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Looking back on 2017

by Mike Conroy

As 2017 comes to a close and we begin to think about New Year's Resolutions and the promises of a new year, it's a great time to look back at all we've accomplished this year, and carry that momentum forward.

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) and the Village community saw a number of big changes this year. On the programming side of things, MVF offered a number of new classes, events and programs that seemed to be a hit. The Whetstone Afterschool Club got its start, offering elementary school kids a place to hang out afterschool. New additions such as Bingo Night, Flashlight Egg Hunt, BANG Power Dance and a Red Cross Babysitting course engaged residents of all ages. Sangria & Succulents – a new twist on our popular Wine & Paint nights – gave participants something new to show off, and the Amazing Race at MVF pools was a great follow up to the 50km Swim Challenge.

Of course, we can't forget any of our community favorites – large events that folks look forward to every year. The Independence Day 5k, Parade and Celebration, annual Home Show and Touch a Truck all brought residents out to experience the community and share in good times with neighbors and friends. The Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival saw its first ever three-time champion (a great feat with stiff competition), and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and holiday programs are always a great way to get into the spirit of the season and round out the year.

Engaging the community with interesting, informational programs – not just recreation – was also part of the plan in 2017. MVF coordinated several public safety meetings with the 6th District Police. Meetings were held to discuss crime statistics and trends, as well as resident concerns about specific, distressing events. New Community Service Officer Kim Jones was also introduced to the community.

Additionally, MVF hosted an Economic and Community Development Forum, with local expert David Petr. This event focused on national and local development issues

and strategies in Montgomery County to foster growth and improved business relations.

Along the lines of development, owners of both the former golf course property and the Village Center made significant strides this year in their plans to help shape the future of the Village. Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC), owners of the Village Center, held several community meetings to discuss their plans before sending them to the county in hopes of getting a site plan hearing soon. One of the main upgrades to the ARC plan is the greenspace addition to the Village Center, creating a space for patrons and residents to sit, play and enjoy the outdoors while shopping.

Monument Realty, the owners of the former golf course property, recently had the Preliminary Plan and Site Plan approved by the county Planning Board. While this doesn't mean construction is starting soon (expected to begin in 2019), it is a significant hurdle to keep the process moving forward. Information about both plans can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, under the "Development & Projects" section.

On the MVF side of projects, several amenities received upgrades this year. At the Nature Center, the Montgomery Village Garden Club installed and maintained a community herb garden. Residents were invited and encouraged to take herb snips for cooking. The Watkins Mill, McKendree and Whetstone tot lots were all replaced, with plans for Stedwick and Apple Ridge discussed and/or approved for 2018. The Apple Ridge Playground will be the Village's first inclusive playground, featuring equipment for children of all abilities. In addition, play equipment was installed at Lake Whetstone, along with benches approved from the 50th Anniversary last year. The new climbing features are a great way for kids to enjoy the park setting and the great lake view.

The MVF Board of Directors was able to accomplish all this, as well as pass a 2018 budget that requires no assessment increase in the MVF Fee – a commitment to providing the best service at the lowest pos-

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photo by Melanie Maggi

Saturday, Dec. 9 was another great Breakfast with Santa here in Montgomery Village! Santa Claus joined us at North Creek community center along with 54 children and 71 adults! Participants enjoyed a tasty continental breakfast followed by photos with St. Nick, cookie decorating and crafts!

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Winter Jazz Concert

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Stedwick Playground Replacement meeting Monday, Dec. 18



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MVF Board Nominees Sought

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Mark your calendar —Bingo Night coming to LMCC Jan. 20, 2018



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3 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.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

Montgomery Village Camera Club

The MV Camera Club will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Eric Long will be discussing how to take snow photos; items to take with you; using a flash outdoors; and previewing photos of the recent snow fall. There will be some advance techniques covered as well.

If time allows, Long will also speak about taking indoor photography with and without flash for parties or events. Please bring some snow pictures on a flash drive or prints to share.



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19 and Tuesday, Jan. 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, Jan. 11 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

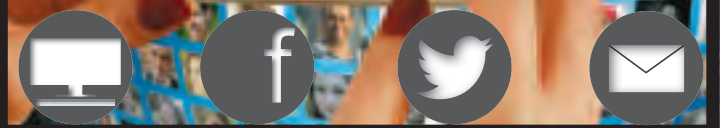
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EVP'S MESSAGE

What's on the agenda for 2018?



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

Probably the biggest priority of mine, as well as that of the MVF Board and senior staff, is to encourage residents to get involved with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). This community has succeeded for over 50 years because of volunteers stepping forward, sharing ideas, taking leadership roles, putting in place policies and priorities that a professional staff could act on.

We are so thankful for the residents who give their time and talents back to MVF and to their own HOAs, COAs and apartment communities. If you have any ideas to energize more volunteers to come forward, please let me know. Feel free to call or e-mail me at 240-243-2322 or dhumpton@mvf.org.

There are a number of high priority projects for MVF during 2018 including:

- Replacement of our current database software program, which supports all MVF operations;
- Appointment and training of the first student non-voting MVF Board member, who will also work as a summer intern;
- Installation of a digital sign promoting Village events and activities at a high traffic area to help with marketing;
- Implementing a new communications strategy, which focuses on transitioning from print media to increased digital options, including short videos on the MVF website;
- Development of a Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan that charts the future of programs, events and facilities over the next 5 years and beyond;
- Continuing to Implement Vision 2030 development projects by working with developers, community members and county agencies on perfecting plans in the pipeline, including the Bloom golf course redevelopment

plan, the Village Center plan and, hopefully, a plan for the shuttered Professional Center;

- Continuing to identify ways to make MVF a greener operation through the use of solar panels, implementing more energy efficient interior and exterior lighting and planting more tree to increase forested areas;
- Commencing planning for the replacement of the North Creek Pool and bathhouse facilities – pool to be under construction after the 2019 pool season; and
- Finalizing a detailed plan for MVF's new Central Park amenities (dog park, community gardens, playground areas, etc.) at the former Montgomery Village Golf Course.

All of these projects will take many hours of work to accomplish, and I know we will continue to be successful by working together as a community.

Have a happy New Year!

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST December 7, 2017

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 26, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (5-0); Mr. Marsh abstained.
2. Mr. Driscoll moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Marsh moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate and execute the 2018 insurance contracts. The motion was seconded and passed (5-0); Mr. Webb abstained.
4. Mr. Marsh moved to reaffirm the e-mail vote of the MVF Board taken on November 21, 2017 to authorize the EVP to negotiate and execute a contract with Carefirst for health-care benefits for MVF employees. The motion was seconded and passed (5-0); Mr. Webb abstained.
5. Mr. Driscoll moved to approve the revised Computer Use Agreement. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Driscoll moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Gargan moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 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.
8. Mr. Gargan moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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Jan. 19	Jan. 4	Jan. 12	*Tuesday, January 16 at noon	
Feb. 2	Jan. 18	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Summer Camp Guide
Feb. 16	Feb. 1	Feb. 9	Feb. 12	
March 9	Feb. 15	March 2	March 5	Home Improvement Guide Spring Recreation Guide
March 23	March 8	March 16	March 19	
April 6	March 22	March 30	April 2	
April 20	April 5	April 13	April 16	Annual Report
May 4	April 19	April 27	April 30	Summer Recreation Guide
May 18	May 3	May 11	May 14	Residents Guide
June 1	May 17	May 25	*Tuesday, May 29 at noon	
June 22	May 31	June 15	June 18	Fourth of July Program
July 13	June 21	July 6	July 9	
July 27	July 12	July 20	July 23	
Aug. 10	July 26	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Fall Recreation Guide
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Sept. 21	Sept. 6	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	
Oct. 5	Sept. 20	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Fall Festival Program
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Residents Guide	Friday, March 30	May 18
Fourth of July Program	Friday, June 8	June 22
Fall Recreation Guide	Friday, July 27	Aug. 10
Fall Festival Program	Friday, Sept. 21	Oct. 5
Winter Recreation Guide	Wednesday, Nov. 21	Dec. 7
2019 Annual Calendar	Friday, Oct. 5	Dec. 21

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IN THE NEWS

MVF Board Student Representation open for high school juniors

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

At the September 28 MVF Board of Directors meeting, the position application and selection process was approved for this new initiative, which arose from a discussion topic at the annual Board retreat.

