11. Affected streets included Mills Choice Road, Duffer Way, Cove Ledge Court, Strath Haven Court, Arrowhead Road, and Apple Ridge Road. Force was reported in three events; cash and property were taken.

Pumpkin Race

Continued from page 1

though, hundreds of residents and community neighbors enjoyed the rides, games and food. It was clear from the number of test runs, pumpkin garage visits and fantastically decorated pumpkins, that competition for this year's medals and trophy was going to be stiff. There were over 100 pumpkins entered into the race this year, as well as several VIP racers and even sponsor participation!

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 all new Balloon Launch was a big hit, with many festival goers aiming for a pumpkin prize. Only a few skilled launchers were able to get the balloon to the floating target, decorated with a "scarecrow lifeguard." And the added attractions and petting zoo kept visitors busy after their racers were eliminated.

With a full field of racers clamoring for position in the VIP exhibition, the Montgomery County Police 6th District pumpkin cruised to victory. MVF Board of Directors Vice President Pete Webb's "Pinhead" took out EVP Dave Humpton's "Scary Clown," while Senator Nancy King's "Porcupine" tried to catch the police cruiser. In the vendor race, Sunrise Senior Living had no competition except itself, entering three awesomely decorated racers, two of which took home decorated pumpkin medals.

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 pump-

kin seeds flying across the race track to loud cheers from the crowd.

MVF would like to thank our generous sponsors and participants in the event, including: Holy Cross Germantown Hospital; 45 RPM; Montgomery County 6th District Police; Asbury Methodist Village; Barley Field Orchard; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Dogs on the Run; the Frederick Keys; Ed Amatetti, County Council candidate; Georgetown Hill; Harvest Plates & Pints; Homefix Custom Remodeling; K.C. Company, Inc.; Pella Windows and Doors; Kicks Karate; Kitchen Saver; Liberty Mutual – Rockville; Tabitha Harvey, Mary Kay Consultant; Montgomery Village Animal Hospital; Senshi Karate; Sunrise Senior Living; Thompson Creek Window Company; and TW Perry 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 2019 Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12—see you then!



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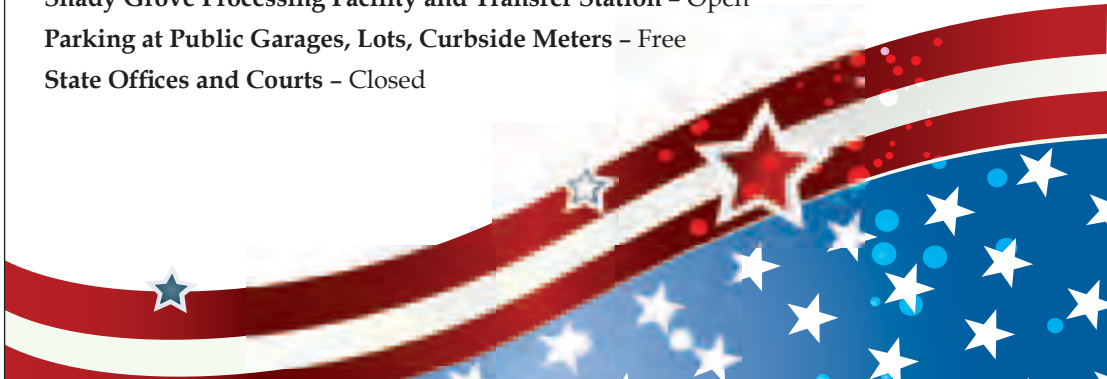
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IN THE NEWS

County schedule for Veterans Day Holiday

Montgomery County government will observe the Veterans Day holiday on Monday, Nov. 12. The holiday schedule follows:

- County offices – Closed
- Libraries – Closed Sunday, Nov. 11, and Monday, Nov. 12
- Department of Liquor Control (DLC) Stores – Will operate on their regular schedules, which vary by store. A complete list of store hours is available at <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc/stores/>.
- Recreation – Recreation and aquatic centers are open. Senior centers and administrative offices are closed.
- Montgomery Parks – For special programs, events and operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks and tennis centers, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.
- Ride On – Modified holiday schedule
- Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com
- Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com
- TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center – Open
- TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store – Closed
- County-provided Recycling Pickup – Normal schedule
- Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station – Open
- Parking at Public Garages, Lots, Curbside Meters – Free
- State Offices and Courts – Closed



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RACE RESULTS

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VIP Race Winner

MCPD 6th District, Montgomery Village Team
Police Cruiser

Vendor Race Winner

Sunrise Senior Living

Championship Race Winner

PJ Maneval - Alpocalypse

PUMPKIN DECORATION

Prettiest

Alice and Eddy Kuminov, "Brother/Sister Fringe"

Most Innovative Design

MV MOMS Club, "Smashing Pumpkin Pizza"

Funniest

Jaime Kendrick, "Student Driver"

Scariest

Sunrise Senior Living, "Skeleton Racer"

Best Decoration

Sunrise Senior Living, "Pirate Ship"

Best Animal Look-a-Like

Village Montessori School, "Maryland Crab"

Best Cartoon Character

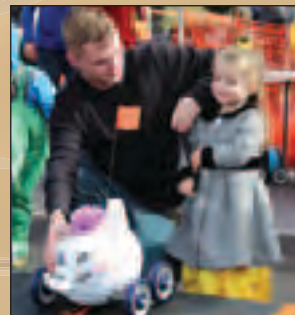
Maryam Hildalgo, "Princess Pumpkin"

Best Themed Racer Duo

Stella Helbowski, "Mrs. Potts and Belle"



1st Place Winner
PJ Maneval, "Alpocalypse"





SPECIAL THANKS

45 RPM
Ed Amatetti
Asbury Methodist Village
Barley Field Orchard
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Dogs on the Run
Frederick Keys
Georgetown Hill
Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg
Holy Cross Germantown Hospital
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IN THE NEWS

2018 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 19 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 \$20.

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

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The official 2018 White House Christmas Ornament honors the administration of Harry S. Truman, who served as the 33rd president of the United States from 1945 to 1953, during the end of World War II and the beginning of the Cold War. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.

