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MVF Board approves 2016 budget, assessment rates

by Mike Conroy

At its October 22 meeting, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors approved the 2016 Operating Budget, which includes a \$1.25/month increase in the Designated User (DU) assessment and no increase in the MVF Fund. 2016 rates are \$20.79/month for the MVF assessment and \$33.02/month for the DU assessment.

The MVF Fund was proposed to increase \$.65/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 2015 would end favorably, without the need for subsidy from Undesignated Reserves. Thus, the \$150,000 savings from 2015 is available for use in 2016, eliminating the need for the MVF Fund increase.

Helping Village students go to college:

CollegeTracks opens at Watkins Mill High School

The day before Halloween, students streamed into the CollegeTracks site at Wheaton High School. Eager students waited for a place at the career center computers to submit college applications while others jockeyed for position to sit with one of the organization's volunteers who were helping students compile application materials.

"We will be here until 6 o'clock tonight to help you. I repeat 6 not 6:30, so get going!" announced Meghan Lynch, the Wheaton program director.

Students raced to meet the priority deadlines for University of Maryland- College Park (UMCP) and University of Maryland-Baltimore Campus (UMBC), where many CollegeTracks students go and have a better chance for admission if they apply by November 1.

"UMCP admits 90 percent of its class from those who apply by November 1, so we encourage and help our students to apply early if that's where they want to go," says Lynch.

But they might not know how to apply to college at all if it weren't for CollegeTracks, a nonprofit college access and success program, operating in Montgomery County with the support of Montgomery County Public Schools, that helps low-income minority and first-generation-to-college students. That's because the process to get to college is fraught with obstacles, especially for young people whose parents or other adults they know have not gone

to college and can help them navigate the complex admissions process.

CollegeTracks has a corps of staff and volunteers at the ready to demystify the experience. On this important day, six to eight volunteers, plus Senior Program Director Zenia Henderson and Program Assistant Dwaine Brown, huddle around several tables helping students correct essays, submit standardized test results and file college applications and financial aid requests (FAFSA) online.

Volunteer Peggy Bare works with a student until her essay is in perfect form to submit. Bare sits on the CollegeTracks Board of Directors and is a retired grants manager for the Montgomery County Council. She knows the value of higher education, has guided her own children through the college admissions process and wants to give back—most of all, she loves her work at CollegeTracks: "I see staff and volunteers help high school students on their path out of poverty each and every day.

The need for the program grows as the immigrant and minority population increases. Students from this demographic often don't have access to the resources enjoyed by their affluent peers in the county, where the process is often handled by professional college coaches who know the ins and outs of the application process.

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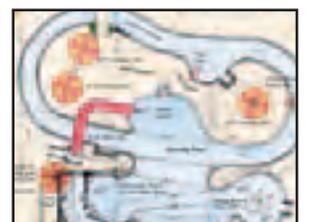
Former Montgomery County 6th District Police Commander Willie Parker-Loan was honored for his service to the community at the October 22 MVF Board meeting. As of October 18, Parker-Loan became the Director of the Internal Affairs Division under the Office of the Chief.

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 7
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

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Apple Ridge Pool concept design



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The MVF Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

Note: All meeting agendas listed in this section are current as of the deadline date for this publication. The listings do not include every agenda item. This information is also available on the MVF website at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For the most up-to-date information available, call the MVF Board/Committee Agenda hotline at 301-948-0110, then press 4. All meeting agendas are tentative and may be changed without notice.

Leaf Removal Schedule

EASTGATE

Friday, Nov. 6, and Monday, Nov. 30 to Wednesday, Dec. 2.

EAST VILLAGE

The weeks of Nov. 16 and Dec. 14.

HORIZON RUN

Monday, Nov. 9 and Monday, Dec. 7.

MARYLAND PLACE

Monday, Nov. 30.

NORTHGATE

Mid-November and mid-December.

NORTH VILLAGE

Monday, Nov. 16, Tuesday, Nov. 17, Monday Dec. 14 and Tuesday, Dec. 15

PATTON RIDGE

Thursday, Dec. 3 to Friday, Dec. 4.

SOUTH VILLAGE

Ongoing throughout the season.

STEDWICK

Beginning the week of Nov. 9.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

Thursday, Nov. 19, Friday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Dec. 18.

WHETSTONE

Tuesday, Nov. 10 to Friday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Dec. 8 to Friday, Dec. 11.

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. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be removed by either the county recycling or your trash contractor. If you have any questions regarding leaf removal, please contact your community manager.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24 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. 10 at the Lake 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. 17 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

HORIZON RUN

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

NORTHGATE

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

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE I

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 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. 23 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. 18 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Working for the benefit of all residents



by John Driscoll
MVF President

Village families will be pleased to hear that their young swimmers will have something to look forward to in the near future. At the October 22, Montgomery Village Board of Directors meeting, the design for the new Apple Ridge Pool was approved. The design team modified their original concept to accommodate the concerns of our residents. The pool will be converted from a competition pool to a recreation pool, and will feature a lazy river, slides and a spray ground. The major change to the original design, presented to the Recreation Committee, was the introduction of a zero bottom entry ramp and the relocation of the spray ground and slides away from the adjacent neighborhood to reduce noise.

The bath house will also be renovated. The lobby will be expanded and the changing rooms will be upgraded to meet code in terms of full accessibility. A new family changing room will be added so that families with small children can comfortably dress with their children. The filter and pump rooms will be entirely gutted and new equipment installed.

The schedule for construction will begin immediately after close of the 2016 pool season

with expected completion by the start of the 2017 pool season. We all look forward to the opening of this exciting new pool.

The Board also approved the 2016 Budget and 5-Year Plan. Essentially, there will be no increase in the MVF Fund from the 2015 budget. There will be an increase in the Designated User Fund of \$1.25 per unit/per month, making the per month DU fund charge \$33.02 per Unit.

Last month I attended the Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival. What a great day! The weather was perfect, and the participants rose to the challenge of creating new and innovative racers. I am continually impressed each year with how attendance gets greater and the competition stiffer. I know that everyone who attended had a great time. Next year I would love to see a costume contest, as many of the attendees' showed up in costume anyway.

Once again, we will welcome our new residents with a reception on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This is a great opportunity for new residents to learn about our community and meet some of our local business leaders.

I hope many of you plan to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the Montgomery Village Center. Music, refreshments and Santa will be on hand to welcome in the holiday season.

Finally, I would like to remind all residents that election time is fast approaching. Those residents who are interested in running for the MVF Board need to get their applications in to the nomination committee by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016.

As always if you wish to get in touch with me please e-mail me at jdriscoll235@yahoo.com.

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST October 22, 2015

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held September 24, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Ms. Bort abstained.
2. Mr. Clark moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Young moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Clark moved to approve the 2016 Budget and 5-Year Plan with no assessment increase to the MVF Fund for 2016 and increase the use of undesignated reserves by \$88,800 to fund the budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Ms. Bort moved that the annual assessment rates for calendar year 2016 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$249.48 for the MVF Fund, \$396.24 for Designated Users, and \$122.16 for Poplar Spring according to the approved 2016 MVF Budget and that said assessment shall be paid and collected in accordance with the terms of the Collection Policy of Montgomery Village Foundation and the Homes Corporations managed by Montgomery Village Foundation, adopted by the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Young moved that the annual MVF assessment rate for calendar year 2016 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$249.48 according to the approved 2016 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. Bort moved that the annual MVF assessment rate for calendar year 2016 be established, per private dwelling unit, as \$124.74 according to the approved 2016 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.
8. Ms. Moore moved to revise the Greentee I and II criteria to include the option for homeowners to paint the metal window bay roofs front door or shutter color in addition to the house trim color. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Clark moved to authorize the EVP to enter into contract negotiations with Keller Construction Management for the renovations to the Apple Ridge pool and bathhouse based on the concept plan approved by the Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Ms. Bort moved to approve the proposal from Commercial Retrofitters and Recyclers for light replacement in Lake Marion Community Center and parking lot and approve an expenditure of \$39,382.86 for the project plus 10% for unforeseen conditions with an approved estimated rebate of \$11,750 from PEPCO. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Gargan moved to award the bid to Shamrock Service Company Inc. for \$22,260 and approve an additional 10% for unforeseen conditions for a total not to exceed \$24,486. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Mr. Young moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Gargan moved to amend the closed session agenda to include (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Camacho moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts and (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Residents of Montgomery Village are cordially invited to attend the Montgomery Village Foundation **Welcome Reception**

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



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Peter Webb

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>Don't Miss It!</p> <p>Nov. 7 Holiday Craft Bazaar 10 New Residents Welcome Reception 26 Thanksgiving Morning Aerobics Dec. 2 Christmas Tree Lighting 4 Winter Recreation Guide</p>		<p>Village News 6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Holiday Craft Bazaar 9 am to 3 pm – LMCC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Thomas Choice Gardens 2:30 pm – TCPR Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>New Resident Welcome Reception 7 pm – NCCC Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR Eastgate HC 7:30 pm – LMCC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Park Place I Condo 7 pm – WCC Gaithersburg Fine Arts 7:30 pm – NCCC Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Personnel Committee 7 pm – NCBR Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – SCC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Audit Committee 7 pm – WCC Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC Maryland Place HC 7 pm – WCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>50th Anniversary Committee 7 pm – MVF Office</p>	<p>Village News 20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>North Village HC 6:30 pm – NCBR South Village HC 7 pm – WCC</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day MVF Office Closed Aerobic Sampler 9 to 10:30 am – LMCC (\$7 or \$5+1 can of food)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>MVF Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>December 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR Christmas Tree Lighting 6 pm – Village Center MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR</p>	<p>Village News 4</p> <p>Winter Recreation Guide</p>	<p>5</p>

KEY:
 LMCC Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.
 NCBR North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
 NCCC North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.

SCC Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
 TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
 WCC Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
 WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

All facilities are handicap accessible.

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

1. The *Montgomery Village News* Letters to the Editor section is a community forum for Montgomery Village residents and/or property owners. In addition, at the Editor's discretion, the *Montgomery Village News* may print letters of appropriate interest to residents from others, including representatives of local schools, governments and businesses. Campaign letters are prohibited, except for Montgomery Village Foundation and Village homes corporation elections. The views expressed in the Letters to the Editor section are those of the authors of the letters and not necessarily those of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) or its Board of Directors.

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.

4. Letters must bear the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. The sole use of pen names, initials or the complete omission of a signature will eliminate a letter from consideration from publication. A request from the author to withhold the name or mark the letter anonymous will eliminate the letter from consideration.

5. All letters are subject to condensation or deferral to the next issue by the

editor for space considerations, if absolutely necessary. Editor is to so indicate any condensations.

