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Santa and his helpers along with MVF staff got together with residents and kids for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 10 at North Creek Community Center. They shared delicious hot cocoa and breakfast treats, as well as fun crafts and time to visit with Santa.

Looking back on our 50th Anniversary year

by Mike Conroy

Since 1966, a lot has happened in Montgomery Village, most notably, the realization of the Kettler Brothers' dream in building a "new town" – a place we call home today. In the last year, our 50th year as a community, we have also seen many changes, growth opportunities and ways to celebrate our history thus far.

In February we honored the groundbreaking of the community with a 50th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration. This fun family afternoon included a living timeline of Village communities; a visit from Washington Nationals mascot George Washington; Village trivia; a community-drawn mural; a photo booth; cake and ice

cream; and declarations from elected officials regarding the significant role Montgomery Village has played in local and state history.

At the annual Art, Craft and Photography show in March, the community mural was put on display, as well as other resident submitted historical items. An exhibition category was also added to the event, and residents created special works of art that displayed their Village pride across a number of different media.

Rainy days in April brought some grey skies, but even more reason to celebrate, as Montgomery Village was named a Tree City for the 28th consecutive year.

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Fourth installment of *Flourish* magazine now available

by Mike Conroy

Over the last several years, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has promoted the benefits and amenities of Montgomery Village, the diversity of housing, pride in community and Village events to county residents, area visitors and the local community. The main vehicle for this campaign has been the full color *Flourish* magazine. The previous three issues have been

distributed around the county and have received high praise as a great tool to showcase Montgomery Village.

The first issue was dedicated to promoting amenities and all aspects of the community, not just those amenities under MVF purview. The second volume covered our most important resource: our residents. Articles highlighted

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for Grades K through 6

Tuesday, Dec. 27
through
Thursday, Dec. 29
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Community Meeting with 6th District Police

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors will host a Community Meeting with the 6th District Police at **7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.**

Commander Dinesh Patil will be discussing crime trends, crime prevention and new avenues of communication with Village residents. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

LOOK INSIDE

2016 White House ornament available

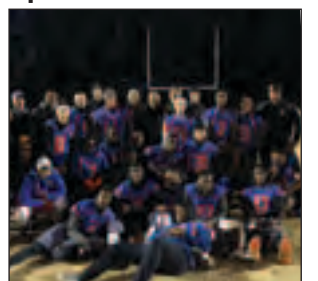


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New Whetstone Afterschool Club!

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WMHS and 6th District Police team up on the field



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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. 4, 2017 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. 11, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 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.



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

EASTGATE HOMES CORPORATION

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

NORTHGATE HOMES CORPORATION

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE HOMES CORPORATION

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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Apple Ridge Playground Replacement Community Meeting

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture is developing plans for the replacement of the playground located behind the Apple Ridge Pool at 10101 Apple Ridge Road. This playground needs to be replaced and will be relocated slightly on the site to allow for better accessibility from the parking lot.

Playgrounds offer children places to exercise and play outdoors aiding in their physical development, which is important for all children. Staff is looking for community residents who use or will use the playground, to offer input on proposed designs.

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

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Friday, Dec. 23 and
Monday, Dec. 26
for Christmas and
Monday, Jan. 2
for New Year's.**

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EVP'S MESSAGE

Recent county meetings



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

UCAB

There was a joint meeting of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) Land Use Committee and Quality of Life Committee on December 5 to receive a briefing from the State Highway Administration (SHA) on upcounty state roads.

Christopher Bishop, District 3, State Highway Commission, updated the committees and those in attendance on the status of various state projects. Projects to improve capacity on I-270 peaked the committee's interest and will have a major impact on Village residents over time. Bishop reported that the I-270/Watkins Mill Interchange project would be advertised in spring 2017, and the scope of the project is a full diamond interchange, providing ingress and egress off of 270 from Watkins Mill Road.

The joint committee is recommending to UCAB that the County Executive write to SHA requesting that they provide incentives to contractors to construct the project in a timely fashion, so that it reduces the time motorists will be impacted by the construction of the road. He also reported that the project would be coordinated with Governor Hogan's plans for enhancements to improve capacity on I-270 in both Montgomery and Frederick counties. Proposals for this project are expected in winter/spring of 2017.

Bishop called this a "turn key" project, noting that it would involve significant engineering and then construction of roadway improvements on the very congested I-270. Bishop was asked about the status of the Corridor City Transitway (CCT), and he indicated that planning for the project had been moved out in the state CIP for at least six years.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS (SUCH AS AIRBNB) IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Also on December 5, MVF staff attended a community meeting sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to get feedback on the M-NCPPC staff's Preliminary Recommendations for Regu-

lating Short-Term Residential Rentals.

Earlier this year, the county council tasked the planning department with conducting public outreach and making recommendations regarding zoning regulations for short-term residential rentals. This was M-NCPPC's third community meeting, aimed at providing the council with information and proposed solutions to address numerous issues with short term residential rentals raised by various segments of the public since a short term rental bill was introduced in the council session last winter.

Condos and HOAs, property owners/entrepreneurs and affected neighbors are the three primary stakeholders that have come forward to debate the issues. The primary concern that has emerged is how to accommodate the desire for short-term rentals among travelers and property owners without harming the quality of life for other residents in neighborhoods.

At the December 5 meeting, numerous ideas were discussed, including:

- Allowing short-term rentals as a "limited" use in all residential zones (a limited use requires compliance with statutory conditions, an application, and a permit to be issued by the county);
- Requiring proof that a short-term rental property is the primary residence of the applicant by requiring the applicant to provide valid proof of home address;
- Requiring that an applicant provide written proof that neighbors (those who share a wall or property line with the applicant's property or dwelling unit) have been notified about the application;
- Restricting rental occupancy to a maximum of 14 days per month and 90 days per year;
- Controlling and/or limiting cars brought by renters to rental properties, such as requiring a property to have off-street parking; and
- Requiring hosts to be on-site or provide a 24/7 manager who can be contacted by renters and neighbors to resolve problems.

Residents voiced their concerns about adopting a bill that will allow short-term rentals without accompanying it with a strong county enforcement and inspection program.

M-NCPPC will integrate information from the public meetings into further recommendations for the county council and legislative staff to develop a revised bill for further consideration by the council and the PHED Committee. It is anticipated that there will be additional opportunities for public input at hearings coming up this winter or spring.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION LIST

December 8, 2016

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held October 27, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Ms. Bort and Mr. Dyer abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Marsh moved to authorize the EVP to sign the 2017 insurance contracts. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Webb abstained.
4. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize the EVP to execute a contract with CareFirst for health care benefits for MVF employees. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Webb abstained.
5. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the proposed revision to the criteria for Appleridge, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor except Mr. Dyer who was opposed.
6. Mr. Marsh moved to adopt the Resolution supporting the sketch plan application for the Village Center and directing staff to transmit the Resolution to M-NCPPC for the public record. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Ms. Franke moved to award the bid for Lake Whetstone retaining wall, step and path repairs to Divine Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$18,625 and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$20487, which is 10% above the bid to allow for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Dyer moved to award the bid for the replacement of the Stedwick Community Center floor to Ryan Floors in the amount of \$28,862 and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$33,904 for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Gargan and Mr. Webb abstained.
9. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 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, (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel, and (iv) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



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MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP
		TCPR.....
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2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication.

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

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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.

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

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

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E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

2017 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

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

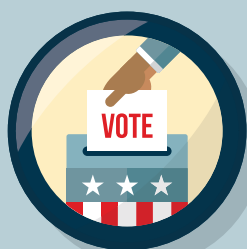
- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community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

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

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

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

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



The 2016 White House Christmas Ornament

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

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

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

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

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

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

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



IN THE NEWS

MVF Board approves Resolution to support Village Center Sketch Plan

by Mike Conroy

At the final 2016 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting on December 8, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution supporting the sketch plan application for the Village Center. Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC), the owners of the Village Center, has held several community meetings to discuss renovation and revitalization plans for the site. The concept plan was review by the Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC), who offered comments and suggestions, as well as residents who attended the community meetings and recent retail forum.

Since June, ARC has been working with county planning staff to make sure the sketch plan is in line with the CRT zoning on the site and the new Master Plan. Several county agencies have reviewed the plan, and they will study it further during preliminary and site plan submittals. The current sketch plan and application are available to view online at www.montgomeryvillage.com; choose "Development & Projects" from the "About MV" menu on the blue bar.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

The Board authorized Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton to negotiate and execute contracts for 2017 Insurance and Employee Healthcare Insurance rates. Due to some changes in the insurance rates, some areas of coverage came back higher than predicted; however, the overall rate is still lower than forecasted and budgeted for. Following the Personnel Committee's recommendation, the Board approved execution of a contract with CareFirst for employee health benefits.