All high school juniors who live in Montgomery Village are eligible to apply. Selection will be made based on applicants' GPA, interest in government/political science/organization management/business, extracurricular activities, a letter of recommendation and availability for scheduled Board meetings. The position will also include a

summer internship (June to August) in the MVF Office.

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submitted applications in early February and recommend no more than three candidates to the Board for final selection. The selected candidate will be installed as a non-voting member at the Board's Annual Meeting in March. The chosen candidate will participate in Board discussions and initiatives; work with staff on projects; and gain a clearer understanding of policy decisions in the community.

Applications and full program details can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or with the Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high school counselors. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to mconroy@mvf.org. Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.

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

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The Letters to the Editor Forum (LTE) of the *Montgomery Village News* provides an important service to our community. It affords residents an opportunity to submit opinions and comments for publication in our community newsletter. It is a place where residents can voice their concerns regarding matters affecting Montgomery Village and their individual communities. However, many recent letters have criticized how the Whetstone Homes Corporation operates and questions decisions made by the board. In the last year alone, 17 of 25 issues have contained a letter to the editor with inaccurate

information about the work of the board.

The Whetstone board has been using a targeted action plan since 2010 to both contain costs and increase revenue. The board has reached the limit of how to address the perennial problem of too much work needing to be done and not enough Operating Budget funds to accomplish it. The December 1 "Whetstone Watch" column was simply relaying the reality of the situation to our residents. The board has considered many actions and alternatives to the situation, including those suggested by residents.

The board calls for residents to support the efforts of the

volunteers you have chosen to manage our community. We feel the best use of our time and resources is to focus on making our community the best it can be.

We invite all Whetstone residents to come to our regularly scheduled board meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 in the North Creek Board Room. Residents time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Whetstone
Board of Directors

Editor:

The "Whetstone Watch" of December 1 *MV News* seems to be saying that the Whetstone board has thrown up its hands and residents will get what they deserve, in sharply curtailed maintenance and upkeep policies going forward. Just why is the Whetstone board playing the role of the victim?

Judging from the article, the board appears to think it has been dealt a bad hand with its failure to earn an assessment increase. While perhaps true, the suggested role of a board member is to proceed cheerfully in providing the community services needed and drop the begrudging attitude being exhibited. To do otherwise is to

make victims of the residents of Whetstone.

Instead, board members need to rise above their disappointment, undergo an attitude adjustment and look for constructive and innovative ways to deliver the services Whetstone needs. One approach is to re-vamp the vendor list to include only those willing and able to perform their services within the current financial realities. Vendors who are unwilling or unable to share the burden should be removed from the list.

The 12.69% increase sought in the failed Assessment Increase Ballot does not warrant the throw up their hands response we are getting from the Whetstone board or the overly

dramatic draconian measures threatened. Instead, what we need is an adult response to the challenge beginning with a prioritized project list and target costs, an expanded vendor list and some professional training in contract negotiations. These measures will go a long way in closing the modest 12.69% gap.

Similarly, any board members who are unable or unwilling to make the needed commitment and adjustment should step aside. It is unacceptable for board members to harbor the attitude that Whetstone residents should get what they deserve for rejecting the Assessment Ballot Increase.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone



Editor:

Recently in online forums, it has been suggested that if only the Whetstone board was a better negotiator and expanded our vendors' list, then there would be sufficient funds to maintain the Whetstone community within our current assessment level.

For that to be true, the board would need to negotiate prices on the order of:

- \$15/hour for small jobs versus current rate of \$35/hour
- Tree trimming for less than \$20/tree versus current rate of \$100/tree
- Cut the community grass

at \$500/mowing versus the current rate of \$1,000/mowing

- Cut our current competitively bid contracts by 50% without any loss of service
- These types of rates are simply not achievable in this region.

The fact is the board prepares and publishes an annual budget each year and provides more than 60 days for residents to comment on this budget before approving it in November. This budget sets out line items for the projects that the community needs each year.

The board wants to maintain our almost 50-year-old

neighborhood in a manner to make our residents and visitors pleased with and proud of the condition of our community. I and my fellow board members work hard to balance the many competing needs that the community has.

The repeated attacks online and in the *Village News* damage efforts to manage the community, as it becomes harder and harder to find residents willing to volunteer hours required while being subjected to such unrelenting abuse.

Brian Clark
Whetstone



IN THE NEWS

MVF Board thanks volunteers at December meeting

by Mike Conroy

Before the December 7 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, volunteers on local association boards and committees were thanked for their service during the year. Volunteers were invited to a reception where MVF Board President Pete Young spoke about their involvement in the community. Young said he was grateful to live in a place where so many volunteered their time and talents to keeping the community at its best. He was proud of the contributions all had made in recent years, which have translated into actionable and physical investment and reinvestment in the Village.

Young thanked other special guests including Senator Nancy King, Delegate Charles Barkley, County Councilmember Nancy Floreen, 6th District Police Commander Dinesh Patil and his team and Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school principals Carol Goddard and Christine Handy for attending and for their work in the community as well.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Board approved a short list of action items at the final meeting of 2017. In personnel-related matters, the Executive Vice President (EVP) was authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for 2018 insurance and healthcare coverage, both of which are standard year-end contracts. Revisions to the MVF Computer Usage Policy were also approved; this policy was updated to reflect current practices and technology used in the MVF Office.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Young announced the resignation of Board member Tammy Allison. The Board will seek applicants for appointment to fill the vacancy, per the established procedure; however, the procedure will not be enacted until after the 2018 Board Election. At that time, applications will be released and a deadline for submission will be established. Allison's term expires in 2020.

EVP REPORT

In the absence of EVP Dave Humpton, Assistant EVP Mike Conroy gave the report. Con-

roy also thanked the board and committee volunteers for their service to the community throughout the year. He gave a special nod to the MVF Board, who has worked hard to maintain the community and quality of life in the Village over the last several years.

Conroy noted that Humpton had recently attended the county's CIP community meeting, where MVF requested the CIP include funds to repave Watkins Mill Road and improve the intersection at Montgomery Village Avenue and Lake Shore Drive. These are in line with the larger list of transportation priorities MVF sent to the county council earlier this year.

He also said that staff was working on potential locations and process for installation of a digital sign to announce Village events and information. A digital sign would need to be approved by the Montgomery County Sign Review Board, and would be subject to conform to the sign ordinance.

Conroy also mentioned several holiday community events, including the Winter Jazz Concert scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday,

Dec. 18 in North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Finally, he said the new Winter Recreation Guide was recently distributed with the Dec. 1 *Village News* and posted online. The guide features a new layout, as well as interactivity online, which directs users straight to registration for programs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Greg Snellings gave the Treasurer's Report, noting the financial health of the organization through October 31. He reported that year-to-date (YTD) Revenue was \$7 million, with Net Income of \$180,000, a \$162,000 favorable showing to the budget. Based on these figures, he was confident the Board made wise choices regarding positive changes to recently approved the 2018 Budget.

