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The *Montgomery Village News* staff is pleased to announce that beginning today, Friday, Dec. 6, residents can now receive a weekly digest of articles posted online straight into their e-mail inbox.

Last year, the *Montgomery Village News* delivery was reduced from two deliveries each month to one delivery each month. At the same time, a new *Village News* website, www.mvnews.online, was established to keep information flow steady.

Since then, news has been posted on the website several times a week, and those articles are also published in the print edition each month. However, the site lacked a de-

livery method to make up for the loss of the second physical newsletter each month; residents looking for news needed to search it out online, or find links on Montgomery Village Foundation's (MVF) social media channels.

Residents who currently have a free account on the MVF website will be automatically enrolled in the e-mail subscription; others who want the article digest must sign up for an account. Each Friday, the last five articles posted online will be e-mailed, along with links to read all the news on the website. And of course, the option to unsubscribe from the service.

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The annual Christmas Tree Lighting, held on Wednesday, December 4, was a festive scene for many residents and visitors. Guests enjoyed cookies and cocoa as they watched for Santa and listened to merry tunes by the Montgomery Village Community Band and Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers. Above: Santa received a special gift from one visitor.

2019 was a year of growth in the Village

by Mike Conroy

Growth comes in many forms—it could be physical height, the blooming of plants or even positive change. Over the last year, Montgomery Village has seen plenty of growth, and some much-awaited change and forward progress.

Of course, the most obvious of change is the demolition and construction currently underway at the Village Center. The old pad sites have been taken down, and the new Bank of America building is underway. The extension of Centerway Road is being made through the back of the center. And the future Aldi store front is being heavily renovated.

Across the street at the old Professional Center, Lidl finalized purchase of the property and showcased their initial concept plans for their store on the site. The proposed 30,000 square foot grocery store will occupy the front parcel, with a to-be-determined plan for the back parcel. Lidl is currently engaged in the county's processes for plan approvals.

But other development in the Village was also initiated this year. The digital sign on East Village Avenue (just outside of Lake Marion Community Center) is almost complete. Once finalized, this

electronic message board will convey programming and other necessary information to the community and those passing through.

The community was able to preview the North Creek Pool renovation plans, and the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors authorized the negotiation of a contract to commence the plan/build process. The proposed new pool will feature a large slide, diving well, lap lanes, and areas for additional features such as inflatables.

And where one pool will be getting a huge make over, to maintain lower assessments and operational costs, the MVF Board decided to close the Watkins Mill Pool after the 2019 season and work to replace it with a lower operational and reserve cost, year-round amenity. Committee meetings and a survey were used to gain feedback on proposed amenities for the site; a final community forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The current options include: an outdoor fitness space with playground; an outdoor fitness space;

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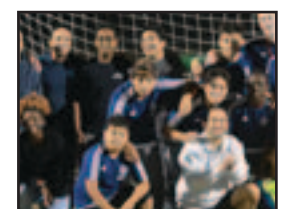


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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Wednesday, Jan. 8 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.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

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

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, December 5, 2019 North Creek Community Center- 7:30 p.m. AGENDA

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 24, 2019
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Acceptance of Action List
ACTION LIST
Decision Items:
A. Consider Approval of Revision to the Operating Disbursement Policy
B. Consider Approval of Revision to the Petty Cash Policy
C. Consider Approval of Revision to the Credit Card Use Policy
D. Consider Reaffirmation of Email Vote for Letter to Support CTS Church Grant Application
E. Consider Authorizing EVP to Negotiate and Execute Contract for 2020 Insurance (Property, Liability, Worker's Compensation, etc.)
F. Consider Approval of Proposed Driving Policy
G. Consider Approval of Proposed No Smoking and Vaping Policy
H. Consider Approval of Proposed Change to Sick Leave Policy
I. Consider Appointment of Members to Audit Committee
7. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
A. Executive Committee
B. Audit
C. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
D. Committee on Environment (COE)
E. Communications
F. Election
G. Nominating
H. Personnel
I. Recreation
J. Investment 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.
10. Adjournment

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ending the year with fun



by Glenn Gargan
MVF President

We are a few days from our annual Christmas Tree lighting as I write this column, one of the most eagerly-awaited events of the year. As we continue our robust schedule of activities leading us towards the holiday season, I would welcome and encourage our new residents, as well as our long-time community members who have yet to partake in our events, to participate.

This is an exciting time of the year in Montgomery Village, and I strongly believe we have a function for every taste. From the Christmas Tree Lighting, to the Toys for Tots concert (our thanks to the U.S. Marine Corps for their service, year-in and year-out), to Breakfast with Santa (don't forget pictures with your pets), there are multiple options for all residents. Let's also not forget two separate community forums, and a fun Bingo Night!

Lynda and I give our best to all for a safe and joyous holiday season!

It's getting darker out, and soon we will encounter our "shortest day of the year," so

please continue to keep an eye out for our children as you drive through our neighborhoods; we need to continue our vigilance for their safety.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec. 8: Cocoa & Crafts, Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Finish off the evening with some great jazz holiday tunes from the Montgomery Village Blue Notes. This free concert is at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Community Forum on Watkins Mill site repurposing, 6:30 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Thursday, Dec. 12: Pickleball Community Forum, 6:30 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, Dec. 14: Breakfast with Santa, North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, 8:30 to noon - we've expanded the event this year to include two time slots! And from 1 to 2:30 p.m. your furry friends can get a photo with Santa as well—register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Sunday, Dec. 15: Holiday Toys for Tots Concert, Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, 3 p.m. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate and enjoy the holiday music from the Montgomery Village Community Band.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020: Family Game Night, 4 to 7 p.m., Lake Marion Commu-

nity Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Enjoy an evening of fun with the family playing games and using our new inflatable playground!

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020: Indoor Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020: Bingo Night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. You don't want to miss this event—prizes, fun and Bingo!

Friday, Jan. 31, 2020: Valentine Wine & Paint, 7 to 9 p.m., Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Make a special two-canvas creation with your date!

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020: Sweetheart Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. A special Valentine's evening the whole family can enjoy. Get dressed up with your kids and dance the night away!

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020: MV3 Basketball Tournament, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Sunday, March 1, 2020: MV Community Band Winter Concert, 3 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, March 7, 2020: Indoor Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, March 14, 2020: Family Game Night, 4 to 7 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Enjoy an evening of fun with the family playing games and

using our new indoor playground!

Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15: 46th Annual Art, Craft, & Photography Show, 1 to 5 p.m. both days, North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Artist's Reception on Sunday, March 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. Come check out your neighbor's creativity!

Saturday, March 28: Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Visit with the bunny, get a photo and make some crafts! Afterward, bring your furry friend back for Bunny "Paws" from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 2020: Flashlight Egg Hunt, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Bowie Pavilion (South Valley Park), 19003 Watkins Mill Road. Come hunt for candy filled eggs! A great event for all children.

Lastly, please remember that the *Montgomery Village News* print editions are now distributed monthly. The Montgomery Village Foundation includes pertinent information published online in the following print edition as well.

As is tradition, I invite you to get involved. Volunteerism is the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village, and the mix of skills, talents, and knowledge present in our community can only ensure our continued improvement if you and your neighbors volunteer.

Your input and feedback to me at garganmvf@gmail.com is welcome.

Best regards,
Glenn



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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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IN THE NEWS

Pickleball Forum to be held December 12

As part of the Montgomery Village Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan, staff has been researching ways to repurpose underutilized tennis courts. Pickleball is a sport that is growing in popularity and demand, but lacks infrastructure in the area. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines many of the elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. In 2018 pickleball was the fastest-growing sport in the USA. Multiple residents have asked for MVF to create purpose-built pickleball courts within Montgomery Village.

