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Now is the time to start thinking about MVF Summer Camps

by Mike Conroy

With the cold weather coming and going and mentions of snow and ice here and there, it seems like there's no better time to start thinking about summer – summer camps, that is.

Before you know it, spring and summer will creep up on us, school will be out, vacations will begin and you'll need somewhere productive for your children to go during the day. Now is the time to think, and register for, MVF Summer Camps. This summer, explore opportunities for your child(ren) to learn, interact and grow, right here in your backyard.

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation and Parks offers fantastic opportunities at established camps for youngsters from ages just-under-4 to 12. Each week, campers will make friends, enjoy live performances, go on field trips, participate in active games, go swimming, create arts and crafts projects, draw, cook, build and, of course, have fun! Camp Tiny Feet offers swimming lessons at no additional cost, and Lake Marion Camp includes an afternoon swim lesson option (additional fee)!

Themed camp weeks keep the summer fun; each week features a special guest or awesome field trip! Currently scheduled trips include (trips vary per camp and are subject to change): Uno Pizzeria & Grill, Bowl America, Bohrer Park, Smithsonian National Zoo, South Mountain Creamery, Washington Nationals Park, Laser Tag and Rockin' Jump. Special visitors include: Reptile Wonders, Spitz-O-Matic and the MVF Conservation Corps!

Looking for something a little different this year? Those interested in swimming, pools and aquatics should try Afternoon Aqua Club for some water-based fun. Build and race rafts, learn canoe safety and more!

Teens ages 13 to 17 can grow their skills by working with MVF Summer Camps. MVF offers a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program for those ages 14 and older. Gain valuable leadership and job experience, as well as Student Service Learning hours as a CIT. Early experiences like this will help build confidence and responsibility to flourish in future employ-

See *SUMMER CAMPS* page 7



photo by Melanie Maggi

The 10th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance was enjoyed by nearly 100 participants; daughters and dads had a blast! Couples enjoyed yummy refreshments, cute favors and most importantly, dancing the night away. Keepsake photos will allow these father-daughter duos to remember their fun evening for weeks and years to come.

44th Annual ART, CRAFT & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

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Saturday, March 10
Sunday, March 11 | 1 to 5 p.m.

Artists' Reception Sunday, March 11, 4 to 5 p.m.



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Workshop for teens
ages 13 to 17



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scholarship fund
drive for Village
high school seniors
underway

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spaces available
at the Indoor Flea
Market Feb. 24



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Your VOTE is important!

Ballots were mailed on Friday, Feb. 2. Residents are reminded to return their ballots for the MVF Board of Directors election to the MVF Office no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, March 2.**

If you have not received or have misplaced your ballot, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or come to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

For the transcript from the Candidate's Forum, see pages 9 to 12.

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This includes the Annual Meeting.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Rd. #3. This includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 12 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

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ISSUE

Friday, March 9

DISPLAY ADS:

DUE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 AT 5 P.M.

Enjoy the long weekend!

The MVF Office will be
CLOSED
Monday, Feb. 19
for
PRESIDENTS' DAY

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EVP'S MESSAGE

In the works



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

COUNTY EXECUTIVE BUDGET FORUM

County Executive Leggett held his final budget forum at the Black Rock Theatre in Germantown on January 29, during which he requested public comment on items that should be included in the county's FY2019 Operating Budget. The total county budget exceeds \$5B, with almost half going to Montgomery County Public Schools.

Residents from the upcounty were given an opportunity to comment on budget desires, including funding for schools, road maintenance, health programs, teen programs and more police and fire services. Leggett indicated that he hoped to be able to keep current funding levels for priority programs. He shared a series of slides detailing revenue forecasts and the expenditure levels for department/area spending. The slides can be viewed on the Montgomery County website.

Leggett also noted the FY2019-24 Capital Budget, which outlines major building programs for the schools, transportation, county government, housing and libraries over the next five years. Important capital budget items for Montgomery Village include the 6th District Police Station,

with construction to commence in fall 2022 and to be ready for occupancy in 2024; and the widening of Goshen Road, which is scheduled for construction in 2023. Both budgets will be transmitted to the county council and will be adopted after extensive processing in June.

NEW STREET LIGHTS

Approximately 100 new street lights are to be installed by Montgomery County DOT this spring along Montgomery Village Avenue, from Centerway Road to Wightman Road, to meet county pedestrian/public safety lighting standards. The street lights will be mounted on aluminum poles with cobra style heads and will be very similar in style to existing street lights in the area. Funding was included several years ago in the county's Capital Budget to complete this project. The project was noted as a priority because of high pedestrian usage and number of bus stops. The street lights will be installed approximately 120 to 130 feet apart and will be LEDs versus high pressure sodium. Existing street lights on this stretch of roadway will be upgraded to LEDs as well.

LAKEFOREST MALL

It has been reported that Lakeforest Mall (30 acres) is in the process of being sold to Annapolis-based Petrie Richardson Ventures, which has renovated the old City Place Mall in Silver Spring. Currently, US Bank owns Lakeforest Mall. It was purchased in foreclosure at auction for \$19.1M after the former owner stopped paying the loan it had with US Bank. Five Mile purchased the mall in 2012 for \$102.5 M and was working with the City of Gaithersburg on redevelopment plans, but they never came to fruition. The current zoning on the property allows for mixed use development.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 22, 2018
North Creek Community Center - 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

7 to 7:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates - a time for residents to meet candidates for the upcoming MVF election.

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 January 25, 2018
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Discussion Item:
 - A. Consider South Valley Park Field renovation
7. Acceptance of Action List

ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider request for membership to the Audit Committee
 - B. Consider reaffirmation of email vote by MVF Board for purchase of computer network hardware
 - C. Consider recommendation for revisions to the Letters to the Editor Policy
 - D. Consider bid for Stedwick Community Center Playground replacement
8. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. Investment Committee
 9. Board Member Issues
 10. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to -
 - (i.) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
 - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.
 11. Adjournment

Holiday Schedule for Presidents' Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for the Presidents' Day Holiday, Monday, Feb. 19:

County Offices - Closed

Libraries - Closed

County Liquor Stores - all stores will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recreation - aquatics programs and facilities open; all other classes and programs canceled. Administrative office, senior centers and community centers are closed.

Montgomery Parks - for operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks and tennis centers, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.

Ride On - Modified Holiday Schedule. Route information available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/SpecialHoliday.html.

Metrorail - Information available at www.wmata.com.

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TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center - Open

TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store - Closed

Recycling Pickup - no collection, all collections scheduled on or after the holiday will be made one day later in the week.

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - recycling and trash drop-off open with normal hours. Recycling Center and administrative offices closed.

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters - Free

State Offices and Courts - Closed



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

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IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

As a resident of Shadow Oak for 27 years, our trash problem has never been so bad. Pizza boxes, beer cans, water bottles blow down the street at will. I watched as three vultures happily picked through my neighbor's garbage. I have a cleaners' bag in the upper reaches of my tree that I can't get down.

We pay Northgate management a hefty fee for trash pickup and we are not getting our money's worth. The garbage crew picks up cans but sloppily leaves refuse on the ground. There is no follow up or supervision on how well the job is performed. The same neighbors are offenders, putting out their garbage and boxes any old time and leaving

trash remains on the ground when they take back their cans. New residents have no idea when to put out their garbage.

I encourage a flier to be placed at each door explaining the trash schedule, including holiday variations; consistent and continual follow up on garbage collections by Northgate management on trash days; and penalties hand delivered to resident offenders. Otherwise our property value will decline as neighborhood rats grow fat. Other serious alternatives are the letting of a different trash contract or voting in a new neighborhood association who can effectively address the problem.

Rebecca Tran
Northgate

Editor's Note:

We welcome residents alerting us to trash problems. Northgate has made trash an important subject in virtually every column it contributes to the Village News. We repeatedly have asked for residents to help identify violators. Everyone in the community can assist with solving the problems by sharing specific information. If a neighbor is not following the rules, please give us details. If our trash company's performance is lacking, let us know the date and location so the problem can be addressed. Please see the Northgate News column in this issue for more information.

Northgate
Board of Directors

Editor:

The "At Your Leisure" column in the January 19 edition of *MV News* featured a well-written review of a new theater in town, Best Medicine Rep, located at LakeForest Mall. Based on your review of its opening, inaugural play, "The Consul, The Tramp, and America's Sweetheart", we went to see the play. What a treat! The play was entertaining, the actors were professional and believable and the venue was intimate and friendly. The theater company is a welcome newcomer to our community. Thank you, *Village News*, for bringing this to our attention.