Stemming from recent requests to the Architectural Review Board (ARB), and discussions with the MVF Design Consultant and Architectural Standards staff, the ARB proposed criteria changes to house numbers in the Apple Ridge, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield communities. The changes include additional paint colors and types of replacement boards available for house numbers to be affixed to on a home. These changes were made to be in conjunction with recent approvals and affordable materials available in the marketplace.

To continue upkeep and maintenance at MVF facilities,

the Board approved funds for repair to the a retaining wall at Lake Whetstone, as well as replacement of the Stedwick Community Center (SCC) floor. Divine Landscaping was chosen to make repairs to the stone retaining walls and pathway steps, as well as a planting plan in that area. The contract was awarded for \$18,625. The SCC floor was last replaced in 2005 and is in need of replacement again. Ryan Floors, Inc. was chosen to replace the floor with the same wood-look vinyl flooring that is in the Lake Marion Activity Room. This floor choice also eliminates the semi-annual stripping and waxing needed for the current style of floor tile. The bid was awarded in the amount of \$28,862.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Pete Young acknowledged the volunteers who make up the committees and association boards of directors, thanking them for their service this past year. He also noted that the recent Christmas Tree Lighting was well attended and a great family event, commenting that the 50th Anniversary keepsake ornaments that were given out

seemed to be a great way to end the year.

EVP REPORT

EVP Humpton echoed Young's sentiments regarding the volunteers and holiday events. Humpton also thanked the Board and the residents who have contributed to the Village's successes in 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Newly installed Treasurer Bob Carey gave the monthly financial report for both the month of October and the year-to-date (YTD).

Carey noted that Revenue was favorable to the budget for both October and YTD, with Investment Income, Disclosure Fees, Camps and Classes and Rental Fees being the primary drivers; Assessments Fees are running slightly unfavorable to the budget. Personnel Costs are favorable to the budget for both the month and YTD due to some earlier unfilled positions; all positions are now filled. Operating Expenses were also reported as favorable to the budget for October and YTD, \$61,721 and \$208,894, respectively.

Contributions to Reserves were made in accordance with

the budget; \$85,434 in October and \$854,343 YTD. The Capital Contribution Fee garnered an additional \$11,834 for the month and totals \$130,501 YTD. To date, MVF has spent \$755,464 on Reserve Assets. Net Income for the month was \$131,394 which was slightly unfavorable to the budget.

The Balance Sheet shows MVF holding \$8.4 million in Cash and Investments, and maintaining a strong financial position. This includes \$2.5 million in Undesignated Reserves and \$6 million in Designated Reserves.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Thee meeting is open to the public, and residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Residents are invited to "Meet the Candidates" for the MVF Board Election at 7 p.m. and the regular Residents Time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - October 2016

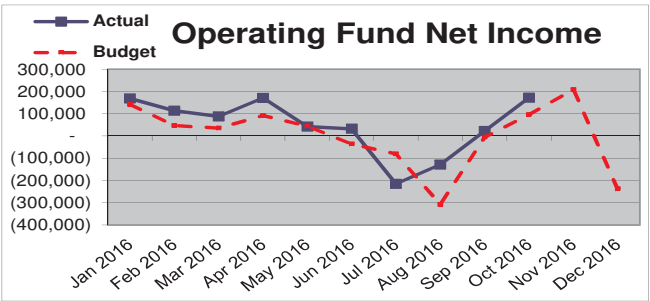
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	October 2016			YTD Oct 2016		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	504,214	504,176	39	5,042,306	5,041,759	547
Assessment Fees	44,266	47,634	(3,367)	189,186	239,623	(50,437)
Transfer Fees	3,225	3,389	(164)	32,550	29,262	3,288
Disclosure Fees	13,002	10,752	2,250	142,399	108,942	33,457
Advertising revenue	29,170	15,082	14,088	130,726	129,378	1,348
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	6,778	3,857	2,921	115,314	79,833	35,481
Camps & Classes	7,340	5,927	1,412	244,052	218,432	25,620
Management Fees	67,768	65,208	2,560	659,645	652,083	7,561
Capital Contribution fee	11,834	9,732	2,101	130,336	93,702	36,634
Other Income	12,160	25,914	(13,754)	150,866	137,559	13,307
Total Revenue	699,757	691,671	8,085	6,837,380	6,730,574	106,806
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	240,094	244,563	4,469	2,795,883	2,919,822	123,939
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	71,181	75,692	4,511	792,773	841,805	49,032
Personnel Costs	311,275	320,256	8,980	3,588,656	3,761,627	172,971
Business Expenses	13,945	11,082	(2,863)	166,010	201,251	35,241
Office Supplies	2,506	3,117	611	29,488	44,192	14,704
Program/Maint Supplies	2,034	4,950	2,916	117,907	114,750	(3,157)
Occupancy	15,317	25,083	9,766	251,278	293,217	41,938
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	4,193	26,260	22,067	207,636	252,723	45,088
Equip Maintenance	1,929	970	(959)	20,699	33,120	12,421
Vehicle Expenses	1,184	2,148	965	16,354	21,133	4,779
Financial & Legal	3,063	10,142	7,080	90,573	107,154	16,581
Insurance	11,941	12,265	324	91,652	93,730	2,078
Printing	4,233	9,000	4,767	48,125	62,675	14,550
Landscaping/Maintenance	50,501	61,502	11,001	652,084	643,650	(8,433)
Security	7,647	13,695	6,048	93,836	126,950	33,114
Other	(0)	-	0	10	-	(10)
Operating Costs	118,493	180,214	61,721	1,785,651	1,994,545	208,894
Contribution to Reserves	85,434	85,434	0	854,343	854,343	0
Contribution to CCF	11,834	9,732	(2,101)	130,501	93,702	(36,799)
Purchases of Assets	433	-	(433)	8,483	24,200	15,717
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(27,000)	(27,000)
Restricted Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve/capital	97,701	95,167	(2,534)	993,328	945,246	(48,082)
Operating Expenses	527,469	595,636	68,167	6,367,635	6,701,418	333,783
Excess/Deficit Revenue	172,288	96,035	76,253	469,745	29,156	440,589

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended October 31, 2016

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,732,698	2,434,668
Investments	5,685,163	5,553,446
Due from Reserves	257,373	319,329
Assessment Receivables	884,562	1,026,145
Other Receivables	88,163	60,508
Current Assets	9,647,959	9,394,095
Gross Fixed Assets	14,371,222	13,579,354
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,638,878)	(7,584,285)
Fixed Assets	6,732,344	5,995,069
Other Assets	66,211	40,987
Assets	16,446,513	15,430,151
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	257,373	319,329
Payables	350,347	387,472
Sunstream Cap Lease	122,954	-
Deferred Revenue Liab	970,895	961,936
Liabilities	1,701,569	1,668,737
Undesignated Reserves	2,504,214	2,020,735
Designated Reserves	12,240,725	11,740,674
Equity	14,744,939	13,761,409
Liabilities & Equity	16,446,513	15,430,151



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

Village logo license plates now available

One of the initiatives from the 50th Anniversary Committee earlier this year was to have a Montgomery Village logo license plate available to residents for their vehicles. After an initial interest group was identified, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) required some paperwork and design approval to formalize the plate.

The first 25 license plates have been released by the MVA to the initial group of residents. Now all residents can purchase the plates directly from the MVA without waiting for a group purchase. Applications for the organizational logo license plate are available from the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

Residents looking to purchase the plates simply need to fill out the application with their vehicle information and mail it, along with a one-time \$25 fee, to the MVA. Once the new license plate is produced, it will be mailed directly to the vehicle owner.

Show your Village pride with the latest logo license plate available!



Revisions to house number criteria

The Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors approved revisions to three sets of architectural criteria at the December 8 meeting.

Changes to the criteria for the Apple Ridge (Northgate), Holly Pointe (East Village) and Wethersfield (East Village) communities now include additional options to the original house number design and color.

The approved revisions can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Residents of these communities will need to log into their Member Dashboard to view the updated criteria. Those who do not have access may sign up for a free homeowner account to view the criteria and other important property information. Simply click the "Login/Join" icon in the upper right hand corner of the web browser.

For more information or questions, contact the MVF Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.

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IN THE NEWS

Flourish

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current and former resident success stories, and also took a look at how the community is changing and being updated, offering readers an idea of how investing in the community is paying off. The third installment focused on our community history and the 50th Anniversary, which was celebrated all year.