Snellings noted that YTD the Capital Contribution Fee has brought in excess of \$131,000, which did not include the recognized, but not realized amount of \$32,000 from the sale of the Walker House Apartments.

He also reported that the

Balance Sheet continued to reflect MVF's strong financial position with nearly 42% of assets in Cash or Investments. Snellings said MVF currently has \$1.8 million in Undesignated Reserves and continues to manage that money by using the related cash for Reserve Fund Expenses. Snellings further explained the return on the Reserve Fund is ahead of expectations because the money continues to be invested and benefits from favorable market conditions.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. There will be a "Meet the Candidates" time prior to the meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., to meet the candidates nominated to run in the 2018 MVF Board election. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - October 2017

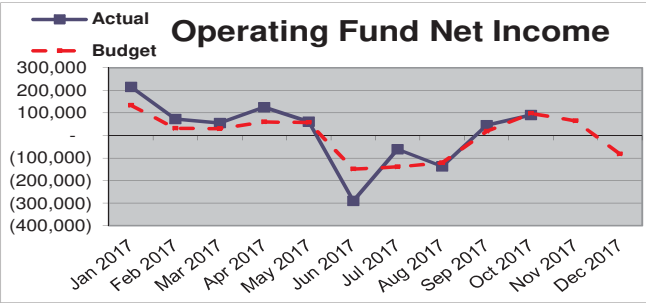
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	October 2017			YTD Oct 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	518,268	518,251	17	5,182,811	5,182,513	298
Assessment Fees	38,944	52,176	(13,233)	182,657	193,132	(10,475)
Transfer Fees	3,225	3,694	(469)	33,075	29,728	3,347
Disclosure Fees	12,552	11,581	971	126,753	129,721	(2,968)
Advertising revenue	19,815	22,655	(2,839)	102,657	132,708	(30,052)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	4,895	2,955	1,940	110,039	85,633	24,406
Camps & Classes	11,246	10,685	561	251,283	235,729	15,554
Management Fees	65,928	65,934	(6)	662,702	659,337	3,366
Capital Contribution fee	44,446	12,131	32,315	163,564	107,723	55,841
Other Income	10,193	9,840	353	184,853	129,392	55,461
Total Revenue	729,512	709,902	19,610	7,000,394	6,885,617	114,778
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	254,280	260,023	5,743	2,976,553	3,048,883	72,329
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	76,189	79,432	3,243	840,974	870,714	29,740
Personnel Costs	330,469	339,455	8,986	3,817,527	3,919,597	102,070
Business Expenses	14,564	13,452	(1,111)	147,916	174,548	26,632
Office Supplies	2,876	3,458	582	27,832	41,059	13,226
Program/Maint Supplies	7,201	4,400	(2,801)	132,765	110,700	(22,066)
Occupancy	18,897	24,858	5,961	261,991	285,728	23,737
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	20,849	22,039	1,189	272,128	280,921	8,792
Equip Maintenance	4,125	2,000	(2,125)	23,924	31,900	7,976
Vehicle Expenses	1,512	1,967	454	16,696	19,317	2,621
Financial & Legal	15,820	15,997	177	95,948	108,371	12,423
Insurance	11,738	12,178	440	97,896	93,384	(4,513)
Printing	3,476	4,583	1,108	53,779	66,033	12,254
Landscape/Maintenance	52,040	54,845	2,805	617,660	645,886	28,226
Security	18,391	9,629	(8,763)	77,608	94,445	16,837
Other	(20)	-	20	(154)	-	154
Operating Costs	171,469	169,405	(2,064)	1,825,989	1,952,290	126,301
Contribution to Reserves	90,830	90,830	(0)	908,299	908,299	(0)
Contribution to CCF	44,446	12,131	(32,315)	163,564	107,723	(55,841)
Purchases of Assets	433	-	(433)	104,329	10,000	(94,329)
Restricted Expenses	591	0	(591)	591	0	(591)
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
Reserve/capital	136,299	102,960	(33,339)	1,176,783	996,022	(180,761)
Operating Expenses	638,237	611,821	(26,416)	6,820,300	6,867,910	47,609
Excess/Deficit Revenue	91,274	98,081	(6,806)	180,094	17,707	162,387

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended October 31, 2017

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	1,559,227	2,732,698
Investments	6,182,160	5,685,163
Due from Reserves	1,384,575	257,373
Assessment Receivables	746,040	884,562
Other Receivables	102,908	88,163
Current Assets	9,974,909	9,647,959
Gross Fixed Assets	15,109,806	14,371,222
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,511,007)	(7,638,878)
Fixed Assets	8,598,799	6,732,344
Other Assets	47,122	66,211
Assets	18,620,830	16,446,513
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	1,384,575	257,373
Payables	410,613	350,347
Sunstream Cap Lease	117,759	122,954
Deferred Revenue Liab	1,010,972	970,895
Liabilities	2,923,919	1,701,569
Undesignated Reserves	2,709,951	2,504,214
Designated Reserves	12,986,956	12,240,725
Equity	15,696,907	14,744,939
Liabilities & Equity	18,620,830	16,446,513



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

Montgomery County launches “Gift Outside the Box” holiday campaign

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and Department of Environmental Protection’s (DEP) Acting Director Patty Bubar recently launched the county’s “Gift Outside the Box” holiday campaign.

The DEP public awareness campaign aims to help residents make sustainable choices to reduce waste, support local businesses and encourage volunteerism during the holiday season.

“This important holiday outreach effort challenges us to think about ways we can enjoy our holiday celebrations and reduce our impacts on the environment,” said Leggett. “I encourage all residents to “go greener” this holiday season to protect our environment.”

The Gift Outside the Box campaign has five main themes:

- **Give to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle:** Reduce

waste by buying gifts made from recycled or reused materials, and minimizing wrapping.

- **Gift Greener:** Help the environment by greening how you buy and what you buy.
- **Give Back:** Instead of a traditional gift, donate to charity or volunteer with others.
- **Gift Experiences:** From theater tickets to Montgomery Parks classes, give your loved ones activities and experiences, instead of more stuff.
- **Buy Local:** Support county businesses and purchase locally made products.

“According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, household waste increases an average of 25% between Thanksgiving and New Years,” said Bubar. “Wrapping paper, decorations, packaging and in

many cases, the gifts we buy, can end up in the waste stream. We hope the Gift Outside the Box campaign inspires residents to rethink some of their gift choices, as well as how they shop. The easiest first step is to bring your reusable bag when shopping for holiday gifts or supplies.”

The five “Gift Outside the Box” themes will be displayed on RideOn buses and in county buildings and featured on county social media and at events through the end of December. DEP has launched a Gift Outside of the Box webpage, <https://thinkmoco.com/support-sustainability>, which provides a wide range of information and resources for residents looking to “green” the holidays.



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2017 White House Christmas ornaments now available

Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team will be selling the White House Christmas Ornament as its annual fundraiser. For the past 18 years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team’s coaching staff and operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the ornaments available for purchase at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment may be made by cash or check made out to the “Lake Marion Swim Team;” cost per ornament is \$20.

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

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR’S ORNAMENT

The official 2017 White House Christmas Ornament honors the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served as the 32nd president of the United States from 1933 to 1945, and his remarkable journey to restore the faith of the American people. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.

The ornament was designed using elements unique to the life and legacy of President Roosevelt. The eagle cartouche emblazoned on the speaker’s stand at President Roosevelt’s first inauguration is the inspiration for the main element of the 2017 ornament. The two flags below have 48 stars each, representing the number of states in the union during Roosevelt’s four terms. The shape of the ornament is reminiscent of the silhouette of a tabletop radio—similar to those many Americans had in their homes and used to listen to the president’s reassuring fireside chats.