Bill and Mary Ott
Whetstone

Editor:

The current edition of the *Montgomery Village News* showed that there are three candidates standing for election to the three board positions. Three candidates for three positions is not an election. It is a travesty. I know that the Nominating Committee is charged with choosing qualified candidates for board positions, however it should also be part of their charge to present more candidates than there are positions, thus giving voters a choice rather than a "fait accompli." Surely with more diligence the committee could've found a fourth candidate. I hope that this election is an aberration rather than the new normal.

Lawrence A. Beck
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IN THE NEWS

MVF's 27th annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors underway

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling over \$50,000.

Scholarships are awarded to Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in community or civic activities. Applicants are screened by a committee at each high school, with the Foundation's Scholarship Committee making the final selections in May. As established

by the MVF Board of Directors, all contributions are voluntary, and no assessment dollars are used to fund the program.

The scholarship fund was originally launched by the MVF Board of Directors to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Montgomery Village and MVF. This year's fund totals and recipient names will be announced in late spring at school ceremonies and in the Montgomery Village News.

Donations by check must be made out directly to either Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or to the Gaithersburg High School

PTSA Scholarship Fund. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund for either school, fill out the form below and return it to the Foundation at the address indicated.

The MVF Scholarship Fund is an excellent opportunity to bring Village residents and the WMHS and GHS school communities closer together. The impact these scholarships can make goes beyond financial assistance. They represent a commitment to our young people, a recognition of achievement and an investment in our future.

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

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Habitat for Humanity repairs and weatherizes homes



Traditionally, Habitat for Humanity is known as an organization where you can volunteer to raise walls, drive nails and serve alongside community members to build new homes.

Now, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland is working on helping existing homeowners in Montgomery County through weatherization programs. For the last few years, the Maryland Energy Administration has granted Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) funds to provide weatherization services to qualified homeowners at no cost to the household!

When you think of weatherization, think of lowering your home's energy usage through the use of ENERGY STAR appliances, and improving your heating and cooling systems.

Common weatherization services include:

- Installation of high efficiency shower-heads and faucet aerators.
- Installation of energy efficient light bulbs.
- Air sealing of conditioned spaces.
- Weather-stripping around doors and caulking around windows.

More intensive projects include:

- Whole home ventilation
- Insulation (installation/improvement)
- Energy efficient appliance upgrades
- HVAC system repairs and upgrades in eligible homes

How do we know if your home is in need of weatherization services?

If a home looks like a good candidate during the home visit phase of the application process a Home Energy Audit will be performed.

The report generated from this audit provides us with information on how your home currently functions, and how it can be made to work better with a list of suggested measures.

Who is eligible for HFHMM weatherization programs?

Single-family homes or townhouses with high electricity bills and old heating/cooling systems would be ideal candidates for the program. Additional qualifications include:

- Homeowners must own and live in the home that will be repaired.

- Homeowners must have current homeowner's insurance.
- Total household income (all adults 18 and older in the home) must not exceed 80% of the AMI.
- Homeowners must commit to remain in their home for at least two years following the completion of services.

For information about eligibility visit www.habitatmm.org.

How are weatherization projects chosen?

HFHMM is expected to ensure that all energy efficiency measures applied to a given home will pay for themselves in the energy savings they are expected to create over the course of 10 years. This is called the 10-year-payback.

In other words, we apply the most impactful measures to any home we serve. So if a suggested measure costs \$100 and has a projected energy savings of \$10 to \$11 a year, then it would qualify for the program. While there are other stipulations, this is the general rule of thumb. Not every item suggested by the auditor is guaranteed to be eligible for the program.

What if my home needs repairs that keep HFHMM from weatherizing?

Should your home have repairs that stand in the way of proper weatherization (for example, if your roof is leaking), those repairs will be considered against HFHMM's repair program guidelines. If those items are deemed eligible for our repair program, a work scope will be drawn up for those services and a repair agreement signed. Importantly, while the weatherization program is entirely free to homeowners, the repair program does have a small repayment component which equates to 1 to 5% of the total project cost depending on household income.

Interested in Participating?

If you are interested in applying for the winterization program, submit an inquiry at www.habitatmm.org/repair-inquiry. When HFHMM has funding they believe to be applicable to the indicated needs of your home, we will send an application directly to you (if you are eligible).

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IN THE NEWS

Education budget meeting

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith and President of Montgomery College Dr. DeRionne Pollard invite residents to attend the Fourth Annual Education Budget Meeting to discuss education funding in Montgomery County.

Topics at the meeting will include: how are budget deci-

sions made; what the county doing today to prepare for FY19 and beyond; and opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions.

Other dates and locations are available. For more information, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or e-mail Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county on several days at different locations. Locations convenient to Montgomery Village residents include:

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus Cafeteria

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville Theater Arts Building

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Robert Frost Middle School, 9201 Scott Drive, Rockville Cafeteria

Recycling collection affected by county holidays

In Montgomery Village, recycling is collected by Montgomery County, which means that on select holidays throughout the year, collection days may slide one day. The same may be true for some trash contractors, but not all; for clarification on trash collection, contact your community manager.

If a county holiday falls during the week (Monday to Friday), collection scheduled

on or after the holiday will be made one day later that week.

If the actual holiday falls on the weekend, but the county observes the holiday on the Friday before or the Monday after the actual holiday, there is no change in the collection schedule.

All items to be collected must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

Which holidays are affected?

New Year's Day - January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - third Monday in January
Presidents' Day - third Monday in February
Memorial Day - last Monday in May
Independence Day - July 4
Labor Day - first Monday in September
Veterans Day - November 11
Thanksgiving Day - fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day - December 25

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CLOSING after 38 Years of Service

EVERYTHING MUST GO

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Sat. 10 am to 3 pm
301-963-3424

Summer Camps

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ment opportunities; many CITs have attended MVF camps and transition into camp counselor positions the following year. Get the jump on the CIT experience with the Youth Leadership Workshop in late March; visit www.montgomeryvillage.com for more information or to register.

MVF Summer Camps are convenient for parents, too! Besides being so close to home, affording you the ease of drop-off and pickup before and after work, Lake Marion Camp offers an extended-day option from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. to make sure you get to work on time. Camp Tiny Feet runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and North Creek Summer Club is open all day, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Need to schedule around summer vacation plans? No problem—our flexible, one and two-week sessions make it possible to maximize your child's camp experience and minimize overpaying for a camp they can't attend all of.

Want more flexibility? The North Creek Summer Club may be the perfect option! This super-affordable camp option runs the same weeks as the other camps, but allows campers to drop-in as necessary. The North Creek program includes a variety of activities each day, art projects, ping pong, air hockey, group games (indoor and outdoor), and special activities like pizza parties, pool days, a guest performer, mid-summer field trip and a big end-of-the-summer extravaganza!

What happens when camp is over, but school hasn't started yet? We've got you covered there too! End of summer camps are a great way to fill that gap before school starts. Campers can participate in LEGO, Tiny Chefs or drawing sessions, finding their inner engineer, culinary genius or artistic talents.

MVF camps provide peace of mind with top-notch staff. Many of our camp staff and directors have years of experience with Village youth. And our manageable staff-to-camper ratio makes sure that your child receives care and attention, instead of just being another face in the crowd. Parents, guardians and campers are invited to meet the staff of their respective camps at the Camp Open House on Thursday, June 14. Times and locations vary per camp; for more information, call 301-948-0110, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Best of all, Montgomery Village camps won't break the bank! The weekly/bi-weekly sessions are broken down to affordable rates.

To check out all the opportunities for your child(ren)

this summer, visit the Summer Camp and Program Fair from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Meet camp staff and sample a wide variety of activities offered this summer.

If you can't make the camp fair, grab a Summer Camp Guide from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or view it online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. And with the convenience of online registration, you can register your child(ren) in just a few minutes! For more information or questions, call 301-948-0110, e-mail jsrlo@mof.org or find us on facebook (www.facebook.com/MontVillageMD) or twitter (@MontVillageMD). See you this summer!



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Montgomery Village Foundation 2018 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should have arrived at your home. You should complete your ballot promptly and drop it off at, or mail it to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

The Montgomery Village Foundation is directed by an elected Board of Directors, which decides how assessment dollars are spent. The Board also determines the policies and procedures for the operation of the Foundation.