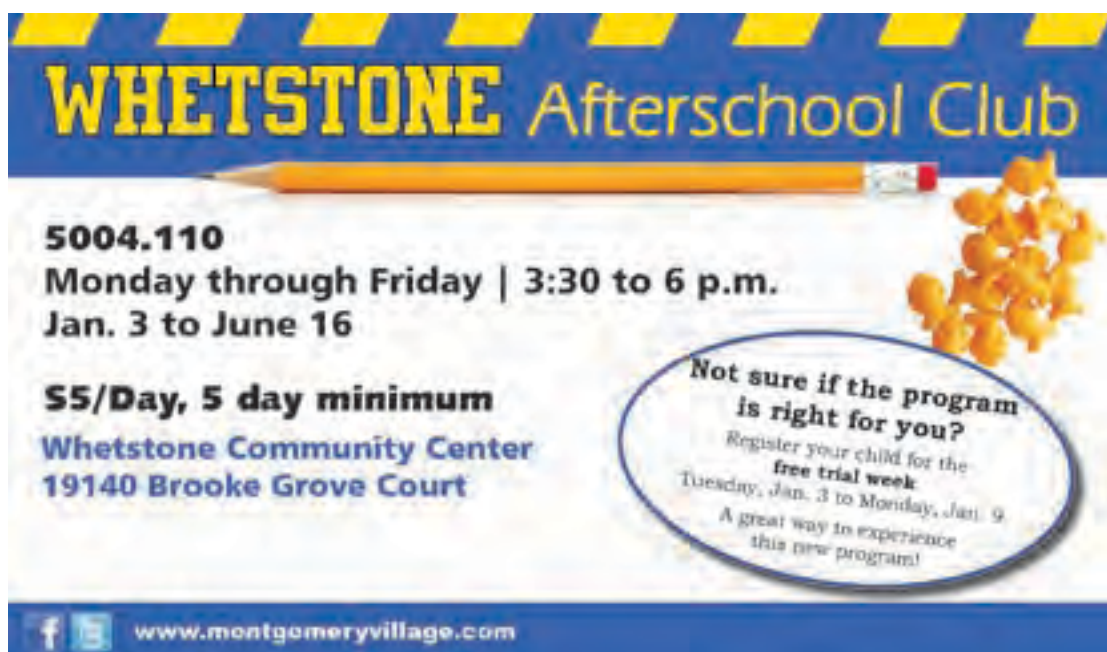
The fourth and final edition is centered on the natural aspects of Montgomery Village—the parks, wildlife,

the Nature Center—and how they relate to the overall Village experience. Article topics include Lake Whetstone, the Nature Center, paths and trails, nature-centered service groups and opportunities and much more.

As was done in previous years, the magazine will not be distributed with the *Village News*, but copies will be available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, if residents would like one. It will also be

available electronically at the www.flourishmv.com website. The publication will be distributed to the general public at places like area hotels and doctors' offices, and left with local employers and realtors to use when helping newcomers to the area find homes.

For more information or comments about the magazine, contact Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mvf.org.



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Years of Service _____
Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____
College Name _____
Year Graduated _____
Field of Study and Degree _____
High School _____
Year Graduated _____
Awards/Achievements _____
Bride's Mother's First Name _____
M.I. _____ Last Name _____
Bride's Father's First Name _____
M.I. _____ Last Name _____
Maid/Matron of Honor First Name _____
M.I. _____ Last Name _____

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Last Name _____
Complete Address _____
Employer _____
Employment City, State _____
Job Title _____
Years of Service _____
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College Name _____
Year Graduated _____
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Groom's Father's First Name _____
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Best Man's First Name _____
M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Engagement Date _____
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Wedding Location _____

Honeymoon Location _____
Address Where Couple Plans to Reside _____

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Last Name _____
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Address _____
Anniversary Date _____
Number of Years Married _____
Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed) _____
Number of Grandchildren _____
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Where Couple Was Married _____
Wife's Employer/Location _____
Husband's Employer/Location _____
Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary _____

IN THE NEWS

50 Years

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tive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In celebrating Arbor Day, the North Creek Nature Center was reopened to the public for the festivities. Residents had the opportunity to learn about Monarch butterflies; create waystations; take home seedling trees; and reconnect with nature.

As the temperatures warmed up and summer rolled in, the celebrations continued. A number of residents participated in the 50km Swim Challenge, pushing themselves to swim or walk 50km, using each of the MVF-owned pools at least once. The reward? A limited edition 50th Anniversary beach towel (plus bragging rights)! Also, in June, the Seniors in Action (SiA) got into the celebration spirit with a luncheon and dance. SiA members gathered for food and discussion about their time in the Village, and where they were in life 50 years ago, as well as living in the moment with some great dance moves!

The Annual Independence Day Celebration featured anniversary-themed floats in the parade, as well as reduced ride rates and increased attractions at the celebration. Later in July, local music celebrities (one of whom is a former Village resident) The Reagan Years, played a special anniversary concert at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area. Even though the temperature was hot, the music was cool, and the crowd really got into the show, recalling all their favorite 80's tunes.

The Nature Center was opened again in September for a family event similar to those that were held at the center years ago. Reptiles Alive! gave the audience something to think about when encountering reptiles in nature, while Girls Scout Cadet Troop 4206 sent participants on a nature scavenger hunt, had them pick through owl pellets and helped them make nature-themed crafts. Families were also able to build a birdhouse to take home to enjoy more wildlife in their own backyards.

At the Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival, kids and adults enjoyed the addition of Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo, as well as the 50th Anniversary Target Shoot, launching tennis balls across the courts at large logo targets. All this was of course capped off with hilarious pumpkin racing to find the 2016 Great Pumpkin Race Champion.

And finally, last week we kicked off the holiday season with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This last anniversary event featured caroling, music, lighting the tree, cookies and hot cocoa, a visit from Santa himself and an etched logo holiday ornament.

Along the way, we've given away other limited edition items bearing the 50th Anniversary logo as a keepsake memory from these events. Items included: an insulated tumbler; car/refrigerator magnets; keychains; water bottles; commemorative coins; seat cushions and stadium cups. Other special items, like the beach towel and the bird house, were part of events that involved community participation.

Perhaps the most ongoing theme of the anniversary year has been Village pride. A number of residents also pledged to display that pride in community with the new Montgomery Village logo license plate, which was also released this year by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). After the interest process and initial release, these plates are now available for individual purchase through the MVA, either online or via application from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Thank you to the pioneers of this program, helping to show off the community all around the county!

Of course, many others contributed to the success of the 50th Anniversary over this past year. These events could not have happened without support from the MVF Board of Directors, MVF staff and the 50th Anniversary Committee. Thank you to long-time resident Dick Rabil, who helped set the tone of the year with his retro-modern 50th Anniversary Logo design, which has been used to brand this occasion. And finally, thank you to all the residents, friends and neighbors who attended the events, making each one a successful and memorable experience.

Notwithstanding all the celebrating we've fit into 2016, it has also been a busy year for change in the Village. Montgomery County finished the dredging work in Lake Whetstone at the end of 2015 and removed the equipment and restored the park to its original state in early 2016. Currently, they are in the process of lowering the lake to perform repairs to the outfall

riser structure, as well as studying the toe drains for repair.

The Montgomery Village Master Plan was approved by the county in February, and with it, new zoning was established for Village properties. Overlay zones were used to maintain the uniqueness of the previous Town Sector Zone, but the new master plan opened up new opportunities for growth in the Village. Monument Realty is continuing work with the county on redevelopment plans for the former golf course property.

Along the lines of redevelopment, Atlantic Realty Companies, the new owner of the Village Center, held several community meetings to discuss their plans to revitalize the center. The current sketch plan, which is being reviewed at the county level, calls for the addition of residential space, including proposed apartments and townhouses; a new façade; and cutting Centerway Road through the property. At the same time, the current owner of the Professional Center is looking to market the site to a developer to bring new life across Montgomery Village Avenue. Recently, the MVF Board of Directors authorized the EVP to negotiate and execute an amendment to the restrictive covenant on the Professional Center property, allowing for more uses of the site, given the new zoning. This will allow for greater possibilities for growth on the property.

And finally, with the close of the 2016 pool season, renovation on the Apple Ridge Pool began. The old pool was removed and the site has been regraded for a new leisure-style pool to be put in. Forms are in place, plumbing is going in and concrete work should be done by the year's end. Interior work on the bathhouse will be done in the colder months, and outdoor features will be installed in the spring. The second of MVF's pools to be renovated and reimagined is anticipated to be open for the beginning of the 2017 pool season.

With all this taking place in 2016, it's hard to imagine that there's anything left to be done next year. But stay tuned, as there's always something happening in the Village. Enjoy the last few weeks of 2016, and have a Happy Holiday Season—see you next year!

