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Work is progressing on the Apple Ridge Pool Renovation. The site has been regraded and pool walls have been shaped with forms. Underground piping and other work is being set before the pool is ready for concrete. Concrete work is expected to be finished before the end of the year.

Board approves 2017 budget, sets assessment rates

by Mike Conroy

At its October 27 meeting, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors approved the 2017 Operating Budget, which includes a \$1.40/month increase in the Designated User (DU) assessment and \$.24/month increase in the MVF Fund. 2017 rates are \$21.03/month for the MVF assessment and \$34.42/month for the DU assessment.

The MVF Fund was proposed to increase \$.85/month; however, after review of year-to-date (YTD) financials and careful consideration of risks for the remainder of the year,

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton and CFO Greg Snellings felt that 2016 would end favorably, without the need for the majority of the subsidy from Undesignated Reserves. Thus the savings from 2016 is available for use in 2017, reducing the increase in the MVF Fund.

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

MVF Board works to shape future of Professional Center

by Mike Conroy

When the Professional Center was built by the Kettler Brothers, the Declaration of Covenants attached to the property stated that once Kettler ceased to own the property, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) had certain rights and responsibilities, including amending the Declaration which permitted uses for the property. The original uses for the property were defined by Kettler to be "professional pharmacies, doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, engineers, chiropractors, osteopaths, opticians and related, supportive or similar type uses."

Currently, the new CRT zoning established with the Montgomery Village Master Plan allows for a broad range of uses to the site. However, in order to market the site to potential developers, the owner, NorthStar, wants to add to the list of potential uses for the property beyond Kettler's original designation; MVF would have to change the Declaration for this to happen. In keeping with the Vision 2030 Plan and the new Montgomery Village Master Plan – which both encourage reinvestment

in several commercial sites – the MVF Board of Directors set out to establish appropriate uses for the site, with cooperation from Whetstone Homes Corporation, whose property abuts the Professional Center.

The Zoning Ordinance list of uses was the basis for determining what could potentially work on the site. NorthStar's attorney, Tim Dugan, along with MVF Executive Vice President Dave Humpton and MVF General Counsel Christopher Hitchens narrowed the list into a use table for further examination.

Humpton and Dugan attended the September 29 Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) meeting to discuss the need to update the Declaration and received direction from WHC as to what other uses would be tolerable that close to their borders. Prior to the WHC board meeting, Whetstone held a community meeting to discuss the use table.

Of the 58 items on the original use table, MVF staff eliminated several more based on the WHC board's recommendation, including: community gardens; categories of house-

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Holiday Craft Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 5

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center

8821 East Village Avenue



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The 2016 White House Christmas Ornament



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2017 MVF Board Call for Candidates

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The first Little Free Library is now open in the Village



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

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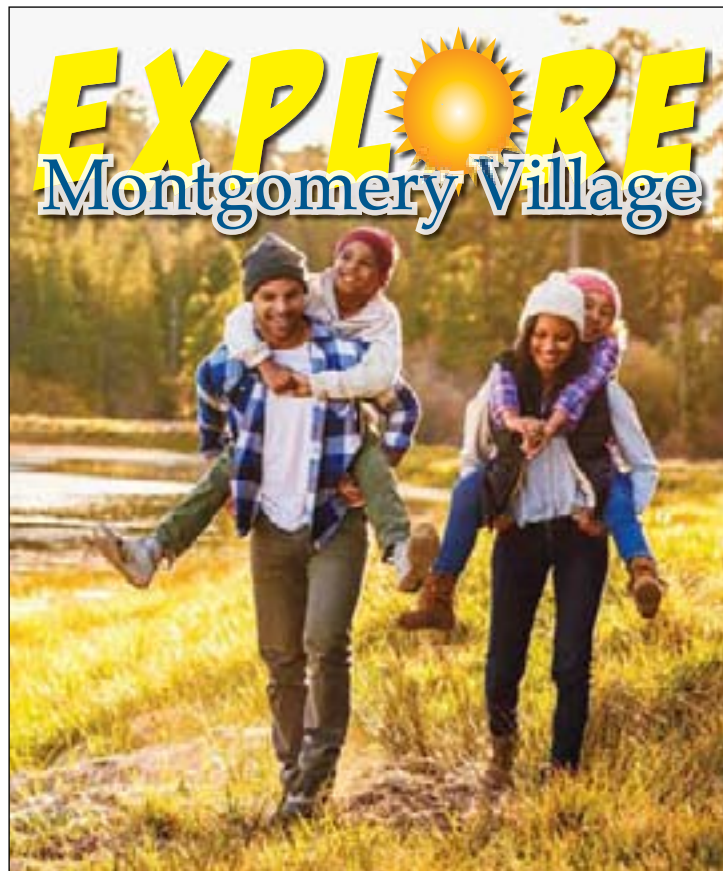
The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road to hear an architectural appeal.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 6



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

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

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 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. 15 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. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

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

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 81 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9 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. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

SOUTH VILLAGE

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

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sweet smell of victory... and the agony of defeat



by Pete Young

MVF President

I am writing this column to you on Halloween, and what a great reminder that the fall season is truly upon us. Like every year, many of our children will be out in the community celebrating this holiday, and I thank you for your vigilance in helping protect them from harm. As the days have grown shorter, all of us need to be more cautious driving through our neighborhoods, as many children and adults are still out and about. Speaking of getting out, I'd like to reflect on a couple of recent events that I enjoyed so much. On a recent beautiful Saturday, I was thrilled to attend two events that celebrate our community.

The first event was the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at South Valley Park

you may recall, the community received a Maryland State matching grant to help pay for this new amenity, led by Senator King. This project, in partnership with Montgomery Village Sports Association, was over 20 years in the making, and I can tell you that the facility was in full swing with hundreds of football players, family members and volunteers using it that day! I consider this a terrific victory for our community, as we now have a beautiful facility that rivals any of those in other communities and allows our park patrons a much improved experience.

The second event (that same day) was our annual Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival. Special thanks goes to mother nature for a stellar day! I really enjoyed my day with so many Village residents, playing the games, tasting the food and being with our community. As is our tradition, I was honored to race a pumpkin on behalf of MVF. For those attending the VIP race it was an exciting competition – I thought this might be my year, only to have my pumpkin smashed near the end of the race and be beaten by fellow board member Jim Marsh's Ohio State themed pumpkin, truly adding to the agony of defeat! In all seriousness,

this was an amazing day of community and fun, and the MVF staff deserves a huge thanks from us all.

As always, I invite you to get involved, share your talents and thoughts with us and help Montgomery Village stay

for our new restroom and concession stand facility. We were honored to have our Maryland legislative District 39 team represented, along with Congressman Delaney's office also in attendance. As the amazing community it has been all these years. I welcome your feedback; feel free to e-mail me at peter@youngspa.com.