Roosevelt’s beloved Fala is pictured on the back of the ornament, sitting next to a festive Christmas tree and presents. A white leaf motif accenting the ornament edges is based on exterior stone molding that adorning the White House north entrance. Four stars toward the top of the ornament represent Roosevelt’s historic four terms as president and the chevron border recalls the design of a card case he carried while serving in office.



IN THE NEWS

2018 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

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

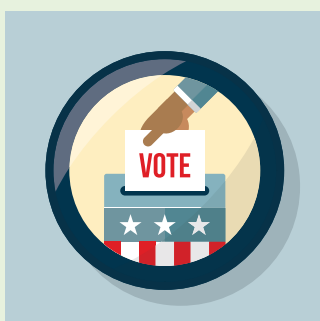
- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community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

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

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

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

You can find the application online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application by mail, fax, e-mail or bring it back to the MVF Office for forwarding to the MVF Nominating Committee. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018.



Stedwick Community Center Playground Replacement

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation and Parks is in the process of developing plans for the replacement of the Stedwick Community Center playground located at 10401 Stedwick Road. This playground needs to be replaced due to its age.

MVF staff is looking for residents who use the playground or are interested in offering input on the new equipment. The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. At this meeting, staff will be col-

lecting ideas from residents about what type of play equipment they would like to see in the new playground. The information gathered at this meeting will be used to assist in the creation of the formal bid. Once contractors have submitted designs, another meeting will be held to gather resident input on the proposed designs.

If you are interested in attending upcoming meetings, offering input or need more information, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org with your name, phone number and e-mail address.



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.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 18200 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 9:02 p.m. on November 21. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his cash and property.

Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages 16 to 18



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IN THE NEWS

Looking Back

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sible price for residents. MVF was recognized as a Tree City for the 29th consecutive year as well.

Besides investing in MVF-owned assets, the MVF Board also made a commitment to increase involvement with Village schools. Earlier this year, they announced the creation of a Student Representative position to the Board. This is currently being marketed in Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high schools, with the initial candidate to be chosen in early 2018. The Board also participated in school run events including Watkins Mill High School's Rock the Block, helping foster a community spirit.

To help promote all that has happened this year, all that will happen in the future and celebrate our residents, a few marketing initiatives were kicked off this year. To replace the previous "Flourish" branding campaign, the new campaign "What's Your Story?" was established. This campaign focuses on residents, their stories and making connections to others through social networks through video interviews. It puts a face on Village residents who represent the diversity of the community.

Additionally, the Winter Recreation Guide has been revamped to include a more

colorful, thoughtful layout and organization by age for ease of use. The online version also features direct links to the classes for easy registration through the Active platform. This is just one step in the future of recreation offerings for Village residents.

Of course, none of this could be pulled off without dedicated personnel at the MVF Office. 2017 is bittersweet, because although we have added a few new faces, it meant saying goodbye to a few long-time employees and pioneers of many aspects of the community. This year Peggy Mark and Diane Stasiewicz retired from MVF with a combined total of 78 years of service. Peggy spent 41 years shaping recreation in the community, and thanks to her efforts, residents enjoy many of the facilities, amenities, parks, playgrounds and programs established today.

Diane is putting 37 years of Architectural Standards knowledge, reviews, meetings, approvals and modifications on the shelf. Her dedication to preserving the standards the Kettler Brothers put in place and desire to work with residents on changes to their homes will certainly be missed.

In 2018 we are looking forward to many new and exciting things. A new Director of

Architectural Standards will start working at MVF. Her fresh take on process, criteria, commercial architecture and potential new ideas may help advance the Village for years to come.

A Recreation Strategic Plan will analyze current programming, demographics and other statistics to help usher in new programs and align priorities for the future. A new Communications strategy will look at the ways we communicate and help foster change in the digital capabilities of MVF.

Planning will begin for the next of our pool renovations, North Creek Pool, with renovation scheduled to begin after the 2019 season. This should be another exciting venture in updating amenities, and a great exercise in resident involvement.

Whatever your plans are for 2018, the Montgomery Village Foundation staff wishes you a happy, healthy new year and much success. We look forward to continuing to make Montgomery Village a great place to live, work and play as we venture to tell our story.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Covenant United Methodist Church Christmas services

Covenant United Methodist Church (CMUC) welcomes Village residents for Heather Sorenson's musical cantata "Little Lion, Little Lamb" on Sunday, Dec. 17 at both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship times. The chancel choir members and chamber orchestra will present the musical cantata.

This brand new Christmas cantata is composed in a beautiful blend of traditional and blended choral styling and weaves the historical symbolism of both the lion and the lamb into the Christmas story. Through original songs and traditional carols, singers and listeners are reminded that this

story is not just an event in history, but a living story that still impacts the world today.

Narration, solos, congregational participation and children's voices, along with the gorgeous orchestration by Keith Christopher, work together and will guarantee to make these services a time of both celebration and worship. Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be provided.

CMUC is hosting other other advent and holiday activities. For more information, visit www.covenant-umc.org or call 301-926-8920. CMUC is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve morning: Sunday, Dec. 24

- one worship service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve evening: Sunday, Dec. 24

- Children's Pageant (ages 3 to 17) at 5 p.m.
- Candlelight Service at 8:30 p.m.
- Special Music - reflection/meditation time at 10:30 p.m.
- Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.



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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Eco-friendly house tips

As home maintenance projects come up, think about using this opportunity to go green. Installing solar roof panels is not the only way to go green. There are plenty of low to medium priced projects that can improve the energy efficiency of your home.

Weatherize old windows instead of replacing them with new vinyl windows. If your house windows are in good overall shape, replacing them is not necessary. Older windows can perform just as well as new vinyl replacement windows as long as they are in good repair and are properly sealed and airtight. Caulk the exterior trim of your win-

dows, repair cracked glass or damaged putty around the glass. This will reduce the demand for vinyl and the non-biodegradable waste and toxic byproducts that result from its production.

Insulate your attic, basement and crawl space. Heat is lost in uninsulated areas of your home or in the areas that have insufficient insulation. There are many eco-friendly insulation options available, but the type of insulation your house requires will depend on the climate, the recommended R-value, the direction your house faces, drainage, ventilation and local building codes.

Seal all leaks and drafts

in your home. Keep exterior doors airtight with weather stripping. Keep all fireplace dampers closed when the fireplace is not in use. Install chimney rain covers and seal dryer vent leaks by using covers that open only when the dryer is in use. Insulate and seal around all water pipes, cable connections and anywhere the exterior of the home has been penetrated with pipes or wiring. Check the areas around the exterior house siding and make sure they are properly sealed, especially under the bottom rim of the siding at the house foundation.

Landscape the exterior of your home; it increases the

property value and will also lower the demands on your heating and cooling systems. Plant a row of evergreen trees on the north and east sides of your house. These trees will shelter your home from winter winds. Plant deciduous trees on the south side of your house and they will protect your home from the summer sun. While in the winter, the deciduous trees will drop their leaves and allow sun to penetrate and warm your home.

Open your windows during the spring and summer seasons and turn off your air conditioner. Create cross ventilation using open windows and fans. This will save on

high energy bills generated from the extensive use of air conditioning.

Select the greenest products for your home. How do you know if a product is green? In general, if a product saves water or energy; replaces toxic chemicals with healthier alternatives; conserves resources; or reduces, reuses or recycles waste, it is probably green. As always, if you plan to modify the exterior of your home, please apply for approval from the ARB before you install any replacement materials or modify the exterior of your home.



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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

A new sense of purpose

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Upon numerous complaints from residents regarding poor security patrolling and effectiveness from U.S. Security Associates, Inc. (USA), the board will terminate its services on Sunday, Dec. 31. After much consideration, it was determined to leave our security in the hands of trained law enforcement professionals—the Montgomery County police.