Tips on preventing package theft this holiday season

During the holiday season, many people will choose to purchase gifts online and have them delivered to their home. This often means that there will be more packages on doorsteps and more opportunities for thieves to steal these deliveries. The Montgomery County Police Department reminds residents of ways to ensure that packages are delivered to them safely and securely.

- **Choose a delivery address wisely** - choose to have package delivered to an attended location. When you order something online, consider sending the package to a place where you know someone will be available to receive it—your workplace or a friend or neighbor's home.
- **Choose to have package delivered to carrier location** - have your deliveries sent to the nearest shipping company center. Many shipping carriers will hold the package for up to five days.
- **Choose in-store pick up** - many retailers provide the option of purchasing an item online and picking it up at the nearest retail location.
- **Know when your package will be delivered—sign**

up for notification services - many shipment companies offer services to help you track your deliveries by receiving text messages or e-mails. You can then plan on being home at the time of delivery or ask a trusted friend or neighbor to stop by the delivery location and retrieve the package. After receiving a notification alert and you determine that you won't be home, many carriers allow you to re-route your shipment to another location or to the carrier's facility for later pickup.

• **Require a signature** - many shipping companies offer a service that requires a signature for a package to be released.

• **Provide delivery instructions** - many carriers allow residents to provide instructions on where the deliveries should be placed at the home (side porch, garage door, etc.).

• **Insure your package** - consider insuring your package. Contact your chosen mail carrier for coverage policies and requirements.

The police department urges residents who shop online to follow these guidelines to help ensure their packages arrive safely.

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DECEMBER 7, 2016

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

EASTGATE
20310 TROLLEY CROSS-
ING CT - Miscellaneous, A
20310 TROLLEY CROSS-
ING CT - Exterior Paint, AWM
7908 OTTER COVE CT -
Roof, AWM
7908 OTTER COVE CT -
Replacement Windows, A
7830 HERITAGE FARM DR
- Garage Door, D
7712 HERITAGE FARM DR
- Fence and Gate, A
7712 HERITAGE FARM
DR - Patio, A
3 BATTERY BEND CT -
Exterior Paint, A
3 BATTERY BEND CT -
Replacement Windows, A

EAST VILLAGE
19825 HELMOND WAY -
Roof, A
19825 HELMOND WAY -
Downspout/Gutter, A
19804 HELMOND WAY -
Roof, A
19804 HELMOND WAY -
Downspout/Gutter, A
8209 COLLINGDALE WAY
- Walkway, A
8212 DRY RIDGE RD -
Garage Door, A
8212 DRY RIDGE RD -
Exterior Paint, A
8412 SAINT REGIS WAY -
Roof, AWM
8412 SAINT REGIS WAY -
Solar Systems, A
20402 STUDIO PL -
Cupola, D
20402 STUDIO PL -
Downspout/Gutter, A
20402 STUDIO PL -
Roof, AWM
8303 FRONTWELL CIR -
Replacement Windows, A

8537 FOUNTAIN VALLEY
DR - Skylight, A
4 CASTLEBAR CT - Roof, A
8610 CASTLEBAR WAY -
Solar Systems, A
8610 CASTLEBAR WAY -
Roof, A
8610 CASTLEBAR WAY -
Gutter, A
20310 STRINGFELLOW CT
- Roof, AWM
20308 STRINGFELLOW CT
- Walkway, A
8508 HAWK RUN TER -
Replacement Windows, AWM
20413 LINDOS CT -
Deck Stairs, A
20414 DAVENCROFT CT -
Roof, AWM
8626 DELCRIS DR - Roof, A
8640 DELCRIS DR -
Replacement Patio Door, A
20649 BEAVER RIDGE RD
- Propane Tank, A
20629 BEAVER RIDGE RD
- Miscellaneous, AWM
20605 BEAVER RIDGE RD
- Garage Door, AWM
20405 REMSBURY PL -
Replacement Windows, A
8828 RUSTBURG CIR -
Roof, A
20307 MARKETREE PL -
Replacement Windows, AWM

MARYLAND PLACE
9506 MARSTON LN -
Replacement Patio Door, A
19434 TRANSHIRE RD -
Solar Systems, A
19414 TRANSHIRE RD -
Front Door Replacement, A
19414 TRANSHIRE RD -
Deck Stairs, D

MIDDLE VILLAGE
10105 RIDGELINE DR -
Front Door Replacement, A

10105 RIDGELINE DR -
Storm Door, A
10105 RIDGELINE DR -
Miscellaneous, A
10003 RIDGELINE DR -
Front Door Replacement, A
16 BRASSIE CT - Front Door
Replacement, AWM
16 BRASSIE CT -
Sidelight, AWM

NORTHGATE
9329 SPARROW VALLEY
DR - Solar Systems, A
9517 CAPE ANNE PL -
Air Conditioning Unit, A
9437 BETHANY PL -
Roof, A
9437 BETHANY PL -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
10042 FOREST VIEW PL
- Replacement Siding, AWM
10042 FOREST VIEW PL -
Trim, AWM
9900 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Exterior Paint, A
9900 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Shed, D
20200 MAPLE LEAF CT -
Miscellaneous, D
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Exterior Paint, AWM
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR
- Front Door Replacement,
AWM

10107 MAPLE LEAF DR
- Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Walkway, A
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Trim, A
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Exterior Paint, AWM
9636 SHADOW OAK DR -
Replacement Windows, AWM
9646 SHADOW OAK DR -
Trellis Removal, AWM
9816 DAIRYTON CT -
Front Door Replacement, D
9816 DAIRYTON CT -
Sidelight, D
9816 DAIRYTON CT -
Storm Door, D
9643 SHADOW OAK DR -
Exterior Paint, A

NORTH VILLAGE
20324 PLEASANT RIDGE
DR - Fence, A

20718 HIGHLAND HALL
DR - Roof, A
20718 HIGHLAND HALL
DR - Downspout/Gutter, A
9331 CHADBURN PL -
Front Door Replacement, A
9331 CHADBURN PL -
Storm Door, A
9327 CHADBURN PL -
Exterior Light, A
9200 CHADBURN PL -
Front Door Replacement, A
9200 CHADBURN PL -
Storm Door, AWM
9200 CHADBURN PL -
Replacement Patio Door, A
9200 CHADBURN PL -
Replacement Windows, A
20529 STRATH HAVEN
DR - Exterior Paint, A
20529 STRATH HAVEN
DR - Pediment, A
9520 DUNBROOK CT -
Roof, A
8859 WELBECK WAY -
Solar Systems, A
8853 WELBECK WAY -
Replacement Patio Door, A
21 WELBECK CT - Trim, A
8674 WELBECK WAY -
Trellis Removal, A

PATTON RIDGE
9913 SHREWSBURY CT -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, A
9913 SHREWSBURY CT -
Roof, A
9913 SHREWSBURY CT -
Gutter, A
9857 DELLCASTLE RD -
Roof, A
20041 DOOLITTLE ST -
Roof, A
20041 DOOLITTLE ST -
Vinyl Siding, AWM
9701 MEADOWCROFT LN
- Walkway, A
9701 MEADOWCROFT LN
- Patio, A
9701 MEADOWCROFT LN
- Stoop, A
20016 DOOLITTLE ST -
Roof, A
20016 DOOLITTLE ST -
Vinyl Siding, AWM
19811 BILLINGS CT -
Radon System, AWM
19855 BAZZELLTON PL -
Deck, A
20145 HOB HILL WAY -
Replacement Patio Door, A
9413 CHATTEROY PL -
Shed, D

9625 DUFFER WAY -
Front Door Replacement, A
9625 DUFFER WAY -
Storm Door, A
9625 DUFFER WAY -
Sidelight, A

SOUTH VILLAGE
9819 DOCKSIDE TER -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
18704 NATHANS PL -
Exterior Paint, D
18711 NATHANS PL -
Exterior Paint, AWM
9525 TREYFORD TER -
Solar Systems, A
9921 LAKE LANDING RD -
Air Conditioning Unit, A

STEDWICK
19110 N KINDLY CT -
Window Modification, AWM
19029 COLTFIELD CT -
Replacement Windows, A
19029 COLTFIELD CT -
Exterior Paint, D
10015 BATTLERIDGE PL -
Replacement Windows, A
19211 RACINE CT -
Shutters, A
10000 WEDGE WAY -
Walkway, A
10000 WEDGE WAY -
Patio, AWM
10000 WEDGE WAY -
Fence, AWM
10256 WILD APPLE CIR -
Exterior Light, A

WHETSTONE
9709 BRECKENRIDGE PL -
Garage Door, A
9709 BRECKENRIDGE PL -
Miscellaneous, AWM
9752 WHETSTONE DR -
Railing, A
9821 FREESTATE PL -
Patio, A
9821 FREESTATE PL -
Retaining Wall, A
9821 FREESTATE PL -
Downspout, A
9821 FREESTATE PL -
Walkway, A
9736 WHETSTONE DR -
Exterior Paint, A
19112 BROOKE GROVE
CT - Replacement Windows,
AWM
19109 BROOKE GROVE CT
- Replacement Siding, AWM
18948 WHETSTONE CIR -
Garage Door, A



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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2017 Parking Tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The parking tags for 2016 will expire on Saturday, Dec. 31. The 2017 parking tags will be distributed at Montgomery Village Middle School, 19300 Watkins Mill Road, Room 159, on the following dates and times:

Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 to 5 p.m.