6. All letters may not exceed 300 words. Longer letters will be eliminated from consideration for publication in the *Village News*. As time permits, the writers may be notified and given the opportunity to shorten the letter for future publication. Letters exceeding 300 words which meet all other criteria of this policy may be published on the MVF website.

7. The *Village News* respects the privacy of individuals and residents; letters should not contain references to specific persons, except when endorsing candidates for MVF or Village homes corporation elections or referencing a previously published article with a byline.

8. Letters submitted by an author regarding the same topic must present new information or opinions; repetitive submissions and/or form letters submissions will only be printed once.

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.

10. All e-mail is subject to this policy. The e-mail subject line must read "Letter to the Editor."

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.
- As with letters delivered to the MVF office in person or by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received prior to the publication deadline.

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion, and extends the same opportunities to homeowner or condominium association boards regarding letters specifically aimed at those boards.

12. The Director of Communications, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to withhold from publication of inflammatory, slanderous, libelous, or lewd material, or material which may be an invasion of privacy, material deemed in bad taste and inconsistent with *Montgomery Village News* editorial policy, or other language which opens MVF to potential legal liability, and limit the number of letters on a given subject when the number is so large it presents a problem.

IN THE NEWS

2016 MVF Election Call for Candidates

Concerned about the Village today and in the future? Are schools, traffic relief and maintaining our environment important to you? Do you have something to say about these and other issues? Why not do something for yourself and your community?

In March, three candidates will be elected by the members (homeowners) of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) to serve three-year terms on the nine member Board of Directors. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in the North Creek Board Room. 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, MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These include MVF-owned 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 welcomed 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 MVF OFFICE?

It's easy. MVF has made it simple for candidates to serve the community without running an expensive political campaign. Space is reserved in the *Village News* for candidate statements, along with photos, so residents can get to know the candidates and their views. Also, the Election Committee runs a Candidates' Forum and two "Meet the Candidates" events where candidates can talk with fellow residents one-on-one about issues of importance. The Foundation provides 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 on the MVF website, www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, beginning Friday, Nov. 20, and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application by mail, fax, e-mail or in person, for forwarding to the MVF Nominating Committee. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016.

New residents invited to MVF Welcome Reception

New residents are invited to attend an MVF-sponsored Welcome Reception from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 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 about the Foundation.

Area services, businesses and schools will also be represented, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 301-948-0110, ext. 2331.

County holiday schedule for Veterans Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11:

County Offices - closed

Libraries - closed

County liquor stores - retail stores are 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 holiday operating schedule on park facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On - special modified holiday schedule; visit www.rideonbus.com and click on "Holidays"

Metrobus - Saturday supplemental schedule

Metro rail - Saturday holiday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) - closed

Recycling pickup - no collection*

Transfer Station - open

Parking - public garages, lots, curbside meters is free

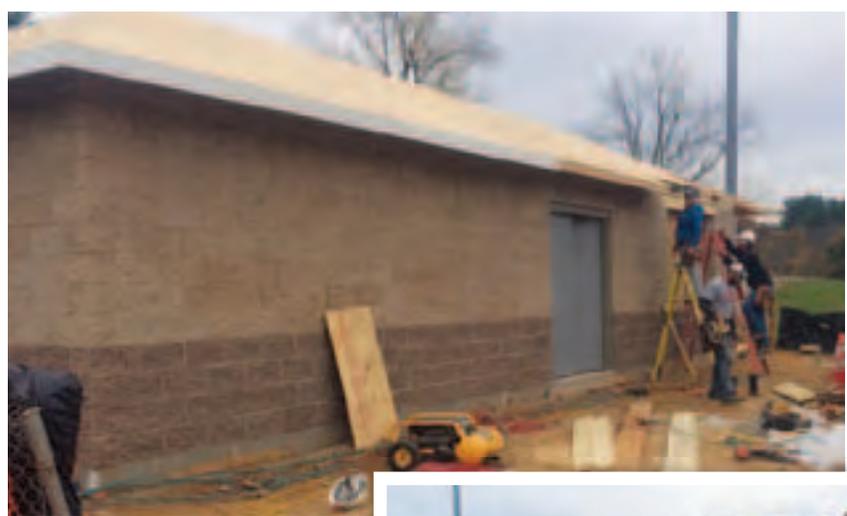
MCPS Administrative Offices - open

State Offices and Courts - closed

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

PROJECT UPDATE

South Valley Park Restrooms and Concession Stand



photos by Ron Schroers

The roof is being installed on the restroom and concession stand in South Valley Park, with the project continuing to make significant progress. The project is still expected to be completed by the end of the year.



CollegeTracks

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"The college application process is daunting, but we can't forget that two thirds of all jobs in Maryland will require a postsecondary degree by 2018," says Nancy Leopold, executive director CollegeTracks and a co-founder of the program that started at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 2003 with a handful of volunteers who saw the educational disparities friends of their children faced.

"Thousands of high school graduates who receive diplomas do not enroll in college, though Montgomery County is one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the United States with one of the finest school systems," she says. "Low-income and minority households are the fastest growing demographic in the county. Research shows that these students are far less likely to enroll in college after graduation than their more affluent peers. But if they don't go to college, there's strong likelihood they won't be able to live in the county."

In addition to programs at Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Wheaton high schools, a third program will open at Watkins Mill High School in December.

"Watkins Mill High School is very fortunate to have critical partnerships like College Tracks," commented Principal Carol Goddard. "I truly believe that working collaboratively in the best interest of kids we will close the opportunity gap."

CollegeTracks also realizes the path to a degree can be arduous, with many personal challenges intervening to prevent students from low-income backgrounds making it to the finish line. To improve graduation outcomes, students in the program receive support from Success coaches, who provide guidance and encouragement throughout the college experience.

So far, CollegeTracks has helped more than 3,000 students get into college and persist to graduation. Watkins Mill High School students can sign up for the program by visiting watkinsmill@collegetracksusa.org.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Zenia Henderson at zhenderson@collegetracksusa.org. Volunteers must be available one day a week for a minimum of four hours during the workday.

IN THE NEWS

October 22 MVF Board meeting highlights

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board President John Driscoll began the meeting by recognizing former 6th District Police Commander Willie Parker-Loan for his six years of service to the Montgomery Village community. Parker-Loan was re-assigned as the Director of the Internal Affairs Division under the Office of the Chief. Commander Dinesh Patil is now in charge of the 6th District.

Driscoll also asked members of the Board to attend a community meeting about the Montgomery County Airpark, which was held earlier this week.

EVP'S REPORT

EVP Dave Humpton commented on the Montgomery Village Master Plan, noting that in general, the plan is aligned well with the Vision 2030 Report, which took community input into heavy consideration when it was formed. The Board has expressed concern about items in the master plan that they felt needed revision, but overall Humpton thought that the newly created zones could

encourage development over time.

Humpton also mentioned that MVF's new security contractor, US Security, was in place and making their patrols in the community.

AGENDA ITEMS

The MVF Board adopted the 2016 Budget and 5-Year Plan, as well as the 2016 MVF and DU assessment rates (see article on page 1 for details). The full approved budget can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Updates to Lake Marion Community Center, in the form of a new HVAC system for the gymnasium and LED lighting conversion, were also approved. The HVAC system is currently at the end of its useful life and Shamrock Service Company was awarded the bid to replace the system. Commercial Retrofitters and Recyclers was selected to convert the current lighting system to LED fixtures. This project also takes advantage of a Pepco rebate to help facilitate the work. The end result also yields savings

on annual energy costs, which continues the MVF Board's strategic goal of becoming a greener operation.

After hearing a presentation on the renovation of the Apple Ridge Pool (see article on page 8), the Board authorized EVP Dave Humpton to negotiate a contract with Keller Construction Management based on the concept plan approved by the Board. The final contract will be brought to the Board for approval at a later date.

Finally, the Board also approved a change in Architectural Criteria for Greentee I and II. After review and recommendation by the Architectural Review Board, the MVF Board agreed that the revision provides more options for homeowners in these neighborhoods. Greentee I and II owners now have the option to paint the metal bay window roof either the front door or shutter color, in addition to the house trim color.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry reported on MVF's financial

health for the month of September and the year-to-date (YTD).

Revenue was reported unfavorable for the month and YTD with assessments, camps and classes and investments being lower than expected; disclosure fees, pool membership, and the Capital Contribution Fee (CCF) were favorable to the budget. Personnel Expenses were over budget for the month, but remain favorable YTD by about \$160,000; most vacancies have been filled. Total Operating Expenses were reported favorable to the budget by about \$188,000 YTD.

Contributions to Reserves (CTR) of \$82,254 were made in accordance with the budget in September; YTD, \$740,287 has been put in the Reserve Fund. The CCF remains steady, with \$8,518 deposited for the month and a YTD total of \$106,573.

Year-to-date, \$724,422 has been spent on Reserve Assets. A Net Loss of \$16,163 was reported for the month, and while this is unfavorable to the budget, YTD Net Income is \$581,242, which is favorable to the budget.

The Balance Sheet continues to show MVF's solid financial position. As of the end of September, MVF held almost \$7.7 million in Cash and Investments, with \$1.8 million in Undesignated Reserves and \$6 million in Designated Reserves. Since the implementation of the new Collection Policy, the Delinquency Rate has continued to decline. The third quarter of 2015 saw the a new 8 year low at 7.7%, which is a full percent lower than the second quarter. Although Investments took a dip due to volatility in the market, numbers have just about rebounded since September.