Board decisions are based on resident and committee input, staff recommendations and the governing by-laws and covenants of Montgomery Village.

It is every property owner's right and privilege to help determine decisions affecting Montgomery Village residents by voting for the candidates of his or her choice. Issues that affect the property values and lifestyles of Village residents are within resident control and consideration.

2018 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

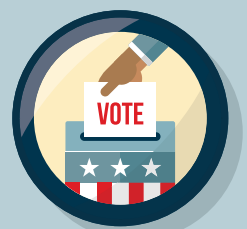
1. For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2017 (paid by Feb. 28, 2018).
2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
4. Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
5. In the upper left corner of the return envelope, print and sign your name. Write your Village address if it is different from the mailing address shown on the label. The printed name and signature must be from a person whose name appears on the deed as owner of record.
6. Only one ballot may be submitted per private dwelling unit. If duplicate ballots arrive, the ballot with the earliest postmark will be considered valid unless it is personally withdrawn by the voter and another ballot is re-submitted.
7. **All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2018.**
8. Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 3, 2018, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
9. The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 22, 2018 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
10. For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their behalf.

These procedures are required by the Election Committee in order to determine those eligible to vote and to ensure authenticity of voting. Any deviation from these procedures will result in disqualification of your ballot.



YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

Residents are reminded to completely fill out and sign ballot envelopes in order for votes to be properly counted and validated.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Get to know the candidates running for the MVF Board of Directors

Meet the Candidates

Thursday,
Feb. 22
7 to 7:30 p.m.

North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road



PAMELA BORT



GLENN GARGAN



M. JEROME LEONARD

Montgomery Village Foundation

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 7 P.M.

Meet the Candidates
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 5 P.M.

Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 7 P.M. ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 9 A.M. OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING

Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1 P.M.

Ballot count results announced online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

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Montgomery Village Foundation 2018 Board of Directors Candidates' Forum



PAMELA BORT



GLENN GARGAN



M. JEROME LEONARD

MVF CANDIDATES' FORUM – 2018

The Montgomery Village Foundation held its annual Candidates' Forum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at North Creek Community Center.

Residents are reminded to completely fill out and sign MVF Ballot envelopes in order for votes to be properly counted and validated.

Ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 2.



WELCOMING REMARKS

Ms. Franke, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She noted Mr. Gargan became ill and will not be able to attend the Candidates' Forum. Ms. Franke explained each candidate will be allotted two minutes for an opening statement. She added she will then solicit questions from the audience and each candidate will have one minute to respond to the question. Ms. Franke reported there were no questions submitted via email.

OPENING STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES

PAM BORT

My name is Pamela Bort. I am running for my fourth term on the Board of Directors. I kind of think that four terms is too much, but on the other hand I also believe in institutional continuity and I guess I have that now. I am particularly interested in seeing the development of the golf course and seeing plans for the development of the Professional Center and the Village Center. Even more so, I am interested in the issue of parking in the Village and traffic. I am President of the South Village Homes Corporation and the one item we hear about at every single meeting is parking. I believe it is an issue a number of communities in the Village need to address. I will be interested in seeing what the Board can do with regards to that. Thank you.

JEROME LEONARD

Good evening, my name is Jerome Leonard and I am running for my very first term for the Montgomery Village Board of Directors. My wife, my family and I have lived in the Village for 15 years. It has been a time of great flourishing for us. We have enjoyed being residents here, being actively involved. A little bit about my background, I was the former President of the Montgomery Village Rotary Club and the Foundation for the Rotary Club. We both have served, my wife is sitting right there, and I would like to thank her for her support. We have been involved throughout the community

in terms of active roles in our children's education, the PTA, the churches, and in our neighborhood, William's Range. Professionally, my background is in technology. Besides the constant prodding from David and Pete to get more involved and join this leadership organization for our community, I, like many of you, want to see our Village thrive with the Village Center being modernized, the Medical Center being revitalized, and of course the Bloom residential project. We have to do that thoughtfully in terms of our transportation and engage more of our residents to have a voice in the process. I look forward to working with everyone here and in the community.

Ms. Franke opened the floor for questions.

1. Pam Mondell – Good evening, my name is Pam Mondell. I am a resident of 41 years in Montgomery Village. I wanted to know what your opinion was about new information, as far as I was concerned, about HOC having the contract for Cider Mill and if you know what the percentage of HOC renters were in place there before they owned it? Was it 90%? I just don't have any information on it at all and I was surprised by it. That was my main question. Thank you.

PAM BORT

I don't know what the percentage of current HOC rentals are in Cider Mill. My understanding is once the purchase is completed, it will be 100% HOC and the residents will have to subscribe to the requirements of the HOC process. We have nothing to do with who buys Cider Mill, there is nothing we can do. I am hopeful that HOC, once it owns the property, will exercise greater control than I've seen in HOC owned properties in South Village. I don't know if that will be the case, but I certainly hope so.

JEROME LEONARD

Great question, Pam. This topic came up at the last Board meeting. I believe it was Pete who led some of the discussion about the ongoing effort for HOC to work with the Cider Mill apartment complex

and the pending sale. I recall hearing there is a very strong interest to have a mixed portfolio of market rate apartments available as well as reduced rate. I don't know exactly how that's structured or if they are going to follow through with that with the new ownership. It's a large community, it's a large property, and as residents in the area we should have the desire to get as much information and be as engaged as possible.

2. Keith Silliman – I am Keith Silliman. I would like to follow up on Pam's earlier comments about parking in the Village. I would like to ask both of the candidates as to what kind of leadership position they will take, may take, possibly could take in terms of encouraging Montgomery Village Foundation to take a more leadership role in helping us address and potentially solve the parking problems we are experiencing throughout the Village?

JEROME LEONARD

Thank you for the question, Keith. I can imagine some of the parking problems that you are talking about are commercial vehicles that are parked near residences and perhaps in public accessways. Or are you talking about problems within communities?

Keith Silliman – I am predominately talking about those streets owned by homeowner's associations that are increasingly congested with parking.

JEROME LEONARD

I think that is a worthy topic for the Board to evaluate and to consider and gather information on how significant the problem is and where specifically we're seeing an increase in unlawful parking or nuisance type situations. Once we monitor that, once we have a good understanding of why that's happening, who's doing it, go directly to those people who are responsible. If it's a violation of the laws, then we need to enforce parking laws. I think cooperatively working together, it's a solvable problem.

PAM BORT

I think the problem is most evident in the high-density communities. South Village is a high-density community. One of our problems we find is that when Kettler built South Village they set aside, according to Mark Firley, 2.1 parking spaces per unit. Now, you have grown children who move back home with their parents and there are maybe four or five cars to a unit. That takes up all the available parking in South Village and then there is runoff. I understand, in terms of a leadership role, I think the Board is going to work on that. Karen Kodjanian, Community Management, is convening a meeting of presidents of the managed communities to discuss this issue and see if we can come to any kind of understanding and possible solutions for this problem.

3. Sarah Harris – If I may, I have a couple. I am Sarah Harris. I have been here in the Village for over 40 years and have had leadership positions in my immediate community, as well as the Board.

LAURA FRANKE

Sarah, would you mind just asking one question at a time?

Sarah Harris – Ok. My question is to what extent are either of you or both of you familiar with the AARP quality, community, reliability, evaluation study? It evaluates communities across the US and gives a numerical evaluation on housing and environment and several community related topics.

LAURA FRANKE

Are you just asking if they are familiar with it?

Sarah Harris – Yes, to what extent are you either familiar?

PAM BORT

I have seen it, I have not read it or studied it in depth over the last several years.

Sarah Harris – Relative to Montgomery Village?

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PAM BORT

Yes.

JEROME LEONARD

I am not familiar with it.

Sarah Harris – I would suggest that you take a look at it and the evaluation sectors and then think and lead with those in mind. Also, look at those in comparison say to Columbia and others across the US. Columbia, Reston and of course there are wide variabilities for those.

4. Jane Wilder – MVF has long had a policy of coexistence with wildlife. This involves strategies to mitigate possible conflicts. Cleaning walks especially in summer when the infant geese and ducks can't fly and adults are molting, wrapping trees against beaver damage, and fencing for deer protection. Our architectural control has special rules to allow residents to protect their property. For years I have asked this question, every year at the Forum, and every candidate has agreed with the policy. I am asking you tonight, do you agree with coexistence with wildlife in Montgomery Village? Just to add, the reason we came here was because of nature.