Cheers,
 Pete



MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION LIST

October 27, 2016

1. Mr. Clark moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held September 22, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Marsh moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Webb moved to approve the 2017 Budget and 5-Year Plan with a change in the MVF Fund assessment increase from \$0.85 to \$0.24 per unit per month for 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Marsh moved that the annual assessment rates for calendar year 2017 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$252.36 for the MVF Fund, \$413.04 for Designated Users, and \$123.00 for Poplar Spring according to the approved 2017 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. Driscoll moved that the annual assessment rate for calendar year 2017 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$252.36 according to the approved 2017 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. Gargan moved that the annual assessment rate for calendar year 2017 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$126.24 according to the approved 2017 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. Ms. Franke moved to appoint Bob Carey as Treasurer of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Webb moved to appoint Beth-Ellen Berry to the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Ms. Franke moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate and execute a contract with Draper & McGinley as MVF's audit firm for a 3-year period (and 2 1-year options). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Clark moved to eliminate "Charitable, Philanthropic Institution" (paragraph number 16) from Exhibit 1 as an allowable use and authorize the EVP to negotiate the Third Supplemental and Amended and Restated Declaration and Grant of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions for the Montgomery Village Professional Center, with the Board President to execute the final document. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the membership request for the Committee on the Environment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Mr. Marsh moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate a license agreement with Smartwebs to implement mobile violations software. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Ms. Franke moved to send a letter to the Montgomery County Council opposing the M-83 two-lane parkway. The motion was seconded and failed (6-0); Ms. Franke abstained.
14. Mr. Driscoll moved that no trimming be done this fall along Lake Whetstone except for the dam and to remove invasive species. The motion was seconded and failed (7-0).
15. Mr. Clark moved to award the bid to Playground Specialists for \$31,881 and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen expenses for a total of \$35,069. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
16. Ms. Franke moved to authorize the EVP to continue to negotiate and approve change orders, adjustments to allowances and credits as identified on the attachment, and authorize the additional expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$241,750 over the approved contract cost. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
17. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
18. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
19. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

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

3. Typed letters and e-mail must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution, while handwritten letters must be received no later than noon on the Friday, one week prior to publication. When a holiday occurs on a deadline Monday, Letters to the Editor must be received no later than noon on the subsequent Tuesday prior to the Friday publication and distribution.

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

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E-mail letters to mvnnews@mvmf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor



Editor:

As the chair of the Whetstone Ad Hoc Committee on Adult Day Care, Lynn Strosnider and her letter to the editor appearing in the October 21 *Montgomery Village News* put a bow around the unsuccessful Whetstone Covenant Amendment Ballot activity in thanking both Whetstone residents and its board, and then grouching about the voter suppression efforts of those who encouraged residents not to return their ballots. Still, the letter succeeded in raising more questions than it answered.

1. The letter mentioned inuendo and misrepresenting facts associated with the first ballot. Are there any examples of these behaviors designed to suppress the vote?

2. Surprisingly, the letter makes no mention of the second ballot promised in the October 7 *Village News* "Whetstone Watch" column but not followed up on in the October 21 *Village News* "Whetstone Watch" column. Has the ill-conceived second ballot become the elephant in the room?

3. Are there still plans for a second ballot?

4. If so, will the Whetstone Ad Hoc Committee on Adult Day Care continue its activities?

5. If so, will the committee and the Whetstone board seek the opinion and judgment of the community before proceeding?

6. The "Whetstone Watch" column in the October 7 *Village News* confidently alluded to

specific plans on how to garner the additional votes needed to pass the amendments. What are these plans?

7. Do these plans involve a trained corps of canvassers?

8. Do these plans involve the use of Proxy Voter Forms described in the August 19 *Village News*, "A homeowner may also authorize people listed on a proxy vote form to vote on behalf of the owner for any and all covenant and by-laws...?"

9. What is the timeline for conducting the second ballot including the schedule of any community meetings needed to consult with Whetstone residents?

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

County Schedule for Veterans' Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Veterans' Day, Friday, Nov. 11.

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County Liquor stores – open normal hours

Recreation – aquatic and community centers open as scheduled; classes and programs will meet as scheduled; all senior programs cancelled, and administrative offices and senior centers closed

Montgomery Parks – for operating schedule, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Ride On will run on a Special Modified Holiday Schedule

Metrobus – information available at www.wmata.com

TRIPS Commuter Stores – closed

Transfer Station Recycling and Trash drop-offs – open with normal hours

Recycling Center – closed

Transfer Station and Recycling Center Administrative Offices – closed

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station – closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices – open; early release day for K to 8th grade students

State Offices and Courts – closed

Residents with financial background needed for Investment Committee

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

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

recommendations to the Board on investment strategy and policy and approving investment transactions that are in line with the policy. Currently, MVF has approximately \$8 million invested. Certified Financial Advisors, Investment

Advisors, Chief Financial Officers or others with expertise in investment management/banking are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact MVF CFO Greg Snellings at 240-243-2323 or e-mail

gsnellings@mvf.org. To apply, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

You are cordially invited to attend the
Montgomery Village Foundation
Welcome Reception
for new residents

Thursday, Nov. 10
7 to 8:30 p.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

R.S.V.P. by Monday, Nov. 7 to
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IN THE NEWS

New MVF Treasurer, committee members appointed

by Mike Conroy

Former Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry attended her last MVF Board meeting on October 27, when new Treasurer Bob Carey was appointed. Berry noted earlier in the year that she was resigning the position, but would stay until a replacement was found. Village resident Bob Carey volunteered for the position and reviewed his qualifications with CFO Greg Snellings and the Board last month. Berry has served on the Board since September 2009.

To continue her service to the community in another capacity, Berry was appointed to serve on the Audit Committee, a role she is familiar with from her service as Treasurer. Additionally, Village resident Mario Salazar was appointed to the Committee on the Environment (COE), adding to that committee's membership and dedication to the environmental aspects of the community.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

In other COE-related items, the Board voted not to act on recommendations from the committee at this time. The first recommendation from the COE was to send a letter to the county council opposing a two-lane highway option for M-83. The Board determined it would be in their best interest to wait for the study on this alternative – which should be released in the next month – before taking a position on the matter. The second COE recommendation asked

that no pruning be done around the Lake Whetstone shoreline this fall.

Regarding financial matters, the Board adopted the 2017 MF Budget and 5-year Plan, as well as set the MVF and Designated User (DU) assessment rates for 2017. The MVF fee will see a slight increase at \$.24/month and the DU fee will increase \$1.40/month as expected in the draft budget. The Board also authorized the Executive Vice President (EVP) to negotiate and execute a contract for audit services with Draper & McGinley, per the Audit Committee's recommendation.

The EVP was also authorized to negotiate a contract with Smartwebs for mobile violations software implementation. The Smartwebs platform will interface with the resident database Jenark and provide Architectural Standards and Community Management staff improved inspection reporting while in the field. Additionally, process efficiencies such as eliminating current manual processes and enhanced inspection and violation reports will help both departments' staff get information to residents in a more timely manner.

In Recreation news, a bid to replace the Watkins Mill playground was awarded to Playground Specialists Inc. This decision was supported by community input and a recommendation from the Recreation Committee. Additionally, change orders were approved for the Apple Ridge Pool renovation

project. Some adjustments like permit allowances and roofing costs were necessary, while others, including adding a slide to the wading pool were desired changes that will enhance the pool for residents.

Finally, the EVP was authorized to negotiate the Third Supplemental and Amended and Restated Declaration and Grant of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions of the Montgomery Village Professional Center. This negotiation will allow for uses of the Professional Center under the newly established zoning on the site.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MVF Board President Pete Young commented on the recent Great Pumpkin Race and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at South Valley Park. He noted the time and effort that went into both projects, and thanked staff and elected officials for making both events a success.

EVP REPORT

EVP Dave Humpton noted that the focus of the Community Retail Forum scheduled for November 3 is to be about national, regional and local retail trends, and how they can impact the future of the Village. He also mentioned a county public hearing scheduled for November 1 to discuss bills that can help the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Humpton said the bills propose additional tools that can help DHCA in dealing with foreclosed and vacant properties, which in turn could help the Village.