Recreation and Parks staff has been looking at various tennis court locations to identify a venue for the installation of purpose-built pickleball courts. Staff had initially focused on Apple Ridge Recreation Area, as these courts were due to be resurfaced in 2019. In addition, the data col-

lected from the Apple Ridge Recreation Area site showed that the courts are generally underused, it is a four-court venue, with ample parking.

However, after consulting with residents through a community forum, the Recreation Committee and the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors, staff is broadening the number of venues being considered for dedicated pickleball courts. The additional areas under consideration are Edward DeSimon Recreation Area, North Creek Community Center and Watkins Mill Recreation Area.

MVF Recreation and Parks Department will be both hosting a community forum and posting a survey to gain community feedback on these proposed locations. The community forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 in the North Creek Board

Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. At the forum staff will present information about each location and the project, and after the presentation, residents will be given an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions on the locations.

The survey is available online at <https://bit.ly/2JM1Rq4> and will be open until Friday, Dec. 13. Residents may also request a paper copy of the survey at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Community feedback and recommendations will be presented to the Recreation Committee and MVF Board of Directors in January.

For more information, questions or comments about this project, contact Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Mullis at 240-243-2337 or e-mail dmullis@mrvf.org.



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Martin P. Roy Park Playground Replacement

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is in the process of developing plans for the replacement of the playground at Martin P. Roy Park, 20121 Cinnabar Drive. The current playground at the park is 25 years old and is due for replacement.

MVF staff is looking for residents who use the playground or are interested in offering input on the new equipment. The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. At this meeting staff will be collecting ideas from residents about what

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to offer feedback on the types of equipment you would like to see in the playground, please complete the online survey, which can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2sFkPZP>; the survey will be available until January 29.

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

Staying Aware in the Village

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

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 18300 block of Contour Road at approximately 7:38 p.m. on November 2. One suspect displayed a weapon. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his money and property. Victim/Witness described suspects as: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown; B/F, age unknown.

A commercial armed robbery occurred at Metro PCS located at 9989 Stedwick Road at approximately 5:51 p.m. on November 6. The suspect displayed a weapon and stole money. Victim/Witness described suspect as: H/M, age unknown.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential garage burglary occurred in the 20000 block of Octavia Court between approximately midnight on October 20 and 8:45 p.m. on October 27. No signs of forced entry; property was taken. No suspect(s) information available.

A residential burglary occurred in the 20400 block of Highland Hall Drive between approximately 10 a.m. on October 22 and 1:57 p.m. on October 28. Forced entry; property was taken. No suspect(s) information available.

A residential garage burglary and theft from vehicle occurred at the same residence in the 19500 block of Desmet Place in the early morning hours of November 4. No signs of forced entry; the garage door and vehicle were both reported to have been left unlocked; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

Two thefts from vehicles occurred between October 25 and November 1. One theft occurred in the 18200 block of Contour Road and one theft occurred in the unit block of Docena Court. Force was reported in one event; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

Two thefts from vehicles occurred in the 10300 block of Royal Woods Court between approximately 5 p.m. on October 31 and 8:40 a.m. on November 1. Force was reported in one event; money and property were taken. Description of suspect seen at one of the thefts: Victim/Witness described suspect as: W/M or H/M, age unknown.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between November 3 and November 7. Affected streets included Racine Court, Wayridge Drive, Tiber Court and Dunbridge Way. Force was reported in one event; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between November 9 and November 14. Affected streets included Blue Tee Terrace and Spring Haven Court. Force was reported in both events; money and property were taken. A suspect was arrested for the Spring Haven Court theft: Arrested: Dylan Bennett, age 27; of Gaithersburg.

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IN THE NEWS

North Creek Stream Valley Restoration Project update

The North Creek Stream Valley Restoration Project is under way along North Creek between Wightman Road and Montgomery Village Avenue. This section of North Creek receives high volumes of water during rain events coming from roads and parking lots, which creates detrimental effects to the stream and leads to erosion in the stream channel. The contractor for the project

is Ecotone, Inc., an ecological restoration design/build firm.

Orange construction fencing has been placed around the work area. Residents are reminded to remain out of the construction zone during the work. Once the fencing is removed the area will be safe to return to.

The existing stream contains steep eroding banks that are undercut and collapsing into

the stream, which threatens the underground utilities and infrastructure. This project will entail some realignment of the existing stream channel and grading the streambanks to a gentle slope. Construction of approximately 2,808 linear feet of restored stream began in late November 2019 and will continue through Spring 2020.

The restoration plans do not impact the utilities and

will stabilize the surrounding streambanks and floodplain. Specifically, the design applies bank protection practices using woody material and rock to stabilize the stream, provide aquatic habitat and reduce bank erosion. Most of the existing trees in the stream valley will remain; however, some along the stream banks will have to be removed.

After construction is complete, additional trees and shrubs will be planted to

support the restoration efforts. Twenty years from now, planted trees and live stakes (dormant, live woody cuttings of a species with the branches trimmed off) will be fully matured to shade out the stream and create great in-stream habitat features.

The stream will remain stable with improved floodplain connection and bank protection. The project is being fully funded by the Maryland State Highway Administration.

MVF Audit Committee seeks new members

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Audit Committee is seeking new members. This important committee is chartered by the MVF Bylaws. The primary role of the committee is to review MVF's annual budget and year ending auditors' report and accompanying financial statements. The committee also has the responsibility of reviewing MVF's financial policies and making recommendations for changes to the annual budget format or to the audited financial statements.

When necessary, the committee also holds interviews of perspective auditors. The committee meets three times a year on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m. in

the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Applicants should have a recent background, education or professional experience that includes accounting, auditing, finance, business and/or management.

A Committee Membership Application can be found on-

line at www.montgomeryvillage.com under "MVF," "Committees," or you can obtain a hard copy at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

For questions or more information, contact CFO Daniel Salazar at 240-243-2332, or e-mail dsalazar@mvf.org.



MVF Board Student Representation position open for high school juniors

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

All high school juniors who live in Montgomery Village are eligible to apply. Selection will be made based on applicants' GPA, interest in government/political science/organization management/business, extra-curricular activities, a letter of recommendation and availability for scheduled Board meetings. The position will also include a paid summer internship (June to August) in the MVF Office.

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submitted applications in early

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

Applications and full program details can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or with the Gaithersburg High School Internship Coordinator and Watkins Mill High School College/Career Coordinator. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to mconroy@mvf.org. Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

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



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2020 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. MVF has two major responsibilities as outlined in its legal documents. First, MVF has responsibility for management and maintenance of MVF owned properties. These include MVF's recreational areas and facilities such as parks, lakes, ponds, tennis courts and community centers.

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

WHO CAN RUN FOR THE BOARD?

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

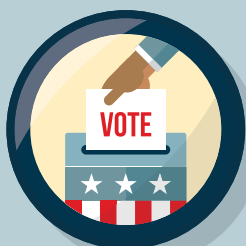
- Status as residential property owner or resident
- Length of residency in Montgomery Village
- Previous participation in community affairs
- Academic, professional, or practical experience in such areas as finance, engineering, administration or law, which would assist in the management of a community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

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE MVF BOARD?

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

That's all there is to it! Let's hear from you!

You can find the application online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or drop by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, and pick up an application form and instructions. You can return your application online, by mail, fax or 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. 10, 2020.



2019 White House Christmas Ornaments now available



Once again, the Lake Marion Lasers swim team will be selling the White House Christmas Ornament as its annual fundraiser. For the past 20 years, Lake Marion has used this fundraiser to support the team's coaching staff and operational needs. Again, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has agreed to have the ornaments available for purchase at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment may be made by cash or check made out to the "Lake Marion Swim Team;" cost per ornament is \$22.

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 White House Historical Association's Official 2019 White House Christmas Ornament honors Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States. This ornament symbolizes President Eisenhower's commitment to innovation. Eisenhower was the first president to fly in a helicopter while in office in July 1957, and thereafter the

helicopter became a feature of White House life. It was often used by the president to commute short distances, demonstrating its safety to the public.