JEROME LEONARD

I do agree with the policy. I am a supporter of wildlife. I think that is extremely important. It's just been my observation at an arm's length that the population of deer and ducks seem to be increasing. I am not sure to what extent Montgomery Village works with other jurisdictions and other entities to monitor that and to make sure that we strike that balance between the residents and the wildlife.

Jane Wilder – We have a goose count every year here and it has remained stable since 2001. I will just add that.

PAM BORT

Yes, I do support the policy, Jane. I would like to take it a little further, but that's just me.

Jane Wilder – You would like to take it a little further?

PAM BORT

Yeah, there are some things I think we could probably do better.

5. Rich Wilder – Every month I go to the UpCounty Citizens Advisory Board and all they talk about up there is roads, M-83 mostly. Usually they have somebody from the county there, it's always Department of Transportation. My suggestion or my question is, do you think it would be worthwhile for us to have a series of lectures here and invite each department of the county to give a presentation? Like DEP, DOT, Parks Department, Planning Board, so we get to understand what is available in our county government? That's my question.

PAM BORT

I think it would be useful for both members of the county government and for residents of the Village to have the opportunity to speak with and listen to each other. Yes, I would be in favor of that. I am not sure how it would be structured, but I think that would be a good idea.

JEROME LEONARD

Rich, I am in agreement. I think it is a great idea to foster more education, more

dialogue between the various entities we are responsible for. We know that each and every month that we live in this county we are facing transportation issues. The more that we can engage, the more that we can learn, the more that we can have our voices heard so that all of those are factored in to what ultimately gets built, what roads get widened, and how it's going to impact us and our quality of life.

6. Keith Silliman – Again, I'm Keith Silliman. Two of you tonight are here as candidates with a third declared candidate, so we have three candidates for three board positions in the upcoming election. This is not very conducive to increasing participation by our residents in terms of voting process. I am interested in your thoughts about how do we collectively go about encouraging folks to participate in the process and do you have any insight as to what is preventing people from taking a more active role in our community?

JEROME LEONARD

I think people have an innate desire to come out to events like this, but they're busy, life gets in the way. We as a Board have to go where people are. They are on Facebook, they are on Instagram, the millennial generation, that is where we can reach them. It's very challenging through the old media of the Village News or something that comes in paper mail. This generation gets their information from their phones. That's where we have to reach them and we have to use influencers, people like my wife, to spread the message so that they will be enticed to come out, get involved, learn and take

action. That's what I propose and that's what I'd like to do.

PAM BORT

I think Jerome should be on the Communications Committee. I agree with Jerome. However, I am one of those people who think Facebook is an invasion of my privacy and I'm not inclined to use it. One of the things I found in going out and trying to talk to people who complain or have a suggestion about how things could be run better in the Village, or in South Village for that matter, is I say, "Well, just stand for election." The answer I get back most of the time is, "But I have a real job." I have a real job too, but I think it is important for people with real jobs to be involved as well as the people who are retired and now have a lot more time to devote to their community. Thank you.

7. Pam Mondell – I was wondering if you feel that the members of the Board of Directors should attend the Village sponsored events? How important do you think that is to the residents of the Village to see the leadership there or at least three people from the Board of Directors there? I feel it is very important because it shows we consider this a very important thing and we are here to support the people. It doesn't have to be all nine. Thank you.

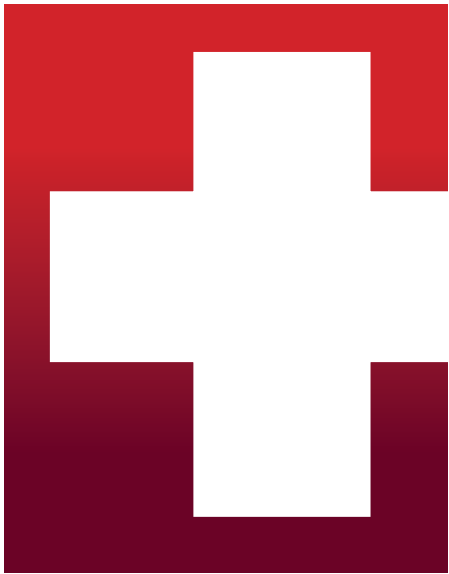
PAM BORT

I think it is important, but...I think it is important period, not a but. Sometimes it's difficult. For example, I have served for nine years and I have not made it once to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. I would like to, but I drive downtown to work and I drive home and I just don't

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Successful class participants are encouraged to apply for lifeguard positions with the Montgomery Village Foundation. We offer competitive pay, a completion bonus and training course reimbursement opportunities—call for details.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: You can register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, in person at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office (10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886), or by calling 301-948-0110. **Make checks payable to:** "Montgomery Village Foundation." Payment is due at the time of registration. If you have any questions, call 240-243-2363 during business hours or e-mail ppadilla@mvf.org.

4015.110 (Registration closes on Thursday, Feb. 22)

DATE	TIME
Friday, Feb. 23	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 2	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	5 to 8 p.m.

4015.202 (Registration closes on Thursday, March 22)
MCPS Spring Break

DATE	TIME
Monday, March 26	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 29	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, March 30	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4015.204 (Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

DATE	TIME
Friday, April 20	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 21	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22	5 to 9 p.m.
Monday, April 23	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 29	5 to 8 p.m.

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make it. There are other things that I have missed, there are other things I have been to. I think it is very important. Maybe we need to make more of an effort to determine beforehand which members of the Board are available to go to an event. Thank you.

JEROME LEONARD

I think it is extremely important for Board members to be visible in the community. That impact of meeting people. People will see your activities, but until they meet you and shake your hand and look at you in your eyes and say, “Hey, wait a minute, I recognize you and you’re on the Board. What made you decide to serve?” I think that sends a volume of message and encouragement to the community.

8. *Rich Wilder* – We all know that we’re losing businesses around here. Trader Joes is leaving in March to go down to, I’m trying to remember, they’re moving down to the Shady Grove Road area. Sports Authority we lost, but I understand there is a new grocery store moving in there. Capital One Bank essentially moved out of our area. What does the Board think that we could do to stop this or turn it around? What is your concern on this?

JEROME LEONARD

Great question. One of my passions is to stimulate business, new businesses that we haven’t had in the Village. They are always motivated by a profit probability. They want to know that customers will come, that there is going to be a safe environment, crime is going to be held in check. I think it’s a multi-part effort. It’s the Board, it’s the residents, it’s other entities, churches who have congregations all engaging with businesses to attract them here. I think it’s possible. Retail is facing a hard time all over, malls are closing, but I think there is also an opportunity for us to stimulate new growth and have new businesses in the Village.

PAM BORT

I don’t know the answer to that question. I know the Board discusses it fairly often. I know that Dave is involved in the community and working with businesses. There are so many competing factors, so many people are doing things online now. I go out to PetValu and various other places to buy pet food, but everyone else I know who has pets order it from Chewy.com and it is delivered to their door. It’s like Jerome says, it’s a very difficult environment and I don’t have an answer for it.

9. *Rich Wilder* – We all know that our real estate prices have gone down in recent years. I guess there are a lot of factors for that. One of my observations is, how can we get more people to move into the Village and not go to Clarksburg? I don’t understand why people pay more money for a place in Clarksburg, then have to drive all the way down to other places. It doesn’t make sense. We’ve got so much more advantages here, greenspace and everything else. How do we turn this around? How do we tell the people in Clarksburg we’ve got it here?

PAM BORT

The sad truth is I think people like to buy new property. I think the younger you are you want to buy a new house that no one else has lived in and you know what you’re getting and you know the history. I mean, it was just built. That’s a problem. On the other hand, you’re quite

right, Rich, we have a lot of advantages here that the residents of Clarksburg do not have. It’s up to the Board, it’s up to the community to advertise those advantages. When the new homes are built on the golf course, whether you support the development of the golf course or not, hopefully we can sell those homes as being new and get an influx of new blood.

JEROME LEONARD

Real estate is one of the key issues. There was an article written in the *Washington Business Journal*, I believe it was last year, and it looked at this region, it looked at Montgomery County, it looked at home prices, the relative appreciation. Montgomery Village outranked other communities like Clarksburg and even Bethesda and some parts of Potomac as retaining real estate value even though other places had experienced price drops. We have a well-kept secret, and to your point, if you look at 270 and where it starts to narrow, it’s right here. We have a tremendous advantage in terms of the proximity where we are and of course the new development that is going to happen here is going to stimulate some attraction for our home values to increase.