As residents, that means if you see something suspicious...report it.

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 301-279-8000
6th District Police: 240-773-5700

Based on this new direction, we are transitioning from utilizing security patrols to “observe and report” to enforcing parking violations. Parking violations are a major concern the board hears regularly. To address that, the board selected Silver Horse Security Services from Germantown for a one-year term. Effective Monday, Jan. 1, 2018. Silver Horse will patrol Patton Ridge four days per week on a random schedule.

What is considered a parking violation? Parking in a fire lane, double parking, parking in someone else’s reserved space, parking in a “No Parking” zone, expired license tags, inoperable vehicle and overnight parking of trucks are all violations.

Once a vehicle is stickered, the violation must be eliminated within 72 hours or the vehicle will be towed. Vehicles parked in fire lanes can be towed immediately without stickered. Stickered vehicles will be tracked by the community manager so that Silver Horse can be notified when the 72-hour grace period has expired.

We will monitor this transition closely while Silver Horse becomes familiar with our parking enforcement needs. Residents can contact our

community management staff at pattonridgehc@mvmf.org or 240-243-2326 with questions or concerns.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

STEPHEN WHITEHEAD

I and my family have lived in the Fairway Islands community of Patton Ridge for 17 years. Montgomery Village is where I have raised my three children (and a dog) and where we continue to shop, dine and attend church. For years, I was part of the silent majority of homeowners, until I became frustrated with the development plans for the golf course and tree removal on our street. It was at that point that I stepped forward and became involved with community affairs and in June 2015 joined the Patton Ridge Board of Directors. My priorities as a board member include the maintenance and improvement of our community infrastructure, safety and fairness of our neighborhoods and community outreach to awaken the voices of our often-silent majority. Patton Ridge is where we live and it needs to be a community where we are all engaged in its well-being.

RALPH BALLY

I moved to Montgomery Village in 1988, knowing that it was a community with maintenance rules and regulations that would help protect property values. Over the past several years, as I’ve walked around the community, I noted persistent infractions that I began to report to the HOA. That is how I learned that some residents simply ignored correction letters. Even referrals to the county did little to remedy the problem. I would like to be a member of the Patton Ridge HOA Board to see if I can help remedy this situation and protect our property values. My priority as a board member would be the maintenance and

improvement of our community property infrastructure. Of the 27 years I spent on active duty in the Navy as a clinical psychologist, 10 were spent at medical headquarters. Thus, I have much experience getting things done in a bureaucratic setting.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is for the Patton Ridge Board of Directors to

say thank you for the opportunity to serve you and make Patton Ridge a premier HOA to be a part of. As the year ends, we wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

There is no meeting in December. The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23 in the North Creek Board

Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; please limit your remarks to no more than three minutes.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Fall and snow maintenance issues

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

There was only one leaf pickup this year, and it took place during the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week. Leaf pickup for the remainder of the year is the responsibility of our home owners.

Leaves should be raked or blown to the curb and placed in disposable yard bags or in hard-sided trash cans for Thursday pickup by the county recycling service. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up.

Neighbors should not rake or blow leaves onto common spaces, as that will kill the turf underneath.

Leaves that are not removed will accumulate on our streets and lead to unsafe driving and pedestrian conditions. Such conditions impact our children walking to school, mail and package delivery service and visitors to our community. Please be considerate and either bag the leaves yourself or hire a lawn service to do it for you. Just ask a neighbor if you need a referral.

SNOW REMOVAL

Under Whetstone’s Snow Removal Policy, snow accumulation that exceeds 2 inches on the roadways will be plowed. When snow accumulation is less than 2 inches, or when icy conditions make passage treacherous, roadways will be

treated with an application of salt and/or ice melt. Our community manager will identify high hazard areas and notify our contractor.

Snow from the streets is to be deposited on designated community common space. This requirement is intended to maintain line of sight for people exiting their driveways and to prevent shrub damage during heavy snows.

Our contractor will clear the sidewalks on Montgomery Village Avenue and the six bus stops—one on Montgomery Village Avenue and the rest on Centerway Road—adjacent to Whetstone property.

Our asphalt paths are considered non-essential and are not plowed or treated for ice and snow.

To see our Snow Removal Policy in its entirety, visit www.mvmf.org/communities/Whetstone and enter your member dashboard where the list of Whetstone policies can be found.

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

During and after snow storms, we ask that residents park their cars in their garages or on their driveways so that the plows can clear the streets.

Residents are responsible for clearing the snow at the end of their driveways. Residents of The Courts are responsible for clearing their driveway aprons.

Residents are responsible

for removing snow or ice on sidewalks abutting their property according to the Montgomery County “Pedestrian Winter Safety Act of 2001”, Bill 1-01.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Continuing a long-standing tradition, Whetstone will again have its annual Holiday Lights Contest. Judging will take place the evening of Monday, Dec. 18, so be sure your holiday lights are lit. The winners will be announced in the *Village News*.

WHETSTONE WELCOME COMMITTEE

If you are new to Whetstone, the Whetstone Welcome Committee would like to drop by and bring you a goody bag filled with helpful information. Just send an e-mail to welcome.to.whetstone@gmail.com and indicate when you are free for a visit.

NEXT MEETING

The Whetstone board does not meet in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2018 Parking Tags

The parking tags for 2017 will expire on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Residents can pick up the 2018 parking tags at the ComSource Office at 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney.

Parking passes will not be mailed.

Residents must have a photo ID to receive 2018 parking tags. Homeowners/landlords are responsible to contact ComSource if they do not want renters to obtain the parking tags. If you are a renter, you must verify with the property owner that you are authorized to pick up the parking tags. Parking tags will not be given to renters if the homeowner/landlord has requested that parking tags only be given to the owner.

As a reminder, each household is assigned one reserved parking space and receives two corresponding parking permits. Households with current assessment accounts will receive a third corresponding parking permit at the time of distribution.

If a homeowner is delinquent on their assessment account, they will not receive a third parking tag/permit until they have paid the past due assessment balance, including all outstanding administrative fees, legal fees, fines and interest in full.

Please note, after Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, homeowners/tenants will be towed if they are parked in their reserved space or open space, anytime of the day or night, and displaying an expired parking tag.

If you are a new resident and do not know your assigned parking space number or have not picked up your parking tag, call Shirley Umali at 301-924-7355 or e-mail sumali@comsource.com.

COMMUNITY DAY
A SUCCESS

Residents enjoyed the Middle Village Community Day that was held at Montgomery Village Middle School. Residents had an opportunity to talk with the vendors and organizations that service our community. In addition, two community volunteers were recognized for their contribution to Middle Village, and two lucky residents won \$25 gift cards.

A big thank you goes out to the participating companies: Montgomery County Police, WSSC, Montgomery Village Architectural Standards Department, Gabriel Acevero, Democrat for Delegate District 39, Middle Village Community Enhancements Committee and the Middle Village board members who distributed parking passes and demonstrated the ComSource website. Be on the lookout for information about the next Middle Village Community Day coming this summer.

PARKING/SNOW
REMOVAL RULES

Certain locations within Middle Village are designated as snow storage areas and are designated with "No Parking When Snow is Forecast" signage. Anyone who parks in these areas when snow is forecast or falling will be immediately towed without notice.

In the case of snowfall that is 3 inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with their address to hold a space only if he/she cleared snow from the space. Only one cone is permitted per home/address, and can only hold a space for up to four days. More than one cone with the same address will be

removed and discarded. Additionally, cones that do not have the address clearly written on them, or that remain in spaces for more than the permitted timeframe as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are due paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 15th of the month to avoid late charges. Your regular payment allows us to continue providing services to the community.