As the first president to regularly use a helicopter, he had two Executive Flight Detachments for his transport. These were provided by flight crews of the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps. To demonstrate his impartiality, the president alternated between these helicopters and their respective military personnel. Likewise, the Official 2019 White House Christmas Ornament does not represent a single helicopter. One side features the Presidential Seal, representing Eisenhower's two terms as commander in chief of the Armed Forces; the other side displays his five-star rank, honoring his military service as a general in the United States Army.

Since 1957, Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company, has proudly built the presidential helicopter. The men and women of Lockheed Martin are honored to have flown every commander in chief since President Eisenhower. The Official 2019 White House Christmas Ornament honors that legacy and is proudly supported by Lockheed Martin.

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a skate park; or multiple sports courts (futsal, basketball and pickleball).

During 2019, several parks were enhanced with new tot lots or playgrounds. The equipment at Clubside and North Creek Lake parks were replaced (North Creek Lake Park has a cool new boat!), and Hurley Park received new equipment, repaved paths and new lighting. The two playgrounds at Hurley Park were combined into one area, and a brand new bank slide was installed, making the feature at this park a fast downhill ride.

In addition, the MVF Board approved the installation of a futsal/soccer mini pitch on one of the North Creek Tennis Courts. This will allow residents to use the area for more play options, under the lights. And, the Recreation Committee began the process to identify an area of the community where dedicated pickleball courts could be built, thus broadening the types of recreational play Montgomery Village is able to offer residents.

MVF's Department of Recreation also made several programming changes this year to continue the spirit of growth in the community. The summer concert series received a boost with a reduced number of concerts and bands with a wider appeal. The four signa-

ture concerts drew over 1,200 visitors, and the community concert series kept some local favorites on the bill.

Through a partnership with the City of Gaithersburg, we added youth sports leagues for soccer, T-ball, basketball, cross country and flag football. Pets got in on the activities this year with the Doggie Paddle Swim and the upcoming Santa Paws (holiday pet photos). Residents and neighbors squared off in the MV3 Basketball Tournament, and found plenty of time to celebrate at the newly instated Pool Party Rentals at several of our pools.

But along with the new, we saw increased participation some of our staple events and programs as well. The July 4th Parade and Celebration, Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival, Bingo nights, and pool/swimming season all kept residents coming back for more, helping to show off some of the community's best events.

Speaking of showcasing the community, we added some more communication features this year as well. In January, MVF joined Instagram, expanding our social media presence even more. Photos from events, everyday life in the Village and even some resident-submitted items have been featured. If you haven't already, you should check us out @montvillagemd. As of this issue of the *Village News*, we also implemented a weekly e-mail digest of online articles. Residents can now get that "extra delivery" they may be missing since we cut print publications to once per month.

And, to highlight some amenities that most folks drive or

walk past on a daily basis, we started a "Park of the Month" series in the *Village News*. These articles provide a little history, give updates, showcase play equipment or park features and remind residents of our over 330 acres of greenspace. If you haven't done so lately, take a quick trip to one or more of the places your assessments help maintain, and enjoy the park features!

To help keep all these things on track, several residents were appointed to committee service this year, and during the annual MVF Board of Directors election, two new volunteers were elected to the Board. We welcomed Doniele Ayres and Andrew Bird to the Board, along side long-time incumbent Scott Dyer, who continues his service to the community. Together, with committee work and input, the MVF Board and staff work hard to keep Montgomery Village a hometown all residents can be proud of.

2019 also marked the end of service for some members of the community. Montgomery County Police Chief Tom Manger retired after over 15 years in that position, and a full career in law enforcement. MVF values the partnership with the police we continued under his tenure, and has much to be thankful for that Retired Chief Manger made possible. Unfortunately, we also lost a great community advocate, service leader and long-time resident, Richard "Dick" Wright. Dick served on several HOA boards and committees, in addition to his 27 years on the MVF Board of Directors. Dick's contributions to the Village and example of service are seen every day, and his wit and fair leadership will be missed.

Needless to say, this was a busy year, and 2020 doesn't look like it's going to slow down! We are looking forward to more growth, new offerings, completed projects and new amenities. But in the meantime, from the entire staff and MVF Board, have a happy, healthy and relaxing holiday season and a happy new year!



Summers at South Valley Park Concert Series



2019 MVF Independence Day Celebration



New Clubside tot-lot



Former Montgomery County Police Chief Tom Manger with MVF President Glenn Gargan

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New year-round amenity to replace Watkins Mill Pool

by Amy Roswurm

A major discussion point for the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors in 2019 has been the repurposing of the Watkins Mill Pool site. By repurposing the site, it will allow for the creation of a new amenity for better utilization of the recreation area.

Each year, the aquatics staff provides detailed statistics on utilization of all MVF pools, including the Watkins Mill Pool, which is MVF's smallest and least used pool. This location has always been a challenge due to the proximity of the busy Watkins Mill Road, which fronts the pool site. MVF has six additional pools with capacity.

The reality is that as MVF renovates facilities, operating and reserve expenses increase. For these reasons, the Board of Directors has decided to move in a different direction with the Watkins Mill Pool location and develop a plan to repurpose this site. As such, the MVF Board of Directors approved the 2020 Budget in October without funds to operate the Watkins Mill Pool in 2020 and beyond. In addition, the Board approved funds for the demolition of the pool and the installation of a new, year-round amenity (to be determined).

Recreation and Parks staff researched various options for the repurpose of the Watkins Mill site. Some of the criteria staff considered were: low operation cost, low reserve cost,

year-round usage, unique to Montgomery Village, support of Long Range Facility Plan, support of community needs and fit within the given budget parameters.

Staff presented different amenity options to the Recreation Committee in October. The committee narrowed down the selection to four amenities that they believe could be a good fit for the location. Those amenities include: outdoor fitness space with playground; outdoor fitness space; skate park; or multiple sports courts (futsal, basketball and pickleball).

The committee recommended hosting both a community forum and survey to gain community feedback on these proposed concepts. **The community forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.**

The survey is available online at <https://bit.ly/2JNBpwc> and will be open until Friday, Dec. 13. Residents may also request a paper copy of the survey at the Montgomery Village Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Community feedback and recommendations will be presented to the Recreation Committee and MVF Board of Directors in January.

For more information, questions or comments about this project, contact Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Mullis at 240-243-2337 or e-mail dmullis@mvpf.org.



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December 4, 2019

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EASTGATE
7823 YANKEE HARBOR DR - Roof, AWM
20200 HARBOR TREE RD - Shed, AWM
7812 HERITAGE FARM DR - Roof, A
20408 HANCOCK BRIDGE PL - Screen Porch, PEND
5 HANCOCK BRIDGE CT - Exterior Light, A
EAST VILLAGE
8213 COLLINGDALE WAY - Roof, A
20020 GIANTSTEP TER - Deck, AWM
20020 GIANTSTEP TER - Miscellaneous, A
19925 SILVERFIELD DR - Roof, A
19925 SILVERFIELD DR - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
19925 SILVERFIELD DR - Gutter Guard, A
8635 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Front Door Replacement, AWM
8635 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
8635 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
8703 WILD GINGER WAY - Garage Door, A
19907 WAXMYRTLE WAY - Security Light, AWM
19800 LAUREL VALLEY PL - Trim, A
19800 LAUREL VALLEY PL - Downspout/Gutter, A
19800 LAUREL VALLEY PL - Gutter Guard, AWM
19800 LAUREL VALLEY PL - Miscellaneous, AWM
8633 HAWK RUN TER - Fence and Gate, AWM
8846 THOMAS LEA TER - Roof, D
8846 THOMAS LEA TER - Roof, AWM
20404 IVYBRIDGE CT - Exterior Paint, A
20509 OAK BLUFF DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
37 TINDAL SPRINGS CT - Walkway, AWM
8716 DREXEL HILL PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
19911 SUGAR NOTCH CIR - Roof, A
8536 TINDAL SPRINGS DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
2 IVORYTON CT - Garage Door, A
20101 TINDAL SPRINGS PL - Heat Pump, AWM
20315 MARKETREE PL - Miscellaneous, D
20311 MARKETREE PL - Replacement Siding, D