10. *Jane Wilder* – I’ve noticed, and it has been pointed out, a lot of things are online now. To me it’s the latest fad, we haven’t seen all the downside. In fact, the State has to have hard copy ballots now because of the possibilities of fraudulence. We’re seeing things like one of the credit reporting agencies was hacked. I think it’s important for the Village to make clear that people that aren’t computer savvy are also welcome to comment on things, that there is a way of getting a hard copy of something, that they’re not left out for whatever reason that they don’t happen to have a computer. They can’t be forced to buy a computer, as far as I know. What do you think about making it clear that everybody is welcome? Especially assessment paying people should have the same rights as anyone else regardless of their savviness in the digital age.

JEROME LEONARD

I work in cyber security every day and it is critical that we do enforce this kind of availability to those, whether it is digital or through paper ballots. Transparency, so that everyone’s vote is counted and that we can report on what the outcomes of that vote was. At the same time, we have an obligation to educate people how to protect their information and how to receive the same kind of information and trust from entities that have their information.

PAM BORT

I would agree with you, Jane. I think that people who don’t use computers should not be in a position where they are unable to get information regarding what is going on in the Village. I think the Village does a pretty good job of reaching out to those people. There is the *Village News*, and I would oppose any effort made to put the *Village News* only online. You can mail in your assessment payments, you can bring them into the office. You don’t need to pay them online. I think the Village does a pretty good job at keeping people informed.

11. *Pam Mondell* – I wondered what your initiatives, what would be your priority? You, Pam, said a couple of things that you would like to see the Board of Directors dive into a little bit more. We haven’t heard from you, Jerome, what you would like to do.

What would be an initiative that you personally could come, not once a month to a board meeting, but maybe something you feel or you could talk about or you feel. They always say if you feel passionately about something you’re going to do a better job because you feel so much about it. I’d like to see some passion, some thoughts, some ideas. Not that there haven’t been, lord only knows we have been here a very long time and it’s been run very well and I don’t have a problem with that. I always am looking for something like the Great Pumpkin Race. What’s new? What do you feel like we could bring in?

PAM BORT

As I said, I’m very interested in the parking issue right now. I don’t know what the answer is and so I am going to be spending a lot of time working on that with members of the Board, with Karen’s group and with residents. Getting ideas for how we could address that issue. Unfortunately, I believe the most likely solutions will be ones that 99% of the residents aren’t going to like, but we still have to evaluate them.

JEROME LEONARD

I’m passionate about development in our community that impacts us. That is an interwoven topic with transportation. The overall quality as more people move into the Village. Being a parent, I am passionate about education and our youth and getting our schools recognized for stellar performance. There’s a perception outside of the Village that our schools are not as good as the down county schools and I would challenge that. We have IB schools here, we have great principals, great leadership, and great students. We need to showcase that more. The third thing I am very passionate about is unity, bringing our community together. We have so many different churches and non-profits and for-profits here, but we don’t seem to operate in a very integrated way. Communicating and getting people more engaged, getting more people to come out, that is something that I am very passionate and committed to.

12. *Victoria Robles* – I have two suggestions. One is, and I don’t know how much the Foundation actually plays a role in these types of decisions, but as somebody who has looked over the constantly changing plans for the new development, the one thing that I’ve noticed that Montgomery Village is always missing that the Kentlands has, that Rockville has, that Germantown has, is there is no cultural center. By that, I mean there is no music venue. We do have the lovely, which only people who live in Montgomery Village know about, that hidden South Lake Park there. But there is not like a central hub. Germantown has Black Rock, the Kentlands has the Arts Barn, and there’s these central locations that constantly have a mix of community within them because people are always there. Rockville has the Town Center. While I’m looking at this development and I’m glad we have mixed use housing and I’m glad that we’re going to be rebuilding the shopping center, it still fails to address the fact that the residents don’t necessarily have a reason to be there. As parents and as people who live here, I’m not going out to dinner three, four nights a week, it’s just not a thing. But if my child has a class somewhere and we’re eating out, absolutely. That applies to all the ages of our students and I think that greatly impacts the situation with highlighting our students is because where do you showcase them? Outside of their schools, where do we put them on display? Anytime we do that, we’re doing it in the

City of Gaithersburg and we just don’t have that in the Village. It’s a two-part suggestion.

LAURA FRANKE

I just want to make sure they answer your first question first and then if you want to ask another question.

Victoria Robles – Ok. First suggestion would be that is something that I think that we are missing. I guess the question is, do you agree and how would you be able to affect that if you did?

JEROME LEONARD

I wholeheartedly agree and I want your name and your contact information. I will recruit you to make this cultural center happen. I’m 100% behind you. We need to have a place for our residents to congregate, to learn, to socialize.

Victoria Robles – And just mixed-use space, we just don’t have a lot of it.

LAURA FRANKE

What was your name?

Victoria Robles – Sorry, Victoria.

PAM BORT

Victoria?

Victoria Robles - Robles. R-O-B-L-E-S.

PAM BORT

I agree with Jerome, in fact he stole my idea.

Victoria Robles – We can share the idea. He’s looking for someone to head the committee.

PAM BORT

I think that’s a good idea. I would encourage you once the Board takes it up and the Board generally has a retreat every year after the election for the Directors to get together and plan. I would suggest that you come to the next retreat and during Residents’ Time elaborate on your idea. Then the Directors can discuss it and we can bring you in perhaps to serve as chair of an ad hoc committee.

Victoria Robles – Let’s hope my husband doesn’t watch this video.

PAM BORT

I would also like to say that we do have activities that go on through our various community centers.

Victoria Robles – This we do and that was actually my second question. I know that there is going to be some revamping of our parks and rec and I would say that while I think the programs we have are fantastic, I know Jerome had mentioned integration. There is ample opportunity for these spaces to be used in a more integrated way. I’ve used this particular room for everything from Girl Scout meetings to Foundation board/banquets and everything else. I would say that we don’t do a great job of the integrating part. I mean the Pumpkin Race is probably the only time you see all of us in the same place. There’s not a person that has moved into my cul-de-sac that I haven’t told to go to the Pumpkin Race. Ideally, I would love to have more of those events. But I would say that even looking at a cultural space, another suggestion of mine would be is to integrate that with parks and rec because one of the biggest things we lost

MVF ELECTION

when I purchased here was the YMCA. Part of the reason we picked Montgomery Village was because of that building and about six months after we moved in they closed it down.

LAURA FRANKE

So your question is?

Victoria Robles – My question would be, what kind of things do you want to see improved and integrated in the parks and rec program?

PAM BORT

I would also like to add in addition to the Great Pumpkin Race, you should come to the Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast with Santa is great.

Victoria Robles – I have been to Breakfast with Santa, but I have a 17-year-old now.

PAM BORT

I think you have a good point. I think we need to integrate more, we need to come up with more ideas for things that people can get involved in. We could have Mardi Gras parties, carnivals, things like that. There is going to be a flea market. Again, I would suggest that you come to board meetings and you put forward your ideas and really hold the Board's toes to the fire.

JEROME LEONARD

I would definitely look at the latest edition of parks and rec. The Apple Ridge pool, the Peggy Mark Pool, I learned had 25,000 visitors in its first year. Did you all know that? Lot of young families, a gath-

ering place, a spa and resort kind of feel to it. I think we know what our audience, our residents want. They want that kind of environment where they can enjoy the community, where they can walk somewhere, not necessarily have to drive. The sky's the limit, it's just a matter of how the Board can responsibly select which events would have the most impact.

13. Victoria Robles – My next question is possibly where we lack some integration. How do you feel about creating something that would put the people who are renting in Montgomery Village in the conversation? Right now, a lot of us are homeowners, I'm a homeowner. But because there's nothing that represents those that are renting here and there is a large population of renters in this community, when we integrate, we're always going to be leaving them out of that equation if there's not something for them. I'm not necessarily suggesting, because we are paying in to that program, but because they are residents here. I think that those of us that are renting out our properties would find ourselves with much better tenants and people who are far more incorporated into what we are doing and integrated into that kind of share of that community feel if they had a platform of some sort to voice their comments and concerns. At this point we just don't have it, so how do you feel about including the renters?

JEROME LEONARD

I'm in agreement with that. I don't see any reason to exclude renters from gathering data and sentiment about their experience living in the Village. At some point, everyone in this room rented, right?

It may have been a long time ago. I think that's a great idea.

