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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday Dec. 7 6 to 7 p.m.

Montgomery Village Center
Near CVS

Join Santa, friends and neighbors and an ensemble of the Montgomery Village Community Band for festive tunes, hot chocolate and cookies as we celebrate the holiday season.

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

50th Anniversary Ornament now available

With the close of 2016 upon us, as well as a fantastic year of celebrating Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary, there is one last chance to get into the celebration spirit with a keepsake ornament giveaway.

A limited number of these special edition ornaments will be available upon request at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road (one per family). The 3-inch circular ornament is gold-colored, representing the "golden anniversary," with the 50th Anniversary logo etched in the center, and has a red ribbon attached for hanging. This is a perfect keepsake memory for the year, or to display in your

home or on your tree for the holidays.

If you can't get to the MVF Office, ornaments will also be available at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, which has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Village Center parking lot, near CVS.

A special "thank you" is extended to the 50th Anniversary Committee, the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors and all Village residents for their support of the celebration activities during this momentous year! Here's to 50 more wonderful years in the Village!

Due to inclement weather earlier this week, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Residents, friends and neighbors are invited to enjoy some holiday cheer as we kick off the holiday season with this annual family event!

Make a difference—run for the MVF Board of Directors

Each year, three positions on the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors become available for nomination of eligible residents. The MVF Board works on behalf of the community to make policies and decisions that advance the overall welfare of the Village and MVF.

Board members serve a three-year term, volunteering several hours each month to Board meetings and MVF committees. Residents who share an interest in maintain-

ing Montgomery Village as a flourishing community in the county should consider running for the MVF Board of Directors.

Applications for the MVF Board of Directors can be obtained in person at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or submitted online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

For more information and eligibility requirements, see the MVF Call for Candidates on page 10.

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.

FREE TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY CONCERT

the Montgomery Village Community Band
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"Have Yourself a Merry Tuba Christmas"
with Guest Tuba Soloist Tom Holtz, U.S. Marine Band Retired

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Guests are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy donation to benefit The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Complimentary refreshments served after the concert.

LOOK INSIDE

Get a closer look at the Village Center Redevelopment plan

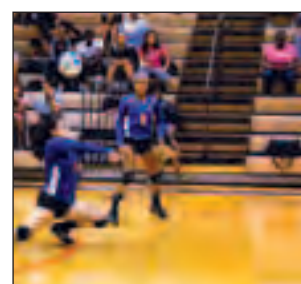


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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The 2017 budget is on the agenda to be approved.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The agenda will include discussion on the following topics: update on the Apple Ridge Pool Renovation; consider proposed 2017 rates and changes for MVF Annual Pool Memberships; review the Statistical Analysis of 2016 Pool Season; consider proposed 2017 Pool Schedule noting scheduled renovations; review selected MVF Pool and Activity Card Policies; and discuss Whetstone "After School Club" program.

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.

2017 CALENDAR CORRECTION

The photos in the 2017 annual calendar credited to Adam Gottesman are the rightful property of Adam Gougou. We apologize for this error and thank Mr. Gougou for his fantastic submissions to this year's calendar.



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

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

Leaf Removal Schedule



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

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The week of Dec. 5

EAST VILLAGE

The week of Dec. 12

NORTH VILLAGE

Please see neighborhood corners for signage.

SOUTH VILLAGE

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season.

WHETSTONE

The week of Dec. 5.

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

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the Winter
Recreation
Guide in
this issue



and find
YOUR
game!

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Serving the residents of Montgomery Village

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Feeling thankful



by Pete Young

MVF President

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving, it's a good time to reflect and recognize the good fortunes we enjoy. I, for one, was able to enjoy time with my family and friends this past week, as well as see our community through the eyes of others. Living here every day it's easy to forget some of the great qualities we have in the Village, and being reminded of them is nice. From a neighborhood Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, to breakfast at Einstein Bagels, to some hikes and bike rides on the local trails, I truly appreciate how lucky I am to live here.

Next week, we will get more in the holiday spirit, celebrating our annual tree lighting, with music and singing to kick off the season in style. With so many diverse cultures represented in the Village, I love to see this season and the many ways our residents celebrate. Take a moment to cherish the vibrancy of our community – I believe one of our strengths is the great variety of people I call neighbors and friends.

During this season, please take a moment to breathe, reflect and help your community and neighbors. A small gesture like chasing down a trash can lid blown by the wind, picking up an errant item from a recycling bin or simply just saying hello to a stranger – you never know how that might make their day. Please stay safe this holiday season and take care of each other.

As always, I invite you to get involved, share your talents and thoughts with us, and help Montgomery Village stay the amazing community it has been all these years. I welcome your feedback; feel free to e-mail me at peter@youngspa.com.

Cheers,
 Pete

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



MVF BOARD AGENDA

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2016
North Creek Community Center – 7:30 p.m.

Recognition of Beth-Ellen Berry's distinguished service as MVF Treasurer

Residents Time – As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 27, 2016
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Acceptance of Action List

ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2017 Insurance
 - B. Consider authorizing EVP to negotiate and execute contract for 2017 MVF Employee Healthcare Insurance
 - C. Consider revision to house numbers criteria for Appleridge in Northgate, Holly Pointe, and Wethersfield in East Village
 - D. Consider approving a Resolution of the MVF Board of Directors supporting the Sketch Plan application for redevelopment of the Village Center by Atlantic Realty Companies
 - E. Consider bids for Lake Whetstone retaining wall, step and path repairs
 - F. Consider bids for replacement of Stedwick Community Center floor
7. Committee Reports – barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. Investment Committee
 - L. 50th Anniversary Committee
 8. Board Member Issues
 9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to –
 - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.
 - (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
 - (iv) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters.
 10. Adjournment



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Apple Ridge Pool renovation update

Renovation work continues to progress on the Apple Ridge Pool. The contractor is in the process of finishing the three stormwater management facilities on the site, as well as finishing the pool plumbing and pipework.

In the next few weeks, the stone underlayment will be placed within pool area (pre-concrete), with concrete work estimated to be completed by the end of the month (weather permitting). Plumbing work in the bath house has also been started.

The contractor will be finishing as much outdoor work as possible done before colder weather sets in. When outside work slows for weather, the interior bath house work will be in full swing.



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

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

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.
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E-mail letters to mvnnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

This past summer we witnessed the destruction of several large White Pine (Pinus Strobus) trees in Montgomery Village. Reportedly, these trees had become a maintenance problem near the MVF swimming pools, and were "near the end of their lifespan." A similar reason was provided to one of the local HOAs by their landscape maintenance contractor, who then was paid thousands of dollars to cut the trees down. Sadly for both our residents and the trees, the rationale is totally false.

According to the U.S. Forest Service (www.fs.fed.us/database) and the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech, White Pine trees have an average lifespan of 200 years, and can often live to nearly 400 years of age. The Kettler Brothers planted thousands of White Pine trees in Montgomery Village, and most are at their full height now and thriving. The reality is that our

HOA budgets cannot afford to spend millions of dollars cutting them down, especially if they are just 20 years old in "people years." This event does highlight the need for having a certified arborist available on the contracted maintenance teams and MVF staff; more careful maintenance to prevent disease; a rule that the HOA contractor will not benefit from any tree removal expenses; and maybe a bonus payment if tree service expenses are avoided or go down.