Residents must have a photo ID to receive their 2017 parking tags.

After Sunday, Dec. 18, parking tags will only be available for pickup at the ComSource office. Parking tags will not be mailed to residents.

Please note, after Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, homeowners/tenants displaying an expired tag will be towed from their reserved space (any time of the day or night), or parked overnight hours in a non-reserved space.

If you are a new resident and do not know your assigned parking space number or have not picked up your parking tag, contact Delphine Matthews at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail dmatthews@comsource.com.

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking Policy states:

"All vehicles parked overnight in the community are required to display a MVHC parking tag/permit or they are subject to immediate towing. For purposes of these Rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle in Middle Village anytime between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

"Parking tag/permit must be clearly/properly displayed, on the driver's side, facing the front windshield, on vehicles parked in a reserved parking space, or parked in the community overnight. Tags/

permits can be hung from the rear view mirror or taped to the driver's side dashboard or front windshield, front side facing toward the windshield."

"Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/permit will lead to immediate towing—even if vehicle is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

The parking policy is available to view on the ComSource website at www.comsource.com.

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Potomac Disposal, our trash collection vendor, will no longer collect our bulk trash. Do not place any bulk trash out for Potomac Disposal on Tuesdays or Fridays. Residents will be fined for placing bulk trash out on the wrong day. The new vendor information and detailed instructions was mailed to you by ComSource.

There is a \$25 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
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SOURCELINK/ ACCOUNT ACCESS

Please contact Shirley Umali at sumali@comsource.com to create a Sourcelink account. Use Sourcelink to pay assessment balances quickly and easily if you are an owner. You can view your account information 24/7, and access community documents, including parking policies and architectural guidelines. You will also be able to receive updates on any new policies quickly via e-mail. Landlords can provide online access to tenants by adding them as an additional user and setting permissions according to preference.

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The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

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 Thursday, 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 2016. 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.

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Resolutions (and revisions) for the New Year

by Sam Korper

As mentioned in a recent "Stedwick Signals," the board of directors is in the process of reviewing all of the current Stedwick Homes Corporation policies. These policies (and related procedures) have been adopted by the Stedwick board to guide the day-to-day operation of Stedwick activities, as well as to provide general guidance for the community. The current policies are posted to our website, www.stedwick.org, and changes proposed during the current review will be posted there in the coming weeks. This column serves as additional notice—and an earnest invitation—to all interested Stedwick residents to join us in this review.

Over the past 30 years, the Stedwick board has adopted 18 separate policies organized into five general categories: administrative; community property; financial; private property; and vehicles. This is a dynamic process. Over the 50 years of Stedwick's lifetime, many challenges of community living have been addressed, and the policies have been reviewed, amended and re-affirmed, undergoing re-consideration and adoption, some up to 20 times.

The policies cover many issues, from the "immortal" approved paint colors and the size of house numbers, adequate (or inadequate) parking spaces, to requirements regarding pickup trucks, satellite antennas and solar arrays. Changing government requirements regarding environmental or safety concerns, shifting economic impacts on income and housing and many other aspects of our lives have all been part of—and are reflected in—the evolution of Stedwick policies.

Some policies have led a pretty quiet life, with few revisions since their original adoption. These include: Ballot Policy for community voting; Procedures for Resolution; Residents' Time Policy for community participation at Stedwick board meetings; Procedures for Expenditures; Investment Policy; and the Reserved Parking Policy.

A second group of policies may simply need updating and revision (often due to changes in federal, state or county laws or "best professional practices," editorial streamlining, etc.). Examples include the: Family Day Care; Open Space Usage; Noxious Behavior; Private Use Of Community Property; Snow Removal Policy; Trash and Recyclables; and Tree Maintenance policies.

A few policies are the subject of ongoing resident concern, often proving quite contentious and providing an opportunity for lively discussion and debate. These include the: Private Property Maintenance Standards; Parking and General Vehicular Rules and Regulations; and Towing policies.

As board members interact with Stedwick residents on our walks, while shopping or at the post office or gas station, we often hear concerns expressed about safety, dangerous intersections, public areas or a neighbor's garbage and recycling, vehicles left abandoned and the general parking situation, among others. The Stedwick board encourages all residents to participate in the policy review process. Now is the time to raise any policy-related issues that have been on your mind, to tell us about the things you appreciate, the things that bug you about life in Stedwick, that represent possible health or safety hazards or which you believe could use a fresh look. The board sincerely invites your comments either in person or in writing during the residents time portion at the beginning of every monthly Stedwick board meeting.

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

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of Stedwick-owned property in your neighborhood, or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, please contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvpf.org or consult our community website, www.stedwick.org. You are also invited to observe, or bring any ideas or concerns that you may have, to the board of directors during our regular meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first item on the agenda.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

A time for reflection

by William R. Ott

A lot of issues are asking for our attention these days: the golf course property, the Village Center, the Professional Center...but for now, it's time to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and the blessings of faith, family and friends.

So let's celebrate some of our memories of good times in Montgomery Village, now 50 years old.

The only year of my life when I did not have a Christmas tree in the house was in 1978, 38 years ago, when my wife and I moved on December 18 with our 3 young sons to N. Pike Creek Place in Goshenside of Whetstone. Everyone on the street at the time was an original resident, as were we in 1971 when we bought our first home in Clusters II of Stedwick.

We bought our Stedwick townhouse when the Kettler salesperson, then himself a resident of Clusters II, told us that the price of the house was going to increase from \$35,000 to \$38,000 over the weekend. With only a 10% down payment needed, what did we have to lose? Just for fun we had looked at a house for resale on Canal Road. The owners were asking for \$100,000. Who would have thought that houses would ever be selling for \$100,000?

Seven years later we sold the townhouse for about \$68,000 and bought our house in Goshenside for \$99,999. How crazy was all of this?

All of our closest friends in the Village were members of the Montgomery Village Golf Club. My wife and I were tennis players, but it was hard to

get a court, even with a new sign-up system in place. Youth soccer was catching on, and select teams were being formed. I became a coach for one of these teams. We called ourselves the Gaithersburg Gators and our mascot in the goalie net was a stuffed alligator that the other teams were always trying to kidnap.

In those early days there were few existential issues to talk about, so the *Village News* articles included lots of personal things, like descriptions of local parties and other family celebrations. I wrote an unsolicited article about how our oldest son, then about 12, saved some baby ducklings that had fallen through a storm drain behind our house. Personal articles like this were not uncommon. Our middle son's first job was to deliver the *Village News* all along Whetstone Circle. He had to put the newspaper inside the doors, too. As they got older, our sons took turns delivering the *Washington Post* in Whetstone. I'll bet that was the last time you received your paper on the doorstep.