NEXT MEETING

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting is open to the public, and residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Residents Time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

MVF Financial Reports - September 2015

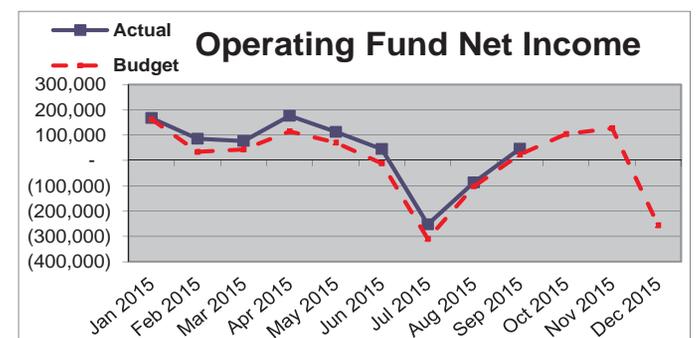
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	September 2015			YTD Sep 2015		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	494,013	494,066	(53)	4,446,744	4,446,591	153
Assessment Fees	538	9,625	(9,087)	166,035	230,555	(64,520)
Transfer Fees	1,918	3,248	(1,330)	28,500	25,768	2,732
Disclosure Fees	11,543	10,285	1,258	117,665	94,754	22,911
Advertising revenue	12,939	7,211	5,728	113,426	114,296	(871)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	1,616	2,264	(648)	91,976	67,410	24,567
Camps & Classes	21,315	21,137	179	224,627	306,940	(82,313)
Management Fees	71,298	69,544	1,755	621,112	607,288	13,824
Capital Contribution fee	8,518	9,976	(1,458)	106,573	81,053	25,521
Other Income	13,404	5,523	7,882	122,471	104,571	17,900
Total Revenue	637,104	632,878	4,226	6,039,128	6,079,224	(40,096)
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	272,664	252,957	(19,706)	2,533,363	2,663,769	130,406
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	79,314	74,514	(4,801)	720,137	749,419	29,282
Personnel Costs	351,978	327,471	(24,507)	3,253,500	3,413,188	159,688
Business Expenses	9,983	17,101	7,117	128,759	177,311	48,551
Office Supplies	3,403	4,312	909	28,797	41,175	12,378
Program/Maint Supplies	7,485	7,400	(85)	109,069	116,750	7,681
Occupancy	27,225	34,203	6,978	250,504	258,127	7,623
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	15,616	35,035	19,418	209,733	222,546	12,812
Equip Maintenance	2,926	1,700	(1,226)	22,716	38,000	15,284
Vehicle Expenses	1,341	2,103	763	15,053	19,305	4,252
Financial & Legal	10,014	6,330	(3,684)	102,596	106,795	4,199
Insurance	11,289	12,085	796	79,940	81,747	1,807
Printing	3,864	4,200	337	51,878	53,675	1,797
Landscape/Maintenance	40,042	51,341	11,299	516,714	595,891	79,177
Security	14,435	13,714	(721)	104,224	109,428	5,204
Other	-	-	-	(255)	-	255
Operating Costs	147,622	189,524	41,901	1,619,728	1,820,749	201,021
Contribution to Reserves	82,254	82,254	0	740,287	740,288	0
Contribution to CCF	8,518	9,976	1,458	106,573	81,053	(25,521)
Purchases of Assets	-	-	-	(53,087)	-	53,087
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve/capital	90,772	92,230	1,458	793,773	821,340	27,567
Operating Expenses	590,372	609,225	18,853	5,667,002	6,055,277	388,275
Excess/Deficit Revenue	46,731	23,653	23,079	372,126	23,947	348,180

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended September 30, 2015

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,143,667	1,609,396
Investments	5,517,474	5,754,899
Due from Reserves	311,891	93,613
Assessment Receivables	746,933	765,001
Other Receivables	50,073	80,212
Current Assets	8,770,038	8,303,121
Gross Fixed Assets	13,491,476	12,455,737
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,540,886)	(7,056,388)
Fixed Assets	5,950,589	5,399,349
Other Assets	51,285	47,827
Assets	14,771,913	13,750,297
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	311,891	93,613
Payables	443,564	341,579
Deferred Revenue Liab	423,523	371,143
Liabilities	1,178,978	806,335
Undesignated Reserves	1,852,256	1,680,906
Designated Reserves	11,740,674	11,263,055
Equity	13,592,930	12,943,961
Liabilities & Equity	14,771,913	13,750,297



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

IN THE NEWS

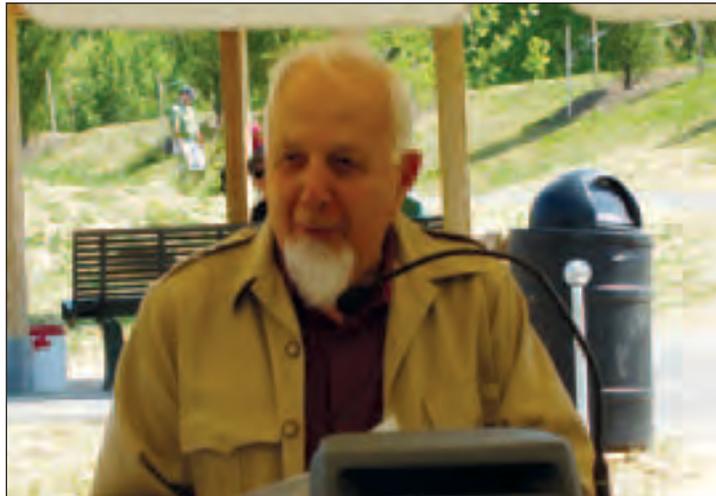
In Memoriam – Milton M. Kaufmann

It is with great sadness that the Village community lost and said goodbye to another long-time activist and resident, Milton M. Kaufmann, earlier this week.

Kaufmann, who is the namesake for Kaufmann Park on Wightman Road, lived in Montgomery Village with his late wife, Sabina, for 44 years. At 97 years old, Kaufmann touted an impressive résumé of service to his country and his community, as well as to the environment and the world in general.

In 1971, after a 30-year career in the United States Air Force, Retired Colonel Milton M. Kaufmann began a new career as a full time conservationist and environmentalist, settling in Montgomery Village. Early into his second career, he mainly focused on national and international coalitions of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). The NGOs he formed were primarily conservationist groups that collaborated with governments and international agencies.

Kaufmann founded, co-founded or was integral in leadership and establishing many conservation groups, projects and treaties across the globe, including: Monitor Consortium USA; the Antarctic and Southern Oceans Coalition; Monitor International; the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Recovery Team and Network; work on the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act; participation in formation of the U.S. Endangered Species Act; co-organizer of the National Land Use Symposium in Washington, D.C.; and



protocol concerning Specially Protected Area and Wildlife, among many others.

Kaufmann was also the recipient of many accolades and heartfelt "Thank Yous" from senators, international government officials and even former Vice President Al Gore for his work on global environmental projects. He received the United States Legion of Merit during his time in the U.S. Air Force and shares the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate as a member of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Forces. Kaufmann was named to the 1990 Global 500 Roll of Honour for Environmental Achievement and received the 1987 Friends of UNEP Environmental Award.

Even while travelling the globe, Kaufmann never forgot about his community. In Montgomery Village, he founded the Lakes, Ponds and Streams Committee (later to be named the Committee on the Environ-

ment); developed the Village Flag, released at the Village's 40th Anniversary; lobbied the county to save the Goshen Elm from impending development and roadway improvements; worked tirelessly on a number of conservation issues; and launched a local humanitarian effort to feed the needy. He also worked at the county and state levels to preserve miles of environmental trails and expand greenway for conservation and biodiversity.

In 2008, Kaufmann was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors naming him as "our 'citizen' for all seasons and keeper of environmental well-being of our community." MVF President John Driscoll commented, "Milton Kaufmann has been a great influence on environmental matters in the Village and around the world, and his work on our behalf will be missed."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Your recent *Village News* had a wonderful article on apples on the MV Kids page.

Although just a kid at heart, (and well over the kid age at 55+) I enjoyed reading about the different types of apples.

Having recently visited Hayward Farms and purchasing apples, I discovered I really didn't know much about the history of them. So you sparked an interest in me to go check it out on the web. Wow! Some 17,000 varieties

of apples were posted, which I didn't know about. So, thank you for the MV Kids section which educates all of us, even us kids 55 and over.

I have started to collect the MV Kids pages to send to my grandchildren who live out of state. The page is colorful, informative and child friendly. Being inquisitive at any age is a good thing.

Keep up the good work.

Jeannie Pizzonia
South Village

Lake Whetstone dredging update

Crews are working diligently to complete the dredging project by the end of the year. Fifteen or more truckloads of sediment per day are being sent to an EPA-approved disposal site. The county has granted a waiver for the project which extends the work hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. The extended work hours will insure that the project is on track to be completed by the end of the year.

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 at the Sunoco gas station located at 20050 Goshen Road on Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. The suspect displayed a weapon and took cash from the employee.

HOMICIDE

A homicide occurred in a Montgomery Village shopping center on Oct. 15 at 5:50 p.m. The suspect was arrested. Arrested: B/M age 20

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 18800 block of Nathans Place on Oct. 7 between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No forced entry; property taken.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between Oct. 11 and Oct. 12. No force; property taken. Affected streets include Seneca Spring Way, Wayridge Drive, Enterprise Way and Sparr Spring Road

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IN THE NEWS

Apple Ridge Pool renovation team presents concept design

by Mike Conroy

At the October 22 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, David Tremblay of Keller Construction Management, along with representatives from Paddock Swimming Pool Company and Smolen, Emr, Ilkovitch Architects (the team working on the Apple Ridge Pool renovation design), gave a detailed presentation of the concept design.

Tremblay noted the new concept is a leisure pool style, something that is not currently present in the Village. He said construction would begin at the end of the 2016 pool season, and anticipated the project to be about 9 nine months, opening in time for the start of the 2017 pool season. The proposed project would include the construction of the new leisure pool, renovations to the existing bath house, additional ADA parking and storm water management, all on the current Apple Ridge Pool site.

Noting some resident concerns from an earlier input meeting, Tremblay said the design was updated, moving adult-friendly features closer to the border with the Williams

Range neighborhood, and moving some child-friendly features on the opposite side of the pool. Proposed features for the pool include: a "lazy river" or current channel; an open body slide; double family slide; dump buckets; spray ground; an ADA compliant access ramp; sunshelf sitting area and lagoon area for adults; pipe fall feature; and a bridge to the inner island pool deck. The wading pool will also feature a ramp entry and a water feature suitable for younger pool-goers.