The decision by MVF also reportedly included concern that the lifeguards had to skim the pine needles off the trees in the morning after a storm. This seems a minor inconvenience for staff that was there anyway, and preserved beautiful healthy trees that shaded our residents and children on the pool decks for many years. Now those trees need to be replaced, and White Pines are a good choice as they grow rapidly and provide good shade. Ironically, the National Arbor

Foundation gave MVF a "Tree City" designation the same month that MVF was cutting down these beloved pine trees. I hope we can actually deserve the designation from now on.

Dave Lechner
Northgate

Editor's Note:

MVF recognizes Mr. Lechner's concerns; however MVF and the homes corporations evaluate trees and landscape plans on a regular basis to determine when trees should be trimmed or removed. Oftentimes, safety is going to trump the aesthetic value of a tree. Every situation is a little different, and although the overall goal is not to remove trees, difficult judgments must be made on a regular basis. Both entities spend thousands of dollars to replace trees and have worked with county government programs to enhance the tree canopy of Montgomery Village. MVF cherishes its Tree City designation!

Editor:

On October 14 I requested the Whetstone Community Manager to make the following correction to the September 29 Whetstone Board meeting minutes in section 6.f. Review Tax Exempt Status, "The discussion of Mr. Clark's report is incomplete. It was only summarized and did not provide the numeric content on the three components of lost income. Please include a full report on the costs including the probable increase in assessments." I repeated the request at the November 10 Whetstone Board meeting.

My comments to the September 29 Whetstone Board meeting minutes related to the Tax Exempt Status Value finally made their appearance on the Whetstone web page.

On the Tax Exempt status value, the minutes now state, "The exemption is impossible to calculate because Whetstone is not required to prepare the necessary forms." Then it goes on to actually compute the impossible calculation for last

year's Tax Exempt value as \$29 per household per year or \$7.25 per quarter.

In the minutes, this last year's Tax Exempt value is used as the Total Value of Exemption (TVE) Cost Per Year (Low) = \$29.

The minutes also show a Total Value of Exemption (TVE) Cost Per Year (High) = \$90.

This \$90 TVE High value is a manufactured calculation reaching back into history to cherry pick the highest tax credit value ever received and looking to the future in selecting an arbitrary goal of \$50,000 for the amount of interest received per year.

This TVE High value is Voodoo Economics. To establish a legitimate range of values to guide its thinking on the Tax Exempt Value, I urge the Whetstone Board to use the actual tax credit received for each year for the past five years without cherry picking from the past and future.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Residents with financial background needed for Investment Committee

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

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

ing investment transactions that are in line with the policy. Currently, MVF has approximately \$8 million invested. Certified Financial Advisors, Investment Advisors, Chief Financial Officers or others with expertise in investment management/banking are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact MVF CFO Greg Snellings at 240-243-2323 or e-mail gsnellings@mof.org. To apply, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.



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The 2016 White House Christmas Ornament

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ORNAMENT

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IN THE NEWS

Staying safe during the holidays

by **Dinesh Patil, Montgomery County 6th District Police Commander**

As we enter the holiday season, a host of thoughts come to my mind. Holidays present a great opportunity for fellowship, family and simple acts of kindness that put others before ourselves. Unfortunately, this season also presents opportunities for some in our community to take advantage of us. As the temperature drops, one of the first crimes we see an increase in is auto theft. This is because in an effort to stay warm, people will start their cars and leave them running. This creates an easy opportunity for criminals to get a free mode of transportation with very little effort.

We are seeing an increase in stolen vehicle cases in general where owners are leaving a set of keys in unlocked cars, which our young people are exploiting. Juveniles who go out at night checking for unlocked car doors are finding not only your iPad, loose change and garage door opener, they are also finding your car keys and going for a ride. We have ar-

rested one juvenile in the last 45 days for five separate thefts from vehicles and three auto theft cases. Please do not be a victim; lock it up! If you don't think it can happen to you, know that I recently caught a person on my security camera checking the doors on my personal vehicles, with a marked police car in the driveway.

Also remember that the holiday season creates opportunities for thefts at malls and packages from your porch. Be vigilant. Lock purchases in your trunk and find ways to avoid having packages sit on your porch all day when you're at work.

The next immediate thought of this season is the increase in social events, which unquestionably leads to an increase in impaired drivers. It only takes a second for a tragic drunk driving event to occur. In 2015, we lost Officer Noah Leotta to a drunk driving incident, and just last week we had another officer's vehicle struck by a drunk driver while the officer was assisting with a broken down vehicle. Over 100 people are killed each year in Mary-

land due to drunk drivers, in addition to numerous crashes with serious consequences. There are many options to avoid driving drunk, including taxis, Uber, sober ride programs, designated drivers and of course, just not drinking if you are going to drive. Our patrol officers and the Holiday Alcohol Task Force is deployed and making arrests every night. Don't get a free ride to the station!

Holidays should be about people coming together. Now more than ever, the Montgomery County Police Department is strengthening our relationships with the community. We welcome opportunities to work with you and your communities to include neighborhoods, school groups, faith based organizations, the commercial sector and more—together we are stronger. Please let us know how we can better serve you. Our Community Services Office can be reached at 6DCSO@montgomerycountymd.gov. I hope that you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season.



Montgomery County 6th District Police Commander Dinesh Patil

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IN THE NEWS

Village Center Redevelopment

Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) purchased the Village Center in December 2015 and has been very busy planning for the future of the site. On April 21 and June 2, ARC met with the community to share plans

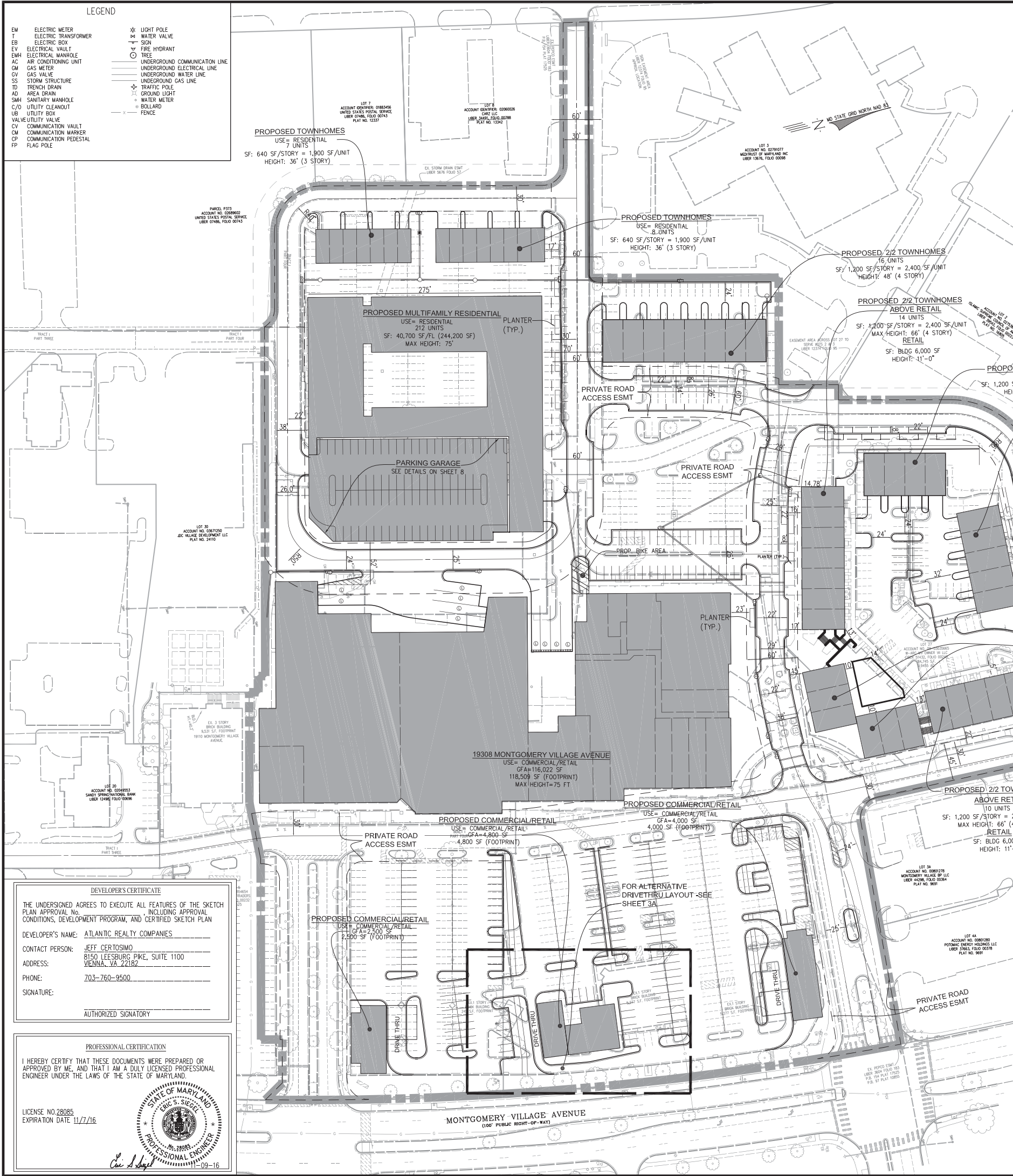
and receive comment from residents. Since June 2, county planning staff have been working with ARC to revise the plan so that it keeps with the master plan, new zoning and sound planning and design principles.