20311 MARKETREE PL - Roof, A
HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM
9642 HORIZON RUN RD - Deck Stain, A
MARYLAND PLACE
19307 KEYMAR WAY - Roof, AWM
19307 KEYMAR WAY - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
19340 KEYMAR WAY - Roof, AWM
19553 TRANSHIRE RD - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
19553 TRANSHIRE RD - Roof, A
19553 TRANSHIRE RD - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
19553 TRANSHIRE RD - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
19412 TRANSHIRE RD - Replacement Windows, A
9615 MARSTON LN - Roof, AWM
MIDDLE VILLAGE
10043 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
10304 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
9825 BRASSIE WAY - Gate, A
NORTHGATE
7 GENTLE CT - Security Door, AWM
7 GENTLE CT - Front Door Replacement, D
9321 GRAZING TER - Pergola, AWM
9541 ASH HOLLOW PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
9541 ASH HOLLOW PL - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
20513 ASPENWOOD LN - Front Door Replacement, AWM
20513 ASPENWOOD LN - Exterior Paint, AWM
20513 ASPENWOOD LN - Roof, A
20513 ASPENWOOD LN - Window Modification, D
20513 ASPENWOOD LN - Door Removal, A
20513 ASPENWOOD LN - Garage Door, AWM
20439 ASPENWOOD LN - Exterior Paint, A
20439 ASPENWOOD LN - Shed, AWM
9444 BETHANY PL - Downspout/Gutter, A
9444 BETHANY PL - Gutter Guard, AWM
20232 MAPLE LEAF CT - Radon System, AWM
10053 MAPLE LEAF DR - Fence and Gate, AWM
10053 MAPLE LEAF DR - Patio, AWM
9701 SHADOW OAK DR - Downspout/Gutter, A

9701 SHADOW OAK DR - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
9701 SHADOW OAK DR - Trellis, AWM
9701 SHADOW OAK DR - Vinyl Siding, AWM
9701 SHADOW OAK DR - Gutter, A
9629 SHADOW OAK DR - Roof, A
NORTH VILLAGE
20516 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Solar Systems, AWM
20328 PLEASANT RIDGE DR - Security Camera, A
20643 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Garage Door, A
20635 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Roof, AWM
9212 CHADBURN PL - Roof, AWM
20505 STERN CROFT CT - Roof, A
20505 STERN CROFT CT - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
20505 STERN CROFT CT - Gutter, AWM
20505 STERN CROFT CT - Trim, AWM
20507 STRATHHAVEN DR - Patio, AWM
5 STRATH HAVEN CT - Deck, AWM
5 STRATH HAVEN CT - Storm Door, AWM
5 STRATH HAVEN CT - Exterior Light, AWM
9301 BATHGATE CT - Replacement Windows, AWM
8729 WELBECK WAY - Security Camera, AWM
8822 WELBECK WAY - Front Door Replacement, AWM
8822 WELBECK WAY - Storm Door, A
20728 BOUNTYFIELD CT - Front Door Replacement, AWM
20728 BOUNTYFIELD CT - Gate, AWM
20728 BOUNTYFIELD CT - Steps, AWM
PATTON RIDGE
9921 DELLCASTLE RD - Roof, A
10 MASTENBROOK CT - Garage Door, A
10 MASTENBROOK CT - Patio, A
20073 DOOLITTLE ST - Roof, AWM
20053 DOOLITTLE ST - Roof, A
19811 BAZZELLTON PL - Storm Door, A
9341 BREMERTON WAY - Fence and Gate, AWM
9522 BRIAR GLENN WAY - Storm Door, AWM
9522 BRIAR GLENN WAY - Replacement Windows, AWM
9523 BRIAR GLENN WAY - Exterior Light, AWM

9436 CHATTEROY PL - Roof, AWM
9628 DUFFER WAY - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
9628 DUFFER WAY - Shutters, AWM
9628 DUFFER WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
9628 DUFFER WAY - Downspout/Gutter, A
9628 DUFFER WAY - Gutter Guard, AWM
9628 DUFFER WAY - Trim, AWM
9608 DUFFER WAY - Solar Systems, AWM
19802 GREENSIDE TER - Roof, AWM
19802 GREENSIDE TER - Downspout/Gutter, A
19810 GREENSIDE TER - Downspout/Gutter, A
POPLAR SPRING
9319 PENNYWISE LN - Roof, A
9309 PENNYWISE LN - Storm Door, AWM
SOUTH VILLAGE
9860 DOCKSIDE TER - Security Camera, AWM
9806 ISLANDSIDE DR - Storm Door, A
9806 ISLANDSIDE DR - Landscape Plan, AWM
9814 ISLANDSIDE DR - Miscellaneous, AWM
9419 ROYAL BONNET TER - Roof, A
18028 ROYAL BONNET CIR - Roof, AWM
STEDWICK
10445 KARDWRIGHT CT - Front Door Replacement, AWM
10445 KARDWRIGHT CT - Sidelight, AWM
10445 KARDWRIGHT CT - Roof, A
10445 KARDWRIGHT CT - Siding - Other, AWM
10517 CAMBRIDGE CT - Miscellaneous, A
19103 CAPEHART DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
19030 CAPEHART DR - Walkway, A
19030 CAPEHART DR - Planter, A
19048 CAPEHART DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
10022 BATTLE RIDGE PL - Gravel Guard, A
19220 DRUM RIDGE CIR - Driveway Modification, AWM
10617 SENECA SPRING WAY - Roof, AWM
10617 SENECA SPRING WAY - Roof, A
10617 SENECA SPRING WAY - Roof, AWM

19301 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Roof, AWM
19309 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Solar Systems, AWM
19345 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Walkway, A
19306 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Vinyl Siding, AWM
19318 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Security Camera, AWM
19318 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Miscellaneous, A
10625 WAYRIDGE DR - House Numbers, A
19518 DIVOT PL - Roof, AWM
19660 CLUB LAKE RD - Roof, A
19660 CLUB LAKE RD - Roof, A
19668 CLUB LAKE RD - Front Door Replacement, AWM
19668 CLUB LAKE RD - Storm Door, AWM
19668 CLUB LAKE RD - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
19668 CLUB LAKE RD - Fence and Gate, AWM
10013 WEDGE WAY - Roof, A
10254 WILD APPLE CIR - Roof, A
10261 COVE LEDGE CT - Roof, A
10261 COVE LEDGE CT - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM
19635 BRASSIE PL - Fence and Gate, AWM
WHETSTONE
9820 WHETSTONE DR - Roof, A
9736 WHETSTONE DR - Brick Replacement, AWM
9736 WHETSTONE DR - Miscellaneous, AWM
9716 WHETSTONE DR - Roof, AWM
9716 WHETSTONE DR - Replacement Siding, AWM
9716 WHETSTONE DR - Trim, AWM
19111 ROMAN WAY - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
19123 ROMAN WAY - Brick Replacement, AWM
9509 WHETSTONE DR - Brick Replacement, AWM
9405 UNION PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
9540 WHETSTONE DR - Walkway, A
9304 IRONHORSE LN - Replacement Windows, A
19004 OXCART PL - Roof, AWM
19024 OXCART PL - Driveway Modification, D
9608 WHETSTONE DR - Roof, AWM

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MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

It's holiday season!