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is calling Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mailing dmatthews@comsource.com.

CONTACTING
COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Happy Holidays

by Keith Silliman

The holiday season is here, and we have had our first snow with few consequences, although the last of the leaf pickups was pushed into the following week. I hope that each of you will have an opportunity to enjoy some time with your families, contemplate the meaning and significance of this holiday period and anticipate the future. The new year and spring will be here before we know it.

A significant number and variety of trees are being planted throughout the Stedwick community. They are the trees provided by Pepco to replace trees cut down along the Pepco right-of-way.

The annual nomination and election process for three Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors positions is underway. Please consider volunteering to serve if you are interested in the welfare of the Stedwick community and are willing and able to participate in monthly board of directors meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

The application process requires the submission of a statement indicating your interest in the position and providing any related information about community or professional experience. That statement can be hand delivered, e-mailed, or snail-mailed to the Stedwick Homes Corporation

community manager whose contact information is provided at the end of this article. The deadline for the submission of candidacy information is Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at 5 p.m.

The paperwork associated with the long awaited installation of seven pet waste stations has been completed. They will be installed throughout the community along heavily trafficked walking areas. You can be on the lookout for them.

There will be no meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors in December. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. The first item on the agenda is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, please contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvf.org or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

Leaf Removal Schedule

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

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

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The week of December 18

HORIZON RUN

The week of December 18

NORTH VILLAGE

The week of December 18

PATTON RIDGE

The week of December 18

SOUTH VILLAGE

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season.

Holiday trash pickup

For the Christmas and New Year's holidays, some trash contractors will slide their pickup days as indicated below. If you are unsure which day to put out your trash, please contact your trash service or community manager.

CHRISTMAS PICKUP

Eastgate - Wednesday, Dec. 27
East Village - Wednesday, Dec. 27
North Village - Tuesday, Dec. 26
South Village - Tuesday, Dec. 26
Stedwick - Wednesday, Dec. 27
Whetstone - Wednesday, Dec. 27

NEW YEAR'S PICKUP

Eastgate - Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018
East Village - Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018
North Village - Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018
South Village - Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018
Stedwick - Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018
Whetstone - Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018

HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTHGATE NEWS

Leaf removal ongoing

by the Northgate Board of Directors

McFall & Berry, Northgate's landscape contractor, should be working on finalizing leaf removal throughout Northgate. This column goes to press five days before publication, so the precise status is unknown. Inclement weather can cause delays, so please be patient. The work will be completed as soon as possible.

When the time comes to dispose of your Christmas tree, please note the following:

Please recycle any Christmas trees: Christmas trees are given a new life after being composted or chipped for mulch, so keep the tree in a natural state.

- Remove the stand and all decorations, including lights, ornaments, tinsel and garland. Be sure there is no metal attached to the tree.
- Remove any plastic bags from your tree.

- "Live" Christmas trees with root balls and artificial trees cannot be collected as yard trim.
- Set your Christmas tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.

If you need a bulk trash pickup after the holidays (or anytime), please place your items out on the following schedule:

Thursdays - Overlea and The Points

Fridays - Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Shadow Oak and Williams Range.

All bulk pickups must be placed curbside. Residents of Overlea and McKendree I & II must bring their bulk items to the curb. No recyclable items will be taken as bulk, nor will construction material generated by a contractor. If a resident places a rug or carpet out for bulk pickup, it is acceptable. If a homeowner has a carpet or rug contractor replacing rugs

or carpet in the home, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the carpet or rugs.

Collections on the following holidays will be made on the next regularly scheduled service day: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Junior Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

The deadline for applying to run for the board of directors is Friday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m. Contact Tony Martella at NorthgateHC@comsource.com for application information.

This is the last article for the year. Thank you for your support during 2017. We always appreciate constructive input from residents.

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

HOMES CORPORATION CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village 2018 Candidate Statements

JAMES ANDARY

I have been a resident of North Village for over 36 years. I served on the board of directors several times in the past with several terms as board president. I am a retired Federal employee with 40 years of government experience. I would like to serve the community again as a member of the board of directors. Recognizing that there are severe financial pressures on the community, I will insist on fiscal restraint while finding affordable ways to maintain and enhance the community, ultimately leading to increased property values.

BABU BALA

I am an owner in the Salems Grant section of North Village and am pleased to be considered for nomination to serve on the board of directors. As a resident I am proud to be a part of the community. I care about the neighborhood and am willing to contribute my time and effort for its maintenance and wellbeing. Currently, I work as an independent consultant for several Information Technology companies from around the world and specialize in maintaining their systems and their working seamlessly. I have traveled extensively and have met people from different cultures and countries. Through these experiences I have learned to listen and act

accordingly. I am also a team player who learns from his peers and superiors.

AIDAN KACHEMOV

I would like to be nominated to be on the board for North Village. In my last home in Meadowvale Gaithersburg I sat on the board for 6 years. My last seat was treasurer. Through my years of serving on the board I was able to accomplish many capital improvements and keeping HOA fees with little to no increments. On a professional note in my last role I was a Director for The Ritz-Carlton and it was half hotel and residential. In my current role I oversee all business development for the Northeast for a British firm. I just moved into the Village a few months ago. I look forward to meeting the current board members and my local peers in the North Village.

THOMAS WILLS

My name is Thomas Wills and I am currently a 2 + year resident of Pleasant Ridge. Prior to that, I lived in Shadow Oak for 20 years. My current residence is nestled among some great neighbors in a really nice neighborhood and I would like to continue to provide my time to the board to try and help keep it that way. I have had an interest for several years and with all 3 children out of the house and off to various colleges, I think I have

the requisite time available to continue. Scholastically I have a Master's Degree from the University of Maryland and have been a controller and/or VP of Finance for several government contractors throughout the years, including my present full time employment. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the board and working with the others that have given so freely of their time to the community. In some small way, I feel I am giving back and hope to continue to do so. Thank you for considering keeping me on the board.

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



EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018
Nominating Committee: T. Holloway, K. Linck

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 29
Nominating Committee: J. Amtmann, E. Olson, D. Sigano, E. Stockton

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018
Nominating Committee: S. Kimbell, J. Koza

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 5, 2018
Nominating Committee: K. Silliman

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018
Nominating Committee: S. Cranford, J. Martin

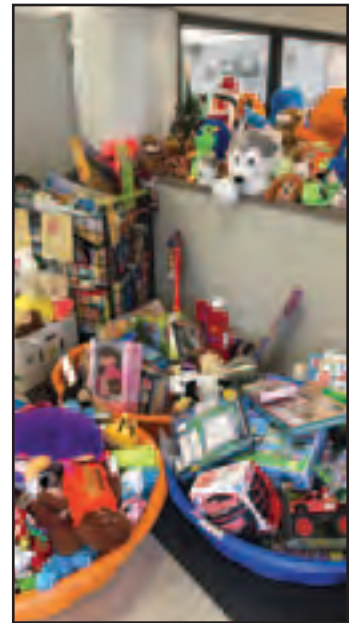
RECREATION



Thank you to everyone who donated canned goods at Halloween Hoopla and or the Thanksgiving Day Workout. The donations amounted to over 216 pounds of food that will be distributed to our local community through Gaithersburg Help.



The Montgomery Village Community Band performed festive holiday music to the delight of their audience at the MVF Holiday Toys for Tots concert held at Lake Marion Community Center last Sunday. Holiday Concert attendees donated generously to the Toys for Tots drive. Over 300 toys were collected.