Humpton reminded the Board that the M-83 studies regarding the recent two-lane parkway option was scheduled to be completed in the near future, and that would be a good time to study and respond to any findings. He also noted that Governor Hogan took the Corridor Cities Transitway out of the consolidated transportation program; without funding for planning, this could mean major delays to the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry gave the financial report for both the month of September and the year-to-date (YTD), noting the overall solid financial position of MVF.

Berry noted that Revenue was favorable to the budget for both September and YTD, with Investment Income being the primary driver; Assessments Fees and Advertising are running slightly unfavorable to the budget. Personnel Costs are favorable to the budget for both the month and YTD due to some unfilled positions and lower than expected seasonal employee costs.

Operating Expenses were also reported as favorable to the budget for September and YTD, with landscaping services as the only area running over budget; overall, MVF is approximately \$200,000 favorable to the budget YTD.

Contributions to Reserves were made in accordance with the budget; \$85,434 in September and \$768,909 YTD. The Capital

Contribution Fee garnered an additional \$18,091 for the month and totals \$118,668 YTD. To date, MVF has spent nearly \$589,000 on Reserve Assets.

A Net Loss of \$28,000 for the was unfavorable to the budget by \$19,000, however, Net Income YTD is \$879,000, which is favorable to the budget by approximately \$450,000.

The Balance Sheet shows MVF holding \$8.2 million in Cash and Investments, and maintaining a strong financial position. This includes \$1.8 million in Undesignated Reserves and over \$6 million in Designated Reserves. The Delinquency Rate is at 6.9%, which is the lowest rate in several years.

Berry reported that the Investment Committee met to review the investment portfolio, which is currently performing with a 4.9% Return on Investment (ROI), which is at the 5% ROI benchmark set in the Investment Policy.

NEXT MEETING

Due to Thanksgiving, the next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 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 2016

OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

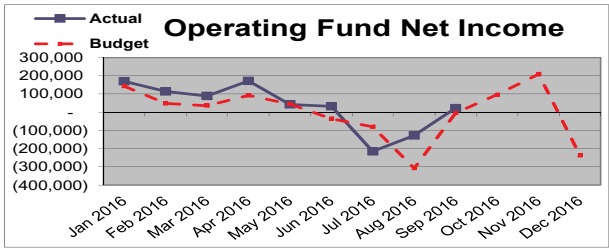
	September 2016			YTD Sep 2016 September 2016		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	504,214	504,176	39	4,538,091	4,537,583	509
Assessment Fees	505	5,700	(5,195)	144,919	191,989	(47,070)
Transfer Fees	2,775	2,905	(130)	29,325	25,873	3,452
Disclosure Fees	15,269	10,309	4,960	129,397	98,190	31,207
Advertising revenue	6,591	7,211	(621)	101,556	114,296	(12,740)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	3,624	3,188	436	108,536	75,976	32,560
Camps & Classes	18,738	11,320	7,418	236,713	212,505	24,208
Management Fees	65,741	65,208	532	591,877	586,875	5,002
Capital Contribution fee	17,926	10,073	7,853	118,503	83,970	34,533
Other Income	16,159	5,143	11,016	138,706	111,645	27,061
Total Revenue	651,542	625,232	26,309	6,137,623	6,038,903	98,720
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	272,515	278,863	6,348	2,555,789	2,675,258	119,469
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	74,231	79,709	5,478	721,592	766,113	44,521
Personnel Costs	346,746	358,572	11,826	3,277,381	3,441,371	163,991
Business Expenses	12,436	16,342	3,906	152,065	190,169	38,104
Office Supplies	2,870	4,312	1,442	26,982	41,075	14,093
Program/Maint Supplies	5,777	7,300	1,523	115,873	109,800	(6,073)
Occupancy	45,429	34,953	(10,476)	235,961	268,134	32,173
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	17,474	18,660	1,187	203,442	226,463	23,021
Equip Maintenance	486	1,700	1,214	18,770	32,150	13,380
Vehicle Expenses	2,073	2,048	(24)	15,170	18,985	3,815
Financial & Legal	18,529	9,619	(8,910)	87,511	97,011	9,501
Insurance	12,041	12,265	224	79,711	81,465	1,754
Printing	4,157	4,200	43	43,891	53,675	9,784
Landscaping/Maintenance	45,807	51,423	5,616	601,582	582,148	(19,434)
Security	11,353	13,695	2,342	86,189	113,255	27,066
Other	(15)	-	15	10	-	(10)
Operating Costs	178,415	176,516	(1,899)	1,667,159	1,814,331	147,173
Contribution to Reserves	85,434	85,434	0	768,909	768,909	0
Contribution to CCF	18,091	10,073	(8,018)	118,668	83,970	(34,698)
Purchases of Assets	866	-	(866)	8,050	24,200	16,150
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(27,000)	(27,000)
Restricted Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve/capital	104,391	95,507	(8,884)	895,627	850,079	(45,548)
Operating Expenses	629,552	630,595	1,043	5,840,166	6,105,782	265,616
Excess/Deficit Revenue	21,990	(5,363)	27,353	297,457	(66,879)	364,336

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.

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended September 30, 2016

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,435,987	2,143,667
Investments	5,788,399	5,517,474
Due from Reserves	134,373	311,891
Assessment Receivables	622,949	746,933
Other Receivables	87,004	50,073
Current Assets	9,068,712	8,770,038
Gross Fixed Assets	14,196,419	13,491,476
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,591,788)	(7,540,886)
Fixed Assets	6,604,630	5,950,589
Other Assets	52,095	51,285
Assets	15,725,437	14,771,913
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	134,373	311,891
Payables	380,525	443,564
Sunstream Cap Lease	123,387	-
Deferred Revenue Liab	473,602	423,523
Liabilities	1,111,888	1,178,978
Undesignated Reserves	2,372,820	1,852,256
Designated Reserves	12,240,725	11,740,674
Equity	14,613,545	13,592,930
Liabilities & Equity	15,725,437	14,771,913



IN THE NEWS



photo by Ken Weiss

Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors President Pete Young speaks to the Gaithersburg Rotary Club at their October 18 meeting. Young has spoken to both the Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village clubs this year, sharing the Village's forward progress and recent changes with the members.

Stay connected with Montgomery Village



Leaf Removal Schedule



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

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The week of Dec. 5

EASTGATE

The week of Nov. 28

EAST VILLAGE

The week of Nov. 7

The week of Dec. 12

MARYLAND PLACE

The week of Nov. 28

NORTH VILLAGE

Please see neighborhood corners for signage.

PATTON RIDGE

The week of Nov. 28

SOUTH VILLAGE

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

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS

The week of Nov. 7

STEDWICK

The week of Nov. 14

WHETSTONE

The week of Nov. 7

The week of Dec. 5.

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



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IN THE NEWS

Metro Red Line SafeTrack Surge 10

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Surge 10 will affect the Red Line through Tuesday, Nov. 22. This surge is expected to cause delays on the entire Red Line—the Metrorail system's busiest line. Metro is urging commuters to find alternatives, particularly during weekday, peak travel hours. Surge 10 is the last surge that will directly affect Montgomery County.

SUMMARY OF SAFETRACK SURGE 10

- Red Line trains will run in two segments—Shady Grove to NoMa-Gallaudet U every six minutes and Glenmont to Fort Totten every 10 minutes.
- Metrorail stations at Brookland-CUA and Rhode Island Avenue will be closed.
- Metro will run free shuttle buses to replace trains between NoMa-Gallaudet U and Fort Totten.