This ornament is designed to illustrate three significant changes made by President Truman during his administration — one to the Presidential Seal, and two to the White House itself. One side of the ornament features his celebrated Truman Balcony, added in 1947-48 to the South Portico, and the other side features his renovated Blue Room, which, like all the rooms of the house, was dismantled and rebuilt during the renovation of 1948-52. These two images represent Truman's White House alterations and restorations, the most extensive work on the house since President George Washington built it, and Presidents James Madison and James Monroe restored it after the fire in the War of 1812.

The Presidential Seal featured at the top of the ornament reflects the design as changed by Truman. Originally, the American eagle looked toward its left talons, which hold a cluster of spears, weapons of war. Truman had the seal redesigned, turning the eagle's head away from the spears to its right talons, which hold the olive branches of peace.



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ARB DECISIONS



Architectural Standards

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MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Oct. 3, 2018

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

EASTGATE
8006 HARBOR TREE WAY -
Awning, D
7815HERITAGEFARMDR -
Replacement Patio Door, A
7815HERITAGEFARMDR -
Fence and Gate, AWM
7815HERITAGEFARMDR -
Miscellaneous, AWM
7519 OYSTER BAY WAY -
Trim, AWM

EAST VILLAGE
19917 HAMIL CIR - Roof, A
19925 SILVERFIELD DR -
Garage Door, A
8401 SAINT REGIS WAY -
Miscellaneous, A
8401 SAINT REGIS WAY -
Railing, A
8401 SAINT REGIS WAY -
Storm Door, A
19926 SILVERFIELD DR -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
19926 SILVERFIELD DR -
Window Modification, AWM
19926 SILVERFIELD DR -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
19926 SILVERFIELD DR -
Miscellaneous, A
8652 FOUNTAIN VALLEY
DR - Replacement Windows,
AWM
8503 FOUNTAIN VALLEY
DR - Storm Door, AWM
8703 WILD GINGER WAY -
Replacement Windows, AWM

8703 WILD GINGER WAY -
Replacement Patio Door, A
19807 MACKLEN PL -
Front Door Replacement, A
19807 MACKLEN PL -
Exterior Paint, A
19807 MACKLEN PL -
Roof, AWM
8748 RAVENGLASS WAY -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
8855 THOMAS LEA TER -
Replacement Siding, With-
drawn
8855 THOMAS LEA TER -
Trim, AWM
20422 DAVENCROFT CT -
Fence and Gate, AWM
20422 DAVENCROFT CT -
Roof, AWM
8696 DELCRIS DR -
Gutter, AWM
20608 BEAVER RIDGE RD -
Replacement Windows, AWM
20608 BEAVER RIDGE RD -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
8601 OAK BLUFF CT -
Replacement Windows, AWM
8601 OAK BLUFF CT -
Window Modification, AWM
19942 DREXEL HILL CIR -
Shed, AWM
8503 TINDALSPRINGS DR -
Fence and Gate, AWM
8345 MARKETREE CIR -
Roof, A

NORTHGATE
9501 ASPENWOOD CT -
Roof, A
9501 ASPENWOOD CT -
Skylight, AWM
9501 ASPENWOOD CT -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
9517 CAPE ANNE PL -
Replacement Windows, A
9517 CAPE ANNE PL -
Replacement Patio Door, A

NORTH VILLAGE
20333 PLEASANT RIDGE
DR - Exterior Paint, A
20405 RYECROFT CT -
Roof, A
9009 NESBIT CT - Roof, A
9009 NESBIT CT -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
9009 NESBIT CT -
Shutters, A
9009 NESBIT CT -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
9009 NESBIT CT -
Downspout/Gutter, A
9009 NESBIT CT -
Miscellaneous, A
20625 DUBOIS CT -
Exterior Paint, A
20513 HIGHLAND HALL
DR - Storm Door, A
9014 SNOWFORD CT -
Roof, A
9331 CHADBURN PL -
Gutter Guard, AWM
20561STRATHHAVENDR -
Vent, A

23 STRATH HAVEN CT -
Fence and Gate, AWM
16 STRATH HAVEN CT -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
20609 PRUITT CT - Roof, A
8684 WELBECK WAY -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM

PATTON RIDGE
6 MEADOWCROFT CT -
Garage Door, A
9812 DELLCASTLE RD -
Roof, A
20066 DOOLITTLE ST -
Roof, AWM
9347 WEATHERVANE PL -
Patio, AWM
9219 FROSTBURG WAY -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
9219 FROSTBURG WAY -
Exterior Paint, AWM
9207 FROSTBURG WAY -
Front Door Replacement, A
9207 FROSTBURG WAY -
Storm Door, A
20019 HOFFSTEAD LN -
Replacement Windows, AWM
9501 BRIARGLENN WAY -
Radon System, AWM
9423 EAGLETON LN -
Front Door Replacement, D
9423 EAGLETON LN -
Sidelight, D
9423 EAGLETON LN -
Storm Door, D
9633 DUFFER WAY -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
9633 DUFFER WAY -
Sidelight, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE
9823 SAILFISH TER -
Roof, A
18600 PIER POINT PL -
Garage Door, AWM
18819 NATHANS PL -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
18723 WALKERS CHOICE
RD - Railing, AWM
9911 LAKE LANDING RD -
Fence and Gate, AWM

**STEDWICK HOMES
CORPORATION**
19029 STEDWICK DR -
Sidelight, AWM
19029 STEDWICK DR -
Vinyl Siding, AWM
19500BURLINGAMEWAY -
Roof, A
19359 FRENCHTON PL -
Replacement Windows, A
19225 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Roof, A
19225 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Gutter, A
10721 WAYRIDGE DR -
Roof, A
10721 WAYRIDGE DR -
Gutter, A
10236 WILD APPLE CIR -
Deck, AWM
10236 WILD APPLE CIR -
Railing, AWM
10236 WILD APPLE CIR -
Miscellaneous, AWM
10265 COVE LEDGE CT -
Storm Door, A
10206 WILD APPLE CIR -
Downspout/Gutter, A
10206 WILD APPLE CIR -
Trim, A
10206 WILD APPLE CIR -
Gutter Guard, AWM
10200 WILD APPLE CIR -
Front Door Replacement, A