Tiny Tots Playtime

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

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Thursdays | 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Jan. 12 to March 30

\$30/Resident, \$40/Non-resident

\$12/additional children in the same family

NEW! Drop-in option:

\$3/Resident, \$4/Non-resident

**Ages 5
and younger**

STEM Challenge with LEGO®

Looking for homeschool STEM classes? Take advantage of STEM Challenge with Play-Well TEKnologies from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, 2018 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Power up your engineering skills with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply

real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as bulldozers, hovercrafts, hot air balloons and the Great Wall of China. Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. There are no prerequisites for this course.



STEM Challenge costs \$126/Resident and \$136/Non-resident. To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more program information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



\$22/Resident

\$27/Non-resident

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**Friday, Feb. 2
6 to 8 p.m.**

Hey teens — what's there to do in the Village on a Friday night? Check out the Teen Art Café from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 when Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, is transformed into a coffee house! There will be music, refreshments, friendship and fun activities. "Make and Take" a graffiti string art project to decorate your room and awesome bath bombs to give as a gift or keep for yourself!

Teen Art Café is for kids ages 11 to 15 and costs \$22/Resident or \$27/Non-resident. To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more program information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



Friday, Jan. 26 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Get messy while school is out! Join us as we make bizarre science projects all day at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Learn how to make elephant toothpaste, princess snot, worm hotels, slime and much more, all out of items

that can be found at home. Go home with the recipes to share with your friends and family.

Participants should bring a clean 2-liter bottle and a non-perishable lunch, and wear clothes that can get dirty. Join us from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018. The cost

is \$65/Resident or \$75/Non-resident.

To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more program information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.

RECREATION

Whetstone Afterschool Club

Join friends for afterschool fun, Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m. from January to June!

Students in grades K to 5 have after school fun in a well supervised and friendly environment. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts & crafts and homework help. MVF staff will pick up participants from Whetstone Elementary School immediately after school dismissal and walk them to Whetstone Community Center (WCC). Students from Stedwick Elementary and Watkins Mill Elementary are welcome to participate; parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to WCC. No club when MCPS are closed for a full day. Snacks will be provided for participants.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum 20-day punch card. Punch cards expire on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Not sure if the program is right for you? New registrants can try the program for free from Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Monday, Jan. 8—a great way to experience the Whetstone Afterschool Club! For a free one-day trial after the trial week, or to add days to your registration, call 301-948-0110. Pre-registration required.

Please note, there is no club when MCPS are closed for a full day. For more information, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvmf.org.

Mark your calendar—Flashlight Egg Hunt

The annual Flashlight Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Bring your flashlight and a basket to fill;

it's so exciting, you can't sit still!

A few special eggs hide in plain sight;

Pick one up,

it will make your night!

Bring a flashlight and your own basket to gather plastic

eggs filled with candy/prizes. Early hunt times for the younger set will not require a flashlight.

Hunt times are based on age categories:

Ages 2 to 4 - 7:10 to 7:20 p.m.
Ages 5 to 7 - 7:30 to 7:40 p.m.
Ages 8 to 12 - 7:50 to 8 p.m.
All Ages - 8:10 to 8:20 p.m.

Please arrive 10 minutes before your category start time.

The Flashlight Egg Hunt will be held at Gordon W. Bowie Music Pavilion in South Valley Park, 19300 Watkins Mill Road. If registering before Thursday, March 22, 2018, the cost is \$3 per participant; cost day of is \$5 at the gate.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

Children's Ballet

Sign up now for children's dance classes beginning Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018! Dance education enhances strength, flexibility and coordination, with a specific emphasis on technique and correct use of

body. Not to mention a focus on having fun!

Taught by competitive dancer Denise Sayer, Children's Ballet classes are held on Saturday mornings from January 6 to March 17 at North

Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or e-mail Melanie Maggi at mmaggi@mvmf.org.

Teeny Tiny Chefs

Looking for something to do with your little one during the winter? At Tiny Chefs, children learn how to measure, pour, mix and stir while being free to use their creativity. The objective of each class is to enhance confidence, skill and pride in each child as they prepare fun and tasty meals. Children ages 3 to 5 and their parents can get cooking from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 to Jan. 30, 2018 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

In this specially designed parent/child preschool culinary program, we connect cooking concepts and recipes with themes and characters drawn from selected children's books, and add songs and movement activities to keep our tiniest chefs engaged.

Teeny Tiny Chefs costs \$78/Resident and \$88/Non-resident. To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more program information, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvmf.org.

Taekwondo Open House – Jan. 8

Stop by North Creek Community Center, 2015 Arrowhead Road, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 for an introductory Taekwondo lesson led by instructor Michael McFarland of Han Mi Martial Arts!

Participants will be intro-

duced to the authentic Korean Martial Art of Taekwondo, "the way of hands and feet," the world's most popular martial art form. Taekwondo is known for its powerful kicks and challenging sparing style while also being a fun and competitive international

sport. Full classes are designed for ages 3 ½ to adult.

For more information or to register for the full session, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.



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Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, Jan. 20

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 online by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20! Each booklet contains 12 cards.

Prices at the door are \$10/Booklet or \$1/card (cash only).



Snow date is Saturday, Jan. 27.



T-ball for ages 4 to 7

Wednesdays
Jan. 10 to Feb. 28
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



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Indoor T-ball 1.0 for ages 4 to 6
4 to 5 p.m.

4024.111
Indoor T-ball 2.0 for ages 5 to 7
5 to 6 p.m.

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



MVF ADULT FUTSAL LEAGUE
INDOOR V SOCCER
For ages 18 and up

Fridays
Jan. 12 to March 30
7 to 11 p.m.

www.montgomeryvillage.com

Register Early!
Space is limited.

Team Fee:
\$475/team with a minimum of 7 players by Wednesday, Dec. 27.
\$525/team with a minimum of 7 players after Wednesday, Dec. 27. *You may only sign up for one team.

\$100 Non-refundable deposit due at time of registration to reserve team space.

Individual player: \$55

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 10.
Teams must wear same color shirts.
40-minute games. 5 vs. 5 field play.

ID required for all players. Players may only play on one team.
Please note that the length of the season is dictated by the number of registered teams.

For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367, e-mail chayes@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com

RECREATION

10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance

Girls ages 5 to 12 and their father or father figure can spend a special night dancing and having fun from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Pull out your prettiest dress and Daddy's favorite tie! It's time to dance the night away while you enjoy sweet treats with your sweetheart. Father/daughter duos can count on favorite dance tunes, tasty refreshments, fun raffles and a charming balloon drop at the end of the evening. Couples will also receive a keepsake photo!

Don't delay — this event always sells out! Early registration is encouraged. Register by Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 to receive the rate of \$17/per person (Resident), \$22/per person (Non-resident). Registration fees increase after January 26.

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

Valentine's Wine & Paint

Uncork your creativity with a little wine, a little mess and a lot of love from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. In this special Valentine's edition of our popular Wine & Paint events, couples will create a fun, two canvas masterpiece for the home. Individual artists are welcome too and will create a similar piece using one canvas!

Experienced instructor Sue Kay will guide you step-by-step through this unique and easy painting with acrylics on stretched canvas. No experience necessary! Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. The cost for this event is \$32/Resident and \$38/Non-resident; participants must be 21 or older to attend.

For information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

Register now for winter fitness classes

Get the ball rolling on those New Year's resolutions and register for winter fitness classes today!

Winter session fitness classes include: Youth Ballet on Saturday mornings; Children's Basketball Express on Sundays and Mondays; Taekwondo on Mondays; BANG Power Dance on Tuesdays; Pop Pilates on Tuesdays or Thursdays; Aerobics, Monday through Thursday; Zumba on Wednesdays and Saturdays;

Yoga on Wednesdays and Sundays; and Gentle Yoga on Thursday mornings!