PAM BORT

When I first moved into the Village, though it was many years ago it was not as long as the Mondells or Sarah, I was a renter and I rented for seven years before I bought my house. Although I did not feel there was any real outreach from the government of the Village to me, I did know that I was able to go to just about everything that the Village had to offer. My landlord was very nice and part of my deal was that I got the activity card every year so I could use the pools, I could take my son to Breakfast with Santa. I think we need to do a better job of reaching out to renters and letting them know that they can participate in what goes on in the Village and that we welcome them. From there, it will be a step towards getting their input.

14. Rich Wilder – For some of us seniors and maybe people that don't have a lot of money also, is there a need for the Foundation to provide computer classes for seniors so they can upgrade their computer skills? When I went from the latest Windows version XP up to 10, everything was there plus a lot more was there. It was hard to find everything that I was used to. Also, hardware too, you can spend a lot of money on hardware. Could the Foundation give some help in both those areas? Hardware and software and maybe even provide Wi-Fi in an area or something like that. That's my question. Thank you.

PAM BORT

Yes, I think that may be a good idea if

we had people who wanted to volunteer to do that. The Foundation could try to organize it. In terms of Wi-Fi and having access to hardware, we have the library right there on the edge of the Village and that is available to all the Village residents. Beyond that, that is something that we could certainly look at. In terms of classes for seniors, I think that would be a good idea. I know that once I retire, although maybe not for a long time, once I get away from my office, I am not going to stay on top of anything.

JEROME LEONARD

I agree with Pam in using the resources that are available. The library is a great resource, they have the systems there. As long as you have a library card you can leverage that. We do have capacity in terms of these community centers and I'm sure there are people who are enthusiasts about sharing information that would gladly volunteer. We can tap into the Volunteer Center, it's a database in the county that links volunteers with organizations. It's just a matter of being creative with what already exists and then making that available to the community who wants it.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY MODERATOR/ADJOURNMENT

Being there were no further questions, Ms. Franke thanked everyone for attending. She noted the ballots will be mailed this Friday and will be due back March 2. The program concluded at 7:53 p.m.



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

EASTGATE
 20504 CROSS JACK PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
 20402 HANCOCK BRIDGE PL - Roof, AWM
 7738 HERITAGE FARM DR - Exterior Light, A
 7704 BATTERY BEND WAY - Roof, AWM
EAST VILLAGE
 8304 FRONTWELL CIR - Gutter Guard, D
 8704 WILD GINGER WAY - Roof, A
 8635 HAWK RUN TER - Roof, A
 8851 THOMAS LEA TER - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
 8851 THOMAS LEA TER - Storm Door, AWM
 8851 THOMAS LEA TER - Front Door Replacement, AWM
 8851 THOMAS LEA TER - Replacement Patio Door, A
 8851 THOMAS LEA TER - Sidelight, A
 8851 THOMAS LEA TER - Miscellaneous, A
 3 BUTTERWICK CT - Solar Systems, A
 20004 GALESBURG WAY - Replacement Windows, AWM
 4 IVORYTON CT - Solar Systems, A
 8611 HOLLY POND PL - Walkway, A
 8421 MARKETREE CIR - Roof, A
 8337 MARKETREE CIR - Roof, A

MARYLAND PLACE
 9513 TIPPETT LN - Front Door Replacement, AWM
 9513 TIPPETT LN - Replacement Patio Door, A
 9513 TIPPETT LN - Walkway, A
 9513 TIPPETT LN - Replacement Windows, A
 9513 TIPPETT LN - Railing, D
 19430 TRANSHIRE RD - Fence, AWM
 19430 TRANSHIRE RD - Patio, AWM
 9605 MARSTON LN - Exterior Paint, AWM
MIDDLE VILLAGE
 19480 BRASSIE PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
 8 BRASSIE CT - Front Door Replacement, A
 8 BRASSIE CT - Sidelight, AWM
 8 BRASSIE CT - Roof, AWM
NORTHGATE
 20202 LEA POND PL - Solar Systems, A
 9504 ASPENWOOD CT - Exterior Light, A
 9513 CAPE ANNE PL - Roof Resubmitted, AWM
 20130 DARLINGTON DR - Miscellaneous, D
 9800 MAPLE LEAF DR - Solar Systems, A
 9811 MAPLE LEAF DR - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM

9811 MAPLE LEAF DR - Shutters, AWM
 9811 MAPLE LEAF DR - Downspout/Gutter, AWM
 9811 MAPLE LEAF DR - Vent, AWM
 10055 MAPLE LEAF DR - Front Door Replacement, A
 10055 MAPLE LEAF DR - Storm Door, A
 10055 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
 10055 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
 20414 MEADOW POND PL - Roof, AWM
NORTH VILLAGE
 20509 STRATHHAVEN DR - Exterior Paint, A
 9408 VINEYARD HAVEN DR - Shed, AWM
PATTON RIDGE
 10132 GRAVIER CT - Garage Door, A
 9929 DELLCASTLE RD - Oil Tank Above Ground, AWM
 19825 BAZZELLTON PL - Shutters, AWM
 9523 FERNHOLLOW WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
 9523 FERNHOLLOW WAY - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
 9415 EAGLETON LN - Garage Door, A
 9633 DUFFER WAY - Mailbox, A

SOUTH VILLAGE
 9861 SAILFISH TER - Miscellaneous, D
 9814 ISLANDSIDE DR - Storm Door, A
 9759 LAKE SHORE DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
 18613 NATHANS PL - Roof, A
 18613 NATHANS PL - Solar Systems, A
STEDWICK
 19516 BURLINGAME WAY - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
 10508 SENECA RIDGE DR - Exterior Paint, A
 19308 MEADERIDGE PL - Stoop, AWM
 19309 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
 19363 DUNBRIDGE WAY - Fence and Gate, AWM

10740 WAYRIDGE DR - Storm Door, A
 10054 WEDGE WAY - Replacement Patio Door, A
 10054 WEDGE WAY - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
 10054 WEDGE WAY - Sidelight, A
 10054 WEDGE WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
 10054 WEDGE WAY - Storm Door, A
WHETSTONE
 9705 DIGGING RD - Replacement Patio Door, A
 9804 FREESTATE PL - Replacement Windows, AWM
 18909 BLUEWILLOW LN - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
 9316 GUNPOWDER PL - Gutter Guard, A

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NORTHGATE NEWS

Trash problems ongoing

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Nearly every Northgate column contains information about the trash problems the community is experiencing, along with instructions on how to properly dispose of trash. Frankly, it is boring. Unfortunately, it is necessary.

What can you do to help? As noted in previous columns, if you see someone violating the trash rules, please e-mail NorthgateHC@comsource.com with the specifics. If you do not understand the trash rules, please e-mail NorthgateHC@comsource.com. If you have a new neighbor who does not understand the rules, e-mail NorthgateHC@comsource.com. You can remain anonymous. Your name will not be disclosed to your neighbors.

When your complaints are followed up on by management, you will not know what steps have been taken. You may only hear the problem has been addressed. We do not talk

about you, and we will not talk about your neighbors.

Once again:

Trash dumping continues to be a major issue and the cost to the community is significant. As more residents get security cameras, Northgate is getting some good information on the people dumping, but it is not enough. We will keep repeating the Northgate trash information as long as problems in the community exist: Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>Left on 355>almost immediate Left into Transfer Station).

The Points and Overlea have trash pickup on Mondays and Thursdays. Bulk pickups are Thursday. All the other neighborhoods — Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, the McKendrees, Shadow Oak and Williams Range — have trash pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk pickups are on Fridays.

Per Montgomery County Code, residents are responsible for providing containers with tight fitting lids for storage of solid waste in single-family houses and townhouses. All solid waste storage containers must be rigid plastic or metal, vermin-proof and equipped with tight fitting lids. The Division of Housing Code Enforcement enforces trash and debris on a property.

The Home Depot has 32-gallon trash cans with lids that cost from \$13 to \$15, depending on whether or not the can has wheels. Please take advantage of the reasonable prices and always place your trash out in a lidded container.

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

EASTGATE EXPRESS

Eastgate trash policy

by the Eastgate Board of Directors

Recently some of our neighbors have been in violation of a few of the policies established in the community, and we find it necessary to bring it to everyone's attention as a reminder to not only keep our community clean, but be respectful of one another's ability to enjoy all of Eastgate.