WHETSTONE
9840 CANAL RD - Roof, A
9701 LOOKOUT PL -
Exterior Paint, A
9701 LOOKOUT PL -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
19130 ROMAN WAY -
Gate, AWM
18929 WHETSTONE CIR -
Miscellaneous, AWM
19041 WHETSTONE CIR -
Pergola, A
18928 DIARY RD -
Exterior Light, A
18928 DIARY RD -
Exterior Paint, A
19008 OXCART PL -
Replacement Windows, AWM



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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Dissemination of information

by the Stedwick Board of Directors

How does Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC) get the "word" out? We have a couple of official ways of doing this:

1. Through the *Village News*, published by the Montgomery Village Foundation;
2. Through the Stedwick website www.stedwickhc.com and;
3. Official communication from our community manager as directed by the SHC board. Any information disseminated by other means does not come from SHC and cannot be taken as policy or guidance from the board.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE RAIN?

In case you hadn't noticed, we have had more than your average rainfall this summer. Depending on who you "talk to," website visited or weather app you use, we have had between 35" and 50" of rain since May. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) we have had 33.12" with only 80% of the stations reporting. That is a lot of rain.

Remember that amount is measured in a specific location(s) and does not account for the volume, which would be that figure everywhere at once. What we normally see is water pooling in our yards, greenspace and streets. We see the "rivers" running down our streets. The runoff is caused because the ground cannot absorb that amount of water. This is either because of the amount of precipitation falling, or the ground is saturated. The latter was the case for most of September.

This runoff causes damage to our yards and greenspaces. The ground does not have time to dry out, and this causes rot, mildew and fungus to thrive and kill grass and other vegetation. All of this will leave us with unsightly lawns. When we have had dry conditions for a lengthy period of time, it causes the soil to compact, and thus it does not absorb moisture readily.

Aeration helps the yards stay healthy. This is best done in the fall with the types of grass we

have in Maryland. If your yard is showing bare spots from all this moisture, consider seeding or power seeding. Seeding is just throwing down seed on top of the bare spot and power seeding is mixing the seed into the soil.

WINTER PREP

The first leaf collection will happen mid-November—look for signs at the entrance to your neighborhood.

As the weather gets cooler, we need to remember to set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 4. It is also a good time to check and see if our homes are ready for colder weather.

A good winter prep checklist can include the following:

- Change the furnace filter;
- Change the direction of ceiling fans;
- Check your heating system;
- Install window insulation if necessary;
- Add caulk and weather stripping;
- Be sure your smoke alarms are upgraded to the 10-year sealed battery alarms, and change the batteries in carbon monoxide detectors if they are not plugged in.

PARTICIPATION

The Stedwick Home Corporation (SHC) board currently has several vacancies. We are looking for anyone who has an interest in serving our community and would like to be involved with the future of Stedwick community. If you have been thinking about what the board does, come to a meeting and find out for yourself.

The SHC board meets the third Wednesday of every month, except July and December, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19. In the meantime, if you have any issues, contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326 or e-mail stedwickhc@mrvf.org.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Short-term rental update

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

336 valid ballots were received with 272 in favor of the covenant change and 64 against. The covenant change to prohibit short-term rentals in the community has passed. A letter has been sent by management informing homeowners of the covenant change. The letter and supporting documents will be delivered to the Montgomery County clerk's office to be recorded. The newly changed covenants will go into effect by February 1, 2019.

BUDGET/RESERVES

The budget was not approved. Treasurer Brian Clark requested that it be readdressed once the results of the proposed assessment ceiling increase vote is known and once the Reserve Study has been reviewed.

ARCHITECTURAL INSPECTIONS

The results of the Architectural Standards inspection for

Whetstone will not be available until the end of the year. Inspections have been delayed due to the rainy weather.

UPDATE ON DOCK PROGRESS/ SURVEYOR SITE PLAN

Management reported that Mr. Emory and MHG have met and are working on a topographic map. Once this is complete the permitting process can move forward.

SPEEDING ON WHETSTONE DRIVE

It was noted that speeding on Whetstone Drive has been an ongoing issue and the installation of a stop sign had helped some. The board was not in favor of installing speed bumps. The community manager was asked to submit an enforcement request to the Montgomery County Police.

MAINTENANCE REMINDER

There will be one leaf removal

al this year in mid-December. Signs will be posted at community entrances when the date is finalized. It is recommended that you place your leaves at the curb only when it is time for the scheduled pick-up. Until that time take advantage of the weekly recycling collection of leaves in brown yard bags or refuse containers.

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.

Leaf Removal Schedule

Below is the anticipated leaf removal schedule for most of the homes corporations and condominium associations in Montgomery Village. Crews are expected to be in the community listed on the weeks listed (weather permitting). Please be sure that your leaves are raked to the curb (where applicable) in time for removal on the

scheduled week. In the event of a rain delay, the calendar will shift to the next calendar day; therefore, the entire schedule will shift for each community as well. We will update the website each Friday with any weather related changes to the schedule.

Note: If you miss your scheduled date for curbside leaf removal, you may place

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

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION – The week of November 26

EASTGATE – The week of December 3

EAST VILLAGE – The week of November 5; The week of December 3

HORIZON RUN – Monday, November 5

MARYLAND PLACE – The week of November 26

NORTH VILLAGE – TBD and will be posted on the website hosted by MVF

PATTON RIDGE – The week of November 12; The week of December 10

SOUTH VILLAGE – Ongoing throughout the season beginning Monday, Nov. 5

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS – The week of November 12; Second date TBD

STEDWICK – TBD and will be posted on the websites hosted by MVF and Stedwick Homes Corporation.