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

The Maryland Place Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

We are still seeing a huge amount of speeding on neighborhood streets, even with the additional speed bumps that were installed in September. There was an incident at the beginning of November involving three cars parked in parking spaces. A speeding car came down Transhire Road over the speed bumps and around the bend plowing into the three parked cars. Then, the driver backed up and sped out of the neighborhood without stopping. Thankfully, no one was unloading groceries from

or near any of the three parked cars, or they could have been seriously injured. Please, let's all remember that this is a residential street where pedestrians are crossing and children are playing. We need to drive slowly while on neighborhood streets.

Another issue that continues to be a problem—and the board receives constant complaints from residents about—is trash. Residents are seen placing plastic bags of trash, recycling bins, paper leaf bags, furniture, appliances, etc. on community property daily! Not only is this unsightly and unsanitary, it's also against Montgomery County law and the Maryland Place by-laws.

All trash and recycling is to

be stored on your property in a sealed vermin-proof container at all times. Trash or recycling should never be placed on community property period! As a result of all the plastic bags of trash left on community property, we now have a major rat problem. We are providing them with a buffet of food in easy-to-chew-through plastic bags. The board is currently looking into ways to get rid of the rats.

As a reminder, all trash is to be placed out for collection in vermin-proof containers on Sunday and Wednesday nights after dark at the rear of your property. Trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday mornings. Recycling is to be placed in the front of your property on Wednesday night after dark for collection on Thursday morning. At no time should trash or recycling ever be placed on community property.

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

NORTHGATE NEWS

New trash contractor starting January 1

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Effective Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, J and J Trash Service will provide trash pickup in Northgate. The firm has extensive experience with large associations. All services will remain the same.

Once J and J starts service, they can be reached at 301-898-2109 or customerservice@jandjtrashservice.com for any service-related issue.

Pickup days are:

The Points and Overlea: Monday and Thursday. Bulk pickups on Thursdays

Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, Shadow Oak, McKendree I & II and William's Range: Tuesday and Friday. Bulk pickups on Fridays.

All bulk pickups must be placed curbside. Residents of Overlea and McKendree I & II must bring their bulk items to the curb. No recyclable or construction items will be taken as bulk. If a resident places a rug

or carpet out for bulk pickup, this is acceptable. If a homeowner has a carpet contractor replacing carpet in the home, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the carpet.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Collections on the following holidays will take place on the next regularly scheduled service day: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

The deadline for applying to run for the board of directors is Friday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. Contact Sean Farrell at NorthgateHC@comsource.com for application information.

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

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 December 9

MARYLAND PLACE

The week of December 16

NORTH VILLAGE

The week of December 16

PATTON RIDGE

The week of December 9

SOUTH VILLAGE

Leaf removal is ongoing throughout the season and began in early November.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The week of December 16

STEDWICK

The week of December 16

WHETSTONE

The week of December 9

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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Every exterior modification must meet established ARB application and approval requirements regardless of whether modification or replacement material has been approved in concept in the past.

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Joy to the neighborhood

by the North Village Board of Directors

This holiday season, the North Village Board of Directors wishes all of our residents a healthy and joyous season. As we end another year, we will continue to work hard to provide the services required to maintain North Village as a pleasant environment for all our families while exercising reasonable fiscal constraint.

ONE MORE TIME TO CURB'EM

Here are the final curbside leaf pickup dates: Monday, Dec. 16 to Saturday, Dec. 21. Please do not rake leaves into the streets at any time. Wait until the BrightView Landscaping signs have been posted before raking leaves to the curb.

At all other times, homeowners are responsible for leaf removal either by bagging and recycling or mulching them. Leave them out on the curb in paper bags or a trash can for the county recycling on their regular service days. Branches should be trimmed to a 4-foot width and tied in bundles for county pickup.

SAY IF YOU SEE

"If you see something, say something." If you see folks hanging around who don't belong in our neighborhood, call the police. Each one of us should be looking out for our neighbors. If you see suspicious activity anywhere please call the police at 301-279-8000. Of course, if it is an emergency dial 911.

Just a reminder: do not start your car to warm it up and leave it unlocked.

EXTEND YOUR LIFE... VOLUNTEER

The more you give, the longer you live... there's a number of studies and data to prove that statement. Volunteers impact not only others lives, but also their own in positive ways. If you're interested in serving the community, we have two board positions available. The board of directors serves by dedicating their time and energy to mak-

ing the important decisions required to maintain your North Village community. Reach out to Community Manager April Steward if you're interested (contact information at the end of this article).

QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT COMING DUE

Assessments are used to maintain our physical property such as the roads, street lights, curbs, storm drains, bike paths, sidewalks, common areas, tot lots, fences, signs, trees and all other community property. Assessments are also used to obtain trash and security services and to set aside reserve funds for larger maintenance items, such as road resurfacing.

You should have received your new 2020 assessment notice in the mail. Your quarterly assessment is due on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. With all of the excitement of the holidays, it's easy to overlook. Payment can be made either by mail or direct delivery to the MVF Office, where there is a convenient brown drop-off box in the parking lot. Your community cannot function without the contributions of the residents.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

Security APS: 240-631-2399
Potomac Disposal: 301-294-9700
MC Recycling - New Blue Bins - Scrap Metal: 311
Pepco: 877-737-2662
WSSC: 301-206-4001

NEXT MEETING

The next North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Mark your calendar - 2020 parking tag distribution dates

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The 2019 parking tags will expire on Tuesday, Dec. 31. The 2020 parking tag distribution will take place at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place, on the following dates/times:

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 to 9 p.m.

Residents must have a photo ID to receive 2020 parking tags.

Homeowners/landlords are responsible for contacting ComSource if they do not want their tenants to obtain parking tags. If you are a renter, you must verify with the property owner that you are authorized to pick up the parking tags. Parking tags will not be given to renters if the homeowner/landlord has requested that parking tags only be given to the owner.

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

Please note, after Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, all cars displaying an expired parking tag anytime of the day or night will be towed, even if they are parked in their reserved space or an open 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 Shirley Umali at ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail sumali@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 MV 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 rearview 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."

"No commercial vehicles or trailers of any type, campers, or recreational vehicles shall be permitted to remain overnight on either the property of a private dwelling unit or on the community-owned property within Middle Village. For purposes of these rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

"Commercial vehicles include vehicles with any type of writing or printing (letters, words, pictures, insignia, etc.) identifying a firm, organization, service, product, etc., of any kind, type or description. All vehicles carrying ladders, pipes, ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded tool boxes, etc., will be considered commercial. Vans used for delivering, storing or transporting goods or cargo are also considered to be commercial vehicles and are prohibited from remaining overnight in the community. Police vehicles are exempted."

"No commercial vehicles (including commercial pickup trucks) shall be permitted to remain overnight in the community. Pickup trucks must not have ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded toolboxes. Further, pickup trucks may not park overnight in the community with any cargo, items or material of any kind in the truck bed (landscaping debris, tools, boxes, trash, equipment, etc.) that exceeds the height of the truck bed sides or that extends beyond the tailgate. Pickup trucks with cargo that meet this description will be considered commercial vehicles and are not permitted to park in the community overnight. Violations are subject to immediate towing."

ASSESSMENTS

We live in a community that requires every homeowner to pay assessment fees. Assess-

ments are used to pay contractors for landscaping, snow removal, trash collection, collection of illegally dumped trash, lighting, repairs on community property, etc. If you are a homeowner, you were provided with this information during closing.