Trash left on community property is becoming a problem in our community. Residents are reminded and urged to adhere to the trash policy:

- Storing or depositing trash on community property is prohibited. Persons found in violation of the policy will be subject to charges being filed with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and/or to penalties levied by the Eastgate board.
- Trash shall be stored in a closed, waterproof container according to not only the policy, but Montgomery County law. Trash is never to be stored in bags and left out for the trash company in plastic bags.
- Residents shall place household trash and recycling for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day prior to the regularly scheduled pickup day. Empty containers should be retrieved the same day of the scheduled pickup and properly stored until the next scheduled collection time. Residents whose


trash or recycling is placed for collection in advance of this time will be notified to bring their actions into compliance. Violation, following notification, may subject the violator to penalties levied by the board.

- Residents having bulk items for collection (appliances, large items, furniture, etc.) may contact Potomac Disposal and arrange for a bulk pickup. Residents shall not put bulk items out for collection prior to 7 p.m. the date before the scheduled pickup is to take place, and a note should be placed on the items to identify the arrangement has been made.

Parking violations in the community are increasing as well. Residents are reminded that parking of open bed pickup trucks and commercial vehicles is prohibited, and those found in violation will receive a violation notice and subsequently towed. Please also remember, parking in a fire lane (marked by signage or yellow curbing) is against the law. Vehicles found parked in a fire lane will be immediately towed.

Any residents aware of violations for parking or otherwise may send the information to kkodjanian@mof.org or eastgatehc@mof.org.

Eastgate Express: for residents of Charlesgate, Hickory Grove, Kings Point, The Meadows, The Mews, Ridgefield and Wood Edge.



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WHETSTONE WATCH

Welcome to Whetstone!

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Whetstone is welcoming many new residents these days, as long time homeowners downsize or move to warmer climes. The North Carolina and Delaware beaches seem to be popular destinations.

Judy Landry, who moved to Whetstone a little over a year ago, came to a recent board meeting and suggested that the Whetstone Board of Directors establish a Welcome Committee to help orient our new residents to the community. The board enthusiastically embraced the idea and appointed Judy as chair. Members of the Welcome Committee are Sharon Cranford, Doug Krauss, Aleta Maxwell and Debby Vermillion.

We are in catch up mode. If you have moved to Whetstone in the past 18 months or so, we would love to officially welcome you to the neighborhood! Residents can contact the committee by e-mailing welcome.to.whetstone@gmail.com.

The new residents who have met the Welcome Committee seem delighted to have received an old-fashioned welcome to the neighborhood, a revival of the Welcome Wagon that used to come around when new neighbors moved in. Anyone have a little red wagon they could lend us?

ARCHITECTURAL INSPECTION THIS YEAR

The MVF’s Architectural Standards Department will be conducting an inspection of Whetstone homes this year. The idea is to make sure we retain the architectural features that make Whetstone the special place it is. These include shutters on windows, split rail fences with gates, approved storm and garage doors, approved replacement windows.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

This is the quiet time of the year, maintenance-wise. However, the Maintenance Committee has continued its monthly inspections. The Maintenance Committee put together a maintenance calendar, setting out when specific actions should occur, and this was accepted by the board at the January meeting. The maintenance calendar is posted on your Resident Dashboard online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

JB Kline, our landscaper, has been cutting back orna-

mental grasses and pruning bushes and trees off the bike paths so that they are clear for pedestrians. Snow stakes have been placed so we are prepared for heavy snow. To date, there have been a half dozen ice and snow events, but no blizzards so far!

A Maintenance Committee team led by Doug Krauss, assisted by Dennis Barnes and Sharon Cranford, performed developmental pruning of many of our newer street trees. Next up will be checking the deer guards on our younger street trees. Deer guards will be placed on trees planted last fall to protect them from deer and rabbits.

Remember that monumental rainstorm we had last July? A sink hole developed in the Whetstone meadow, adjacent to a major storm drain that runs from Emory Grove Road in Sharon Woods down to Lake Whetstone. The county repaired the storm drain and filled in the sink hole. This saved us at least \$7,500. We are grateful to Rose Taylor, senior advisor to Councilmember Craig Rice, who helped coordinate this repair work. Thanks also to Jeff Knutsen, Daniel King and Kyle Hanley of the Department of Transportation’s Highway Services Division for their efforts in making the repair and restoring the area.

DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

The Whetstone board is collecting the e-mail addresses of Whetstone residents so we can send you advance notice of our board meeting agendas and other pertinent information. This is not a listserv. It is a way for the board to keep you informed. Please send an e-mail to vermillion.whc@gmail.com so we can add you to the list.

NEXT MEETING

Our next board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This is also our Annual Meeting where our president will give the State of the Community address and our treasurer will update us on the State of Whetstone Finances. This meeting is always an informative one, and we hope everyone will come out for it.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Financial highlights for 2017

by Jeanne Powell, Treasurer

Our pre-audited financial statements for 2017 have just been completed, and our audit is underway. This article summarizes our financial picture for the year ended December 31, 2017 as reported at our Annual Meeting held on February 15.

We had a good financial year, with savings in some areas and unanticipated expenses in a few others. After two budget-busting snow years, 2017 was pretty quiet. And our change in security contractor back to American Protective Service (APS) enabled considerable savings. The savings in snow removal and security enabled us to

dangerously or ill, and we will address them in early 2018.

Although we had no major storms, even small storms are very costly for road treatment. We spent \$23,000 on snow removal against a \$30,000 budget.

We undertook a fairly significant fence restoration amounting to over \$16,000 despite our budget of only \$2,500.

We are experiencing an increase in non-landscaping maintenance costs, for example for bulk trash left on common grounds (despite our frequent reminders to call Potomac Disposal for free pickups) and for maintaining our pet stations. We spent nearly \$5,000 on

over time. Pending the audit, bad debt expense is also lower than budgeted. We anticipate this will hold because the delinquency rate has continued to moderate since changes in MVF policies two years ago. We have reduced our 2018 budget for a number of non-maintenance items accordingly.

CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

We added more than \$166,000 to our capital reserves during 2017, including \$132,000 from assessments plus \$27,700 from interest on

	2017 Actual (pre-audit)	2017 Budget	2016 Actual
Income (Assessments and Other)	\$652,955	\$614,188	\$641,827
Operating Costs			
• Maintenance	\$239,413	\$203,400	\$226,827
• Security and Trash	98,996	116,500	115,785
• Non-Maintenance	143,149	162,288	134,439
Total Operating Costs	481,558	482,188	477,051
Net Income Before Contribution to Reserves	\$171,397	\$132,000	164,776
Contribution to Reserves (Including interest and roadway reimbursement)	166,384	132,000	162,080
Net Income	\$5,013	0	\$2,696

address the increasing burden of our aging tree stock and to undertake more fence repair than we had anticipated.

Our unaudited financial statements show a small net income of \$5,000 for the year. Maintenance costs exceeded their budget by \$36,000; however, security costs were lower than budgeted by more than \$17,000, and non-maintenance costs were below budget by \$19,000. As a result of somewhat lower administrative (non-maintenance) costs than budgeted the past few years, we have provided less in the 2018 budget in order to strengthen areas such as tree removal where the need seems endless.

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES

Tree removal was the largest non-contract maintenance item – and the biggest ever at \$61,400. We made lists, obtained proposals for large numbers of removals, thinking each time that we had gotten past the major need. Before one round of work was completed, we had a list of many more trees for the next round. There are still many trees leaning

hauling away bulk trash left in common areas. The pet stations have been an important enhancement to our community, but we need everyone to do their part in not wasting bags.

We spent somewhat more than we had been on plantings at entry signs. The regular watering helped. We also performed spring and fall fertilization.

TRASH AND SECURITY

These contracts are operating relatively smoothly. We have been able to reduce our security budget substantially by returning to APS. If you don’t see them often, be aware that they devote more time to areas that seem to need it than to others.

ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-MAINTENANCE) EXPENDITURES

Non-maintenance expenditures were significantly under budget again. We have continued to save on legal expense as a result mainly of changes in collections management at Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). Water quality assessments have continued to be somewhat lower than budgeted, but are increasing

our investments and \$6,700 received from the county’s roadway reimbursement program. At the end of 2017, we had over \$1,700,000 invested for replacement reserves.

We undertook no major capital projects during 2017. We recently did some street repair and concrete work.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018

We have a considerable list of trees needing attention. On the capital side, there likely will be some additional asphalt repair needed, and we want to replace lighting fixtures along walking paths. Our investment accounts are consistent with where our reserve study indicates we need to be.

If you have questions, contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327, or e-mail asteward@mvmf.org.