Some changes were made to the concept plan following the community meetings, including realignment of the pad sites that front Montgomery Village Avenue. The development of a large green space at the rear

of the property would serve residents of the new homes, as well as the larger community for special events. In addition, there was a slight redesign of the extension of Centerway Road through the property

to accommodate better traffic flow for vehicles and to improve pedestrian crossings. Originally, ARC had indi-

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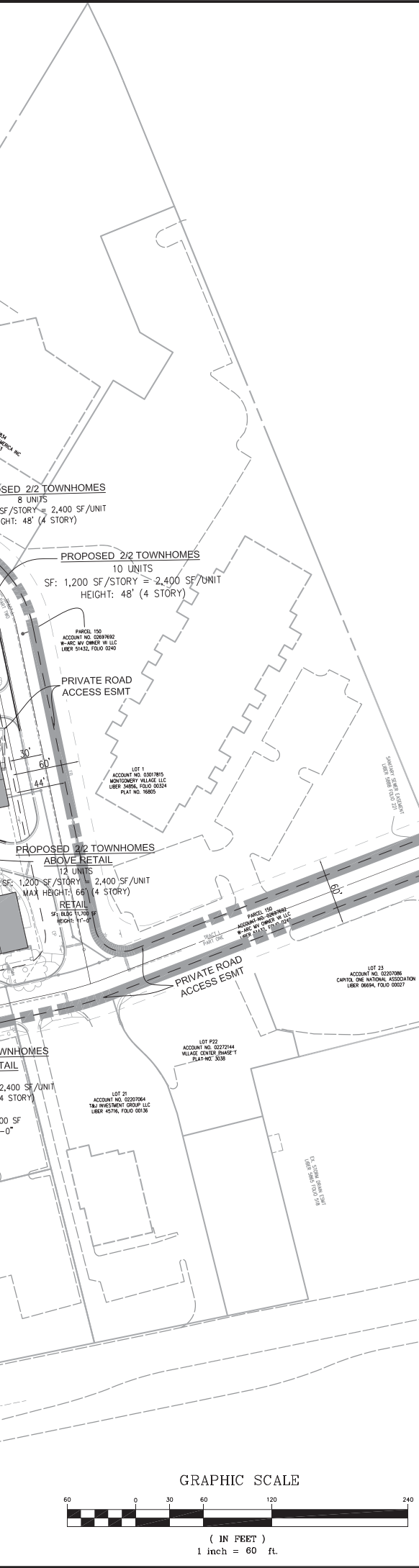
cated that they were going to remove Denny’s Restaurant to give more visibility to the retail stores in the center. However, the planners insisted that a pad

site remain on Montgomery Village Avenue because the zoning requires that buildings be brought up to streets. In addition, the planners required

that ARC submit a plan that shows buildings lining the drive aisle in the center, which would allow for future retail development. ARC agreed to

this requirement, but given their leasing obligations with major tenants, this future plan is not achievable any time soon.

The current plan calls for an addition of 297 residential units on the property, as well as approximately 165,000 sq. ft. of retail. ARC plans on constructing 212 apartments, 15 townhouses and 70 piggyback townhouses to support the center.
The planning board will hold a public meeting about the Village Center Sketch Plan on Thursday, Dec. 15. More information can be found at, www.montgomeryplanning.org.