WHETSTONE – The week of December 10

HOMES CORPORATIONS

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Neighbor to neighbor

by the South Village Board of Directors

The communities of South Village are diverse in their geographic locations and design. With views of the lake and access to parks and shopping, we have a great place in the Village. From time to time, there are challenges with our neighbors and finding answers to problems that can come from living in South Village. Neighbor to neighbor issues can be as simple as who's responsible for changing the lightbulb in a quad, or as complex as work that needs to be done that impacts a shared wall or crosses a property line. In neighbor to neighbor issues, community management can suggest where owners can find information in our covenants and resident handbook that may answer some of these questions. Keeping an open line of communication can help reduce crime and safety issues, and it also helps when you have more serious issues to address. Working with your neighbor may take some time

to resolve an issue, but it's certainly worth the effort.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

The South Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors is excited to work with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) on a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Well-maintained neighborhoods play a central role in supporting overall community well-being and the high quality of life Montgomery County residents enjoy. DHCA's Neighborhood Revitalization section promotes healthy and sustainable communities in a variety of ways. Launched in 2009, the Focused Neighborhood Assistance Program (FNA) comprehensively addresses community needs as identified by residents and other stakeholders in geographically-defined areas, or "Focus Areas." DHCA provides funding for the FNA Program by leverag-

ing community HOA funds with grant funding from HUD to directly address housing and community needs. This may include targeted housing code enforcement, individual property and/or common area neighborhood improvements and enhancing other community services through collaboration with public and private partners. For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/community/neighborhood. DHCA has worked with the board to identify improvements across South Village that are eligible for the Focused Neighborhood Assistance program to improve lighting, make ADA compliant sidewalks and other safety improvements. While the program is in its early stages of review and approval, quarterly updates have been provided by the county on the status of the project. SVHC expects to receive a detailed proposal of the improvements and any associated costs in 2019.

SMOKE DETECTORS

It's the time of the year when most people change their smoke detector batteries. Did you know that as of January 1, 2018, Montgomery County's new smoke detector law went into effect? The intent of the new smoke alarm law was to transition away from smoke alarms with 9V batteries and to achieve as much reliable smoke alarm coverage as possible in older dwellings. Smoke alarm technology has advanced over the years, and the updates to Maryland's Smoke Alarm Law are part of a nationwide trend to ensure that new and replacement smoke alarms have the most effective technology available. The new law heavily emphasizes the use of sealed smoke alarms with long-life batteries and silence/hush buttons. However, it is critical to understand that these devices are appropriate only where battery-operated smoke alarms presently exist as permitted by code, or in locations where no

smoke alarms are present. It is never acceptable to remove required hard-wired smoke alarms and replace them with any type of battery-only operated device. Smoke alarm requirements are based on when a house was built and the specific statutory and code requirements for residential smoke alarms in Montgomery County can be found online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/resources/files/laws/smokealarmmatrix_2013.pdf. The new smoke detector requirement impacts all real estate transactions (if you are buying a home in South Village) and rentals as well. If you have questions, contact the local fire department or the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

Each year, the Village homes corporations seek candidates for election to their boards of directors. Interested residents are invited to submit applications for candidacy to the Nominating Committee of their local homes corporation. Directors of homes corporations are responsible for setting assessments and managing the maintenance of all open spaces, streets, paths and lights that belong to the individual homes corporation. Basic qualifications for board membership are time and interest, but whatever other knowledge, training, skills or experience one has will almost certainly be used in some capacity. 1. According to the documents, a candidate is not required to be a resident of Montgomery Village, except in Whetstone Homes Corporation and North Village Homes Corporation, where the candidate is required to be a resident homeowner. However, resident candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation and their respective homes corporation with regard to covenants and policies and must be current in all assessment payments. In

several cases, the Nominating Committee is given the authority to determine which of the nominees will be on the final slate of candidates. 2. To apply for candidacy, a prepared statement of the applicant's qualifications and interests must be delivered to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Montgomery Village Foundation office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on the closing dates stated in the box. 3. A candidate may be solicited or may volunteer. A resident nominating another resident must secure his/her written consent. 4. The number of candidates is unlimited. 5. All nominees will be requested to submit a single page (typewritten, double spaced) statement, which will be reproduced in the December, January or February issue of the Village News and will be sent to all voters along with the ballots (standard form will be supplied to board nominees). 6. Also, per a new Montgomery County Law, effective January 1, 2016, if elected, candidates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-ap-

proved board member training class, to be scheduled and completed within 90 days of the start of their term of service. Ballots will be mailed to the electorate either in December, January or February, depending on the specific corporation's election calendar. In addition to electing directors, each homes corporation also elects a representative and an alternate representative to the MVF for one-year terms. Suggested names for the position will appear on the ballots. Each board of directors consists of nine directors who serve three-year terms. The terms are staggered, creating three vacancies every year. Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the *Montgomery Village News* must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view *Village News* guidelines, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, select Press Room, select *Village News*, then Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Criteria for nominating directors to the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Interested in becoming involved with Patton Ridge community issues and activities? Election time will soon be upon us for the 2019-2022 term, and there are established criteria and a timeline in which the election process takes place:

1. All candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) and the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation. In addition, resident candidates must not be in violation of By-laws and Covenants, and must also be current in their payments of dues and assessments to both MVF and the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation.

2. To become a candidate for nomination, one must prepare a written statement of qualifications, interests and reasons for candidacy. This statement must be delivered to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

3. An individual nominating another person must obtain the candidate's written consent, along with a statement of qualifications, interests and reasons for candidacy, prior to the submission of the name to the committee.

4. The nominating committee will consider all candidates who meet the above criteria. Nominees shall be selected from among the candidates on the basis of a number of factors including but not limited to the following:

a) Extent of previous participation in community activities (both within and outside Montgomery Village).

b) Consideration for an equitable geographic representation on the Board

(i.e. representation from each section within the homes corporation).

c) Professional or other qualifications related to the fields of fiscal management and property maintenance.

5. All nominees are required to submit a single page (type written, double spaced) summary statement of no more than 150 words for publication in the *Village News*. The summary statement and the statement of qualifications may in fact be the same document. Ballots along with the summary statements will be mailed to the electorate Friday, Dec. 21. Standard candidate forms will be supplied to all nominating Committee members by MVF staff.