- Ride On will run free shuttle buses between the Silver Spring, Takoma and Fort Totten Metrorail stations during extended rush hours.
- The Green/Yellow Line provides a good alternative between Fort Totten and Gallery Place.
- Other alternatives include the MARC train; additional Metrobuses along key north-south routes; and Park and Ride lots at Green/Yellow Line Metrorail stations.
- For those riding other sections of the Red Line, there will be fewer trains arriving less often.
- Overall, Red Line customers are urged to consider telecommuting, off-peak travel, bus, MARC and other alternatives. Commuters should expect trains to be extremely crowded.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

To help alleviate traffic through the affected Red Line areas, WMATA offers these transportation alternatives:

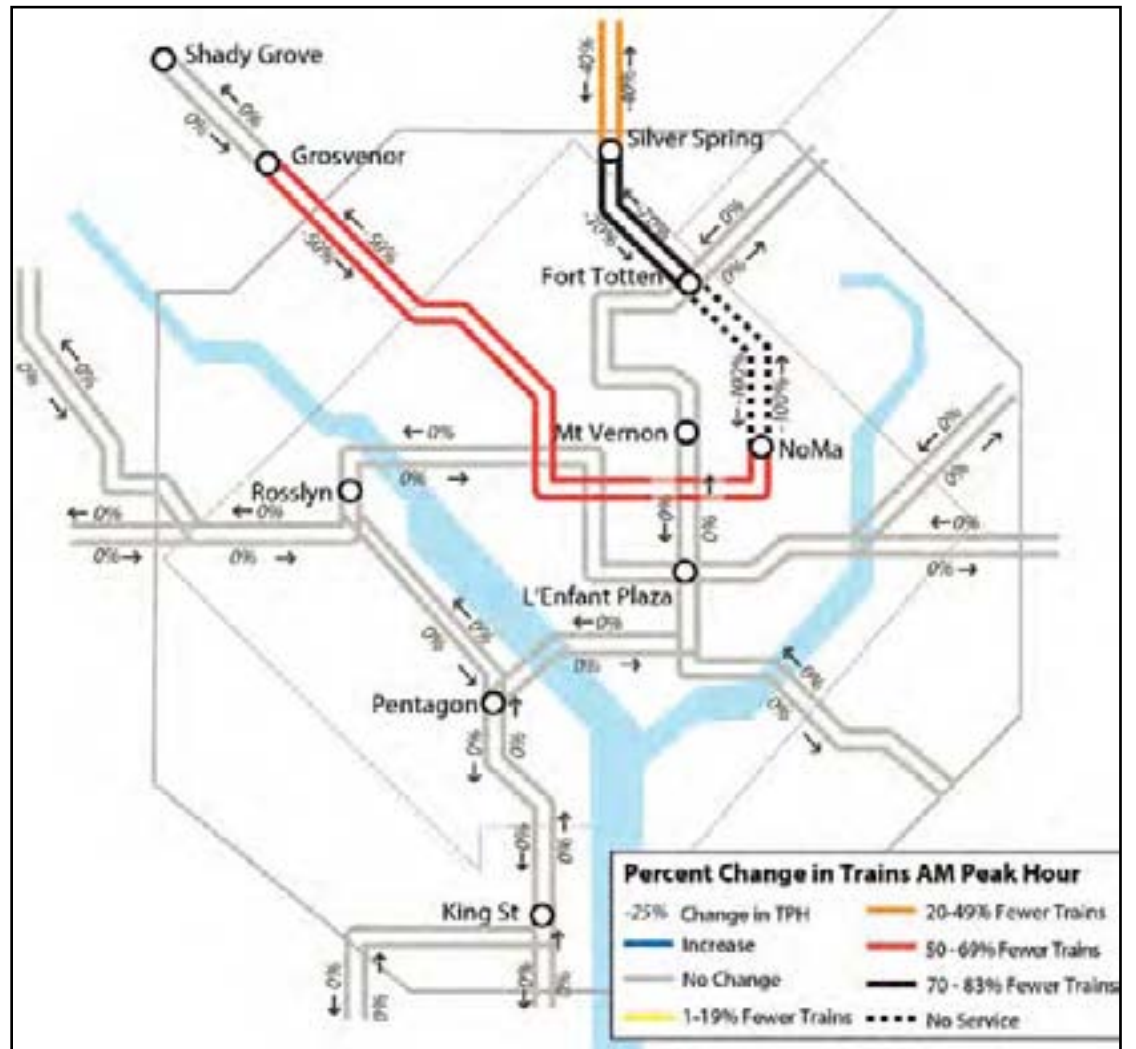
- Ride On "Red Line Shuttle"
- Enhanced Metrobus service
- Metrorail Green/Yellow Line
- Take MARC Train

- Explore Commuter Services Options
- Biking
- Consider driving as a last resort
- Telecommuting options during Metro Surge

For more and expanded information about these options, visit www.wmata.com/rider_tools/

metro_service_status/advisories.cfm?AID=5590.

Montgomery County's 311 Call Center is extending its hours to 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday now through Tuesday, Nov. 22. For more information about Surge 10, visit www.mc311.com and use the key words "safe track."



St. Francis Holiday Bazaar & Flea Market

Saturday, Nov. 12 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Prof. Center

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hold living; personal living quarters; major impact home health practitioners; hotels and charitable, philanthropic institutions. In total, 26 uses were eliminated from the use table.

In addition to specific parameters in the CRT zone (design standards, including public amenities), the county's site plan regulatory requirements would protect the neighboring Whetstone residences. County planners have taken into account buffers, storm water management, landscaping, lighting, height and massing of buildings, rooftop structures (HVAC equipment), dumpster enclosures, etc. Within the Declaration, MVF retains architectural review, which again provides a level of control to help plan and build a project that is in harmony with the adjoining residential community. WHC's concerns about compatibility and impacts such as increased traffic, schools, too

much density, etc. can be addressed during the multi-step regulatory process which encourages public participation.

Along with the use table, other modifications to the zoning have been negotiated with the owner and will be incorporated into the final Declaration. These include: no drive thru (including gas service pumps or gas stations); no single retail store exceeding 30,000 sq. ft.; no pawn shops; commercial and residential "floor area ratio" (FAR) restrictions; and a maximum height of 75 feet.

The Declaration also allows MVF to retain the right to oversee maintenance of the property and requires the owner to reimburse MVF for any maintenance costs. Additionally, a new section was added that establishes a basis for future residential units to be annexed into MVF or for units to be brought in via a contract, if the property were

to be developed with residential units.

At present, there are no plans on the table for changing the Professional Center, however NorthStar is looking to market the site to the appropriate buyers, given the agreed use table. As with any potential development, future concepts and other plans are subject to county processes and multiple opportunities for public and resident input.

To view the Third Supplemental and Amended and Restated Declaration and Grant of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions for the Montgomery Village Professional Center, including the use table, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. Select "Development & Projects" from the "About MV" menu on the blue bar, then expand the section on "MV Professional Center."

IN THE NEWS

The 2016 White House Christmas Ornament

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

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

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

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

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

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

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



New residents invited to Welcome Reception

New residents are invited to attend an MVF-sponsored New Residents Welcome Reception from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

The Welcome Reception offers a chance to meet new neighbors and learn about local businesses, clubs, schools and organizations. Meet many state and county elected officials at the reception.

MVF staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about living in a planned community.

Area services, businesses and schools will also be represented, and free refreshments will be served. For more information, call 240-243-2331.