| DATA SUMMARY TABLE | | |
|---|--|--------------------|
| TRACT AREA: | ACRES | SQ. FT. |
| GROSS TRACT AREA | 18.784 | 818,252 |
| AREA DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE | 0 | 0 |
| AREA PREVIOUSLY DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL NET AREA OF SKETCH PLAN | 13.060 | 568,894 |
| GROSS TRACT AREA BY ZONE | | |
| ZONE 1 CRT 1.5, C 0.75, R-1.25, H-75 | 18.784 | 818,252 |
| ZONE 2 | | |
| ZONE 3 | | |
| DENSITY (TOTAL) | | |
| NON-RESIDENTIAL | PERMITTED (SQ. FT.) | PROPOSED (SQ. FT.) |
| RESIDENTIAL* | 613,690 | Up to 165,000 |
| OTHER | 1,022,815 | Up to 450,000 |
| * 12.5% MPDU's WILL BE PROVIDED | | |
| HEIGHT | PERMITTED (FT.) | PROPOSED (FT.) |
| ZONE 1 | 75 | Up to 75 |
| ZONE 2 | | |
| ZONE 3 | | |
| PARKING SPACES | PERMITTED | PROPOSED |
| NON-RESIDENTIAL | 552 (MIN) | 552 (MAX) |
| RESIDENTIAL | 299 (MIN) | 519 (MAX) |
| OTHER | | |
| TOTAL: | 852 (MIN) | 1071(MAX) |
| IS THIS PROPERTY LOCATED IN A PARKING LOT DISTRICT? | YES | NO |
| IF YES: | | |
| PUBLIC USE SPACE | REQUIRED | PROPOSED |
| | 10% | 10% |
| DETAILED PARKING TABULATIONS | | |
| REQUIRED PARKING | | |
| ZONING: CRT (REDUCED PARKING AREA) | | |
| MULTI-FAMILY | | |
| PARKING REQUIRED (1-BEDROOM-50%) | = 1.00 SP/DWELLING UNIT | |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF 1-BEDROOM DWELLING UNITS | = 105 | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED (1-BEDROOM) = (105X1.0) | = 105 PARKING SPACES | |
| PARKING REQUIRED (2-BEDROOM - 40%) | = 1.00 SP/DWELLING UNIT | |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF 2-BEDROOM DWELLING UNITS | = 85 | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED (2-BEDROOM) = (85X1.0) | = 85 PARKING SPACES | |
| PARKING REQUIRED (3-BEDROOM-10%) | = 1.00 SP/DWELLING UNIT | |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF 3-BEDROOM DWELLING UNITS | = 22 | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED (3-BEDROOM) = (22X1.0) | = 22 PARKING SPACES | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED = 105+85+22 | = 212 PARKING SPACES | |
| TOWNHOMES | | |
| PARKING REQUIRED | = 1 SP/DWELLING UNIT TOTAL | |
| NUMBER OF UNITS | = 15 | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED = (15X1) | = 15 PARKING SPACES | |
| 2/2 TOWNHOMES | | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED | = 1 SP/DWELLING UNIT | |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF TOWNHOME UNITS | = 72 | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED = (72X1) | = 72 PARKING SPACES | |
| RETAIL | | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED | = 3.5 SP/1000 SF | |
| RETAIL G.F.A | = 165,000 SF | |
| TOTAL RETAIL PARKING REQUIRED = ((165,000/1000)X3.5) | = 578 PARKING SPACES | |
| TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED (212+15+72+578) | = 877 PARKING SPACES | |
| PROVIDED PARKING | | |
| SURFACE PARKING | = 460 PARKING SPACES | |
| GARAGE (TOWNHOMES) | = 41 PARKING SPACES | |
| PARKING STRUCTURE | = 501 PARKING SPACES | |
| TOTAL PROVIDED PARKING | = 1,002 PARKING SPACES | |
| *PER MONTGOMERY COUNTY Z.O. §59.6.2.4 | | |
| BICYCLE PARKING REQUIRED | | |
| • MULTIFAMILY | = 0.50/DWELLING UNIT (100 MAX) | |
| | = 100 BICYCLE SPACES (95% LONG TERM) | |
| • RETAIL/SERVICE | = 1/10,000 SF of GFA | |
| | = 145,910 GFA/10,000 SF | |
| | = 15 BICYCLE SPACES (15% LONG TERM) | |
| TOTAL BICYCLE SPACE REQ'D | = 115 BICYCLE SPACES | |
| CAR-SHARE SPACES REQ'S | = 1 FOR 1ST 149 SPACES + 1/100 SP THEREAFTER; 5 SPACES MAX | |
| | = 1 + (1054-149)/100 = 10.05 | |
| | = 5 SPACES REQUIRED** | |
| **ONE CAR-SHARE SPACE LOCATED NEAR AN ENTRANCE IS EQUAL TO 2 REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR RESIDENTIAL USES OR 3 REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR COMMERCIAL USES. | | |
| LOADING SPACES REQUIRED | | |
| • MULTIFAMILY | = 1 LOADING SPACE FOR 50 DU & ABOVE | |
| | = 1 LOADING SPACE REQ'D | |
| • RETAIL/SALES SERVICES | = 2 SP FOR (50,0001 TO 200,000 of GFA | |
| | = 2 LOADING SPACES REQ'D | |
| TOTAL LOADING SPACES REQ'D | = 3 LOADING SPACES | |
| TOTAL LOADING SPACES PROVIDED | = 5 LOADING SPACES | |
| HANDICAP SPACES REQ'D | = 20 PLUS 1/100 SP OR FRACTION THEREOF OVER 1000 SPACES | |
| | = 20 + (1054/1000) | |
| | = 21 SPACES | |

Village Center Redevelopment Fast Facts

Owner: Atlantic Realty Companies

Proposed site changes:

- extend Centerway Road through the property
- add community green space
- realign pad sites
- right-size retail units
- add pedestrian walkways
- add residential units to support retail

Total Residential Units: 297

- 212 apartments
- 15 townhomes
- 70 piggyback townhomes

Retail Space:
approximately 165,000 sq. ft.

- put chain grocer in prime, front-facing location
- retain 90% of current retailers
- add new retail supported by center changes

The Sketch Plan Application and the current Sketch Plan can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Choose “Development & Projects” from the “About MV” menu on the blue bar.

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IN THE NEWS

Lake Whetstone outfall tower repair update

The county is making progress on the repair to the Lake Whetstone outfall tower. The lake is in the process of being lowered a few inches each day with a siphoning technique, with the full lowered level expected to be achieved in the coming weeks.

The contractor has removed the sluice gate for repair and has currently installed a steel plate on the outside of the tower to prevent water from

entering the structure. The trash rack has been removed and sent out for repair and recoating.

Once the lake is lowered the full 3 to 4-foot depth, the top of the outfall tower will be removed and replaced.

The work area has been blocked off with fencing. Residents are reminded to stay clear of the fence and the work area during the repair.

Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

In the 18800 block of Walkers Choice Road between approximately 7:30 a.m. and approximately 3 p.m. on Nov. 4. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

MVF CALL FOR CANDIDATES

2017 MVF Board of Directors Election

MVF ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

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

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

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

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

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

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



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Montgomery Village News Milestones Submission Form

For Montgomery Village News issue date: _____

Engagement & Wedding Announcements

Bride's Information

Bride's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Complete Address

Employer

Employment City, State

Job Title

Years of Service

Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc.

College Name

Year Graduated

Field of Study and Degree

High School

Year Graduated

Awards/Achievements

Bride's Mother's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Bride's Father's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Maid/Matron of Honor First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Engagement Date

Wedding Date

Wedding Location

Groom's Information

Groom's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Complete Address

Employer

Employment City, State

Job Title

Years of Service

Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc.

College Name

Year Graduated

Field of Study and Degree

High School

Year Graduated

Awards/Achievements

Groom's Mother's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Groom's Father's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Best Man's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Honeymoon Location

Address Where Couple Plans to Reside

Birth Announcements

Child's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Date of Birth

Gender

Length/Weight

Mother's First Name

M.I.

Mother's Last Name

Father's First Name

M.I.

Father's Last Name

Address

Hospital Name & Location (City, State)

Achievement Announcements

First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Address

Achievement (provide details)


School/College Name and Location

Grad Year

Company/Employer

Name of Organization Presenting the Award

Send your digital photos to mvnews@mvf.org!



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M.I.

Last Name

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Telephone

Email (optional)

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The Montgomery Village News will print milestone events and photographs at no charge for Montgomery Village residents.* Information can be provided on this form and dropped off at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Information can also be emailed to mvnews@mvf.org or faxed to 301-990-7071. Announcements should be received by the deadline date of the specific Montgomery Village News issue requested for publication (see page 2 of this issue for deadlines). Publication dates are available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com under Press Room, then Village News, or by calling 240-243-2331.

Anniversary Announcements

Wife's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Husband's First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Address

Anniversary Date

Number of Years Married

Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printed)

Number of Grandchildren

Description of How Anniversary Couple Met

Where Couple Was Married

Wife's Employer/Location

Husband's Employer/Location

Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Traditional style homes

A traditional style house is one that will stand the test of time. The traditional style is based on historical roots and is not contemporary or trendy, but rather functional, practical and classical. It is the most popular housing style in the United States. The traditional style house is a mix of many classic simple designs typical of the country's many regions.

Common features of the traditional style house are little ornamentation, simple roof lines, centered front doors, symmetrically spaced windows and a central or side chimney. Floor plans are usually basic, yet flexible, and are designed to embrace family life.

The exterior façade of the traditional house is generally constructed of brick, wood, stone or stucco. Many houses are constructed entirely of brick while others are a combination of materials.