6. The nominating committee shall also select at least one candidate for each of the positions of Representative and Alternate Representative to the Montgomery Village Foundation. The names selected will also appear on the ballots.

7. All potential candidates, if elected to the board, agree to complete the Montgomery County required electronic board training immediately after being elected.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Leaf removal in limbo

by the Northgate Board of Directors

This article goes to press five days before the publication date. As of that time, there has not been enough of a leaf drop to warrant the first pickup. Typically, the first leaf removal is done prior to Halloween. Neighborhoods are continuously monitored, so please watch for the signs regarding leaf removal at the entrance to each subdivision. Residents will be given adequate time to place leaves at the curb for pickup.

Montgomery County will be installing six dog waste stations throughout Northgate in a free trial program. Currently, the program is so popular there is a delay in installation. Stay tuned.

Paving of Maple Leaf Court and the entrance to The Points went well. It is hoped that additional asphalt work will be done in 2019.

McFall & Berry won a competitive bid to remove a number of trees throughout Northgate. The funding will come from Tree Reserves. Northgate has a tree list it is working through as the budget allows. Trees are prioritized by an arborist and re-

movals are completed according to their position in the queue.

Shall's Construction completed the painting of light poles throughout the community. The paint improves the appearance and protects the fiberglass. Metal poles were not part of the contract.

The FY2019 budget was passed and will not include an assessment increase.

The revised parking and towing policies are in force. Warning stickers have been applied for some time to those double-parked, but now there will be towing. Another issue is trucks. In the last issue of the *Village News*, our HOA neighbor across Wightman Road, North Village, gave a thorough explanation regarding trucks, which we quote here:

"It is the board's responsibility to enforce the covenants established on behalf of the community at large. We receive many requests for waivers to the policy that supports the underlying covenant. We cannot provide waivers, and we cannot approve one truck and not another. Granting waivers or selective enforcement would

be unfair and discriminatory. Furthermore, many residents are opposed to trucks, and they have the covenants on their side. We are receiving numerous complaints from neighbors—near and more distant—of residents with trucks.

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

As their column went on to explain, the covenants can be changed. However, the process is extremely difficult. It can only be accomplished by a 60% affirmative vote of all homeowner-members of the community. In Northgate, with 1,149 homes, that would require 689 votes in favor. We are lucky to get a 10% response in our elections.

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



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



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mercy Seat Chapel Turkey giveaway

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mercy Seat Chapel (MSC) is giving away 600 free turkeys. Last year's Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative, through individual donations from church members, provided 500 turkeys to families in need. Recipients were from the local community and included people from different races, ethnicities and vocations. The giveaway, which spanned two days, culminated in an evening service that inspired and reminded recipients that difficult times do not last forever, but are only for a season. One of the past recipients of a frozen turkey was so grateful that she sent a public message on Instagram, thanking the church for helping to bring joy to her family.

MSC's Head Pastor Ola Olarinde announced that this year, 600 families will be receiving one turkey each, an increase from last

year's efforts. He believes that we need to support each other in difficult and trying times. In his own words, "Just the way MSC families will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a turkey, we want parents that may be struggling right now to do the same with their families, regardless of their financial situation." Organizers are gearing up for a successful 2018 Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative and they are hoping for a great turnout.

Area residents in need of a turkey should visit 17604 Washington Grove Lane, Gaithersburg, on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7 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.

Food for Schools

The Food for Schools Program sponsored by the Montgomery Village Foundation began again this new school year. Twice a month, starting in September bags of "week-end" food are delivered to our community via the Linkages to Learning program at South Lake Elementary School (SLES). This program connects children in the schools to community services that are very much needed. The SLES staff is easily able to distribute the bags which contain a variety of protein, cereal, fruits and vegetables to help families get through the weekends when there are no school breakfasts and lunches. Last year, 19 distributions of 40 bags or more were given out, totaling over 760 bags of food! We hope to continue this success again this school year.

Of course, this would not be possible without the contributions from our wonderful Montgomery Village community. A very special thanks to the members of Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC) who have contributed the bulk



of our funds. Their amazing congregation has coordinated regular contributions to the program, not only collecting checks and gift cards from their members, but also consolidating funds into gift cards to purchase the necessary food. And this is in addition to collecting food regularly at their services and bringing it to the pantry. We also owe a big thanks to the individual contributions of Montgomery Village residents who purchase gift cards and then deliver them to the MVF Office. This all takes planning and effort and we could not do any of this without all of you.

Every cent is spent on food and our total amount last year was \$3,728.35!

We welcome contributions of food and gift cards to local stores anytime throughout the year at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Contributions in check form can be made out to Covenant United Methodist Church with "Food for Schools" in the memo line and sent to CUMC at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive, Montgomery Village MD 20886.

Thank you! It is programs like this that keep our community strong and show our Montgomery Village spirit!

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SCHOOL NEWS

“A Christmas Carol” at Watkins Mill

Watkins Mill High School's O'Shea Players invite the community to embark on a journey to 18th century London where they will perform an old story with a new gender-bender twist.

Join Elizabeth Scrooge in Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" as she is haunted by the ghosts of Jacob Marley, Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come. Faced with her impending death as the result of her miserly and antisocial ways, Scrooge finally sees her wrongs and rights them as she is accepted into her nephew and neighbors merry lives with open arms, and practically becomes a second mother to her clerk's son, Tiny Tim. Charles Ludlam adapts this classic tale and finds the humor as well as the sadness in this Victorian melodrama.

With memorable sights and sounds, this Christmas ghost story is sure to delight. The 50+ show members are comprised of actors and technical crew who will also be accompanied by holiday musical performances from the Watkins Mill Chamber Choir! It is the perfect holiday outing for family members of all ages, so come dressed in your holiday best!

Tickets to all performances are \$10 for adults and \$5 for



students and seniors. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, Saturday, Dec. 1, Thursday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 7, and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road.