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

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is contacting Edna Kweti at 301-924-7355 or e-mail ekweti@comsource.com.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand: 877-241-1265
Big Tow: 301-424-4869
Potomac Disposal: 301-294-9700
Montgomery County Police Non-emergency: 301-279-8000
Emergency: 911
Comsource: 301-924-7355

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 ekweti@comsource.com or sumali@comsource.com.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

www.montgomeryvillage.com



HOMES CORPORATIONS

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Patton Ridge Holiday Lights Contest

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Announcing the 2019 Patton Ridge Holiday Lights Contest! We conducted our inaugural contest last year at the urging of you, the Patton Ridge residents. The contest was fun for everyone involved, including residents and judges. Our experience last year will help us to improve this year's event. We will have the same three categories as last year:

"Best Overall" will have the wow factor.

"Most Kid Friendly" will be the animated/blowup/blinking house.

"Most Traditional" will be the one with the most classic elements/nostalgic.

We will judge townhomes and single-family homes separately. Judging will take place between Monday, Dec. 16 and Sunday, Dec. 22. Patton Ridge Board members and our community manager will serve as judges. Board members and MVF staff and their families are not eligible to participate in this contest. Of course, everyone is eligible to decorate the exterior of their homes to brighten our communities.

We were amazed last year at the creativity and effort of our residents in creating your displays. We have added a new feature this year with the purchase of lawn signs to be installed in front of winning

homes. We will install signs before Christmas Eve. Signs specify the category for which the home was judged best. We will remove the signs on or about January 6, and we will publish the winning home addresses in the January *Montgomery Village News*. The listing will also include "honorable mentions" as another new contest feature this year. Good luck and a joyous holiday season to all!

PRHC ELECTION

We will mail ballots for Patton Ridge Board of Directors candidates on Friday, Dec. 20 with a return due date of Friday, Feb. 14, 2020. We will hold our Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Please mark and return your ballot by the due date. Voting is as simple as marking no more than three boxes. There is no cost to return your ballot. Drop it in your mailbox for postal service pickup and you are done. It is important for you to vote, as our legal documents specify the number of ballots that must be returned for the election to be official.

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

When will we see the first snow?

by Keith Silliman

Thanksgiving has come and gone, soon to be followed by the end-of-year holidays and the arrival of the new year. Most of the landscaping activities have been completed for the season. Now we have to wait to see when and how much snow will fall. If snow is forecast, please park cars in designated parking areas to facilitate snow plowing and removal activities.

The American Chestnut Society provided 20 Chestnut seedlings, and the Stedwick Homes Corporation's landscape contractor planted them in the open area within the Wayridge Drive loop. Ten additional Chestnut seedlings may be available next year. If so, they will be planted in the same area.

One of our tree removal contractors has recently worked through our community and removed a number of dead and dying trees.

The second and final leaf pickup of the season is scheduled for the week of December 16. Please rake leaves to the curb before then to facilitate their pickup. Signs will be posted at the entryways prior to the

pickup.

The annual election process for three positions on the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors will begin in January 2020. Volunteers for those positions are solicited. Each position is for a three-year term beginning with the annual meeting in March 2020. No experience is required, but candidates should have an interest in the welfare and continued success of our community and a willingness to contribute a few hours each month to review the board packet and participate in overseeing and managing the affairs of the Stedwick community during the monthly board meeting. Applications or nominations for those positions close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020.

The next maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10. The inspection routinely includes a drive through the entire Stedwick community by the maintenance committee, our community manager and our landscape contractor. It allows us to follow up on any pending items from previous inspections, to assess any items recently brought to our attention, and to identify needs that

might be seen during the drive. If you know of any items, situations or conditions that need the maintenance committee's attention, please let us know prior to that date.

There will not be a meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors in December.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. The first item on the agenda of the regular meeting is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhmc@mvpf.org or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS 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' state-

ments for the *Montgomery Village News* must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view *Village News* guidelines, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, select Press Room,

select *Village News*, then Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 20
Nominating Committee: Whole Board

EAST VILLAGE:

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 10, 2020
Nominating Committee: D. Cline, S. Jubert, A. Shura

MARYLAND PLACE

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 3, 2020
Nominating Committee: S. Kimball, J. Kozo, A. Summers

STEDWICK

Nominations Close: Friday, Jan. 3, 2020
Nominating Committee: Whole Board

WHETSTONE

Nominations Close: Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020
Nominating Committee: D. Barnes, B. Ott, D. Vermillion



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SCHOOL NEWS

Living Grace Christian School wins MCST Soccer State Championship



The Living Grace Christian School Varsity Boys Soccer Team won the Maryland Christian School Tournament State Championship on a golden goal by Josué Escalante in overtime on October 29. After a regular season of 10 wins and one tie, the team earned a number four seed in the tournament of 13 schools. In the first round, the team beat Rosedale Baptist School 5-1. Then in the second round, Living Grace beat Carroll Christian 2-1. In the semi-final game, Living Grace beat the number one seed Holly Grove Christian 6-1 to make it to the final.

In the championship game versus Greater Grace Christian Academy, Living Grace scored first on a goal by Joshua Nuñez. Greater Grace stormed back with two head-ball goals to take a 2-1 lead into half time. Early in the second half, Josué Escalante scored on an assist by Nehemiah Switzer to

get the equalizer. Then in the first overtime, Joshua Nuñez passed the ball to Josué Escalante for the golden goal and a 3-2 victory.

Living Grace sweeper Christiand Valdez was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player for his brilliant defense. Other players making the MCST All-Tournament Team were Andrew Switzer, Josué Escalante and Dante Fuentes.

Throughout the season, Captain Eugenio Escalante provided inspirational leadership with nine goals and eight assists. In addition, Nehemiah Switzer excelled at defensive mid with 13 goals and 13 assists. Having a well-rounded offense, the team received contributions from many players: Josué Escalante (17 goals), Andrew Switzer (13 goals), Joshua Nuñez (12 goals), Dante Fuentes (11 goals) and Jose Camacho Saenz (9 goals).

Christiand Valdez, Nathan Tiren, Isaac Jimenez and David Sarmiento anchored a defense that gave up less than one goal per game. Andrew Switzer and Kevin Wooden, Jr., provided excellent goalkeeping. Living Grace Christian School is very grateful to the Lord for an outstanding season.

Congratulations on a well-played, winning season! The Living Grace Christian School is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, visit www.lgcs.northgatecc.org.

Network Operations Students donate a computer lab

The Network Operations program of the Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation, Inc. (ITF) held its annual computer lab gifting ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 21 at Clarksburg High School's Media Center.

This year's computer lab recipient was The Montessori Society of Ashton, Inc. (MSA). For over 50 years, the MSA has been serving Montgomery County students enrolled at the Mater Amoris Montessori School in Ashton, Maryland. At Mater Amoris, enrolled students engage in a unique Montessori program with a curriculum that is individualized, student centered and experience driven. Despite the unique opportunities afforded by a Montessori program, Mater Amoris lacks computers, iPads, tablets and other technology resources that MCPS students utilize on a regular basis. Through gifting the refurbished computer lab to the MSA, the ITF is helping to ensure that technology is accessible to all students throughout

Montgomery County and that all students have opportunities to acquire the technical skills necessary for a successful future.

ITF students at Clarksburg High School reconditioned six computers with operating systems, monitors, keyboards, mice and a printer for the lab. This project provides an opportunity for the ITF students to put into practice their computer maintenance skills, earn student service learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for charity and community involvement.

The ITF is a non-profit organization established cooperatively by the Montgomery County business community and Montgomery County Public Schools. It provides a unique method of hands-on training for high school students to earn valuable computer certifications that will prepare them for higher education opportunities or direct entry into the information technology job market. For more information, visit www.itfcareers.org.

Refurbished vehicle and computer sale

Make the holidays extra special with a new refurbished car or computer! The Montgomery County Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Information Technology Foundation (ITF) have reconditioned vehicles and computers for sale.

Three times a year, students from the ATF and ITF programs operate public sales where refurbished vehicles and computers are offered to the community at competitive prices. These sales provide ATF and ITF students with the opportunity to practice

their sales skills, earn Student Service Learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for community involvement. By coming to the sale, patrons will support our students and help to enhance their sales skills.