Many traditional homes are found in the communities of Montgomery Village. Single-family traditional style homes are found in Hickory Grove, The Meadows and Kings Point in Eastgate; and Ashford, The Downs, The Estates, The Estates 7B, Gablefield, Meadowgate and Wethersfield in East Village. They are also in Apple Ridge and William's Range in Northgate; and in Pleasant Ridge and Salem's Grant in North Village. Traditional style

homes are located in Fairridge of Patton Ridge; Poplar Spring; and The Ridges of Stedwick, as well as Goshenside, Lakeside and The Ridges of Whetstone.

Traditional style townhouses are also found in Montgomery Village in many communities such as Ridgefield, The Mews and Wood Edge in Eastgate. They are also located in Essex Place I, Holly Pointe and The Reach in East Village; as well as Essex Place II in North Village; and Fairway Islands, Greentee I and II and Partridge Place of Patton Ridge. Traditional style townhouses are also in the community of Frenchton Place in Stedwick.





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WHETSTONE WATCH

Snow, tree pruning and beauty

by Edwin Stennett

December is just around the corner, and with January just a month away, we will soon have to worry about snow. Hopefully we will not have a repeat of the nightmare snow earlier this year. That nightmare (plus the smaller snows) cost us \$105,062 or \$235 per residence. As you may recall, snow removal is not a budgeted expense; it is a pass-through expense: in the year following the expense, residents are billed for the expense. So brace yourself for the hit in your 2017 association assessment. In 2017 each household will have to pay the \$235. However, since the 2016 assessment included \$110 for snow removal, the actual snow increase over 2016 will be \$125.

On the plus side, snow removal in Whetstone during the nightmare snow was quite prompt. Some neighborhoods plowed by the county had to wait two or more days before their streets were passable. This coming winter, our snow removal will be done by the JB Kline Company. Our prior experience with Kline leads us to expect excellent snow removal service at a slightly reduced cost.

At this time of year, the maintenance committee can see how well the year has gone regarding staying within the budget. In general it has been a good year budget-wise. The

glaring exception, however, is tree pruning. The 2016 budget for tree pruning is \$25,000. But the bids we received were substantially higher than in prior years (some in the \$60,000 range). We ultimately entered a contract costing \$40,000. And this price was achieved primarily by reducing the planned scope of the pruning: a few streets that we expected to be pruned this year had to be deferred to 2017. This, of course, made some residents unhappy. You may be interested to know, however, that two board members and a former board member live on a street that was deferred.

On a happier note, I recently advertised an item on Craigslist. A young man from Derwood purchased the item, and when he came to the house, he remarked that he did not know such a lovely community existed in the area. The leaves were turning, but still on the trees at the time, and I have to believe he was impressed by the trees and greenspace as much as the homes. Anywhere you go in Montgomery County, the trend appears to be greater density and less greenspace. Certainly the watchword for the Village Shopping Center redevelopment and Professional Center redevelopment is high density. Whetstone has more greenspace per residence than any other Village community. That is one reason that

our homeowner's assessment is somewhat higher than other communities. But as the county slides down the slippery slope of ever greater density, Whetstone may well be perceived as a green oasis. Yes we pay a lot for tree pruning and replacement, and yes we pay a little more for greenspace upkeep. But we get beauty in return—beauty that will be increasingly admired by those who live in the ever expanding high density areas.

By the way, having contractors water newly planted trees or other plants is expensive, and for budgetary reasons, we do not contract for as much water as would be desirable. If there is a new tree on your property, you could aid the survival of the tree by watering it once a week—even in the late fall.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Whetstone will, once again, hold a holiday lights decorating contest. Awards will be given for Most Traditional, Most Kid Friendly, Over the Top and Street with Most Holiday Spirit. Judging will take place the week of December 19. The winners will be announced in early January.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Minor delay for McKendree project

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The Brookridge courtyard project is slightly delayed because the contractor has to fix some electrical issues. Everything should be back on track shortly.

IN OTHER NEWS

We continue to work with the fire marshal to mark fire lanes as requested. Please note that Northgate does not decide what a fire lane is and is not. We mark them as directed by the county.

LEAF REMOVAL

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

TRASH

Montgomery County requires that trash be stored in trash containers with tight fitting lids. This applies to both single-family houses and townhouses. Placing trash out in plastic bags or in open containers is causing a substantial litter and trash problem in Northgate. Foxes, birds and other varmints are ripping bags and tipping open containers. Please do your bit by properly storing your trash!

The board is asking if you see a resident putting out regular or bulk trash other than on the evening before pickup (or early on the pickup

day), that you please report it to northgateHC@comsource.com. You will remain anonymous. There continues to be a dumping issue in certain neighborhoods and we need your help to resolve it.

Trash pickup in The Points and Overlea is on Mondays and Thursdays. Every other subdivision has pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays. Both regular and bulk trash should be placed out the evening before pickup.

If you need a bulk trash pickup, 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.

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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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Potpourri

by Nancy Horn

TOT LOTS

As the last neighborhood in Stedwick to be built and one with very little useable greenspace, Kettler Brothers provided three tot lots in the Forest Brooke community. Over the years, pieces of the playground equipment originally installed had to be removed for safety reasons. Twenty-plus years under the sun caused cracking in slides that were no longer useable, and some swing seats can no longer be replaced—all the tot lots are skeletons of their original structures. The first tot lot to be upgraded is on Wild Apple Circle and it is our goal to have the new equipment installed and in use by the beginning of summer. After a thorough study of the equipment available and with help from the Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture, we will soon be going out for bids for equipment and installation costs.

RETAINING WALLS

Building on hilly terrain often requires retaining walls to ensure the movement of earth caused by rain; water runoff; the weight of buildings; and that the natural upheaval of the earth does not damage said buildings. The Forest Brooke neighborhood has seven retaining walls, and over the years several have been replaced. It's now time to replace the retaining wall located on the spur of Royal Woods Court. Our landscape and maintenance contractor is in the process of obtaining engineering drawings, having utility lines marked, etc. This project is weather dependent, so residents will be notified when the work will begin. At present, the plan is to start the work in December, but it may continue into January.

TREES GALORE – WE WISH WE HAD MORE

As noted in the last "Stedwick Signals," the trees provided to our community by Montgomery County have been planted. The Montgomery Tree program's objective was to consider not only the present time, but where these trees would provide shade 30 years hence. The greenspace committee was invited to recommend specific areas for planting and species for new trees, but in the end, the final decisions lay with the county. These trees represent a boon for the community and will be maintained by Montgomery County for the next 2 years, saving Stedwick not only the cost of the trees, but the ongoing maintenance.

THE TREE MONTGOMERY CRITERIA

- Town houses are best option as they generally have more asphalt and the goal of the program is to provide shade.
- Minimum space requirement for large, mature tree is 400 square feet.
- Trees need to be planted at least 40 feet from power lines or towers.
- Big trees give the most "bang for the buck" in that they shade roofs, as well as asphalt, and ensure the neighborhood will have big trees in the future enhancing property values.
- The Montgomery Tree program is available to all residents of the county. Currently the program is fully booked, but will be available in the future to those who apply.

Pruning of all community trees is scheduled on a rotating basis and the following neighborhoods will be completed this year: Clusters III, Forest Brooke, The Ridges and The Heights.

The first leaf removal took place the week of November 14, and the second community-wide pickup is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5 through Friday, Dec. 9.

PEPCO

Frenchton Place was built in the early 1970s and thus has aging infrastructure in need of work. Pepco is currently re-wiring throughout the community which involves tunneling under streets and land.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Again we offer you the opportunity to be an active part of your homeowner's association. Three board positions will be up for election, providing you with an opportunity to spend a few hours each month not only learning more about how the board operates, but being an integral part of the decision making. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 6, 2017. If interested, contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326.