How convenient was it to be able to walk to the pediatrician's office at the Professional Center or to any other of about 40 medical professionals at the center? Or to pick up your medicine at the Village Pharmacy in the center? The husband-wife owners and pharmacists had been one of our next door neighbors when we lived in Stedwick, and Dr. Frank Pedreira, one of the founders of the pediatric practice, was an original (and still) resident of Goshenside. We all

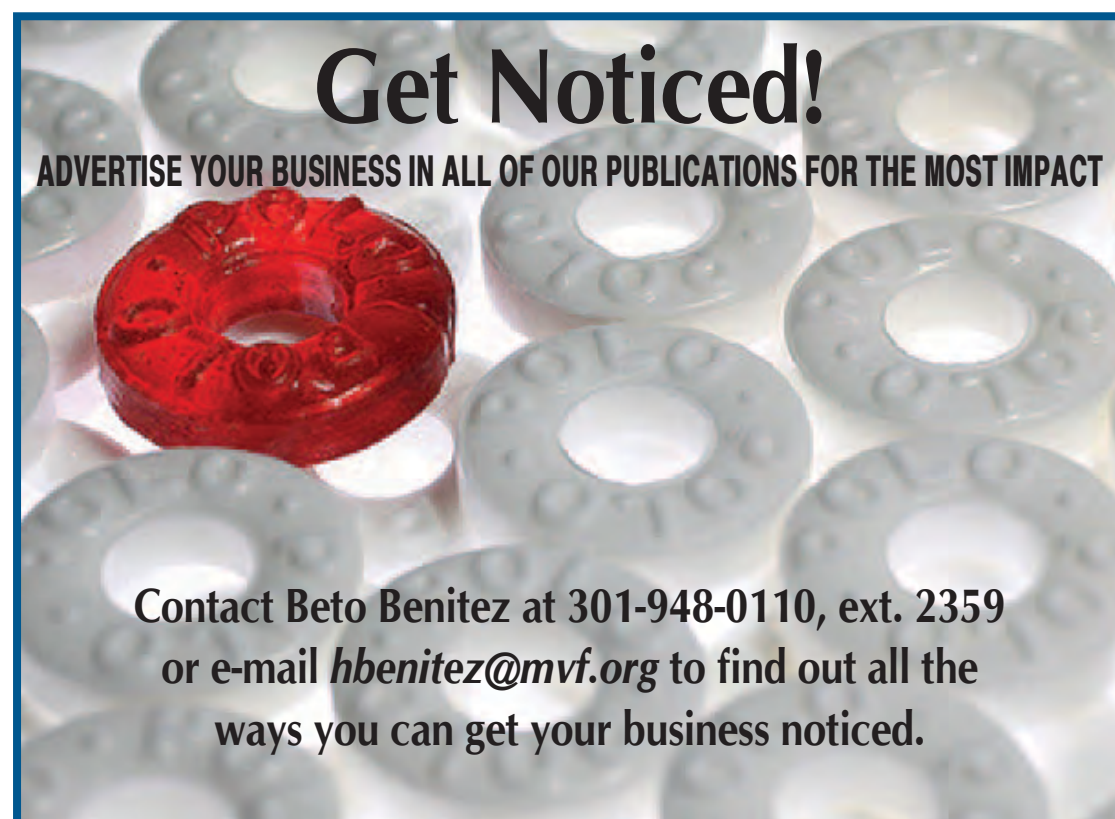
liked the intimacy and family atmosphere of the Professional Center.

You could walk to the movies or your music lesson at the Village Center, an indoor mall at the time. People's Drug Store (now CVS) had a traditional soda counter where you could sit down and get a cup of coffee for close to 15 cents, slightly extra for a refill. I bought my wife a (still) classy "pant-suit" for Christmas at a clothing store in the Village Mall. Long pants for women were becoming the rage and acceptable in office environments, as long as they were part of a pant-suit combination.

Everyone shopped at the Giant in the Village Center. It was brand new in the 70s and had a reputation for having the best varieties of foods in the area. For hardware you went to Poch's Hardware Store, later sold to Van Schenck. Poch's seemed to specialize in stocking all the fixtures found in the various Village communities. For restaurants, one could choose from the Athena inside the Village Mall or the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn located on the corner where CVS now stands.

Why not take some time this holiday season to share your stories with your family members? Everyone likes to hear stories, and this way your memories have a chance of blending in with those of the younger set and living on for generations to come.

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



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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village 2017 Candidate Statements

CLARE CONLON

My name is Clare Conlon and I am running for the North Village Homes Corporation board. I have been on the board for the past two years having filled in for a vacant spot and now I am up for election to continue serving on the board.

While working on the board I have learned in depth about the issues facing North Village, especially in regards to security, maintenance and the needs of our homeowners. I would like to continue being part of the decision making process and working within our budget as we continue to make our part of Montgomery Village a great place to live.

My family has lived in North Village since 1984 both in Highland Hall and Pleasant Ridge. We have raised our children in our local public schools and have enjoyed all that our community has given us. It's now such a pleasure to have our grandchildren come and see them enjoy the parks, bike paths and pools. I would like to continue serving on the board and am committed to keeping North Village a safe and beautiful place. Thank you.

TOM JOHNSON

I am a 28-year resident of Essex Place and a 44-year resident of Montgomery Village, and have served on the North

Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors since 2006, currently holding the position of Vice President. As a board member, I strive to ensure that the North Village community continues to move forward and addresses the needs of homeowners, residents and families in a way that preserves those things that I believe make MV such a wonderful place to live—a clean, quiet and safe environment where everyone knows their neighbors; parks, recreation facilities and open green spaces that provide a balance between development and nature; and regular resident involvement that ensures we are all stakeholders in how our community progresses.

JEANNE W. POWELL

I have been on the North Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors for 12 years and have been Treasurer for 10 years. It has been a challenging job during some difficult economic times, but we have done well at keeping expenses in line with budgets and managing under tight cash flow for extended periods. I believe I can continue to make an important contribution to maintaining the financial stability of the corporation.

Like everyone, I'm concerned that North Village, and all of Montgomery Village,

continue to be a lovely and safe environment and that our financial investments in our homes here be fruitful over the long term. I spend hours each week walking in our community and enjoy every minute of it. Nevertheless, maintaining this environment requires work of all homeowners plus a coordinated effort by our homes corporation volunteers to procure and manage services supporting the North Village community. My own role on the board has focused on budgetary and finance issues. There are constant decisions as to how to allocate scarce resources among the many jobs to be done.

With background as a Certified Public Accountant and Senior Economist for the federal government, including 17 years of experience in economic evaluation of public-private investments in technology development, I am well qualified for this public service. My husband and I have been homeowners in Pleasant Ridge for 36 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Holiday spirit

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

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. 24, 2017 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.



EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 30, 2016

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Jan. 6, 2017

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

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SCHOOL NEWS

C-SPAN bus visits Watkins Mill, gives tours to government, journalism students

by Sarah Elbeshbeshi and Chase Deist

Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) came to Watkins Mill High School on December 5, allowing students to learn more about the channel



photos by Chase Deist

Top: The outside of the C-SPAN tour bus has Campaign 2016 decals.

Bottom: Touchscreen media computers inside the C-SPAN tour bus.

and give students a tour of the C-SPAN news bus.

Social studies teacher Maxwell Bero contacted C-SPAN after receiving an e-mail asking if they wanted a visit. "It was a great opportunity for my students to come check this out. We have been talking about the campaign since the school year started... [visiting the bus] gives a hands-on experience with the campaign," Bero said.

C-SPAN is a non-profit organization that was created by the cable industry, giving people access to the government through non-partisan resources. C-SPAN's mission is to provide live coverage of government proceedings; provide elected officials with direct contact with the audience; and to provide the audience with direct contact with officials, all without any filtering or biases.

"Our goal [with the bus tour] is that if you have never heard of C-SPAN, you can come on the bus and learn all that you need to know," C-SPAN Marketing Representative Jenae Green said. "One thing that we always hope that people take away as well is that C-SPAN is non-partisan and non-bias. We show it all... we'll give you that full access... and let you make your own informed decision."

The tour consisted of seeing inside of C-SPAN's 2016 presidential campaign tour bus, which contained touchscreens, a Macbook center, social media center and a mobile production studio. Students received information about C-SPAN; were told about a video contest they can participate in; and were shown how to navigate the C-SPAN website. Students enjoyed learning about the different and wide variety of guests C-SPAN had hosted on the bus. "Two weeks ago Bernie Sanders was sitting in [the bus], and

I thought that was amazing," senior Carolyn Kasimatis said. "A lot of the council members sat in there too."

C-SPAN spends about 10 months out of the year traveling to different schools and works with Comcast to determine

which schools to visit. "My favorite part is just that one-on-one interaction with students, teachers and community members," Green said. "Watkins Mill is a wonderful school, and we were incredibly excited to visit."

Living Grace Christian School students compete in District Spelling Bee

Living Grace Christian School students participated in the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) District Spelling Bee in York, Penn. on November 7. In the 7th grade competition, Josue Escalante placed third and Jose Camacho-Saenz won first place.

In the 8th grade competition, Nehemiah Switzer placed third and Emily Parr came in second place. In the Spelling Bee's final spell off among the 16 finalists, Nehemiah Switzer placed fifth and Emily Parr won first place as the ACSI District Champion. Both Emily Parr and Nehemiah Switzer will represent Living Grace Christian School in the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017 in Lancaster, Penn.



photo by Tess Perez

6th District Police join 'Rines football to defeat Seneca Valley in officers/players game

by Gabriel Leonard and Hezekiah Likekele

Watkins Mill football players and Montgomery County 6th District Police Officers (Montgomery Village) joined forces as they beat the Seneca Valley football team and Germantown (5th District) Police Officers 49-35 on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The game was played in The Den on a frigid December night, but both teams and all of the fans still had a good time.