There is a Holiday Gift Basket Silent Auction at each performance; an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest on Thursday, Dec. 6; WMHS Orange Nation Support Night on Friday, Dec. 7; and Toys for Tots and Military Appreciation on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Dramatic Director Scott Tarzwell would like to thank the WMHS team, the students, the Drama Board, the parents and many local businesses for their support and their contributions. A special thanks goes to the creative team, consisting of WMHS Choral Director Dr. Janna Ryon, Costume Designer/Local Tech Supervisor Debra Weston and Hell Week Meal Coordinator Carolyn Hurt.

CUMC preschool hosts community visitors

On October 11 the local library had one of their community outreach librarians stop by the Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC) preschool program for a visit with the 3-year-old classes. Sarah the Story Teller came to read several books, talk about the library and shared music and songs on her ukulele. The library system in Montgomery County is currently

promoting the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.

Later that same week, the Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Fire Department came to visit the 4-year-old classes. Firefighters talked about the importance of fire safety and what to do in an emergency. During this visit the children learned about fire safety, saw a fire fighter dress in all of his

special gear and then were thrilled to see the huge hook and ladder fire truck and the pumper truck! The annual fire fighter visit is always a highlight of the school year!

For more information about this or other preschool age programs offered at CUMC, e-mail lisa.broadman@covenant-umc.org or visit www.covenantumpreschool.org.



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AT YOUR LEISURE

“Enchanted Evenings” usher in the magic of Winter Lights

Back by popular demand, the Winter Lights Festival season kicks off with three spectacular “Enchanted Evenings” in November. Treat yourself like royalty at S’more Lights, Wine Under the Lights and Leashes ‘n’ Lights. The festival will not yet be open to drive-through traffic, allowing an up close and personal view of the magical displays. Enjoy a cozy, heated tent, music and warm beverages at each event. Bring your own camera for selfies.

Tickets for all three Enchanted Evenings and for the nightly drive-through experience can be purchased online at www.GburgWinterLights/Eventbrite. Admission for children ages 3 and under is free for all special events. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Please note there are no rain dates for the Enchanted Evenings.

Indulge in a delicious holiday tradition with **S’more Lights on Friday, Nov. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m.** Begin your adventure roasting marshmallows over a campfire and making delicious s’mores. At your leisure, take a trolley or wagon ride through a wonderland of sparkling trees, illuminated arches and ani-

mated vignettes that include traditional favorites and new fantasy displays. Take selfies with Santa inside a heated tent while enjoying hot beverages and making a holiday craft. A food truck with kid-friendly options will be on-site. Last entry is at 9 p.m. Last trolley ride and pictures with Santa are at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$12.

Enjoy local wine and a magical ride through the lights at **Wine Under the Lights, Sunday, Nov. 18 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.** Bring a blanket for a cozy 3-mile open-air trolley ride either before or after enjoying wine tastings from local vineyards, food bites, live music and a selfie station with fun props, all inside a heated tent. Attendees will receive eight wine tasting tickets, four food bite tickets, a souvenir glass, hot drinks, live music and a trolley ride through the light show. Full pours and bottles of wine are also available for purchase (cash only). Valid ID required at entry. No dogs allowed. Last entry is at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$28.

Treat your pooch to a leisurely 1-mile stroll or an invigorating 3-mile walk at **Leashes ‘n’ Lights on Tuesday, Nov. 20**

from 6 to 9 p.m. Bond with your favorite canine as you experience more than 450 magical light displays. Browse dog-related vendors, enjoy hot drinks and take a pet selfie with Santa (bring your own camera) inside a heated tent. Last entry is at 8 p.m. People admission is \$10, dog admission is free.

Winter Lights takes place at Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road. The festival will be open for drive-through traffic nightly Friday, Nov. 23 through Monday, Dec. 31, Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. The festival is closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Admission is \$12 per car Monday through Thursday and \$17 per car Friday through Sunday. In the spirit of the holidays, proceeds from the 2018 Winter Lights Festival will benefit local nonprofit organizations.

Winter Lights is sponsored in part by RIO Washingtonian Center, BGE Home, Montgomery Magazine and Washington Parent.

For more information, call 301-258-6350 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

AAUW presents talk with Office of Consumer Protection

Tracy D. Rezvani, Administrator of the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection, will be the speaker at the Tuesday, Nov. 13 meeting of the Gaithersburg Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Members and visitors are welcome to attend and learn about the challenges posed by cybersecurity, identity theft and the ways to protect oneself and one’s private data online.

The meeting begins with light refreshments and social

time at 7 p.m. and continues with the speaker at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue. All are welcome. For more information, call 301-840-5443.

Holiday Marketplace Church Bazaar

Holiday Marketplace Church Bazaar is sponsored by the women of Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC). The bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive. Proceeds from this event go to support women, children and families through various missions: The Lord’s Table, the

Richards & Coleman Foundation, Stepping Stones Shelter, Food for Schools, Coats for Kids, Covenant Men, Youth Group, Terrific Twos and the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

Vendors are offering a wide variety of items such as professional print photography, handmade jewelry, pottery, handwoven crafts and holiday

merchandise. The Silent Auction has over 100 items for consideration including restaurant gift cards, movie tickets and numerous gift theme baskets.

For more information about this or other fall and winter events at CUMC, call 301-926-8920, e-mail office@covenant-umc.org or visit www.covenant-umc.org.

Eating plants for good health and fun

Reliable authorities contend that only 12% of Americans eat a sufficient amount of fruits and vegetables. That statistic leaves 88% of the population sadly deprived of the healthy benefits that come to those consumers who regularly “eat plants.”

The Montgomery Village Garden Club will help out with a presentation by an expert on

the topic, Walt Sommerville, at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Sommerville will show and describe an unusual set of fruits and vegetables, some with intriguing personalities and shapes, some even adaptable to indoor cultivation.

Sommerville will draw on a

long career in market research. He is a professional speaker, author of books of essays and a columnist. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Georgetown University, and a Master’s Degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

For more information, e-mail Nina Chase at Ninagc@comcast.net.