If you have any questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org or consult your community website, www.stedwick.org. You may also share any concerns and ideas with your board at residents time at any of our meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 at Stedwick Community Center, 10410 Stedwick Road.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2017 Parking Tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The 2016 parking tags will expire on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Residents can pick the new 2017 parking tags from Montgomery Village Middle School, 19300 Watkins Mill Road, on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 to 9 p.m.
- 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.

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 dmattthews@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.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

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.
2. Trash/recycling out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home.

Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash, trash in cans and bulk trash.

Log in at www3.senearthco.com to view or download the entire trash policy if you have an online account. Click "Community Information," then "Property Information" to view the current trash policy. Contact Shirley Umali at sumali@comsource.com if you would like to register for a Sourcelink account.

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.

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

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.

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Winter reminders

by the South Village Board of Directors

While the official first day of winter may not be for a few weeks, we have experienced the beginning of what feels like Jack Frost nipping at your nose! Here are a couple of seasonal reminders to help keep you and your families warm and safe this winter season.

1. Have your chimney inspected before using.
2. Winterize your pipes and make sure you know where

your shut off valve is located in case of a leak.

3. Have your gutters cleaned of leaves.
4. Lock your vehicle and never leave valuables in sight.

A friendly reminder to please place trash in proper air-tight containers for pickup on Mondays and Thursdays. Recycling is picked up on Thursday as well. Should you have bulk trash items in need of pickup, call Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700 or visit www.potomacdisposal.com to

schedule a free bulk pickup.

South Village homeowners end up paying excessive fees for residents who illegally dump items on community greenspace. If you see anyone doing so, please do not hesitate to contact management at 240-243-2326.

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village November meeting (continued)

by the North Village Board of Directors

We continue our coverage of the November 17 board meeting. Due to timing, our last article only discussed the agenda.

During residents time prior to the meeting, a resident from the Highland Hall community presented her concerns about cars speeding through the community on Highland Hall Drive. Several solutions were suggested, and our community manager took the action to do some research and make a recommendation to the board.

After residents time, the meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the last meeting were approved. The treasurer then reviewed the financial report for October. She reported that our operating cash is in good shape and that our investments are running \$200,000 over last year. Our income statement, however, shows just a small net loss through October, which is the result of the huge snow removal cost early in the year. The report did not include \$18,000 of tree work which had been completed recently and another \$2,000 to remove two large dead trees that was approved at the meeting. She also mentioned that our security contractor will exceed what we had budgeted for security. The board is concerned about the growing expense of our security contractor, especially if we are not getting the service that we expect.

In the maintenance committee report, the chairperson mentioned that several refrigerators and stoves were recent-

ly left out on the curb. These items cost assessment dollars to remove. Montgomery County Recycling will remove such items for free if residents call them and schedule a pickup. All of the information can be found on the county website.

Our landscaping contractor has made one pass with leaf removal throughout North Village and a second collection will be made in the next week or so. The exact dates of the leaf removal will be posted at the community entrances.

In another maintenance item, it was announced that Pepco has planted nine of the replacement trees that they had promised us when they removed some of our trees earlier this year. These nine trees are beautiful ornamental trees and will not damage curbs and sidewalks as the Oaks and Maples did.

The election committee reported that three incumbents whose terms are up in 2017 will run for the board again. We will be publishing statements from each of the candidates in a future article. Election material will be mailed to residents the week of December 13, and ballots are due back by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017.

The chairperson of the safety committee reported that she is working with the police on ways to prevent delivery thefts. There have been incidents where packages left by Amazon have been stolen.

The most important item on the agenda was the approval of the 2017 budget for North Village Homes Corporation. The board approved the budget, and a letter has gone out to all

residents giving the details of the new assessment. New payment booklets will be mailed to residents in December and the next quarterly payment is due on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.

The board reviewed bids from three audit firms and voted to accept the bid from Draper & McGinley, P.A. to provide our financial audit services starting in 2017 for the 2016 audit. We are changing our audit firm not because we are dissatisfied with the current auditor whom we have had for more than five years, but because it is good financial practice to periodically have a new set of experts looking over our books.

One final word about the confusion concerning the Thanksgiving holiday trash pickup. Please remember that our trash contractor, Potomac Disposal, will always pick up trash on the appointed day—holiday or no holiday. The only two holidays when they do not pick up are Christmas and New Year's Day if they should fall on the pickup day.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail asteward@mvmf.org.

North Village View: for residents of Essex Place, Highland Hall, McRory, Perry Place, Picketon, 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).



EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 30, 2016

EAST VILLAGE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominating Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2017

PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 9, 2016

STEDWICK

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 6, 2017

WHETSTONE

Nominating Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

SCHOOL NEWS

Watkins Mill fall sports teams wrap up their seasons, look to come back even stronger next year

by Kevin Finn, Ajay Branch and Salekri Sayeh

After a successful fall season with five teams making the playoffs, Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) fall sports looks to rebound next year and make it even further into the postseason.

Boys soccer finished their season with a heartbreaking 0-1 loss to the Urbana Hawks. But the boys made it further than they have since 2011, finishing the season 14-2. With a talented junior varsity team, look for this team to continue its fall dominance next season with many returning varsity players, as well as new JV call-ups. "Next season we expect to pick up exactly where we left off and go to states," junior Yann Kouemi said.

The girls soccer team was only able to pick up two wins in the regular season, but was able to turn it around in the postseason, making it to the second round of the playoffs. The team was able to take down the Wheaton Knights in the first round, but fell to the Blake Bengals in a tough match in round two. The team will be graduating five seniors, but they still look to come back next season competitive and have another playoff run. Junior Megan Dakwa is looking

forward to next year. "I hope to build better relationships with new people and work as a team," Dakwa said.

'Rines football had a very productive fall, picking up four wins over the course of the regular season. With a new coach at the helm, the team looked to rebuild and put together a playoff run in the seniors' last year of playing high school football. Despite the disappointing season, the future is bright for the team. With a talented JV squad and a varsity team that kept many of their key players, next year's team will be a competitive one. Senior Brian McNeary said, "The season didn't end the way we wanted it to but at the end of the day, our record doesn't show how much progress we made."

Lady 'Rines field hockey had a competitive season as well, picking up three regular season wins. They weren't able to make it out of the first round of the playoffs, losing in a tough matchup to Linganore High School. Junior Katherine Campbell is excited for what next season may bring, adding, "I think we really improved, we would work on something in practice and then do it in the game just like that, and it showed."

The boys cross country team finished up a very successful season on Saturday, Nov. 12, sending two runners to the Maryland State Championships. Sophomore Zachary Pepperl and junior Tyrese Hibbert both represented WMHS at the event. Pepperl added, "Next season I hope we can make it to states and continue to improve everybody's time." The girls team wasn't able to send anyone to this event, but they made great rebuilding strides this year, and will bring everyone back next year.

The girls volleyball and tennis teams had similar seasons, both ending the seasons with three wins or less. Graduating only one senior from each team, the teams look to come back next year and put together winning seasons and longer playoff runs. Junior Yekeila Mendez said the team needs to stop "doubting [themselves]," Mendez added, "we should stay more positive."