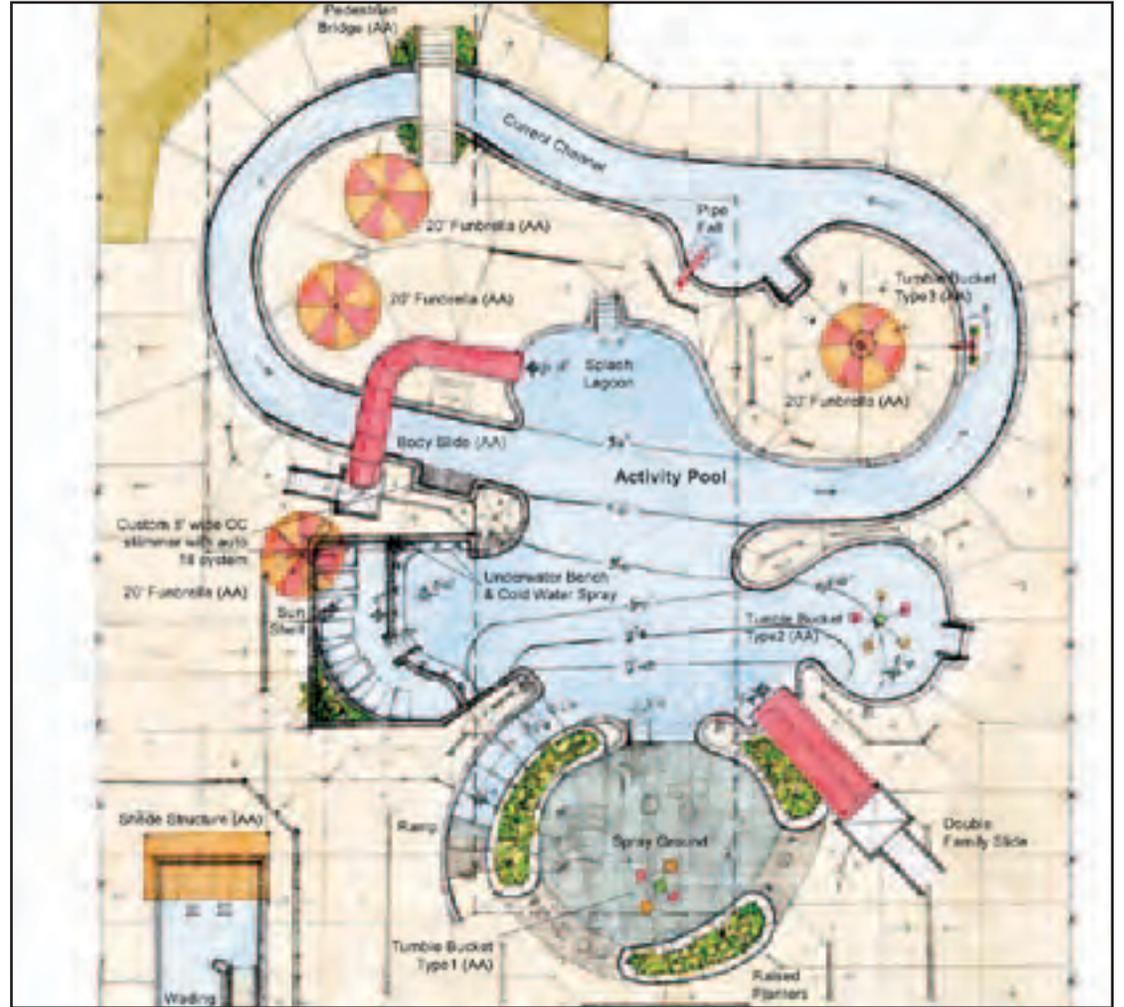
The bath house is proposed to receive updates as well, but the footprint will remain the same, so as to maximize budget for the pool features. While the exterior will remain the same, the interior will be upgraded to meet current code (including ADA compliance) and improve its appearance. A family changing area will be added, along with the option for patrons to go through the shower/changing areas or directly to the pool deck. New filters and storage will also be added, with direct access from the pool deck by MVF staff and delivery personnel.

The Board authorized EVP Dave Humpton to negotiate a contract for the proposed

renovation, with the final contract to go back to the Board at a later date. Negotiation may

require swapping features or adding others to meet the desired final project budget.

For more information and project updates, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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IN THE NEWS

The 2015 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 16 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 2015 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 for \$15 each.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

The 2015 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Calvin Coolidge, who served as the 30th president of the United States from 1923 to 1929. A depiction of the first National Christmas tree crafted from shiny brass plated

with nickel and 24k gold is illuminated from within and hung with ornaments representing the events of Coolidge's unique life and presidency.

The 14 colorful ornaments



represented on the front of the tree are beautifully silhouetted in 24k gold on the back of the design. The windows of the Coolidge White House glow from within with the north and south facades featured on

front and back of the ornament respectively.

The sweeping banner anchoring the tree reads "White House Christmas 2015" on the front and "1923 Calvin Coolidge



1929" on the back. Tucked discretely on the back of the ornament is the switch for the new LED light feature included in this year's design.

Reminder from Monument Realty

Almost a year ago the Montgomery Village Golf Course (MVGC) ceased operations. The property owners, Monument Realty, have secured the grounds and continue to maintain it to Montgomery County standards. Residents should note:

- All vehicles and equipment have been removed from the site, leaving only structures and security features such as fences.
- The structures are being prepped for demolition to occur within the next few weeks.
- The property is secured by fence or other means at all vehicular access points.
- The property does not have any regular policing, but is regularly inspected.
- "Do Not Enter" and/or "Private Property/No Trespassing" signs are posted at key locations.

Monument Realty reminds residents that the MVGC is private property and asks residents not to trespass for their own safety and to maintain integrity of the property. In case of emergency or if residents observe suspicious behavior, please call 911. To report non-emergency security concerns, call 202-777-2023 and leave a detailed message so that the concern may be investigated.

Monument continues to work alongside the community to advance the development process and minimize any uncertainty caused by the closure of the golf club. They ask

that residents help support the Bloom vision and ensure that this property becomes a source of pride for the Village community in the very near future.

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County Planning Board held final work session on Montgomery Village Master Plan

The Montgomery County Planning Board, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, held its final work session on October 22 to discuss the Planning Board changes to the Public Hearing Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan. After this discussion, the board voted to transmit the Planning Board Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan and the proposed zoning text amendment to the overlay zone to the Montgomery County Council.

Topics discussed during the work session included changes to language regarding the implementation program for Wightman Road, future right-of-way for the Stewarttown Road extension, zoning options for the Montgomery Village Foundation site and changes to the proposed Montgomery Village Overlay Zone.

An overlay zone imposes requirements and standards that are necessary to achieve the planning goals and objectives for development or redevelopment of an area. In Montgomery Village, the overlay zone will restrict the permitted uses for property zoned RE-1 in order to preserve the recreation and open space provided on certain properties owned and operated by the Montgomery Village Foundation. In addition, the zone is intended to ensure a compatible relationship between new and existing development, and preserve the unique character of Montgomery Village.

To view the Public Hearing Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan, visit www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/montgomery_village.

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Fall home repair tips

Although springtime inspires most homeowners to clean and fix up their homes and properties, autumn is also an excellent time to make repairs. Steps should be taken in the fall to prepare homes for winter, and some maintenance items are unique to this season. The following checklist may help homeowners with this preparation:

HEATING SYSTEMS

- Change or clean furnace and air conditioning filters; clean and service humidifiers; service oil-burning equipment; and clean around heating and cooling equipment in order to provide heating comfort, efficiency, energy conservation and safety.
- Hire a professional to check your heating system to make sure you will have optimal performance during the cold months and to identify any problems that may exist.
- Clean your air ducts to reduce household dust and to provide relief for those with respiratory problems and allergies.
- Clean the thermostat heat sensor, contact points and contacts. Replace parts if necessary.

- Lubricate water heater pump and motor. Bleed air from radiators or convectors.

CHIMNEY AND FIREPLACE

- Have a professional inspect and clean your chimney. Fireplaces that are used regularly during the fall and winter seasons should be cleaned annually to prevent soot buildup and house fires.
- Check the chimney for cracks, inadequate coverings and faulty seals that might allow rain, birds and small animals to enter.
- Check any wood-burning stove, fireplace and chimney caps for deterioration.
- For added safety, place carbon monoxide alarms near the fireplace or furnace.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

- Clean gutters, downspouts, window wells and drains to prevent roof leaks, condensation, seepage and decay problems. Downspouts should be directed away from the house foundation.
- Don't neglect gutters filled with leaves and other debris. This can lead to rot problems,

pest infestations, wet basements, foundation damage and other complications.

- Check to be sure water is not coming down behind gutters.
- Check to ensure water drains properly and doesn't pool.
- Check gutters for leaky seams, rusted areas or unattached portions that would hinder drainage of water.

ROOFS

- Check roofs for shingles that need replacement. For example, "clawed" or disintegrating shingles indicate the need for replacement. This should be done before heavy snows sit on the roof.
- Check all flashing (sheet metal used in waterproofing roof valleys or the angle between a chimney and roof) on the house, including roof gravel guards if you have a flat-roofed home.

HOUSE AND DECK FEATURES

- Check skylights, attic fans, etc., for leaks or rusted areas.
- Check gable vents, roof mount vents and soffit vents for clear and adequate air flow

and replace any missing or damaged vent coverings.

- Check for chipped or peeling paint on siding or walls. All surfaces should be scraped, primed and repainted before cold weather. No rotted or mildewed areas should remain untreated through the winter months when increased moisture will make things worse.
- Check for loose siding, mortar or small cracks that can be filled with silicone caulking.
- Drain exterior water lines, hose bibs, sprinklers and pool equipment to prevent plumbing maintenance problems.
- Seal wood decks with a clear, water-repellent sealer. Stained decks should be restained on a regular basis.
- Check all shutters to make sure they are secured and in good shape.

ATTIC VENTILATION

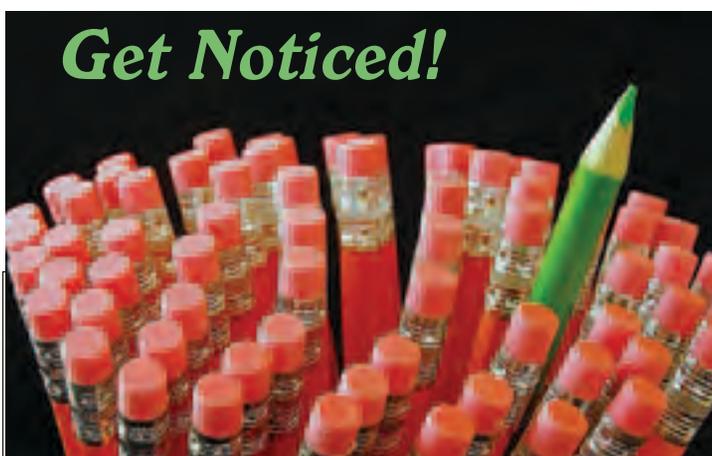
- Be sure attic insulation doesn't cover ventilation vents in the eaves to prevent winter ice dams on the roof.
- Be sure ridge vents and vents at eaves are free of plants and debris.
- Check bird and rodent screens on attic vents to prevent any unwanted guests.

WINDOWS AND DOORS

- Check weather stripping and caulking around doors, windows, corner boards and joists to prevent air and water penetration problems. Caulking, where needed, will prevent cold air and moisture from entering the house.
- Cover basement windows with a plastic bubble.
- Replace summertime screens on windows and doors with cool-weather storm coverings.
- Clean and lubricate garage door hinges, rollers and tracks, and be sure screws are tight.

LANDSCAPE AND YARD WORK

- If you need to fertilize and reseed the lawn, note that fall is the best time to do so.
- After the leaves change color, prune trees and shrubs to encourage healthy spring-time growth.
- Trim any tree limbs that are close to power lines or the roof of your house. Heavy snow and ice can build up on trees and cause them to break and damage nearby structures.