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IN THE NEWS

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new Public Safety Training Academy

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett officially opened the new Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA), 8751 Snouffer School Road, Gaithersburg, on October 28. Joining Leggett were: county councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Marc Elrich; Congressman John Delaney; Police Chief J. Thomas Manger; Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein; Department of Transportation Director Al Roshdieh; Department of Correction and Rehabilitation Director Robert Green; and Department of General Services Director David Dise.

The new PSTA is part of the Montgomery County Multi Agency Service Park (MASP). Its opening marks the completion of the eighth project and final construction of a new facility in Leggett's Smart Growth Initiative (SGI). The SGI, introduced by the County Executive in 2008, represents a bold program designed to provide critically needed public facilities by leveraging county-owned land for use in job creation and in providing transit-oriented housing.

"It is especially gratifying that we are opening our eighth new facility today in my Smart Growth Initiative, which continues the vision of using our county's building site resources to their greatest potential," said Leggett. "Through this initiative we have built a world-class public safety training facility that will have a positive impact on the preparedness of our public safety personnel and the safety of our county for decades to come."

"Montgomery County residents are rightly proud of our public safety force," said Council President Floreen. "The opening of the new Public Safety Training Academy represents a terrific next step in ensuring our personnel get the top-notch training and continuing education that help to make our county the envy of jurisdictions across the country."

The former PSTA located at 9710 Great Seneca Highway in Rockville, was completed in 1973. Since then, the training needs of public safety agencies have changed significantly. The PSTA houses the specialized training programs for all new law enforcement officers hired by Montgomery County's Department of Police, Office of the Sheriff, Rockville City Police, Gaithersburg Police, Takoma Park Police, Chevy Chase Village Police, the Maryland-National Capital Park Police-Montgomery County, and the Office of the Fire Marshal. The PSTA also



houses functional training programs for all career and volunteer fire and emergency personnel in the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. Department of Transportation Ride On bus operators and Department of Correction and Rehabilitation staff will also receive training here.

"With the continued focus on police training issues in this country, a state-of-the-art Training Academy allows us to employ all of the best practices developed over the past 10 years," said Chief Manger. "The use of technology and realistic scenario-based training are key. This facility will help improve public safety in Montgomery County."

The new PSTA facility will provide the Montgomery County Police Training Academy a technologically up-to-date learning environment for all members of the Montgomery County Department of Police, as well as their allied agencies. It will allow academy staff to provide scenario-based training. The campus features two indoor-firearm ranges, four full-sized buildings that replicate a townhouse, a garden apartment, a single-family home, bank, convenience store and school facility for scenario-based de-escalation training and a vehicle driving track and skidpan area. The main academic building has nine classrooms, a use-of force-training simulator, defensive-tactics training room, gymnasium, weight room and administrative office space. The Police Canine (K9) Unit will be housed on the campus with an 80,000-square-foot fenced training area, kennels and administrative office space.

"This state-of-the-art facility will allow for all-hazards training and education for decades to come," said Fire Chief Goldstein. "This will support the career and volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical personnel from not only Montgomery County but from across the state and region. This new campus expands the joint public safety drills and training that can take place."

For the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, this new, state-of-the-art facility provides unparalleled access to cutting-edge technology, integrated and reality-based training experiences and a consolidation of critical public safety and first-responder training. Complimentary to the advanced technological benefits of the eight classrooms in the Academic Building are the specialized resources for practical-skills training. Two advanced training buildings are designed for developing both residential and commercial firefighting skills. A four-story High-Bay Building provides a year-round training environment which includes a tactical training village and mixed-use town center capable of simulating a variety of advanced emergency scenarios, technical and confined-space training and rescues. A Command Training Lab provides reality-based training for department officers on managing large-scale, all-hazard events. Two Metro Railcars have been donated to provide critical training on complex rail operations. ALS Simulation Labs provide EMS providers with state-of-the-art training tools.

Staying Aware in the Village

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

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 19100 block of Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 11:02 p.m. on October 8. The female suspect implied that she had a weapon and took the adult male victim's property.

Suspects: B/F, age unknown B/M, age unknown

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

A commercial burglary occurred at the Montgomery County Liquor Store located at 20004 Goshen Road in the early morning hours of October 11. Forced entry; property was taken.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 19300 block of Keymar Way between approximately 8 a.m. and approximately 4 p.m. on October 6. Forced entry; property was taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 9400 block of Horizon Run Road at approximately 6:30 p.m. on October 11. The suspect assaulted the adult male victim and took his property.

Suspect: B/M, age unknown

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Three thefts from vehicles occurred between October 3 and October 10. Affected streets include Burchap Drive. No force; cash and property were taken.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between October 11 and October 16. Affected streets include Gardenspot Place and Rainbowview Place, among others. Force was reported in one event; two vehicles were left unlocked, and unknown entry to the remaining vehicles; cash and property were taken.

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MVF CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Rental Facilities in the Village

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

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

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

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

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



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

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

2017 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

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

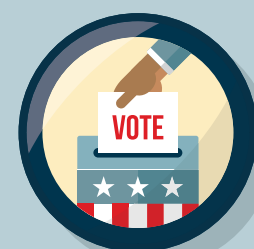
- Status as residential property owner or resident
 - Length of residency in Montgomery Village
 - Previous participation in community affairs
 - Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community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

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

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

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

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



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Engagement & Wedding Announcements

Bride's Information

Bride's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Complete Address _____

 Employer _____
 Employment City, State _____
 Job Title _____
 Years of Service _____
 Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

 College Name _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Field of Study and Degree _____
 High School _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Awards/Achievements _____

 Bride's Mother's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Bride's Father's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Maid/Matron of Honor First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Groom's Information

Groom's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Complete Address _____

 Employer _____
 Employment City, State _____
 Job Title _____
 Years of Service _____
 Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

 College Name _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Field of Study and Degree _____
 High School _____
 Year Graduated _____
 Awards/Achievements _____

 Groom's Mother's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Groom's Father's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____
 Best Man's First Name _____
 M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Engagement Date _____
 Wedding Date _____
 Wedding Location _____

Honeymoon Location _____
 Address Where Couple Plans to Reside _____

Birth Announcements

Child's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
 Length/Weight _____
 Mother's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Mother's Last Name _____
 Father's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Father's Last Name _____
 Address _____
 Hospital Name & Location (City, State) _____

Achievement Announcements

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 Address _____

 Telephone _____
 Email (optional) _____

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Anniversary Announcements

Wife's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Husband's First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____

 Anniversary Date _____
 Number of Years Married _____
 Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed)

 Number of Grandchildren _____
 Description of How Anniversary Couple Met _____

 Where Couple Was Married _____

 Wife's Employer/Location _____
 Husband's Employer/Location _____

 Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary _____

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

What is a contemporary style house?

A contemporary style house is one that grew out of modern architecture, which arose with the Industrial Revolution of the early 20th century. Contemporary style was a break from the traditional style architectural models.

Contemporary style houses emphasize a direct connection between indoors and outdoors. These houses are typically one or two stories, with open floor plans in L, T, H or U-shaped configurations leading to outdoor spaces. Natural light is

avored in this style, and large non-symmetrically placed windows, clerestory windows, skylights and two story windows are used throughout the design.

Strong geometric shapes are predominant in the exterior design and the façade is often irregular or asymmetrical. The exterior finishes feature wood, cedar or stone to convey natural elements. Clean lines and geometric shapes are highlighted in the overall design.

Many contemporary style

homes are found in the communities of Montgomery Village. Single-family contemporary homes are found in The Points of Northgate; The Heights of Stedwick; and The Courts of Whetstone. Contemporary townhouse communities include Clubside of Middle Village; Overlea, McKendree I and II and Dorsey's Regard of Northgate; as well as Arrowhead of Patton Ridge; Charlesgate of Eastgate; and Thomas Choice Condominiums.