Cars and computers will be on sale from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 240-740-2051, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org, www.itfcareers.org or www.cars2purchase.org.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Jump into Scouting on December 14

by Sam Henry, Life Scout – Troop 1988

Boy Scout Troop 1988 will be hosting their annual Webelos Day on Saturday, Dec. 14. In the past, Troop 1988 has demonstrated fun activities including fire building, knot tying and Dutch Oven cooking.

Webelos Day will be held at The Izaak Walton League property, 8721 Snouffer School Road, and it will be outside. Those interested should follow the Scout Motto and "Be Prepared" for cold weather by wearing layers and bringing a poncho in case of rain. Participants should also bring

a mess kit with a plate, bowl, cup and silverware to enjoy the meals cooked by our very own scouts!

Admission for those interested is \$5 per person. For more information, e-mail the Scoutmaster at cmwade513@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church to hold a "Blue Christmas" Service

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church (CTS) is scheduling a "Blue Christmas" Service at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. This service acknowledges that not everyone feels celebratory around the holidays and is meant to provide support for those

who need it. The simple, lay led service will consist of songs, scripture readings and prayers for those who are suffering. Please consider coming to support those who need it this holiday season, and invite those you know who are hurting.

CTS is located at 9801 Centerway Road. For more information or questions, call 301-977-0285 or visit www.ctslutheranelca.org.

Celebrate Christmas with Northgate Community Church

Northgate Community Church, a Fellowship of Living Grace for All Nations, joyfully invites area residents to celebrate Christmas with two specific services highlighting the true meaning of the season.

The Christmas Worship Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22 is uniquely designed with an Advent worship and message. Then celebrate

Christmas at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service.

All are welcome to attend either or both services. Northgate Community Church is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, call 301-840-9830, e-mail ChurchNG@aol.com or visit www.northgatecc.org.

Covenant United Methodist Church Advent and Christmas events

Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC) invites the community for to attend several Advent and Christmas events this holiday season. CUMC is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information about any of the below, call 301-926-8920 e-mail office@covenant-umc.org or visit www.covenant-umc.org.

SECRET SHOP—HO HO HO!

This special shopping experience for the young ones (ages 3 to 11) is open on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. Kids bring a list of family and friends for whom they want to purchase Christmas gifts and then, with the help of some friendly elves, they can shop without Mom or Dad!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir (with chamber orchestra) will be presenting the Annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 15 at both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship services. Mark your calendar for this special offering! Invite your friends and neighbors—all are welcome!

NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE

Covenant United Methodist Church music ministry, under the direction of Kathy Herman, will present "Night of the Father's Love," by Pepper Choplin. This presentation is a

Christmas musical celebration for choir, speakers and orchestra, skillfully guiding listeners through the Christmas story on Sunday, Dec. 15 at both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship services. Child care for toddlers and infants will be available in the nursery.

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, attend the "Longest Night Service" on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. We will light candles, pray and prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ in this intimate and meaningful service.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Children will perform in the Christmas Eve pageant on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at the 5 p.m. service. All children are ages 3 through grade 12 are invited to participate; contact the office to sign up. Pageant rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 22 after the 10 a.m. worship service.

An additional Christmas Eve Candlelight-Service with communion is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24. The evening will start at 8 p.m. with pre-service music.

Winter Concert

Musicians from the NIH Community Orchestra will present classical works and holiday fare for small ensembles. No registration required. Everyone is welcome to attend!



**Saturday,
December 14, 2019
2:00 - 3:00 pm**



Gaithersburg Library
18330 Montgomery Village Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD
240-773-9490

To request sign language interpretation or other deaf/hard of hearing services for library-sponsored programs, email MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov, preferably with three business days' notice. To request other accommodations, contact your local library.

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RECREATION

Sweetheart Dance 2020

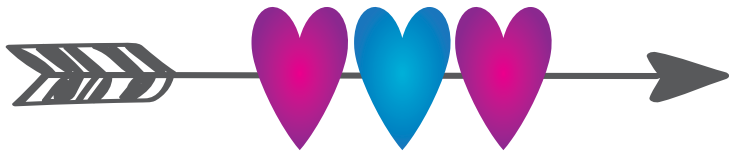
On Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, bring your dancing shoes to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 7 to 9 p.m. for our brand-new Sweetheart Dance! Families and friends will dance the night away to their favorite music, enjoy a hot buffet and tasty treats topped off with an evening-ending surprise! Families will also receive a keepsake photo available for digital download to remember the evening.

Pre-registration is required—make sure to reserve your spot early! The Sweetheart Dance costs \$30/Resident couple and \$40/Non-resident couple or \$45/Resident family and \$55/Non-resident family (families are limited to 2 adults and up to 3 children, ages 5 to 12, and must reside in the same household).

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



The annual Thanksgiving Morning Workout led by Karin Baker was held on November 28, with an enthusiastic group who brought a table full of canned goods to benefit Gaithersburg HELP.



Youth T-ball League

Get ready to run, field and hit—sign your T-ball player up for league play! Practices are scheduled from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays or 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road, beginning Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Games will be played on Saturdays in April and May at Lakelands Park Middle School, 1200 Main Street, Gaithersburg. This league has oppor-

tunities for both boys and girls to play. Montgomery Village Teams will play in the Gaithersburg league.

Registration costs only \$65/Resident or \$75/Non-resident; participants must be registered by Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020.

For more information, or if you are interested in registering or coaching, contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or e-mail chayes@mvmf.org.



Drop-in Family Gym time

Looking for something to do as a family this winter break? Come as a family and play at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on Monday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. The gym will be open to all ages, however, children under 10 must be supervised by a person over the age of 18 at all times.

Drop-in for only \$4/Resident family per day or \$5/Non-resident family per day.

For more information or questions, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvmf.org.

Valentine Wine & Paint

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Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Friday, Jan. 31
7 to 9 p.m.

Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 1

What's better than enjoying a good evening with your Valentine? To us, not much! Wine & Paint is a fun way to create memories and masterpieces. Bring your friends or significant other and we'll provide the glasses, canvases and paintbrushes as local artist, Sue Kay guides you through the evening, stroke-by-stroke.

\$32/Resident, \$38/Non-resident



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

Free
Winter Jazz Concert

Sunday, Dec. 8
7 p.m.

Join the Montgomery Blue Notes
for
Jazz, Blues and Holiday Tunes

North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

BLUE NOTES
MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

TOYS FOR TOTS

Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

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

RECREATION

Montgomery Village Community Band Toys for Tots Concert

Join the Montgomery Village Community Band at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for the Annual Toys for Tots Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

The band, under the direction of Steve Wampler, will play festive holiday tunes to keep your holiday spirit going! Attendees are asked to bring a

new, unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program. Toys for Tots helps underserved children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

Join the band afterwards for refreshments and holiday cheer. Admission is free for all! Happy Holidays!



Calling all Basketball players!

Who will be the new champions of the court? MVF is hosting another double-elimination 3v3 tournament at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2020. Gather your team (players of all levels ages 18 and older) and show us what you've got! Team jerseys will be provided.

Teams can have a maximum of 4 players, or players can register as a "Free Agent" to be placed on a team. Registration is \$25 per player and includes a T-shirt.

Support friends, family neighbors and teammates during the tournament from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission fee to watch the tournament.

Register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com; all team members and free agents must be registered and paid to be entered into the tournament. For more information, contact Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334 or e-mail kjunkins@mvpf.org.



Lil' Kickers Soccer

Want your child to learn the fundamentals of soccer? "Lil' Kickers" teaches children ages 2 and 3 skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. Each week instructors will review skills previously learned and introduce new skills. Sign your child up for this fun morning soccer development program.