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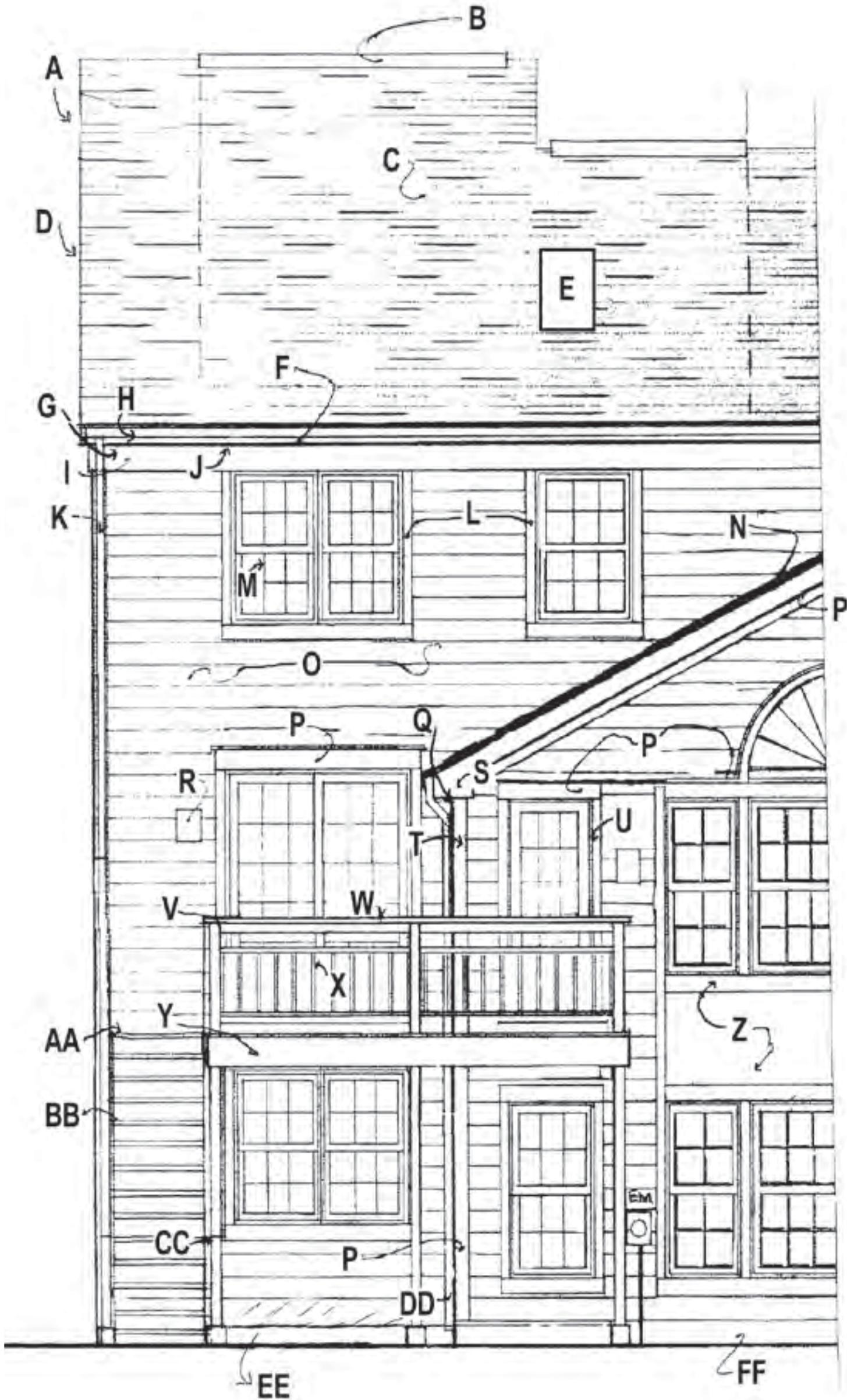
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Village News

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village leaf collection

by Scott R. Dyer

The first scheduled leaf collection in East Village will be held during the week of November 15, weather dependent on exact timing.

BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 17

The next East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The EVHC Budget and assessment for 2016 will be approved at this meeting.

As always, these meetings are open to public, and each meeting begins with residents time for residents to ask questions or make comments; comments are limited to three minutes to allow time for all residents to speak. Each board meeting is followed immediately by a separate Closed Session not open to residents (*Pursuant to Section 11B-111(4), Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to - (iv.) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.*).

REPORTING MONTGOMERY COUNTY AIRPARK ISSUES

Residents are encouraged to report low, loud or unsafe aircraft over the community to DC Metro Aviation Services at 301-963-8043. In your report please provide the date, time,

direction of flight, description of the plane and if possible, the plane's "N" number.

TRASH RULES AND REGULATIONS

Did you know that EVHC spends over \$1,800 a year for vermin (rat) bait stations throughout our community? A "vermin-proof" container is a trash can with a tightly fitting lid. Trash bags are not vermin-proof!

EVHC reminds residents that both the county and EVHC require all trash to be placed in "vermin-proof" containers. There has been a surge in loose trash bags being left out for collection throughout the community. This is contributing to sightings of pests near homes and bags being torn open and trash scattered which requires special cleanup and pest control measures at an additional cost to the community. EVHC trash collection days are Tuesdays and Fridays, recycling collection is only on Fridays, and trash and recycling containers should be placed out after 7 p.m. the night before collection.

STAYING SAFE IN EAST VILLAGE

EVHC reminds residents to ensure they have locked their cars and brought inside any items of value (or stored them out of sight) to prevent their cars from being targeted by would-be thieves. If you see something, say something (immediately call 911 or the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000), if you see or hear a crime in progress, or if you simply see or hear something suspicious that should be investigated. Residents are also reminded that their front and

rear lights should always be lit between dusk and dawn each evening, as this extra light was part of the lighting plan for the community, in addition to the street lights, to add visibility around the houses and cars; energy efficient bulbs are widely available and a light sensor can be purchased at minimal cost to automatically activate and turn off these lights, also saving you money in the process. Residents should also consider a home security system with monitoring, as many of these now offer additional monitoring of smoke/firm alarms, and have the ability to contact police, fire and medical response if needed.

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up to receive e-mail communications (upcoming events, news, important notices, etc.) from East Village Homes Corporation by e-mailing eastvillagehc@mof.org and include the subject, "Register." Also check out the EVHC facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/eastvillagehc, or searching "East Village Homes Corporation;" be sure to "Like" our page to receive updates. Our Community Manager and the EVHC Board of Directors always want to hear from residents; if you have questions, suggestions or just kudos, please e-mail eastvillagehc@mof.org, or call 301-948-0110, ext. 2344.

East Village Echo: for residents of The Downs, The Reach, The Estates, Essex Place II, Candle Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke, Meadowgate, Ashford, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield.

STEDWICK SIGNALS

It's that time of year

by Larry Denicola

AUTUMN LEAF PICKUP

Stedwick communities will have our first of two free leaf pickups during the week of November 9, weather permitting. Reminder notices will be posted at the entrance to each neighborhood. You may rake leaves to the curb (without bagging them) to take advantage of this service.

If you miss this pickup, you may also use the county's weekly recycling program. The county will pick up your leaves as long as you put them in brown paper yard waste bags or in a trash can that is clearly labeled "RECYCLE." The brown paper yard waste bags are available at many local hardware and grocery stores. Please note that the county will not collect leaves that are in plastic bags.

GETTING INVOLVED

Have you ever considered running for a seat on the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors? Board members serve three-year terms, and the next election for three seats is only a few months away. If you think you might be interested, consider attending the November board meeting to get a feel for what's involved, talk to a current board member for his or

her perspective, review past meeting minutes and Stedwick policies (visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, then select "Stedwick Homes Corporation" under the Communities tab), and consider how your knowledge and skills can contribute to improving our community. Upcoming *Stedwick Signals* articles will provide additional information about the nomination process.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. This is the final board meeting for 2015, as the board does not meet in December. The first order of business at every meeting is residents time, which is your opportunity to share any ideas, comments, or concerns about our community. If you have an issue in the meantime, please contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 301-948-0110, ext. 2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org.

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



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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village October Board Meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

North Village Homes Corporation held its latest board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15. This article summarizes the meeting, and as always the official meeting minutes can be found on the web at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

The meeting began with the Treasurer's financial report, which showed a "healthy" operating cash balance even after loaning the reserve account \$45,000 to pay for the recent paving project. A total amount of \$74,000 is due from reserves to the operating account, but the board may elect to leave some or all of that amount in the reserve account. It was also noted that the accounts receivable balance is better than it has been in some quarters. The treasurer also reported that, as of September 30, income and expenses are approximately breakeven. About \$5,000 was paid for water quality bills, a big reduction over last year.

Concerning maintenance, the committee chair reported that the pothole on Strath Haven Drive has not yet been repaired and needs immediate attention. Outages of several street lights were also discussed, noting for a light out for many months that an underground wiring issue will require repair by Pepco. A light on the corner of Dubois Court and Highland Hall Drive has been reported out as well. The new pet waste stations have been installed and are being used. Our community manager was asked to ensure that contractor is emptying all the pet stations weekly.

The first draft of a new Reserve Study was received and reviewed. After two revisions have been incorporated, the treasurer reported that the revised study should be available within the week for board members' review and comments. A Reserve Study work session and training will be scheduled in November for the board.

Our community manager reported that a petition was submitted by residents requesting that a speed bump or similar traffic-calming device be installed at the intersection of Strath Haven Drive and Sterncroft Court to limit vehicle speed. It was determined that a speed bump is not feasible on Strath Haven Drive due to the windiness of the road and the inability to place a speed bump without block-

ing reserved parking spaces. The suggestion was to install signage in that area, including a stop sign on Sterncroft Court and a "slow" sign on either side of Strath Haven Drive. A letter will be sent to residents advising them of the board's decision. It was also agreed to install stop signs at Vineyard Haven Drive and on Chadburn Place, both where each road connects with Aspenwood Lane.

The final review of the draft budget was discussed and approved for publication. It is now open for community review and comment. Of particular concern was the line item for security. Bids thus far received from solicited security providers have been significantly higher than the budgeted amount, and it will not be possible to cover this increase without a significant increase in the homeowner assessment. The board has some flexibility in this regard as the contracts for security and trash removal are exempted from the CPI limitations imposed on the rest of the budget.