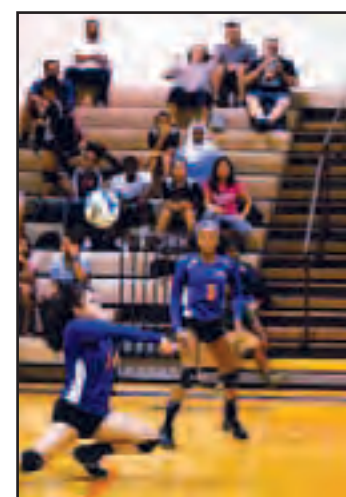
The 'Rines golf team was set up with a rough year, with a new coach and only two players on the team. But the team was able to string together a productive season, learning many new things along the way. "As a team, we started off as...just two kids playing golf, but as the season went on, our



Senior Alexander Brown gets ready to shoot a goal.

scores started improving and getting better," junior Daniel Gregory said.

The WMHS handball team finished a season full of fun, learning and team-building. The team may have not had the record they wanted, but they certainly learned a lot and really grew as a team this season. "I think it was a good season and everybody had fun, we all made friends on the team," senior Bernadette Nwoye added.



Junior volleyball player Vanessa Mazariegos attempts to return the ball.



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Madness rocks Watkins Mill for winter sports rally

by Gabriel Leonard

"We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?"

The second round of Mill Madness took place last Tuesday night in the main gym at Watkins Mill High School (WMHS). Winter sports teams introduced themselves to the school as students participated in many fun games and challenges.

The boys and girls basketball teams introduced themselves as they prepare for the 2016 - 2017 season. They started off with layup lines that later led to spectacular dunks by senior Kendale Sewell, freshman Seth McCarly, and juniors TJ Williams and Markel Grant.

"Mill Madness turned out pretty good; I enjoyed it," Grant said. Grant's favorite part was the dunk contest and layup lines with the girls varsity team. "We should have another one for spring sports because they all turn out [so well]," Grant added.

Boys Varsity Coach Corey Robinson and Girls Varsity Coach Donita Adams both en-

couraged Orange Nation to come out and support the teams. Robinson said both teams will "put on a show" this season.

Indoor track, swim and dive, poms, wrestling and bocce were all represented well and introduced at half court. Cheer amazed the students with a high-flying performance led by junior captains Fatoumata Drammeh and Brianna Knight. Drammeh said, "I thought it was a lot of fun, and I want to thank [science teacher Matthew] Johnson for working hard to put it all together for us."

Students participated in many joy-filled games that made everyone laugh. These games included a half-court shot contest, obstacle courses, filling a pitcher with soap water, pie to the face and a basketball shooting contest. School spirit was on full display throughout all of these activities led by Johnson.

"I really loved that we were able to represent all the winter athletes and not just one sport," Johnson said. Johnson is looking forward to having a spring edition of Mill Madness as well

to represent the spring sports at WMHS.

Overall, Mill Madness was a huge success. Students brought their spirit as they gathered around to watch and partake in fun activities. Johnson also mentioned making new t-shirts so the student body can "come together" for the winter season. Don't let up on the school spirit yet 'Rines, a great winter season of sports and activities is coming your way. Go 'Rines!



Senior Kendale Sewell gets ready to rock the rim.

photos by Jonathan Trejo

KIDS PAGE



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MV Kids Learn About Stonehenge

The structure that we call "Stonehenge" was built about 5,000 years ago and is just one part of a larger sacred landscape. Stonehenge is a massive monument in Wiltshire, England made up of standing stones, balanced stones and fallen stones and is set within a circular bank and ditch. It is the most complex of Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments in England.



How was Stonehenge used?

Before it was Stonehenge, the area was probably a burial site. It contains more than 350 burial mounds, and hundreds of human bones have been found, dating across 1,000 years, showing signs of cremation before burial.

The monument's entrance faces the rising sun on the day of the Summer Solstice. This orientation suggests that ancient astronomers may have used Stonehenge as a kind of solar calendar to track the movement of the sun and moon and mark the changing seasons.



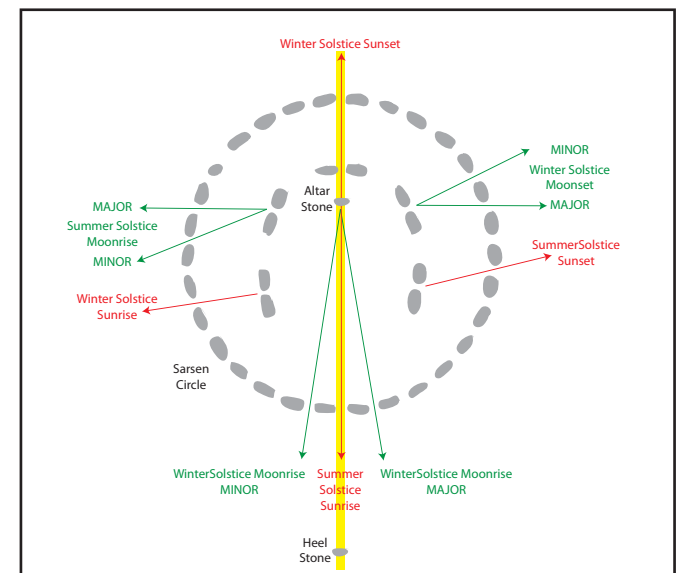
Graffiti on the sarsen stones include ancient carvings of a dagger and an axe.

The larger stones of the outer ring, known as sarsens, are up to 30 feet tall and weigh about 25 tons each. It is believed that they were brought from Marlborough Downs, 20 miles to the north. The smaller stones, called "bluestones," weigh up to 4 tons and come from several different sites in western Wales.



Stonehenge and the Sun

Stonehenge seems to have been carefully aligned pointing to the Winter Solstice sunset. The heel stone, with its smooth flat face, was turned towards the midwinter sun. The Winter Solstice was immensely important because the people were economically dependent on monitoring the progress of the seasons.



Stonehenge at sunset in winter



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Giving thanks in the community

At this time of year, many of us give thanks for what we have. Each year, local businessman Dimitrios Angelakis, owner of Athens Grill, gives those less fortunate something to be thankful for. For more than 25 years, Athens Grill has donated food to local families, and this year was no different.

Michael O'Hare of Presidential Meats once again provided a large number of chickens for this outreach program, at no cost, along with the additional help of several generous monetary donations. Angelakis once again enlisted friends Pam and Frank Mondell to identify the need in the community, so as to provide complete chicken dinners to families the evening before Thanksgiving. After all, running his restaurant is a full-time job, and contacting a diverse group of truly needy families in the immediate community takes time. This year Stedwick and Whetstone elementary school counselors helped identify local families who could benefit from Angelakis' generosity.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, Athens Grill prepared chicken dinners to feed over 130 of our neighbors in need, and an enthusiastic group of community volunteers met to pick up the wrapped dinners and set out to deliver holiday cheer and nourishment on Angelakis' behalf. Those involved welcomed the opportunity to help give less fortunate families something to be thankful for this holiday season.



photos by Roz Price

Thanksgiving Morning Workout a success

The 23rd annual Thanksgiving Morning Workout to benefit Gaithersburg HELP was held on November 24, with an enthusiastic group carrying in canned goods along with their mats and weights and then treating themselves to some vigorous exercise. In 1994, Jacki Sorensen Aerobics instructor Karin Baker initiated this Thanksgiving morning event, with the slogan, "Work up a Hunger to Feed the Hungry." Participants bring donations of non-perishable food and cash, all of which is to be donated to needy families. This year, approximately 200 cans and boxes of food, plus over \$100, were donated by about 25 generous participants. Baker led the group through sets of floor work, strength training and aerobic exercise. It was a great way to begin the Thanksgiving celebration, by doing something fun and healthy and at the same time, helping others!



photos by Roz Price

MV SENIORS

seniors in **action**

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays and
select Fridays!

Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road

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

FALL SESSION

through Dec. 16



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.

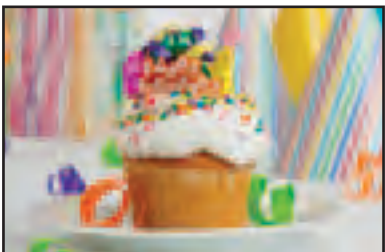
For membership information, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.com.



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. Our next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

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



Birthday Celebration

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



Caring Hands/ SiA members worked together to donate food for Interfaith Works "Holiday Meal in a Basket" program. We were able to collect enough donations to create four baskets!



SiA Fall Trip to the National Museum of African American History & Culture.

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.
Dec. 5: Candy Cane Sleigh



Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

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



Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month Dec. 19: "Rogue Lawyer" by John Grisham

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

WEDNESDAY



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

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



SiA Games Take 2! 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY



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

second Friday each month

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

Free for members, \$2/Non-member
Dec. 9

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!



Holiday Drop-in fitness

Drop in to one of Montgomery Village's many adult fitness classes for a full body workout that will allow you to enjoy those holiday treats guilt free! Drop-in classes include Pop Pilates or Strength and Stretch on Tuesday or Thursday; Aerobics on Monday or Thursday; Zumba on Wednesday or Saturday; and Yoga on Wednesday or Sunday.

For pricing, times and locations, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Wine & Paint – Seasonal Lake Whetstone Scene



Give yourself the gift of relaxation and a fun night out before the holiday chaos ensues! Great for date night, girls' night or just a night to yourself! Join friends, neighbors or family from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, to make your own Seasonal Lake Whetstone Scene.

Participants will be guided

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

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

WINTER-BREAK CAMP

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\$70/day per resident
\$80/day per non-resident
Pre-registration required



for Grades K through 6

Tuesday, Dec. 27

through

Thursday, Dec. 29

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sign up for one, two or all three days

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8821 East Village Avenue**

Bring a non-perishable lunch



Children in grades K through 6 (ages 5 to 11) will gather at Lake Marion Community Center for hands-on activities which capture children's curiosity, stimulate their interest in science and encourage critical thinking. Children must bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Pre-registration required.



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

Check out the Winter Recreation Guide in this issue and find YOUR game!

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.

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RECREATION

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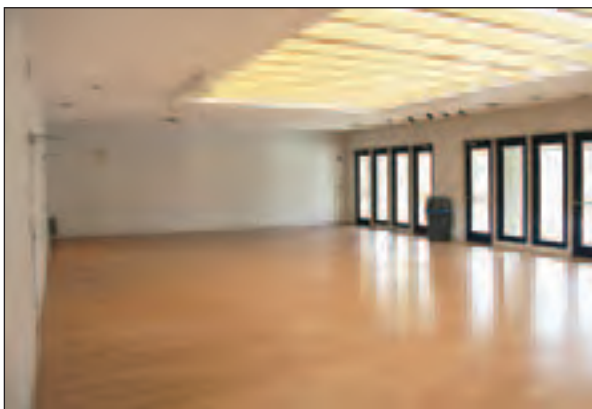
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

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

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

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through January 2017. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request Form" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Please remember that all functions must be non-alcoholic, and that the renter must be present the entire length of the rental.

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



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

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

Argentine Tango Open House

Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Meet instructors Viviana and Isidoro and enjoy a complimentary lesson along with a chocolate and wine pairing provided by SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier. Must be 21 or older to attend.



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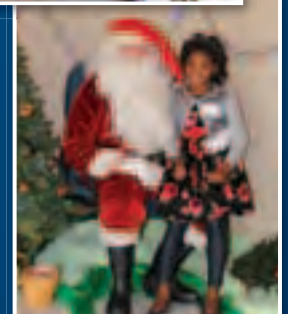
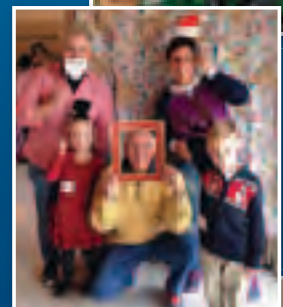
9:30 to 11 a.m.

North Creek

Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

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

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



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\$6/Adult



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

AT YOUR LEISURE

Animal Welfare League Craft Fair

The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWLMC) is hosting a Craft Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at VCA Vet Referral Associates, 500 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg. Admission is free, and there will be refreshments available. The talented shelter volunteers will have crafts available for purchase, including handmade cards, jewelry, crochet/knit items, Christmas items, photography prints and much more!

AWLMC is a no-kill cat shelter in Old Towne Gaithersburg. If you're looking for a new kitten or cat to add to your family, stop into the shelter, 12 Park Avenue, Gaithersburg. Shelter hours are Wednesday and Friday, 6 to 8 p.m., Saturdays noon to 3 p.m. and the first and third Sundays of the month, 1 to 4 p.m.

The AWLMC offers programs including low cost spay/neuter, free spay/neuter (subject to qualification) and a Pet Food Bank for Montgomery County residents. Visit www.awlmc.org for additional information about the shelter and programs.



When the holidays hurt: an Advent liturgy for hurting, healing and wholeness

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Laytonsville is offering a new service in preparation for Christmas. We often overlook the painfulness of the season for those who have experienced death or tragedy during December. This service is designed to embrace that hurt so we can fully appreciate our daily lives even while living with an aching heart.

"When the Holidays Hurt" will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Monday, Dec. 5 at noon and 7 p.m. There will be a time for reception of Holy Communion as well as prayers for healing. Area residents are invited to attend this special

service of healing and wholeness.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is located at 21611 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville. For more information, call 301-355-7189 or visit www.saintbartholomews.org.

Celebrate the holidays at Covenant UMC

Covenant United Methodist Church invites Village residents to celebrate the holidays with a number of Christmas services and worship opportunities.

MUSICAL CANTATA

At the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services on Sunday, Dec. 11, the CUMC Chancel Choir (with chamber orchestra) will be present the annual Christmas Cantata. Celebrate the music of the season!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Are you having a hard time finding the joy in this season of "Joy to the World?" If you are experiencing grief, pain, loneliness or other losses in this holiday season, or know someone who is, come to the "Longest Night Service" on at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17. We will light candles, pray and prepare our hearts for Christmas in this intimate and meaningful service. For more information, contact Pastor Mandy Sayers at 301-926-8920.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Enjoy several opportunities for worship on Saturday, Dec. 24. **5 p.m.** - The Children's Christmas Eve Pageant: children ages 3 through 18 will perform in this services full of costumes and traditional seasonal music.

8:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

10:30 p.m. - Special Music: vocal and instrumental selections

11 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

For more information, call 301-926-8920 or visit www.covenant-umc.org. Covenant UMC is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Road.

Laytonsville Fire Department Christmas Tree Sale

Help support those who keep you safe! The Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department (LDVFD) is currently holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale, with all proceeds benefitting their building fund. The sale is open Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the fire house parking lot, 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville.

Table top trees, wreaths and Fraiser Firs (6-foot to 9-foot heights) will be available for purchase. For more information and prices, visit www.ldvfd.org.



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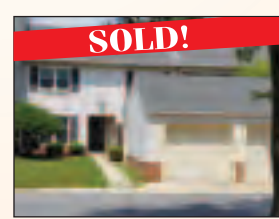
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