Although the 'Rines kept score, the game wasn't only about winning. This game was all about coming together as one despite being from different towns, attending different schools and having different beliefs. "All the players and officers came together as one group out there to have fun and build positive relationships together to make this whole community a better place for all," science teacher Matthew Johnson said.

The game was held to help raise awareness and show unity between police officers and high

school students. This game is causing a discussion in the area about police brutality and the violence that has taken place across the country between young people and police.

The 'Rines and MV police got out to an early lead and never looked back. Football players junior Markel Grant and freshman Vincent Okoli had big touchdowns for the team throughout the game. An officer also got in on the scoring action to create a bigger lead. "My favorite part was getting to know the cops and seeing my Seneca friends," senior football player Steven Mendez said. "It was fun."

The Seneca Valley/ Germantown team did not go away quietly as they scored 35 points and had several electrifying plays. A really fun but intense rivalry was brewing at The Den. Junior football player Salekri Sayeh had an interception for the 'Rines late in the game that put the cherry on top of a sweet victory.

Sayeh said his favorite part was "being able to play our

rival team without the game being too serious. We were just having fun." He also suggested making the game a tournament-style event where more schools and police officers could get

involved. Sayeh added, "Maybe students will show officers more respect [and vice versa]" because of the game.

Fans and players alike enjoyed the game and had a won-

derful time despite the cold weather, and both sides expressed that they would like to see this become a tradition to achieve unity in the community.



The Wolverines and 6th District Police Officers pose together after the game.

photo by Matt Johnson



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MV Kids Learn About Snowflakes

A snowflake is either a single ice crystal or a collection of ice crystals that fall through the Earth’s atmosphere. They begin as snow crystals which develop when microscopic supercooled cloud droplets freeze. Snowflakes become a variety of sizes and shapes as the flake moves through changing temperature and humidity regions. Snowflakes appear white in color despite being made of clear ice. This is due to diffused reflection of the whole spectrum of light by the small crystal facets.




Snowflake Word Search

How many times can you find the word “snowflake” in the puzzle below? It could be backwards, forwards, up, down or diagonal!



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Classifying Snowflakes

The shape of a snowflake is determined primarily by the temperature and humidity at which it is formed. Snowflakes form in a wide variety of intricate shapes, and we have heard that “no two are alike.” Although nearly-identical snowflakes can exist, they are very unlikely to be found in nature. Attempts to find identical snowflakes by photographing thousands of them with a microscope beginning in 1885 by Wilson Alwyn Bentley found the wide variety of snowflakes we know about today.



Snowflake Construction

plate snowflake



column snowflake



needle snowflake





COMMUNITY SERVICE

Schedulers needed for RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program

Do you like working with people and giving back to your community? The RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program needs resident volunteer help answering phones for as few as 4 hours per week from February to mid-April.

The RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program provides annual, free tax preparation assistance for approximately 5,000 low-to-moderate income Montgomery County taxpayers, with special attention to those who are over 60. The program relies exclusively on tax counselor, greeter and scheduler volunteers to provide these services.

Schedulers answer calls from clients who phone the

scheduling office. Volunteers will arrange appointments using simple computer software (training included) and explain information to be brought to the tax preparation appointment. Enjoy rewarding work and great camaraderie in a state-of-the-art facility at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Ste. 210, Gaithersburg.

For more information, questions or to volunteer, visit www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide/overview, e-mail montgomerycountytaxaide@gmail.com or call RSVP Manager Gretchen Zekiel at 240-777-2610.

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



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Join thousands of county residents in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and teachings by taking part in Montgomery County's MLK Day of Service 2017 on Monday, Jan. 16.

This annual event, orga-

nized by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center and our many partner agencies, will feature a wide variety of coordinated family-friendly service projects at locations across the county, providing residents of all ages with

simple ways to help our community. Projects will include everything from packaging food for the hungry and making dog toys for animal shelter to creating blankets for hospice and crafting appreciation cards for military troops. We will also be promoting service projects planned for that day by other agencies and nonprofits in our region.

To further the aim of creating Dr. King's ideal of the Beloved Community, the Volunteer Center encourages schools, faith communities and other groups to share details about their MLK Day events. Use #MoCoMLK on social media and online postings to keep the community up to date on the many local activities focused on inspiring and educating us on the spirit of inclusiveness.

If your organization is interested in participating at one of these project sites, please click the links to host a project. Please send all questions and MLK Day of Service inquiries to servicedays@montgomery-countymd.gov or call 240-777-2600. For more information, visit <http://montgomeryserves.org/mlk-day-service-2017>.



SERVICE DAY LOCATIONS

North Bethesda Marriott Conference Center

5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda

Parking is off-site this year - either at the White Flint Metro and take walkway under Rockville Pike; or find signs for Conference Center parking at 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, and there will be a shuttle.

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Service Projects and Volunteer Fair

SATELLITE LOCATIONS

There may be additional Service Sites that will be added so check our website for updates. Click here to see additional projects planned for MLK Day!

Silver Spring Civic Center

1 Veteran's Place, Silver Spring

hosted by Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Service Projects Only

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

The Highlands Conference Center

20260 Goldenrod Lane, Germantown

hosted by the Holiday Inn

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Seneca Creek Community Church

13 Firstfield Road, Gaithersburg

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Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road

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

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts

10 a.m. to noon

Artists of all skill levels will enjoy the wide variety of projects this workshop has to offer.
Jan. 9: Jewelry Workshop



Pickleball

10 a.m. to noon (starting March 20)

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



Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month

Jan. 23: "Reader's Choice"

Topic: Elie Wiesel

Feb. 27: "Dead Wake: The Last crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout

9 to 10 a.m.

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



Seated Tai Chi

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY



SiA Games / Social Hour

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout

9 to 10 a.m.

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



SiA Games Take 2!

10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY



Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch

Noon to 2 p.m.

second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.

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Holy Cross presents: A Matter of Balance

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to emphasize practical strategies to manage falls and increase activity levels.

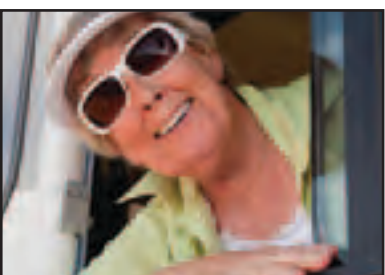
Classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 9, 2017 to March 30, 2017 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. The program is free. Registration is limited to MVF Seniors in Action members.

For membership information, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.com.



Blood Pressure Screenings

Seniors in Action members can take advantage of free blood pressure screenings offered by Holy Cross Germantown Hospital every third Wednesday of the month.



Spring Field Trip

Field Trip scheduling is in the planning stages for the winter/spring session. Check for new information in the *Village News* and at the Stedwick Community Center.



SiA Caring Hands

Our program is back and committed to giving back to the community! Seniors in Action will be hosting various drives throughout the 2017 year to benefit at risk families and community members. Meetings will be held as needed.

For information on how to be involved, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.com.



Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 17 to Friday, Jan. 27
Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road

Interested in knowing more about Seniors in Action? We offer free unlimited access to our programs during our two week open house from Tuesday, Jan. 17 through Friday, Jan. 27, 2017.

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!

The Seniors in Action program offers convenient and affordable activities to seniors 55 years and older, Monday through Friday. For more details on any Seniors in Action activity, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.org.

RECREATION

Taekwondo Open House

New and returning students are encouraged to stop by North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 to meet instructor Michael McFarland. This is a great opportunity to get to see the benefits of Taekwondo first hand and to find out if it's something you or your child wants to get into!



Now is the time to register for Winter fitness classes!

Classes include Line Dancing on Tuesdays; Pop Pilates on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Aerobics, Monday through Thursday; Zumba on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Tango and Drop-In Basketball on Wednesdays; and Yoga on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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



Argentine Tango Open House

Wednesday, Jan. 4 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Meet instructors Viviana and Isidoro and enjoy a complimentary lesson. This open house is open to all ages and abilities.



Wine & Paint – Winter Cardinal



Give yourself the gift of a relaxing and fun night out! Great for date nights, girls nights or just a night to yourself! Join friends, neighbors or family from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, to make your own Winter Cardinal.

Participants will be guided step by step through this fun

and easy painting with acrylics on a stretched canvas – no experience necessary. Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Must be 21 or older to attend. This program costs \$30/Resident and \$36/Non-resident.

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

Whetstone Afterschool Club

Students in grades K to 5 can have afterschool fun in a well-supervised and friendly environment with sports, games, arts and crafts and more! MVF staff will walk with registered program participants from Whetstone Elementary School to Whetstone Community Center immediately after school dismissal. Registration is available online with flexible options. Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Whetstone Afterschool Club runs from 3:30 to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Tuesday, Jan. 3 through Friday, June 16 (no club when MCPS is closed).