After appointing the election committee for this year, the board moved the date for the November board meeting in order to allow for a 30 day public review of the 2016 draft budget, which was published in the October 23 *Village News*.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Once again we remind you that the board of directors election is fast approaching. Every year we elect three members to the nine-member board. Board members serve for three years. If you are interested in volunteering to help your community, please submit your name to our community manager, whose phone number is given below.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular North Village board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Please note that this is a change from our normal meeting routine. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 301-948-0110, ext. 2344.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Child safety in Middle Village

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Please remember to monitor children when they are playing outside to ensure they are not playing in the path of vehicles throughout the drive lanes and parking lot areas. There have been reports from drivers that they were close to hitting a child that ran in front or behind a moving vehicle. Please be mindful of your speed as you drive through the community.

LIGHTING

Contractors will be working in the area over the next few months upgrading the lighting throughout Middle Village. Please use caution when walking/parking near work areas.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping is one reason for an increase in assessments. Please review the trash policy to see which items you must take to the dump. You will be fined if you dump illegal items in the neighborhood.

TRASH

Trash is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays only. Remember to use your trash can and make sure the lid is closed tightly. If you have too much trash to close the lid, please use a second trash can. Using your trash can helps us control pests in the neighborhood. When you set out trash in a plastic bag and do not use a trash can, you are violating the trash policy. Violators will be fined.

SECURITY

Middle Village's security company is Security on Demand (S.O.D.). The uniformed officers are patrolling Clubside and Thomas Choice West to ensure that our neighborhood is safe. They are here to enforce the regulations for parking, trash, loitering and noise control, and to help keep peace in the neighborhood. They are armed and experienced officers who will be patrolling on foot throughout the community. You can reach S.O.D. at 877-241-

1265. If there is an emergency, please call 911.

COMSOURCE

All of Middle Village Homes Corporation's (MVHC) policies and regulations are available via the Comsource website. Do you need access to Comsource.com? If you are a tenant, contact your landlord to obtain authorization for Comsource to grant you access to the website. If you are a homeowner and need access to the Comsource website, contact Shirley Umali at 301-924-7355.

BOARD MEETING NOTIFICATIONS

There is no board meeting in November or December. MVHC board meetings will resume at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Wightman Road Update

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Representatives of the coalition to protect Wightman Road from being widened, including board president Jane Hatch, had an interesting and productive morning at the second and final work session on the Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on October 22. The end result is that the master plan will state: "Before any decision is made regarding the possible widening of Wightman Road, careful consideration should be given to the full range of community impacts."

This is only one line but even a few words can have big effects. The importance of this is that it requires community impacts to be considered before deciding to widen the road, rather than the county first making the decision and then the community trying to change a done deal. Speaking early is better than speaking late.

We want to thank our partners in this effort, including Village HOAs and surrounding communities, as well as all our residents who made their voices heard. It is important to remain vigilant as the planning and transportation processes go forward. We may need your assistance, so please stay tuned.

LEAF REMOVAL

Please watch for leaf removal signs at the entrance to your subdivisions. They will be put out in time for you to have a weekend to get your leaves to the curb.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Would you like to save money? or "How not to trash the budget"

by the South Village Board of Directors

Recently, the South Village Board of Directors passed the 2016 Operating Budget for South Village. We were forced to add a small uplift, principally to meet anticipated snow removal costs. But that's only part of the story. Trash removal is one of our biggest expense items, and almost one quarter of that is additional trash pickups over and above the base contract that we do as a community to try to keep ahead of those people who simply won't follow the rules, particularly about bulk trash.

That's right, even though every home gets up to three bulk trash pickups per year provided free of charge (provided you schedule them in advance with Potomac Disposal), people simply abandon furniture, trash, appliances, and

plumbing items whenever and wherever they want.

Not only is this unnecessary, but it leads to excess costs that could be better spent elsewhere. If residents would simply abide by the trash rules (and call Potomac Disposal—not Montgomery County when they have a bulk pickup) we could have avoided the increase in assessments and live in a nicer looking neighborhood. Please help us to avoid future budget increases. All it takes is a phone call and some basic consideration.

FIOS UPDATE

Recently the South Village Homes Corporation (SVHC) sent out information regarding proposed installation of Verizon's Fiber Optic Service (FiOS) into the community. FiOS promises to bring competition for phone, TV and Internet service and to improve service levels. But just like when we converted

from CATV to Montgomery County Cable 20-plus years ago, we need all homeowners to approve the project. Only about 10 percent of the homeowners have replied to date. We need at least 90 percent to return a favorable response. If you're a tenant and want this service, please inform your landlord.

If you no longer have a mailer, please contact SVHC's community management by mail, e-mail amandato@mof.org or call 301-948-0110, ext. 2326 to cast a vote to make a difference for the community. After almost five years of negotiations, we're not letting this important infrastructure upgrade pass us by without an effort.

Let's be clear. We're asking for each homeowner for permission to proceed, not whether or not you want to switch providers, but whether or not you will permit construction and easements that are required for all the community. By coordinating with Verizon, we can substantially reduce the costs of this project for everybody. For those people who are concerned about maintaining property values, fiber optic cable is a plus come sales time, and for those consumers interested in competition, it will add price and quality alternatives to the existing Comcast/Xfinity service.

This will be our only chance in the next decade to improve our communications infrastructure. Please return a positive response.

HELP WANTED

It's soon going to be election season in South Village, and we are interested in hearing from people who would be candidates for the board of directors, or volunteers for the operating committees. Qualifications include the ability to spend several hours a month helping your community, and the willingness to do so. Training will be provided. A sense of perspective and the ability to handle criticism positively are considered a big plus. The main benefit is in knowing you helped create a better neighborhood for yourself and your community.

If interested, contact SVHC's community management by mail (c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village Maryland 20886), e-mail amandato@mof.org or call 301-948-0110, ext. 2326.

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



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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Criteria for nominating directors to the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation

Interested in becoming involved with Patton Ridge community issues and activities? Election time will soon be upon us for the 2016 to 2019 term, and there are established criteria and a timeline within which the election process takes place:

1. All candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) and the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation. In addition, resident candidates must not be in violation of by-laws and covenants, and must also be current in their payments of dues and assessments to both MVD and the Patton Ridge.
2. To become a candidate for nomination, one must prepare a written statement of qualifications, interests and reasons for candidacy. This statement must be delivered to the MVF Office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30.
3. An individual nominating another person must obtain the candidate's written consent, along with a statement of qualifications, interests and reasons for candidacy, prior to the submission of the name to the committee.
4. The Nominating Committee will consider all candidates who meet the above criteria. Nominees shall be selected from among the candidates on the basis of a number of factors including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Extent of previous participation in community activities (both within and outside Montgomery Village).
 - b. Consideration for an equitable geographic representation on the board (i.e.

representation from each section within the homes corporation).

- c. Professional or other qualifications related to the fields of fiscal management and property maintenance.
5. All nominees are required to submit a single page (type-written, double spaced) summary statement of no more than 150 words for publication in the Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 edition of the *Village News*. The summary statement and the statement of qualifications may in fact be the same document. Ballots along with the summary statements will be mailed to the electorate Monday, Dec. 7. Standard candidate forms will be supplied to all Nominating Committee members by the community manager.
 6. The Nominating Committee shall also select at least one candidate for each of the positions of Representative and Alternate Representative to the Montgomery Village Foundation. The names selected will also appear on the ballots.

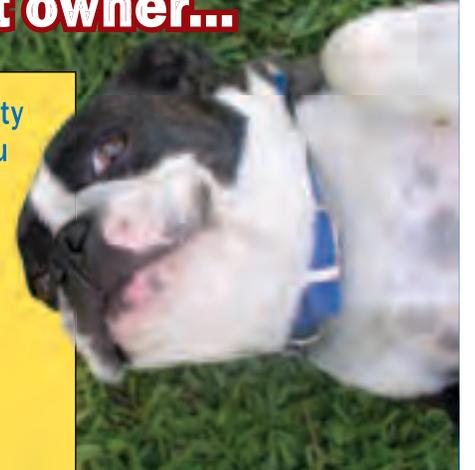
NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 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 five minutes

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

Please be a responsible pet owner...

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

2. To apply for candidacy, a prepared statement of the

applicant's qualifications and interests must be delivered to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Montgomery Village Foundation office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on the closing dates stated in the box.

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

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

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

Ballots will be mailed to the electorate either in December, January or February, depend-

ing 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.

Applications for candidacy must be received by a member of the respective nominating committee or by the Foundation Office by 5 p.m. on the specific dates for each association (to be displayed in the next issue of the Village News).

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

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, January 4, 2016
Nominating Committee: *Edward Stockton, Darren Manning, Jeffrey Amtmann, Eric Olson, Dina Sigano*

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, January 12, 2016
Nominating Committee: *Scott Dyer, Terry O'Grady*

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Nominating Committee: *To be appointed at the November 2015 board meeting.*

NORTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, November 24, 2015
Nominating Committee: *James Andary, Barathwaj Bala*

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, November 30, 2015
Nominating Committee: *Mike Finn, Brian Post, Kimberly Monnig, Bill Evans*

SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Monday, November 23, 2015
Nominating Committee: *To be appointed at the November 23 board meeting.*

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2016
Nominating Committee: *To be appointed at the November 18 board meeting.*

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, January 14, 2016
Nominating Committee: *To be appointed at the November 12 board meeting.*

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SCHOOL NEWS

Watkins Mill High School receives donations for athletic equipment

When Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) alumni and former JV Football Defensive Coordinator Joseph Hooks thinks about football, he fondly remembers his days playing for the Montgomery Village Chiefs, the Watkins Mill Wolverines and at Shepherd University. Throughout his long football career, he has picked up training and conditioning tips and, along with other coaching fundamentals, imparts his wisdom and experience on his players.

Hooks' proud dedication to his alma mater led him to realize that the players couldn't reach their full potential, and ultimately another shot at a state title, without better training equipment.

Says Hooks, "Although I am no longer a part of the WMHS football staff, I am a Wolverine at heart and the players are like family to me. I was frustrated that WMHS had outdated and

What started with a simple YouTube video, pictures and a "gofundme" webpage with a meager \$1,000 goal, soon turned into a \$3,000 coffer for new equipment. In just one month, 42 donations, ranging from \$20 to \$300 dollars, Hooks and other WMHS alumni proved that anything positive is possible, something Hooks relays to players all the time.

With the total donation, three new all-purpose racks, a bench and dumbbells were purchased. Hooks explains that even though he is not a part of the WMHS staff, he understands that in order to compete, they need the right equipment. He says, "I'm blessed to take this initiative, but the alumni made it happen. I want WMHS to know that past Wolverines care; that current Wolverines to want to get better; and for up-and-coming Wolverines to have something to look forward to."



worn out equipment; low-poundage weights, broke, bent and rusted bars and missing other training equipment." So he took matters into his own hands, and with the support of WMHS Athletic Director Reggie Spears, Character Coach Adam Bradley and Football Assistant Andrew Mele, he began to ask other WMHS alumni for donations to purchase new equipment.