Maryland: where cyber works

Maryland is at the forefront of our nation’s rapidly growing cyber market, and opportunities abound for professionals in our region — both those who are new to the field, and long-time members of the industry. Join the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, for two dynamic days that highlight why Maryland is where cyber works.

On Friday, Nov. 9, USG and Cyber Association of Maryland, Inc (CAMI) will present a career and education fair, connecting cybersecurity job seekers with opportunities across the state of Maryland. Those looking to expand their cybersecurity competency can also connect onsite with Maryland education and training resources. The career fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, cyber warriors of varying skill levels are invited to compete in our cyber challenge. MITRE, USG and CAMI will host the cyber-challenge, with opportunities for many skill levels to participate. MITRE’s Symphony tool will be core to the cyber challenge/competition. The cyber challenge is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cyber companies, high school or undergraduate students and anyone interested in a cyber career are encouraged to attend either or both days of this event. For more information, or to RSVP, visit <http://bit.ly/MD-Cyber-Works>.

Senior Support Group

Long-time Village residents have started a new support group for seniors who wish to age gracefully. This free weekly meeting is open to all who wish to discuss personal issues and challenges or make new friends. Don’t let the effects of aging, retirement or disability leave you feeling isolated; enjoy the company of those in the same place in life to share experiences, laugh and encourage each other. Learn about the services provided by the community, transportation to medical appointments, food services, shopping assistance,

emergency nursing care, scams that target seniors, involving family for support, memory aids and much more.

Discussion leaders are long-time Village residents who work as a personal specialist and a psychologist counselor, both experiencing the same challenges of aging gracefully.

Join the group meeting every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Einstein Brothers Bagels in the Firstfield Shopping Center, 531 Quince Orchard Road. For more information, call Becky at 301-330-3569.

Underground Railroad Trail

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a Sandy Spring Underground Railroad Trail walk on Saturday, Nov. 17. The 6km/10km trails, rated 2B, located in northeastern Montgomery County, are through woods and around fields which demonstrate the typical terrain faced by escaped slaves making their way to freedom on the Underground Railroad. The walk also covers other historic trails and sidewalks.

The trail is not suitable for strollers and wheelchairs, as it is mostly a walk through a wooded trail and in fields.

The Start/Finish point is at Woodlawn Manor/Underground Railroad Trail, 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring. The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3. The start time is between 9 a.m. and noon and participants must finish by 3 p.m. Restrooms are available

at the Start/Finish point and along the trail. Walking sticks are recommended. Dogs are allowed but must be leashed at all times.

For more information, contact, Tony Laing at 301-980-8932 or e-mail laingat@gmail.com. com or Dave Fenster at 301-520-6507 or e-mail rockpic001@gmail.com.



RECREATION

Thanksgiving Morning Workout

Join Karin Baker on Thanksgiving Morning for a 90-minute Jacki Sorensen Aerobic Workout and Dance Program to start your holiday on the right foot. This class includes stretch, flexibility, strength and cardio. There are exercises suitable for everyone!

Come enjoy breakfast with your neighbors and win prizes from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Cost at the door is \$8/person or \$5 with non-perishable food donations.

For more information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mof.org.



Parents Afternoon Out

Attention parents! If you need some time finish holiday shopping or to prepare the house for the holidays, let us help you by watching your kids! Children ages 5 to 12 will be entertained at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 1 to 5 p.m. with games, a craft and movie for a fun-filled afternoon. A snack will also be provided.

Register your kids by Wednesday, Dec. 12; cost is \$20/Resident child and \$30/Non-resident and an additional \$15 for each additional child from the same household.

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

Teens Making a Difference

Does your 12 to 16-year-old need to earn SSL hours? There is still time for them to join Teens Making a Difference to participate in fun activities and have a say in future programs Montgomery Village Foundation may offer.

In September we made cheater pumpkins for The Great Pumpkin Race. In October we volunteered at the Fall Festival and the Halloween Flashlight Hunt and stuffed Halloween eggs. This month, join us as Montgomery County Police Department Community Services Of-

ficer Jones educates the group on safety measures and answers questions about peer pressure, dating safety and other topics. Teens will also be volunteering at the Holiday Craft Bazaar.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, help plan a service project for the winter. Teens Making a Difference meets at Lake Marion Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information or to register, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Fall Holiday Farmers' Market Event

The first 25 visitors will receive a FREE re-useable Farmers' Market Grocery Bag.

Saturday

November 17 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

sponsored by
The Montgomery Village Foundation

Christ the Servant
Lutheran Church
9801 Centerway Road
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Featuring fresh farm products from:

- Barley Field Orchard
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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Paper Carriers



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

RECREATION

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Enjoy some early holiday shopping at the annual Holiday Craft Bazaar scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. If you have a person on your holiday shopping list who enjoys unique and one-of-a-kind items, this is the place for you!

All items are unique and handmade by vendors. Selections include jewelry, knitted items, candles, soaps, lotions, ornaments, photography and more. Entry is free for shoppers.

New this year is a free child watch option while parents shop at the bazaar. Parents must remain on site while their child is in the child watch; time is limited to 90 minutes. Refreshments are also available for purchase.

For more information, or to sign up to become a vendor, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Whetstone
afterschool club

Monday through Friday | 3:30 to 6 p.m.
through last day of
MCPS 2018/2019 school year

Whetstone Elementary School students will be escorted by MVF staff from school immediately after dismissal to **Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. 5004.410**
No club when MCPS are closed for a full day
\$6/day, 20-day minimum (\$120)

Stedwick
afterschool club

Monday through Friday | 3:30 to 6 p.m.
through last day of
MCPS 2018/2019 school year

Stedwick Elementary School students will be transported at dismissal from school by Montgomery County School Bus to **Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. 5004.420**
No club when MCPS are closed for a full day
\$6/day, 20-day minimum (\$120)

BREAKFAST WITH Santa

Saturday, Dec. 8
9 to 10:30 a.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road
\$12/Resident child
\$17/Non-resident child
\$6/Adult

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or by calling 301-948-0110.