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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Leaf removal in Stedwick

by Keith Silliman

Autumn has arrived and the leaves are turning colors and starting to fall. The first Stedwick community-wide leaf pickup will occur from Monday, Nov. 14 to Friday, Nov. 18. A second leaf pickup will occur later in the fall. Thank you to our residents who have already started to rake leaves to the curbs. If you have leaves or other yard waste, it can be recycled through the Montgomery County yard waste pickups that take place each week as part of the regular recycling pickup. Just place your yard wastes in one of the large paper bags that can be obtained at local grocery or hardware stores or in a plastic bin clearly labeled as yard waste and place it at the curb on the normal recycling pickup day.

Tree Montgomery has recently completed planting trees throughout Stedwick. This is a program of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection designed to slow rainwater runoff during storms. Montgomery County will maintain those trees for the next two years to ensure that they become well-established.

Montgomery County is finishing up curb and sidewalk work along Stedwick Road; this makes the sidewalks at all entryways along Stedwick Road ADA accessible.

The Stedwick Board of Directors is in the process of reviewing all the board policies. Any changes made will be posted to our website, www.stedwick.org.

Three board member positions will be up for election in 2017. Nominations for those positions will close on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, a little more than two months from now. If you are interested in being a candidate for one of those positions, contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326.

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of Stedwick-owned property in your neighborhood, or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, please contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvmf.org or consult our community website, www.stedwick.org. You can also bring any ideas or concerns to the board of directors during our regular meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first item on the agenda.

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

Potential uses of the MV Professional Center

by William R. Ott

Current events are now shaping what could be the future of the Montgomery Village Professional Center on the corner of Centerway Road and Montgomery Village Avenue.

On the agenda for the October 27 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting was consideration of options for changing the covenants originally established by Kettler Brothers restricting the use of the Professional Center to medical and health related services. With the community's and county's endorsement of the MVF Strategic Plan and Vision 2030, the Professional Center site has been rezoned as a relatively high density, mixed use, commercial/residential area — with the stipulation that it blend well with the neighboring residential communities.

Now, in order to begin marketing to potential developers, the owner of the property (a bank) has asked the MVF Board to reconsider the options for uses of the Professional Center in lieu of the new zoning provisions. The MVF Board has the authority to change those covenants.

In August 2016, MVF Executive Vice President David Humpton sent a letter to the Whetstone Board of Directors to solicit its ideas on the potential uses of the Professional Center site. Our recommendations were developed at an open committee meeting on September 22 attended by five Whetstone board members and approximately 30 Whetstone residents.

On the list provided to us by Mr. Humpton, there were 60 possible uses of the Professional Center property. Eleven of those were considered inappropriate and already rejected by Mr. Humpton. Of the remaining uses, Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) supported 25 of them. These appeared to be most consistent with the vision for a mixed use, commercial/residential community located at a busy crossroads on the border of an established residential community. We recommended rejecting 25 of them.

Following this input from the Whetstone board and further open discussion at the September 29 Whetstone board meeting attended by Mr. Humpton and others from the community, six more of those uses were rejected by Mr. Humpton, including hotel/motel, community gardens, home health practitioner with "major impact" and personal living quarters. This last use, in case you're wondering, was essentially to provide dormitory style accommodations with shared kitchens and sanitary facilities.

I believe this is a good example of how community input can have a positive effect on the future of Village development. What are our areas of agreement for potential uses of the site? They include household living of just about any kind: single, duplex and townhouse units; apartments; independent living facilities for seniors or disabled; bed and breakfast units; home occupation units; live/work units; cultural and educational institutions; playgrounds; restaurants; clinics and offices; medical/dental laboratories; conference center; health club; retail units (up to 5,000 sq. ft. each); artisan manufacturing and production units; and temporary construction administration units.

So where do we not agree? Here are a few of the areas.

Residential Care Facilities, such as a nursing home, an assisted living facility, a hospice, and a group home that would be competitive with existing facilities in the area.

Family Day Care. These uses include day care facilities for more than eight persons or as many as 30 or more, with at least one person in residence.

Religious Assembly. Six religious congregations now exist in the Village with many other religious institutions nearby.

Retail Establishment. We are supportive of retail establishments of less than 5,000 sq. ft. each, but oppose larger ones. Larger establishments belong in the Village Center.

In our most recent discussions with Mr. Humpton, it appears that he agrees with us on most of our concerns and doubts whether it would be economical for anyone to consider developing the site as a parking lot, for example, or a residential care facility, or a family day care facility. So, the argument goes, why not leave these uses on the list since they won't happen anyway? That way the list of uses doesn't appear to be overly restrictive. The counter-argument is that, after spending five years or more developing a vision for the site, one should stick to the vision and not compromise it for fear that it will appear restrictive, no one will develop the property and it will remain vacant.

Bottom line: stay tuned, stay engaged and let the representatives on your homeowner's association and the MVF Board of Directors know your thoughts. Your opinion matters!

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village October board meeting (continued)

by the North Village Board of Directors

We continue our report on the regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors that was held on October 20, which was too late for coverage in the last issue. After approving the minutes of the August 18 meeting, the board was presented with the financial reports for August and September. Since the financial reports are cumulative, our treasurer reported only on the financial report from September 30. She said that there was \$137,466.39 in Operating Cash but that this did not include bills from the recent tree work.

Our treasurer noted that the Accounts Receivable was \$65,825, which was down from a year ago by \$36,000 and write-offs from bankruptcies and foreclosures were clearing the delinquency list. She added that bulk trash removal had resulted in several large bills totaling \$1,600. The Net Loss year-to-date is \$6,800, which will increase when the tree work bills are submitted. This net loss is the residual from the large snow removal costs last winter.

The audit committee reported that, at the request of the board, they are seeking a new audit firm and that requests for proposals (RFPs) had been issued and prospective accounting firms have already responded.

The chairman of the budget and reserves committee stated that the board will vote on the proposed 2017 budget at the November board meeting. A summary of the budget was published in the October 7 *Village News* and the board must allow 30 days from the publication of the budget for residents to submit comments.

The chairman of the maintenance committee reported that one of the pet stations had to be replaced due to vandalism. She recommended that the pet station be moved to a less vulnerable location. It is important that the pet stations be emptied weekly by our landscaping company under a separate ticket item.

She also mentioned that a special thanks goes out to the one resident who regularly removes large metal objects, such as refrigerators, that thoughtless residents leave out on the curb. Residents need to be reminded that our trash company will pick up such bulk items on Thursdays if you simply call them and arrange a pickup. You are paying for this service in your assessment

dollars, so you should make use of it. The Potomac Disposal number for bulk trash pickup is 301-294-9700.

The public safety committee announced that Commander Dinesh Patil, of the 6th District Police, will begin to conduct quarterly meetings with residents in Montgomery Village.

The capital improvements committee noted that the street repair on Nesbit Court has been completed. The board was able to tag on to another paving project in the Village for this work, resulting in a much cheaper project.

In her management report our community manager stated that the maintenance committee performed an inspection in September and marked 14 trees for removal in 2017. She added that the tree removals for 2016 have been completed.

Our community manager also updated the board about the Pepco tree project, stating that Pepco has confirmed the 12 areas where flowering trees will be planted this fall. She also said that management is continuing to research alternatives for painting our light poles since our lighting contractor does not paint fiberglass poles.