With such a variety of classes, there is something for everyone! For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>. Not sure one of these classes is right for you? Try out any of our adult classes now using the convenient "Drop-In" option!

BANG Power Dance™ with Heidy

Our Zumba instructor is taking on a new class — join Heidy on Tuesdays for BANG Power Dance! This urban-inspired dance/fitness class is a fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training. This class will take your workout to a whole new level. Using a carefully designed mix of today's hottest music, BANG

Power Dance will inspire you to get fit and move!

Classes run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 2 to March 20, 2018. Cost is \$66/Resident, \$76/Non-resident or \$7 to drop-in. For more information or to register call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

POP Pilates

New year, new moves! Join Alysha Cunningham for a fusion of ab-chiseling, total-body-defining moves choreographed to everyone's favorite Top 40 hits! This intense mat-based work-out is for all fitness levels and ages. Fitness moves focus on developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles.

Classes are held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Stedwick Com-

munity Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Drop-in for \$7/class, or register for the full session.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>. Stick around for BANG Power Dance™ with Heidy from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to take your Tuesday evening workout to a whole new level!



FREE ADMISSION FOR SHOPPERS

INDOOR Flea Market

Limitless treasures to buy or sell! Bargains galore!

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, Feb. 24
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Show date: Sunday, Feb. 25

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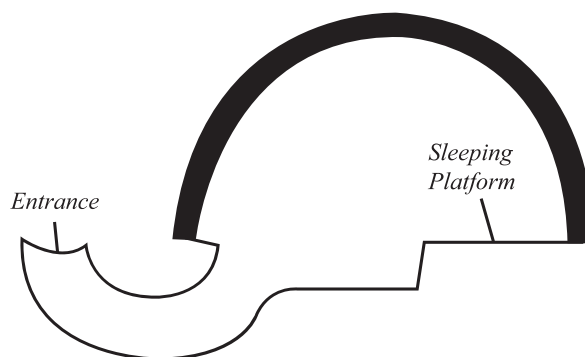
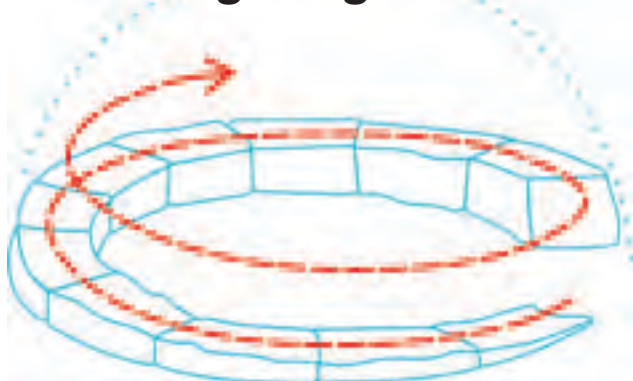
MV Kids learn about Igloos

An igloo, also known as a snow house or snow hut, is a type of shelter built of snow, when the snow can be easily compacted.

We usually think about Eskimo people living in igloos, but people of Canada's Central Arctic and Greenland's Thule area also built and lived in igloos. Other Inuit people tended to use snow to insulate their houses, which were constructed from whalebone and hides. Snow is used because the air pockets trapped in it make it an insulator. On the outside, temperatures may be as low as -49°F , but on the inside the temperature may be as warm as 61°F when warmed by body heat alone.



Building an Igloo



Inside of an Igloo



Types of Igloos

There are three traditional types of igloos, all of different sizes and used for different purposes.

The smallest were constructed as temporary shelters, usually only used for one or two nights. These were built and used during hunting trips, often on open sea ice.

Medium-sized igloos were for semi-permanent, family dwelling. This was usually a single room dwelling that housed one or two families. Often there were several of these in a small area, which formed an Inuit village.

The largest igloos were normally built in groups of two. One of the buildings was a temporary structure built for special occasions, the other built nearby for living. These might have had up to five rooms and housed up to 20 people. A large igloo might have been constructed from several smaller igloos attached by their tunnels, giving common access to the outside. These were used to hold community feasts and traditional dances.



MV SENIORS

seniors in | action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

WINTER Session

Jan. 2 to May 18, 2018

MONDAY

Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon
Various creative projects for all levels.

Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon
beginning March 19, 2018
This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong!
Limited equipment available for use.

SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to noon
Games, conversation and refreshments.

Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m.
meets once each month
Jan. 22: "A Full Life" by Jimmy Carter
Feb. 26: "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict

TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an
interactive exercise video.

Seated Tai Chi 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low
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WEDNESDAY

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

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an
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SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.

Total Body Tune-Up 11 to 11:45 a.m.
Fun and easy to follow exercise for all fitness levels.

FRIDAY

Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch Noon to 2 p.m.
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Next Play Date: Jan. 12

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A look back...



SiA members enjoyed the November potluck lunch and Total Body Tune-up class last month.

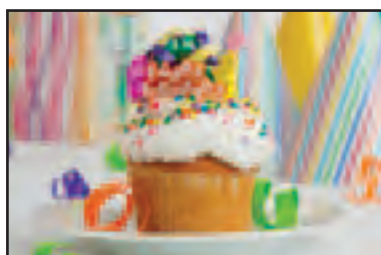
Up next...



Winter Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 9 to Friday, Jan. 19, 2018
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Birthday Celebration

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | Noon

Join SiA members in celebrating birthdays in January,
February and March with cake and light refreshments.
Free for members, \$2/Non-member



Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch crew will meet at the Stedwick Community Center on the second Tuesday of each month after the conclusion of Tai Chi. Please see the flyer on the SiA board for more info!

REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office,
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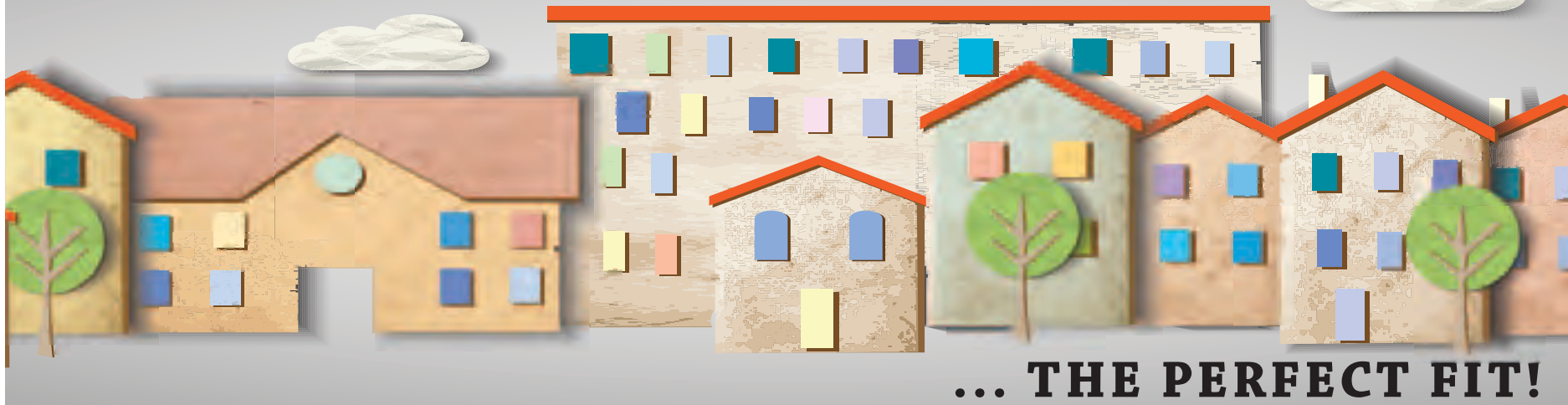
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