Regarding the donation, Coach Mele said, "the kids are all hanging out in the weight room after practice." And though he's not on the field, current players know that Hooks' involvement made this happen. "I'm 100 percent sure you had something to do with this, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for caring when you don't have to," says Senior Captain Linebacker Clarence McNeary.



(l to r) Anthony Zavala, Joseph Hooks, Daquan Wims and Isiah Goslee pose with the new sports equipment donated by WMHS alumni.

photo by Jeff Vogt

Students to write, pass bills to change the world with Youth and Government program

by Selom Kalin and Bennett Stoppelmoor

Watkins Mill High School students are joining the new Youth and Government program, which allows students to become more involved in politics and help their community through passing bills.

This program allows students to call out issues in their community and offers solutions to them. It gives students an opportunity to have their voices heard. According to the DC YMCA Youth and Government website, "Its purpose is to bring the workings of city government to life for the students."

Meetings are also held in Washington, D.C., where students from other districts get to work together. Senior Nicole

Rojas talks about how students in Youth and Government can share their ideas. "You get to interact with students that you've never really met before," Rojas said. "We all get to come together and start making friends, being more social, interacting overall, we just have a fun time."

Students will create bills that will be looked over by the legislative and the Youth and Government president and can be passed in their community. The bill will be looked over by a congress made up of students. It will then be sent off to the House of Representatives.

"If it gets passed in the Council of DC," junior member Jason Herrera said, "they could potentially have a law they created passed in their own neighborhoods."

There are currently six members in the program and more are expected. The program is led by senior Aryana Ware. "The goal is to give teenagers an opportunity to just really call out issues in their community," Ware said. "It really gives you an opportunity to have your voice heard."

The bills Youth and Government students create will improve their community, school, state and the nation as a whole. Senior Zarin Baksh said students should join Youth and Government "if you want to have a part in what goes on in your county, if you have an idea you can propose to the class or if you want to make your public school system better."

Cybersecurity lab opens new doors for MCPS students

On October 7, information technology leaders from Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) gathered in Montgomery College's new Cybersecurity lab in Germantown. Cybersecurity Program Manager Joe Roundy hosted the MCPS representatives. Roundy kicked off the meeting with a tour of the cybersecurity facility and invited IT students within MCPS to visit and utilize the facility.

The meeting, led by the Foundations Office, was an annual strategic planning and professional development meeting to help members engage in discussions and find ways to enhance the National Academy Foundations' Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) programs through

out the county. Damascus, Gaithersburg, Seneca Valley, Springbrook and Wheaton high schools sent representatives to participate in the meeting.

Foundations Office's Information Technology Instructional Specialist Betsey Bell described the meeting as, "a great kick-off to the school year, our involvement in National Academy Foundation and our ongoing relationship with Montgomery College. There is renewed excitement again in IT and Computer Sciences college and career options, as well as Cybersecurity, and the time is now to keep our students in up-to-the-minute curriculum changes and opportunities."

The AOIT programs offer career pathways in Computer

Programming, Information Resource Design, and Networking. Students take a sequence of four courses and participate in an internship program to obtain authentic experiences and career guidance. Most of the internships are paid experiences. Students may also enroll in Early College and earn college credit for Information Technology or Computer Science courses. Further, many of the courses in the pathways earn dual credit at several local colleges and students can obtain industry certifications, such as CompTIA A+, Cisco CCENT or CCNA.

For more information about this program, contact Betsey Bell at 301-929-6975 or e-mail Elizabeth_F_Bell@mcpsmd.org.

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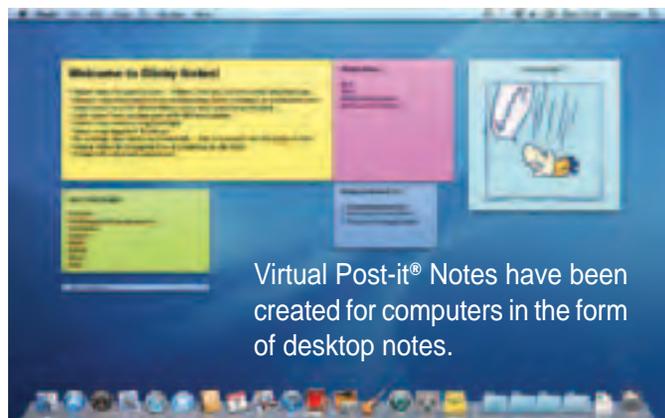
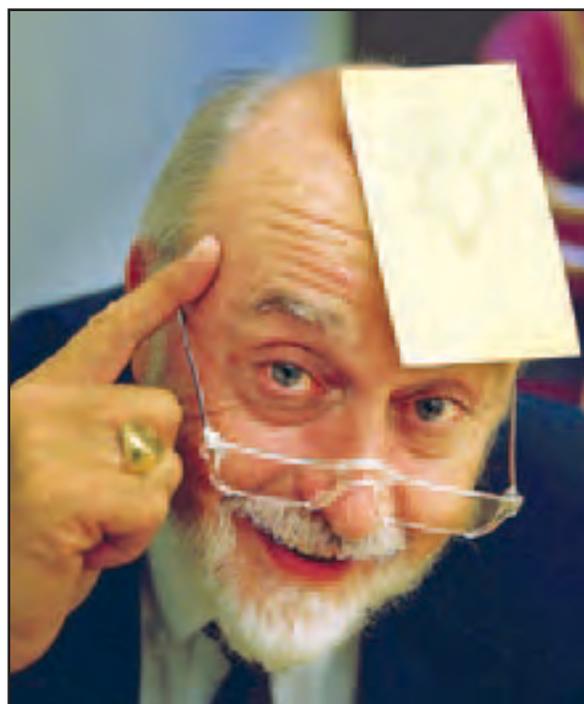
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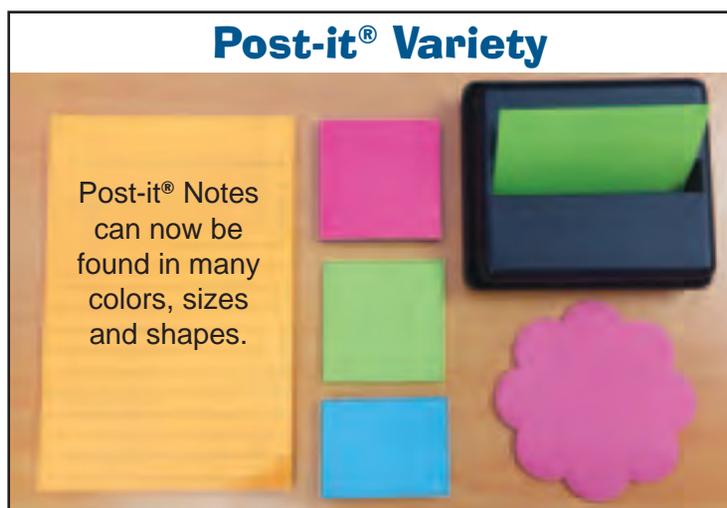
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Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

Who needs Black Friday when there's Craft Friday (and Saturday and Sunday)!

More than 400 of the nation's finest artisans will set up shop in at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg for the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival on Friday, Nov. 20, through Sunday, Nov. 22. Now in its 41st year, the festival invites art enthusiasts to meet the jury-selected artists and purchase one-of-a-kind holiday gifts including functional and

decorative pottery, sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, leather, wood, metal, furniture, home accessories, photography and fine art. This is the largest show of the season, and you don't want to miss it!

In addition to shopping for unique holiday gifts and items for holiday entertainment, visitors can also sample and purchase gourmet foods, watch demonstrations from master craftspeople, enjoy live music, and participate in interactive children's entertainment.

The festival is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$8 online or \$10 at the door and valid for all three days; children 12 and under and parking are free. For more information, including driving directions and admission discounts, visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com or call 800-210-9900. Free parking is available on site.



AAUW to host guest speaker

The Gaithersburg branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) welcomes and invites local residents to share in a unique talk by Executive Director of the Montgomery County

Commission for Women, Jodi Finklestein. Finklestein is the guest speaker at the Tuesday, Nov. 17 meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Library, 2nd

floor meeting room, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information, call 301-840-5443.



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Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club fall walks

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring two area walks for residents to participate in. Walks are free, unless Volksmarchers wish to register for credit (\$3 fee).

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TRAIL WALK

The Sandy Spring Underground Railroad Trail walk is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14. The 6km/10km trails, rated 2B, located in northeastern Montgomery County, are through woods and fields that demonstrate the typical terrain faced by escaped slaves making their way to freedom on the Underground Railroad. The walk also covers other historic trails and sidewalks.

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

The Start/Finish point is at Woodlawn Manor/Underground Railroad Trail, 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring. The start time is between 9 a.m. and noon; walkers must finish by 3 p.m. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point and along the trail. Restrooms at the start/finish point include a port-a-john. Walking sticks are recommended. Dogs are allowed, but must be leashed at all times.

For more information, contact Tony Laing at 301-980-8932 e-mail laingat@gmail.com.

KENSINGTON FALL COLORS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS SEASONAL WALK

This seasonal, self-guided Kensington Fall Colors and Holiday Lights walk runs now through Wednesday, Dec. 30. The trails are two 10km loops and two 5km loops that take walkers through Historic Kensington, Howard Avenue Antique Row and up to the Mormon Temple Visitor's Center to view annual holiday light decorations and displays in December. The trails also include a walk through Garrett Park and along Rock Creek Park's hiker/biker trail to enjoy the fall foliage as well. Trails are on sidewalks, paved roadway shoulders and asphalt hiker/biker trail. It is suitable for strollers but wheelchairs may encounter difficulty.

Walkers must register for the walk in the "Start Box" at the Customer Service desk at the Safeway, 10541 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington. The trail can be walked alone during the day. If walking during evening hours, we recommend going with a group for Holiday Lights in December and carrying a flashlight. When walking in the evening hours, be sure to wear reflective clothing.

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

For more information, contact Maribeth Evans at 301-946-5496 or e-mail gammie0612@verizon.net.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

MV Moms Club cleans up South Valley Park

The Montgomery Village Moms Club, partnering with the Montgomery Village Foundation, cleaned up South Valley Park on October 16. The moms and their kids enjoyed the beautiful fall day, while having the opportunity to beautify and give back to the community by cleaning up trash and other debris. The biggest object removed from the area was a discarded bicycle, but numerous smaller pieces of litter were also collected.