The first item under new business was the renewal of our management contract with the Montgomery Village Foundation. The contract was approved for three years with three additional one-year options to extend the agreement.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a landscaping contract. Although bids have been received, the board decided after much discussion to table the selection of a landscaping contract until the November meeting.

The final item on the agenda was the appointment of the election committee in preparation for the upcoming board elections at the end of the year.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail asteward@mvmf.org.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village Community Day

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The Thomas Choice West and Clubside neighborhoods came to together on Saturday, Oct. 22 and celebrated Middle Village Community Day.

The weather cooperated, and we were treated to a cool breeze and plenty of sunshine. There was a great turnout as neighbors came together to enjoy the festivities. The kids enjoyed the very popular bounce house and an inflatable basketball pop shot game.



Inflatable Bounce House



Basketball pop shot game

The refreshments were plentiful, with fresh popped popcorn and a preview of Halloween, including candy for the kids (and adults too!).

The Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to help us celebrate Community Day. There were two fire trucks and

an ambulance to check out. Fire safety information was provided, and firemen were on hand to answer questions. The firemen also treated onlookers to a demonstration as they flushed one of fire hydrants.

What event would be complete without a raffle? Middle Village residents entered a raffle drawing, and one lucky resident won a VISA gift card. In addition, four Middle Village residents each won a \$75 credit towards their HOA fee. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

A big thank you to the Middle Village vendors who contributed funds that made this day possible. Also thank you to the planning committee, event volunteers, ComSource and everyone who attended. Together we all made the day a great success!

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next Middle Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19402 Brassie Place.

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



Everyone had a chance to climb inside and check it out for themselves!



Volunteer firefighters demonstrate how to flush a hydrant.

photos submitted by Lisa Lewis

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTHGATE NEWS

Leaf removal begins November 14

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Leaf removal will start the week of November 14. Some areas have already had a clean-up due to the substantial number of leaves that fell. Please rake your leaves to the curb, not into the road. Also, do not bag your leaves unless you are putting them in paper yard cleanup bags for recycling. Northgate's landscape contractor will not pick up the bags.

Note that the leaves are vacuumed, so rain, snow or mechanical issues can delay removal. The contractor also has to take full loads of leaves out of the community, so there are starts and stops during any given day. Lastly, if the contractor comes through your neighborhood prior to November 14, they will be back.

Another pickup will occur in December, with the date to be determined.

TRASH

For some reason, there are residents who still fail to follow the easy-to-understand rules

for trash pickups, bulk pickups and recycling. Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>Left on 355>almost immediate Left into Transfer Station).

For pickups within our residential areas, Montgomery County requires that trash be stored in trash containers with tight fitting lids. This applies to both single-family houses and townhouses. Placing trash out in plastic bags or in open containers is causing a substantial litter and trash problem in Northgate. Fox, birds and other varmints are ripping bags and tipping open containers. Please

do your bit by properly storing your trash!

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

The board is asking if you see a resident putting out regular or bulk trash other than on the evening before pickup (or early on the pickup day), that you please report it to northgateHC@comsource.com. You will remain anonymous. There continues to be a dumping issue in certain neighborhoods and we need your help to resolve it.

We look forward to the day we do not have to write about trash over and over and over...

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Quick hits

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

SECURITY SERVICES

December will mark one year that U.S. Security Associates, Inc. (USA) has been our security patrol services for Patton Ridge. They patrol our community under the auspice of "observe and report." A representative from the company is scheduled to speak during residents time and provide an assessment of their first year.

TRUCK PARKING

The board is interested in surveying the community to determine if allowing parking of private trucks (not commercial) is desirable at this time. A survey will be mailed with expanded information in the weeks to come.

NOMINATING TIME

Interested in becoming involved with Patton Ridge community issues and activities? Election time will soon be upon us for the 2017-2020 term.

To become a candidate for nomination, one must prepare a written statement of qualifica-

tions, interests and reasons for candidacy. All nominees are required to submit a single page (type written, double spaced) summary statement of no more than 150 words for publication in the Friday, Dec. 16 edition of the *Village News*.

This statement must be delivered to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Expanded criteria for nominating directors to the board will appear in the next issue.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Due to the fourth Tuesday falling during Thanksgiving week, the next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 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, Fairidge, Greentee I & II, Highfield and Partridge Place I & II.

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

5. All nominees will be requested to submit a single page (typewritten, double spaced) statement, which will be reproduced in the Decem-

ber, January or February issue of the *Village News* and will be sent to all voters along with the ballots (standard form will be supplied to board nominees).

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

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

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

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

Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the Montgomery Village News must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view Village News guidelines,

visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, select "MVF," select "MVF Policies," choose "Communications Policies" and then "Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy" (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 30, 2016

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2017

NORTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Nov. 11, 2016

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 9, 2016

SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, Nov. 20, 2016

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 6, 2017

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students organize "Help Haiti" fundraiser to aid hurricane relief efforts

Mary of Nazareth School is living out its mission to serve through a student-led "Help Haiti" campaign. The campaign, spearheaded by 8th grade student Stevie Orsini aims to support Haitian relief efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Matthew. Orsini and his peers, with the help of school administrators, mobilized to designate Wednesday, Oct. 19 as an "out-of-uniform day" for all students making donations to the campaign. The suggested donation amount was set at \$2 for each child, with all participants encouraged to donate at least \$1 of their own money.

Adding creativity to social concern, students designed a plan to use their "out-of-uniform" privileges to recreate the Haitian flag as a display of solidarity. Students in prekindergarten and 1st grades wore white shirts, kindergarten to 4th grades wore red shirts, and 5th to 8th grades wore blue shirts. The entire student body assembled on Wednesday morning outside of the school's athletic building and created a living image of the Haitian flag.

Student participation reached every classroom, raising \$2,600 in total. Funds will be used to benefit the Haitian mission churches of two of the school's sponsoring parishes:

St. Joseph of Carcas (mission church of St. Mary's Parish and Shrine, Barnesville) and Our Lady of the Visitation Gonaives (mission church of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Darnestown). Additionally, a portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase book bags and school supplies for 10 Haitian children.

The positive impact of Mary of Nazareth School's "Help Haiti" campaign was felt immediately, as members of school and parish communities expressed their gratitude for the initiative. Parents of 1st grade student Abygail Thomas said "On behalf of our fellow Haitian citizens we would like to convey our deepest gratitude to the community of Mary of Nazareth for this whole-hearted initiative...we are deeply moved by your attention, and will treasure it forever in our heart."

Community outreach and service projects, such as the "Help Haiti" campaign, are an integral part of student life at Mary of Nazareth School. The school curriculum is designed to facilitate the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social and physical growth of each stu-

dent. Many of the school's service projects are sponsored by Mary of Nazareth's Social Concerns Committee, which aims to provide opportunities for students to fulfill their responsibility to those in need.

Mary of Nazareth is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence,

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Corgis as Pets

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Corgi colors are Red, Fawn, Sable, Black and Tan, Blue and Black and White.



Other Corgi Fun

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FALL SESSION

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**Fall Trip**

Our fall trip to the National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C. is now full. Any members still interested in attending can be placed on the waitlist. Non-members can be placed on the waitlist for the trip on Tuesday, Nov. 8. We are scheduled to visit the museum on Wednesday, Nov. 16. The bus will leave from Stedwick Community Center at 10 a.m.

**Potluck and Guest Speaker**

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

**Birthday Celebration**

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



Seniors in Action members participated in the Great Pumpkin Race by designing two pumpkins: "Winter Bear" and "Harvest Spider Pumpkin." Thank you to all those who helped out! Here are some of the pictures.