Classes run from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturdays,

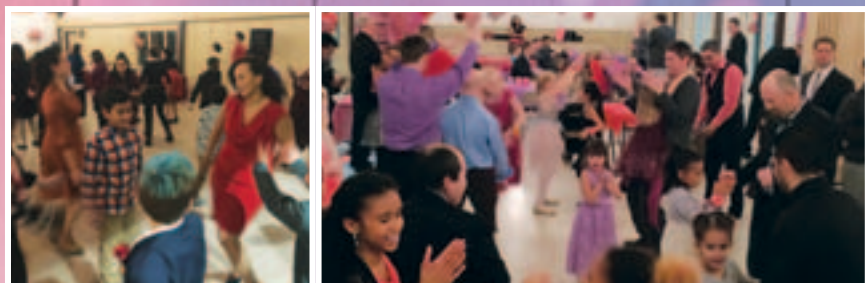
Jan. 11 through March 21, 2020 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This class costs \$90/Resident or \$100/Non-resident; all participants will receive a t-shirt.

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



Sweetheart Dance

Open to all children ages 5 to 12 and their parents/families.



Saturday, Feb. 8
7 to 9 p.m.

It's time to dance the night away while you enjoy sweet treats with your sweetheart.

Count on favorite dance tunes, tasty refreshments, fun raffles and a surprise at the end of the evening. Attendees will also receive a keepsake photo! Don't delay—this event always sells out! Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 15.

Early registration is encouraged!

Registration by Friday, Jan. 31: \$30 per Resident couple; \$40 per Non-resident couple
\$45 per Resident family; \$55 per Non-resident family
Registration after Friday, Jan. 31: Increase by \$5 for each category
Registration closes at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue



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

Family BINGO NIGHT

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Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, Jan. 25
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 online by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24!

Each booklet contains 12 cards.

Prices at the door are \$10/Booklet or \$1/card.

Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 1.



For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or e-mail toshea@mvpf.org.



RECREATION

Lil' Ballers Basketball instruction

Looking for a fun indoor activity for your child to do? "Lil' Ballers" teaches children ages 3 and 4 essential basketball skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. Each week instructors will review skills previously learned and introduce new skills. Sign your child up for this fun midday basketball development program.

Classes run from noon to 12:35 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 11

through March 21, 2020 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This class costs \$90/Resident or \$100/Non-resident; all participants will receive a t-shirt.

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

Valentine Wine & Paint

What's better than enjoying a good evening with your Valentine? To us, not much! Wine & Paint is a fun way to create memories and masterpieces. Bring your friends or significant other and enjoy a glass of wine from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. We'll provide the glasses, can-

vases and paintbrushes as a local artist, Sue Kay guides you through the evening, stroke-by-stroke.

This specialty-themed night costs \$32/Resident or \$38/Non-resident. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



MV Blue Notes Jazz Concert

The MV Blue Notes Jazz Band is hosting a festive Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 8 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Get into the holiday groove with musical selections for the season. This is a free performance you don't want to miss!

Attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program. Toys for Tots helps underserved children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

Join the band afterwards for refreshments and holiday cheer. Happy Holidays!

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 204-243-2361, e-mail toshea@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MV Dance

Want to introduce your child to Ballet, Tap or Jazz? MV Dance is perfect for you! Montgomery Village has partnered with D'Amour Dance to provide excellent dance programs for ages 2 to 16. Times, locations and prices vary per session.

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



Cocoa & Crafts

On Sunday, Dec. 8, get in the holiday spirit and enjoy making crafts and sipping cocoa with friends and family. Join art instructor Tammy MacLaren from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, to create gingerbread house masterpieces and fun, holiday crafts.

This activity is great for children and families of all ages.

Pre-registration is required—make sure to reserve your spot early! Cost for Cocoa & Crafts is \$12/Resident family, \$17/Non-resident family; additional gingerbread house kits can be purchased for \$7 each.

For questions or more information, call Kendall Thomas at 240-243-2338 or e-mail kthomas@mvf.org. Register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.





MV3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

For ages 18 and Up

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Saturday, Feb. 22
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Lake Marion Community Center
 8821 East Village Avenue

To Register, go to www.montgomeryvillage.com and click "MV3 Basketball Tournament" under Events
Space is limited.

•Team Fee: \$25/person with a minimum of 3 players by Friday, Feb. 7.

Snow Date: Saturday, March 14

Winning team is the first to reach 11 points or team with the most points at 15 minutes

A trophy will be awarded to the Championship team





For more information or to register, call Kinwasha Jenkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjenkins@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com



Family Game Night

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Saturday, Jan. 11
4 to 7 p.m.
 Snow date: Saturday, Jan. 18

Lake Marion Community Center
 8821 East Village Avenue

Pre-registration: \$5/family before Thursday, Jan. 9

At the door: \$10/family

**Bring the whole family for an evening of fun.
 Games and indoor playground!**



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

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

FALL Session

through Dec. 13

(Winter Session January 2 to May 15)

MONDAY

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

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

Arts and Crafts 10:15 a.m. to noon

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

Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m.

Meets the third Monday each month

Discuss your thoughts and opinions on books selected by the SiA Book Discussion Group.

Dec. 16 – “Spies in Warsaw” by Alan Furst

Jan. 27 – “Devil in the White City” by Erik Larson

Feb. 24 – “Matchmaker’s List” by Sonya Lalli

TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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

Flow-Motion 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Work the mind/body with controlled, flowing motions, range of motion improvement, balance and muscular strength. Moves are performed seated and/or standing.

SiA Member Meeting 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Last Tuesday of each month

Join MVF staff to discuss new ideas, suggestions or questions.

WEDNESDAY

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

Potluck lunch on last Wednesday each month

Enjoy a variety of card and board games, conversation and refreshments. Check our monthly calendar for additional information about potlucks and guest speakers.

THURSDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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

Total Body Tune-up 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Fun and easy to follow seated and standing movements to tone and stretch gently and comfortably to lively music.

FRIDAY

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

Second Friday each month

Bring a lunch and play bingo with your SiA friends.

Members are welcome to bring guests.

Play date: Dec. 13

Members/Free, \$2/Non-member

A look back...



MVF's Seniors in Action members recently celebrated some Fall birthdays and packed cookies for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

Up next...

Take ACTION and sign-up to become part of the most distinct & diverse groups in Montgomery Village!



Special Guest Speaker

Join us on Friday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for games, holiday snacks and a special guest speaker! District 39 Delegate Gabriel Acevero will join us to talk about his position and how he can help Village residents. As a resident himself, Gabriel has a vested interest in working with his neighbors for positive change across the state.



Holiday Break

Seniors in Action will not meet from Monday, Dec. 23 through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. We will resume activities on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, when our new winter session begins. SiA wishes all members of the community a happy, safe and healthy holiday season!



SIA E-MAIL LIST

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? Ask to be added to the list for updates and changes related to Seniors in Action.

REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com!

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

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Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Approx. 2' W x 5.5' L

Free – Must pick up

Call 301-926-5030 for information or to arrange pickup

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A women's size medium coat was left at the Welcome Reception held on November 14 at North Creek Community Center. Call 301-948-0110 to describe and claim.

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3-LEVEL TOWNHOME

\$221,500

3 BR, 2.5 BA townhome with wood floors, new carpet, fresh paint. Fenced patio in front with sliding glass doors from living room – huge master bedroom suite with master bath and ceiling fan – generous sized bedrooms – new dishwasher – assigned parking right out front.



FOREST BROOKE

\$285,000

3 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 level, garage townhome with wood floors, new appliances, gas fireplace in living room, tablespace kitchen, fresh paint, new light fixtures, excellent condition – garage enters into house – priced well and below recent sales.



COURTS OF WHETSTONE

\$450,000

MOST POPULAR MODEL IN THE COURTS!

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Happy Holidays



A donation from each sale goes directly to Children's Miracle Network local hospital - Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

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