Parents' Afternoon Out

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Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, Dec. 15 | 1 to 5 p.m.
 Finish your last-minute holiday shopping or put the finishing touches on everything at home while children ages 5 to 12 enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at Lake Marion playing games, watching a movie or making a craft. A snack will be provided. Must be registered by Wednesday, Dec. 12.
\$20 per child/Resident, \$30 per child/Non-resident
\$15 for each additional child from the same household

FALL INTO FITNESS

For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

BANG Power Dance™ with Heidy
 Tuesdays | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Stedwick Community Center
 10401 Stedwick Road
 Drop-In: \$7

Zumba® with Heidy
 Wednesdays | 7 to 8 p.m.
 Lake Marion Community Center
 8821 East Village Avenue
 Saturdays | 9 to 10 a.m.
 Stedwick Community Center
 10401 Stedwick Road
 Drop-In: \$7

Yoga
 Drop-In: \$12
 Beginner/Intermediate Wednesdays 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.
 Drop-In: \$15
 Pure Energy Yoga Sundays 9:30 to 11 a.m.
 Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Primetime Basketball
 ages 18 and over
 Wednesdays | 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
 Lake Marion Community Center
 8821 East Village Avenue
 Drop-In: \$5

Aerobics with Karin Baker
 A variety of classes offered
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
 Lake Marion Community Center
 8821 East Village Avenue
 Drop-In: \$9

POP Pilates
 Tuesdays | 7 to 7:30 p.m.
 Thursdays | 7 to 7:30 p.m.
 Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road
 Drop-In: \$7

MV SENIORS

seniors in **action**

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

FALL Session

through Dec. 14

No meeting Nov. 22 or Nov. 23

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

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

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

Games, conversation and refreshments.

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

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

Dec. 17: "The Rooster Bar" by John Grisham

Jan. 28: "I Remember Nothing" by Nora Ephron

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

Various creative projects for all skill levels.

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

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

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

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

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

Games, conversation and refreshments.

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

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

Pickleball Group 10 a.m. to noon

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

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

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

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

second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with friends. **Free for members, \$2/Non-member**

Nov. 9 and Dec. 14

A look back...

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

Up next...**Arts & Crafts at SiA!**

Monday, Nov. 5 and Monday, Nov. 12

Spa Baskets for Men and Women including Decorative Candles, Bath Bombs, Bath Salts and Manly Hand Scrub. Bring a jar or two.

Monday, Nov. 19

Decorative Cups and Saucers

This is such an amazingly fun and simple gift to make—be prepared to be wowed by your own creations! We will be decorating cups and saucers from the Dollar Tree with nail polish, dipped in water and then spray varnishing them so they last forever! Come and experiment. Even if you think you don't have a creative bone in your body, this one is so easy, anyone can do it!

Monday, Nov. 26

Jewelry Repair and Maker Clinic

Do you need a clasp replaced? Have a broken piece of jewelry that needs a little TLC? Want to learn how to do it yourself? Or, would you like to make an easy piece of jewelry that doesn't require a lot of previous knowledge? Come join us for this gathering, and have fun while repairing something old and/or creating something new!

**SIA E-MAIL LIST**

Take action and sign up to become part of the most distinct and diverse group in Montgomery Village!

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail aalcon@mvf.org to be added to the list for updates and changes related to Seniors in Action.**REGISTRATION**Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com!The Seniors in Action program offers convenient and affordable activities to seniors 55 years and older, Monday through Friday. For more details on any Seniors in Action activity, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

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

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

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

PROGRAM LEADER

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

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

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

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

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

FOR SALE

King mattress and box spring, two exercise bikes and upright Kirby vacuum. All in good condition. Available on Nov. 5. Call 301-977-5055.

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Full job descriptions and the application process can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For consideration, please submit cover letter and résumé to hr@mvf.org.

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NEW LISTING



FAIRIDGE \$440,000
LOVELY "OATLAND" MODEL!

5 BR, 2.5 BA in wonderful condition! Meticulously maintained by loving owners – hardwood floors, 1st floor den, FR w/wood-burning brick fireplace & wood floor – tablespace kitchen updated w/pantry cabinets – huge master suite w/large walk-in closet & updated bath – 4 more BRs & FBA including big eaves bedroom w/large walk-in closet – new windows, new doors, vinyl siding, flagstone front walkway & patio, beautiful lawn.



PARTRIDGE PLACE \$319,000
CENTER HALL LAYOUT!

Excellent end unit floor plan w/true center hall layout – large LR w/fireplace on one side and separate DR and table space kitchen on the other. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, finished basement – tons of storage. Renovated throughout including gorgeous kitchen with stainless steel appliances, granite counters, white cabinets and designer tile backsplash – new windows and doors, huge deck & fenced backyard.



STEDWICK \$299,900
BEAUTIFUL RENOVATED KITCHEN!

Updated end unit TH in Clusters I. 3 BR, 2 FB & 2 HB – beautiful renovated kitchen w/cooktop, oven, granite counters, expanded cabinet space, display shelving & pass through to DR – upgraded baths, new lighting, fresh paint, new carpet, fin. basement w/rec rm, craft room & half bath – fenced backyard, paver patio.

Under Contract

UNDER CONTRACT!



OLNEY MILL \$502,500
COMPLETELY RENOVATED KITCHEN!
3 BR, 3.5 BA rambler w/fin. w/o basement – woodburning fireplace – the kitchen was completely renovated last year and it looks like HGTV helped! Fantastic fenced backyard and party-sized deck.

UNDER CONTRACT!



PLEASANT RIDGE \$525,000
SUNROOM ADDITION!
Gorgeous renovated SFH w/4 BR, 3.5 BA – custom gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, Viking 6 burner stove, dbl wall ovens, breakfast bar, dbl dishwasher – breakfast rm & sunroom addition – updated baths.

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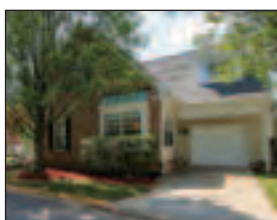


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