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

*Calendar***MONDAY****Arts and Crafts**
10 a.m. to noon

Artists of all skill levels will enjoy the wide variety of projects this workshop has to offer.

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

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

**Book Discussion Group**
10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month
Nov. 21: "Down and Out in Paris and London" by George Orwell
Dec. 19: "Rogue Lawyer" by John Grisham**TUESDAY****Light Cardio Workout**
9 to 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

second Friday each month
Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.
Free for members, \$2/Non-member

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@mvmf.org.

RECREATION

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 10



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

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

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

MVF Christmas Tree Lighting

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

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

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

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

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

Wine & Paint – Seasonal Lake Whetstone Scene



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

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

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

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

Thanksgiving Morning Aerobic Workout

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

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

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

MV Community Band/Blue Notes wants you!

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

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

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

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

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

FREE TOYS FOR TOTS

HOLIDAY CONCERT

the Montgomery Village Community Band
under the direction of Stephen Wampler presents

“Have Yourself a Merry Tuba Christmas”

with Guest Tuba Soloist Tom Holtz, U.S. Marine Band Retired

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Local tubists are encouraged to bring their tubas to join the ensemble for a special performance of *Tiptoe Thru the Tubas*.

Other musical selections will include seasonal favorites, *Gaudete* and *O Magnum Mysterium*.

Guests are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy donation to benefit The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Stay for complimentary refreshments after the concert.

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RECREATION

Halloween Spooktacular winners

On Friday, Oct. 30, Village children had the chance to participate in the annual Halloween Spooktacular which took place at Lake Marion Community Center. The event

brought out the creepiest and coolest Halloween costumes kids could imagine. During the night, guest enjoyed carnival-style games accompanied by prizes and candy, a fortune

teller, crafts and a celebratory Halloween parade. All children who participated in the parade received a ribbon. Costume contest winners were:

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Headless – Destiney Smith

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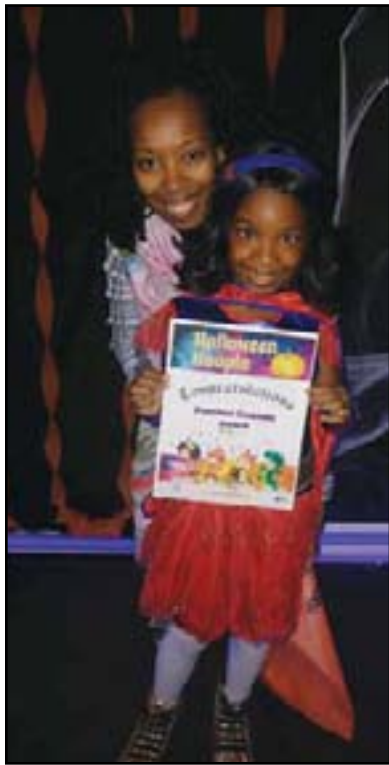
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Ages 3 to 5 – Snow White & Dwarf – Keira and Ryan Byrne

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Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 10
9:30 to 11 a.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

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\$12/Resident child
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Disguise-a-Pumpkin contest winners



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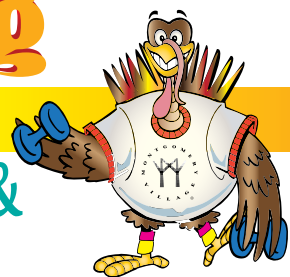
1st – Shaina Noriega
2nd – Carly Spence



Thanksgiving Morning

Aerobic Workout

Work up a hunger & help the hungry!



All proceeds will be donated to Gaithersburg HELP.

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

Lake Marion Community Center • 8821 East Village Avenue

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

Cost at the door

\$8/person OR

\$5 w/two non-perishable food donations



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

AT YOUR LEISURE

The first Little Free Library is now open in Montgomery Village

The Rabbit Run Little Free Library has opened in Montgomery Village. It is the first registered Little Free Library in Montgomery Village and it is located at the end of the community walking path at 9840 Dellcastle Road in the Fairridge community of Patton Ridge.

Please stop by and check out your community library. This library belongs to everyone. Anyone may use it including neighbors, friends and passersby. The books are always free.

When you are finished with a book, you may keep it, pass it on to a friend or return it to this library or another Little Free Library. If you have a book that you have read that you would like to donate to the Little Free

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Rabbit Run Little Free Library stocks adult books, children's books for all ages and magazines for your reading enjoyment. We are happy to be here promoting literacy-friendly neighborhoods in the community.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Rabbit Run Little Free Library—please leave us a note in the guest book with any suggestions or comments you would like to share.

For more information, visit us on the Little Free Library world map at www.littlefreelibrary.org.



Moonlight walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring the Bill Larson Memorial Moonlight Walk in Seneca Creek State Park on Saturday, Nov. 12. The 10km walk (with a 6km option) is on park roads, and the trail is rated 2A. This is a chance to experience beautiful Seneca Creek State Park, hopefully in the moonlight, for a different view of the world around

us. Both trails are suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

The Start/Finish point is the Seneca Creek State Park Office, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. Registration is between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Walkers must finish the walk by 10 p.m. The park will be open after hours for Volksmarchers only and will close promptly at 10:30 p.m.

The walk is free unless

Volksmarchers want to register for IVV credit. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point and on the trail. Walkers should carry flashlights and no pets are allowed on the trail at night.

For more information, contact Event Coordinator Jone Parr at 301-926-8580 or 301-385-0054, or e-mail Jone.P@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.sugarloafers.org.

Montgomery Village Garden Club to host guest florist

With the beautiful leaves of autumn all around, this is a perfect time to bring nature indoors. On Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:15 p.m. at Whetstone Community Center, 10401 Brooke Grove Court, professional florist Janet Flowers will demonstrate several floral designs that integrate varied natural items with flowers. She will create arrangements, focusing on colorful palettes, and share her techniques as she works. Flowers will welcome questions during her presentation and offer her items for purchase at the close of the evening.

Flowers is currently the

owner of Janet Flowers Wedding and Event Designs in Rockville. She has enjoyed 30 years of event design, horticulture and floristry experience. Her interest in floral design was sparked while growing up in a New Jersey lakefront home, surrounded by gardens. She won design awards in high school and pursued formal studies in Retail Floristry in college. Her signature floral design is sophisticated and original.

The friendly Montgomery Village Garden Club welcomes all for a pleasant evening of snacks and learning.

AAUW presents the life of Lilly Stone

Montgomery County native Lilly Stone was born during the Civil War; operated the stone quarry providing stone for the National Cathedral and National Zoo; inspired the design of the Montgomery County flag; and founded the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Judith Welles will present

the life of this accomplished woman at the Tuesday, Nov. 15 meeting of Gaithersburg AAUW (American Association of University Women.) The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue. All are welcome.

For more information, call 301-840-5443.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanksgiving servers needed at Asbury

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

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

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

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



Mercy Seat Chapel turkey giveaway

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

MSC's Head Pastor Ola Olarinde announced that this year, 300 families will be receiving one turkey each, a significant increase from last year's efforts. He believes that we need to support each other in difficult and trying times. In his own words "Just the way MSC families will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a turkey, we want parents that may be struggling right now to do the same with their families, regardless of their financial situation." Organizers are gearing up for a successful 2016 Thanksgiving Turkey Initiative and they are hoping for a great turnout.

Area residents in need of a turkey should contact the church office at 301-740-8118 on Thursdays or Fridays from

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit 17604 Washington Grove Lane, Gaithersburg to schedule a turkey pickup.

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

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

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