The cleanup included areas around South Valley Park's lakes, playground and pavilion. MVF Parks and Property Manager Ron Schroers explained to the Moms Club that "the lakes are where all the runoff water collects, and any trash left on the ground makes its way down to the lakes." Thus, there is a constant need to clean up the lakes.

The moms enjoyed using this time to show their children how everyone can do

little things to help the environment, as well as why it is important not to litter. They are planning future projects to partner together with the goal of giving back to this wonderful community.

For more information about the Montgomery Village Moms Club, e-mail MVMomsClub@gmail.com.



Members of the Montgomery Village MOMS Club helped clean up in South Valley Park on October 16.

Turkey carvers needed

Asbury Methodist Village, 333 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, is currently seeking volunteers to carve turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

This volunteer service will help serve Asbury's elderly residents their Thanksgiving meal. Volunteers are needed from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26, and are asked to register prior to the event.

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



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Covenant United Methodist Church and MVF sponsor winter coat drive

Coats don't grow on trees; donate your gently used coats, please!

Do you have clean, gently used winter coats you no longer need, in sizes to fit toddlers through teenagers? If so, please consider bringing them to the lobby area of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, where there is a large plastic bin designated for receipt of coats.

When the donation bin fills up, the coats will be taken to schools in our community where students are in need of winter coats. But first, mittens will be inserted into the pockets of each coat, and a warm velour scarf will also accompany each coat, courtesy of volunteers at Covenant United Methodist Church.

This marks the seventh year that Covenant United Method-

ist Church and MVF have collaboratively sponsored a coat drive for children who attend local schools.

Thank you for your contributions.



Village News

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Send your birth, engagement or wedding announcements, achievements or other good news to mvnews@mvf.org or complete the Milestones form online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



RECREATION

3 on 3 Big Chill Classic

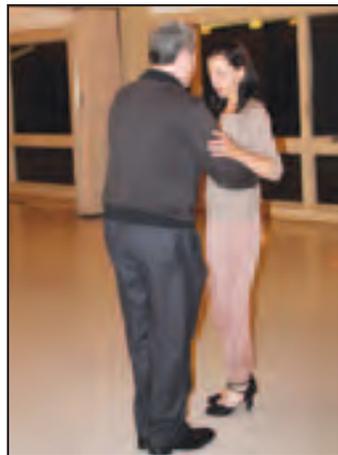
Grab some friends and head to Lake Marion Community Center to compete in our new, high-intensity, competitive 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The Big Chill Classic is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec 5. The double elimination tournament is designed for middle and high school teenage players, who are interested in the sport competitively.

There will be two tournament brackets: ages 13 to 15

and ages 16 to 18 with a roster maximum of 4 players per team. Games will be decided at 11 points (win by 2 points) or last a total of 12 minutes. The cost per player is \$25/Resident or \$35/Non-resident. If you think you have what it takes to win the prize, take a shot and sign up today! For more information or to register, call 240-243-2361 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Argentine Tango

Argentine Tango classes are underway! This beginner level class is for those who have never taken Tango before or for people with little Argentine Tango experience. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 16 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. To try it out for yourself, drop in for only \$12! Individuals or partners welcome.



Holiday Toys for Tots Concert

Bring the entire family to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13 for a great holiday concert performance by the Montgomery Village Community Band. Admission is free and Director Steven Wampler will present

a program of festive holiday music.

Keeping with the spirit of the season, visitors are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Foundation.

A big thank you to Klotz Institute of Karate



The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Ken Klotz and Michael Leong for their dedication to karate and for providing such a high quality program to the Montgomery Village community. Due to changes in instructor availability, Klotz Institute of Karate will no longer be providing classes in Montgomery Village after the 2015 Fall session. We

have been so lucky to have such a wonderful partnership over these past years and are certainly saddened that it has come to an end.

We are working with another karate institute and will continue to provide a high quality karate program beginning in January 2016. This new provider comes to us with over 20 years of martial arts instructing experience and is highly recommended by Klotz Karate owner, Ken Klotz. Considering

their outstanding reputation for excellence, we are confident that the new provider will meet our participant's needs and the karate program will continue to operate at the high level our community has come to expect. The general schedule and location of classes will remain the same in 2016.

For more information or questions regarding karate classes, contact Melanie Maggi at 301-948-0110, ext. 2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org.

Shadowland Winter Break trip for youth

Winter break is just around the corner. Don't let the time slip away without doing something memorable! Kids in grades 6 through 9 are in for a full day of fun at Lake Marion Community Center (LMCC) and Shadowland Adventures.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, come to LMCC, 8821 East Village Avenue, at 9 a.m. to enjoy games and group activities in the gym before boarding the bus at 10:30 a.m. for the short

trip to Shadowland Adventures for laser tag. Everyone will play two games of laser tag and have an opportunity to eat lunch (bring your own). Then we will head back to Lake Marion for more action in the gym with basketball, volleyball, a rousing game of kickball and more!

Full day participants will be released at 4 p.m. An extended-day option is available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. A limited

space trip-only option is available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The full day cost (including trip) is \$49/Resident and \$59/Non-resident. The trip only cost is \$29/Resident and \$39/Non-resident. Extended-day for those enrolled in the full day \$15.

For more information, contact Avery Watkins at 240-243-2367 or e-mail awatkins@mvf.org.



Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, Dec. 12
9:30 to 11 a.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

Children will enjoy a steaming cup of cocoa and yummy continental breakfast, then create holiday crafts and visit with Santa. Children, ages 6 months to 8 years old, accompanied by a parent/guardian, will take home a keepsake photo of their visit.

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\$12/Resident child
\$17/Non-resident child
\$6/Adult



Participants must register by Thursday, Dec. 10, online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or by calling 301-948-0110.

For more information, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, or e-mail mmaggi@mvt.org.

Thanksgiving Morning Aerobic Workout

Thursday, Nov. 26, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Lake Marion Community Center • 8821 East Village Avenue

Begin your Thanksgiving morning with a 1 1/2 hour sampling of Jacki Sorensen's Aerobic Workout and Dance.

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\$7 or \$5 with one can of food (payable at the door).
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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:

SCARIEST

Ages 6 to 9 - Andres Diaz, Killer Clown



PRETTIEST

Ages 3 to 5 - Rihyn Navarette, Lady Cop
Ages 6 to 9 - Lexi Martinez

MOST ORIGINAL

Ages 6 to 9 - Alexa Tjarva, Frightening Fairy

BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME

Grace A. Ruiz, Ballerina Cupcake



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Saturday Dec. 5
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Disguise-a-Pumpkin contest winners

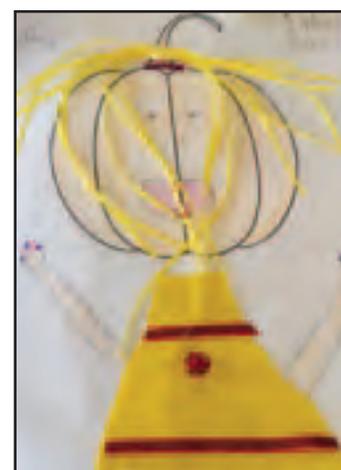
11 AND 12 YEAR OLDS

- 1st Hannah Hormes
Gumball Machine
- 2nd Isabella Cabrera
The Mangle
- 3rd Annie
Girl Scout Sash



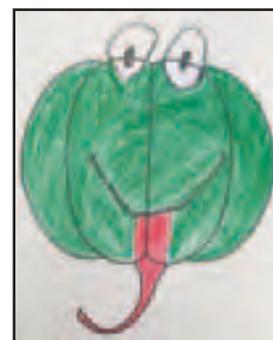
8 AND 9 YEAR OLDS

- 1st Kylie Patzi
Pumpkin Head Doll
- 2nd Angie Martinez
Funny Guy
- 3rd Ashley Wentzel
Popcorn Bucket



4 TO 7 YEAR OLDS

- 1st Isaiah Bang
Frog Pumpkin
- 2nd Olivia Genovese
Strawberry
- 3rd Alyvia Ure
Puff Pumpkin



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Monday, Dec. 28
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For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2334.

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seniors in action

Seniors in Action Fall Session

through Friday, Dec. 18
No meetings: Nov. 25, Nov. 26 or Nov. 27

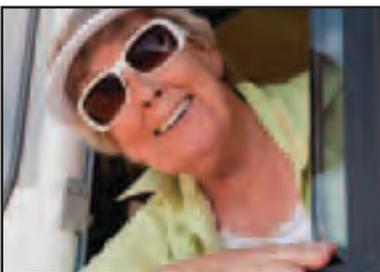
REGISTRATION

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!



Games and Social Hour

Interested in learning how to play bridge or canasta? SiA has qualified volunteer instructors to teach you every Wednesday at Stedwick Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are also looking for those interested in playing Mahjong (must be a member of Seniors in Action to participate).



SELF-SERVICE TRIPS

Join Seniors in Action members on Friday, Nov. 20 as they carpool to the Amazing Art Studio in Downtown Crown. Meet your friends at Stedwick Community Center at 12:30 p.m. for an afternoon of painting pottery, canvas or even glass! Prices are dependent on the piece you choose to work on. Register at any all SiA program.



Pickleball

Pickleball will be moving inside for the winter, from Monday, Nov. 9 to Thursday, Dec. 17! Head over to the Gym at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday and Thursday.

Member costs are twice a week \$24; once a week \$12; and Drop-in \$3. Non-members may drop in for \$5 per day.



Caring Hands Winter Coat Drive

Seniors in Action kicked off their winter coat drive on November 4. Please bring in any new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs to any SiA program. All sizes welcome for donations.



Blood Pressure Screenings

Holy Cross Hospital will be conducting blood pressure screenings from 10 to 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month beginning in December.

Secure Medical Care Blood Pressure Screening



Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
Nov. 9: Watercolor with Sue Kay
Nov. 16: Open craft day



Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month
Nov. 16: "Those Angry Days" by Lynne Olson
Dec. 21: "Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel



Pickleball

11 a.m. to noon

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Join the game every Monday (outdoors)!

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



Seated Tai Chi Noon to 12:45 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.
Nov. 11: Steering Committee at 9 a.m.
Games and Social Hour at 10 a.m.



Pickleball

11 a.m. to noon

One day isn't enough! Join your SiA members for another round of the friendly game!

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 10:15 a.m. to noon

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



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

Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

FRIDAY



Caring Hands Community Outreach 11 a.m. to noon

second Friday each month

Help plan a variety of projects to benefit individuals and families in the community



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

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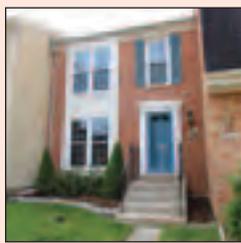
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For Sale



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