Not sure if the program is right for you? Register your child for the free trial week Tuesday, Jan. 3 to Monday, Jan. 9 – a great way to experience his new program! For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Drop-In Indoor Pickleball

Drop-in Only
\$3/Resident, \$4/Non-resident

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue
Montgomery Village, MD 20886



Join MVF Staff and other Pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court playing this sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong. With specialized lines drawn just for Pickleball, players use a paddle and plastic ball to volley over the net. Beginners and skilled players are welcome. Limited equipment available for use.

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Mondays
Jan. 9 to March 13
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Thursdays
Jan. 12 to March 16
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



For more information, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or e-mail chayes@mvf.org.

Indoor T-ball

Let's play T-ball! When the temperatures are chilly and there is snow on the ground, we will burn up the bases in the gym. Under the leadership of Coach Christian, participants will develop the skills and fundamentals of hitting, base running, fielding, throwing and catching, all in a fun atmosphere! See you on the diamond! Residents can choose instruction for beginning players or returning players with Indoor T-ball 1.0 or Indoor T-ball 2.0.

Indoor T-ball instruction is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11 through March 1 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost is \$40/Resident and \$50/Non-resident.

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

Primetime Basketball

Grab some friends and head to Lake Marion Community Center! Adults ages 18 and older can play pickup style basketball, maintain their basketball skills and stay fit. Primetime Basketball is scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 11 through March 29 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The program costs \$48/Resident, \$60/Non-resident or \$5 to drop-in per night.

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

Futsal

Futsal is back and ready to kick-off the season this winter at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Take on other Futsal teams from 7 to 11 p.m. on Fridays, Jan. 13 through April 7.

Games will consist of 5 on 5 play, and last 40 minutes. All skill levels are welcome; however knowledge of the sport is encouraged. Register as a complete team of 7 or more players before Tuesday, Dec. 27 to save \$50. See if you have what it takes to be crowned MVF Winter Futsal Champions. The final registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 11.

For more information, contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or e-mail chayes@mvf.org.

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RECREATION

Children's Ballet

Sign up now for children's dance classes beginning in January. Dance education enhances strength, flexibility and coordination, with a specific emphasis on technique and correct use of body. Classes also focus on having fun! Taught by competitive dancer Denise Sayer, classes are held on Saturday mornings from Jan. 14 to March 25 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110, e-mail mmaggi@mof.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



MV Community Band/ Blue Notes wants you!

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

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

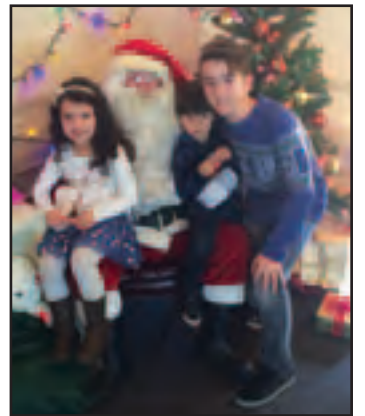
month. Both groups meet at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

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

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

Breakfast with Santa recap

Santa Claus made his grand appearance in Montgomery Village on Saturday, Dec. 10! Village children enjoyed a morning of food, crafts and of course, the chance to let Mr. Claus know exactly what it is they are hoping to see under their tree this holiday season!



Taekwondo



Instructed by Han Mi Martial Arts, your child will learn the authentic Korean Martial Art of Taekwondo, "the way of hands and feet." Taekwondo is the world's most popular martial art form, famous for its powerful kicks and challenging sparring style, as well as for being a fun and competitive international sport. Taekwondo classes are designed for ages 3 1/2 to adult.

\$98/Resident, \$108/Non-resident

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Chagun Yong (Little Dragons)
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Beginner Taekwondo
4014.101
6 to 7 p.m.

Advanced Taekwondo
4014.102
7 to 8 p.m.

Open House

New & returning students are encouraged to stop by North Creek Community Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9 to meet instructor Michael McFarland. This is a great opportunity to get to see the benefits of Taekwondo first hand and to find out if it's something you or your child wants to get into!

Taekwondo on Trial

If you think Taekwondo might be for you, but you only want to give it a short trial, here's your chance. Sign up for four weeks at a reduced price, and join our Chagun Yong (Little Dragons) or Beginner Taekwondo class.
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Mondays | Jan. 23 to Feb. 13
\$32/Resident, \$42/Non-resident



For more information or to register, e-mail mmaggi@mof.org or call 240-243-2338.



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Saturday, Jan. 21
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

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

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



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



AT YOUR LEISURE

Embrace the new and varied in 2017 at Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green wishes area residents a happy, healthy and "jazzy" New Year, as the music programming gets busy starting at the end of January

bed has performed with Cyrus Chestnut, jazz/funk legend Dr. John, and the Godfather of Go-Go, Mr. Chuck Brown. See Balbed in concert at 8 p.m. on



Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at the Arts Barn. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

Also in concert at the Arts Barn is clarinetist Jeremy Eig. Eig will collaborate with D.C. area string players to bring a virtuosic clarinet quintet to the Arts Barn stage at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2017. On the program: "Mozart Quintet in A Major, K. 581" and "Weber Quintet in B-flat Major, Op. 34." Audience members

with a concert by Elijah Balbed. A saxophonist, composer and Washington, D.C. native, Balbed has been named Best Tenor Saxophonist (2013) and Best New Jazz Musician (2010) by the *Washington City Paper*, and has participated in residencies at the Kennedy Center, Strathmore and Bohemian Caverns among others.

A versatile saxophonist, Bal-

are invited to stay and meet the artists after the performance. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

Catch "Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose, presented by Sandy Spring Theatre Group on stage from Friday, Jan. 6 through Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017. Twelve jurors

in a murder trial are corralled in a room for the duration of their deliberation. As prejudices are tested and evidence is weighed, the entire jury is forced to look past the show of the courtroom to unearth the shocking truth. Faced with playing the hangmen, these dozen jurors must first face themselves. This show is recommended for ages 12 and older. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children.

Enjoy an elegant evening of ballroom and Latin dance fun, led by instructors from Two Left Feet. They will teach the waltz, as you dance the night away at the Winter Waltz Ball, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 at the Kentland Mansion. Non-alcoholic refreshments are included; a cash bar is available. Tickets are \$30 each.

Enjoy multimedia works of art in two shows during January. In the Arts Barn, beginning Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, view "Winter White" a juried multimedia exhibit. A free artist reception is scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. And now through Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 at the Kentlands Mansion, catch "Studio 26." On Saturday, Jan. 20, 2017, the exhibit will change to a multimedia display from the Art League of Germantown.

Arts on the Green is located at 311/320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. For more information, call 301-258-6394 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Northgate Community Church, a church for all nations and a fellowship of living grace, joyfully invites Village residents and their friends and families to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at Northgate's Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship and

Communion Service, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene Presents Live Nativity on Dec. 18

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene (GCN), 8921 Warfield Road, will continue its tradition of presenting the Christmas story through a Live Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 18. The free outdoor program has performances at 6 and 7 p.m.

The program features live animals, costumed performers and a narration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

After each performance, attendees are invited inside the church for hot chocolate and cookies.

According to Senior Pastor Ben Spitler, GCN has been presenting the Live Nativity since the early 1990s. "It's one way we as a church family keep the focus on Christ in Christmas. We desire to give the Montgomery Village community this

opportunity to remember the Christmas story and what this season is all about."

People of all ages enjoy the program, and children are especially excited to see the animals. Over the years, local farmers have provided lambs, donkeys and goats to lend authenticity to the story. After each performance, individuals can get a closer look at the animals and may even be able to pet them.

In addition to the Live Nativity, GCN invites the community to a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve scheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24 and a Christmas morning service scheduled for 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25.

For more information, contact the church office at 301-330-0366.

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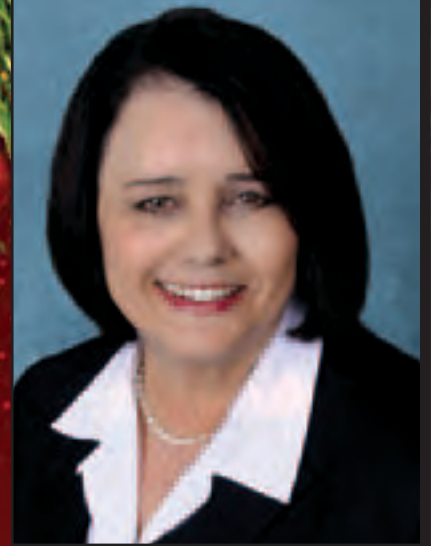
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