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

2018 Parking Tags

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Several vehicles have been seen in the Middle Village parking lots displaying the 2017 park-ing tags. Those vehicles are subject to towing without notice.

The 2017 parking tags expired on December 31, 2017. Vehicles of homeowners/tenants will now be towed if they are parked in their reserved space or open space, anytime of the day or night, and display an expired parking tag.

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

TOWING

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

"Parking tag/permit must be clearly/properly displayed, on the driver's side, facing the front windshield, on vehicles parked in a reserved parking space, or parked in the community overnight. Tags/permits can be hung from the rear view mirror or taped to the driver's side dashboard or front windshield, front side facing toward the windshield."

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

"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 exempt."

"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."

The full MVHC Parking Policy is available online at www.comsource.com.

TRASH PICKUP MISSED?

Did Potomac Disposal neglect to pick up your trash on collection day? Call them immediately at 301-294-9700 to report the oversight, and leave your secured trash can in its regular pickup location. Call ComSource if your trash is still not collected after you report the missed pickup to Potomac Disposal.

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 dmatthews@comsource.com or sumali@comsource.com.

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Trash, recycling and rodents!

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

Trash and recycling continue to be a problem in Maryland Place. We have purchased our homes in Maryland Place as an investment. Dumping trash, recycling and furniture on community property is against our by-laws and county laws. Furniture and building materials require a special pickup costing the whole community money – money that could be spent on beautifying the community or maybe a community picnic. If you see someone placing trash, recycling or furniture on community property, take a picture of the offender and report it to the community manager.

Placing of plastic bags of trash outside your yard or community property attracts rodents. Nobody wants to have rats in the community, it is a health hazard. Rats are here because we are providing them with plastic bags of free food! Montgomery County law states that all trash is to be kept in plastic or metal trash cans with lids at all times.

Trash is picked up from the rear of your house on Mondays and Thursdays, except for holidays. All trash is to be put out for pickup in a closed plastic or metal trash can outside your

rear yard/fence after 9 p.m. the evening before. All trash cans must be returned to your yard, inside your fence the day of pickup. Trash cans are never to be left outside of your fence or on community property after pickup.

Recycling in Maryland Place is picked up on Thursdays, except for holidays. If you mow your grass or rake leaves on Saturdays or Sundays, please do not place paper bags or cans full of your yard waste on community property when you're done. It is to remain in your rear yard on your property until it can be placed in your front yard for pickup. Grass and leaves are to be in paper bags. If they are placed in plastic bags they will not be picked up. Please place your blue bins, paper grass/leaf bags and cans of other yard waste on your front lawn after 9 p.m. the night before for pickup. Recycling bins must be returned to your property after pickup and must be kept out of sight.

Let's all work together as a community and stop this; let's make Maryland Place the cleanest and prettiest community in Montgomery Village!

Maryland Place Messages is for residents of Maryland Place.

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Parking enforcement

by the South Village Board of Directors

Effective Tuesday, Jan. 2, Silver Horse Security Services began to service the community, with their primary focus being parking enforcement. Just like our residents should be doing, if Silver Horse sees something suspicious, they will notify the police; otherwise they will enforce the parking and towing policies. Our hope is to get the violators to recognize they must abide by the rules. If you are aware of a vehicle in violation, please e-mail southvillagehc@mof.org or contact management at 301-948-0110 with the location, type of vehicle, violation and license place (when possible). During their first month of service to South Village, Silver Horse has been successful in identifying quite a few vehicles in violation and had a number of vehicles towed.

Residents are reminded that Covenant Compliance Inspections will begin in spring;

please work to get your homes and yards ready for inspection. The Private Property Maintenance Policy can be viewed online through your Resident Dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com, or a copy may be obtained by e-mailing southvillagehc@mof.org.

By way of reminder, bulk trash items are never to be placed out on community property. Residents may arrange with Potomac Disposal, 301-294-9700, to arrange for a bulk pickup and shall not place those items out for pickup until 7 p.m. the date before the scheduled pickup. As a courtesy, a note should be placed on those items to identify that proper arrangements have been made. Residents found in violation of the trash policy will be subject to a fine.

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Parking and trash

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

In January 2018, Silver Horse Security Services began to service the community, with their primary focus on parking enforcement. The hope is to get the violators to recognize they must abide by the parking rules. If you are aware of a vehicle in violation, please e-mail to pattonridgehc@mof.org or contact management at 301-948-0110 with the location, type of vehicle, violation and license place (when possible). During their first month of

service to Patton Ridge, the association has been successful in identifying over 100 vehicles in violation and had a number of vehicles towed. Residents are reminded that parking on the inner portion of the circle at the end of Arrowhead Road is prohibited by law.

Recently, a neighbor was seen placing furniture on community property. When questioned, it was indicated that the furniture was free for anyone to take. Residents are reminded to never leave household items out for pickup unless an ar-

range has been made for bulk pickup. Arrangements for bulk pickup may be made by contacting J&J Trash Service, 800-465-2350, and items may be placed out after 7 p.m. the night before the planned pickup. In an effort to avoid confusion and unnecessary charges, please leave a note on bulk items to identify that the necessary arrangements have been made.

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

HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Can we find you in an emergency?

by the Stedwick Board of Directors

In an emergency, police, fire and rescue workers depend on visible house numbers to find you as quickly as possible. Finding your home—especially at night—can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, poorly lit or have missing numbers. This can delay emergency responders from getting to you, and in an emergency, every second counts.



Do you know what the county and/or Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) requirements are for displaying your house number? What size can it be? Where do I locate it? What style am I allowed to use? Can I put the number on the curb?

Is your house number visible from the street? Is it set on a background of contrasting color? If your house is hidden from the street, is your number attached to a visible fence, mailbox or gate? If you live on a corner, does your house number face the street named in your address?

If you've answered "no" to any of these questions, review the guidelines below to make sure your house number is easy to read:

1. Numbers must be visible from the street. Existing original residential home numbering can be 3½ inches high, but not exceed 5 inches in height; replacement numbers must be 5 inches high and must match the original in design and material.
2. Numbers should be placed on a contrasting background to make them more visible – light on dark, dark on light.
3. Repair or replace aging address number placards, especially on mailboxes that are a distance from the front of the residence.
4. Prune any bushes, tree limbs or other growth that has covered your house numbers.
5. Numbers should be placed to the left, right or imme-

diately overhead of the entranceway. If your door is not easily seen from the street, numbers should be on a post, fence mailbox according to specific community criteria.

The MVF House Address Number Guidelines are meant to comply not only with Montgomery Village's community standards but also with the Montgomery County Fire and Safety Code. The guidelines are available online at

www.montgomeryvillage.com/sites/default/files/guidelines/House%20number%20guidelines.pdf. If numbers need to be relocated from the original location for any reason, homeowners must submit a Property Improvement Request application to the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The ARB will consider additional sets of house address numbers on an individual basis.

Specific community criteria regarding house numbers can be found on your Resident Dashboard at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information or help regarding house numbers, changes or additional placement, contact the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.

PET STATION UPDATE

Last year the Stedwick board looked into the Montgomery County program for installing pet waste stations. The process took longer than we thought, but we finally have the six stations installed around our community. Locations include: Forest Brooke, Club Hill, Clusters I, Clusters II and on Stedwick Road near the entrance to The Heights.

There are bags and a receptacle for the waste at each station. The county maintains these for one year, and then Stedwick Homes Corporation will take over maintenance.

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



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION Department of Recreation and Parks

Pool Manager* Starting at \$14.25/hr.** <small>Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least one season of experience in an assistant pool manager position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</small>	Assistant Pool Manager* Starting at \$13.25/hr.** <small>Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</small>	Senior Lifeguard* Starting at \$12.75/hr. <small>Must be at least 17 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</small>
Lifeguard* Starting at \$11.75/hr.** <small>Must be at least 15 years of age. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.</small>	Desk Attendant* Starting at \$8.75/hr. <small>Must be at least 15 years of age, be able to work independently, learn all policies associated with the position and have ability to effectively convey the information to public. Working outdoors as a pool slide attendant may be included as part of the duty.</small>	Swim Instructors <small>Swim Instructor positions available. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.</small>

For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail ppadilla@mvf.org. Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com (go to MVF and click on Job & Volunteer Opportunities). *Contract completion bonus. **Salary based on experience. EOE

MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is offering a

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reimbursement

for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2017 and the date they are hired by MVF, and work at least 320 hours during the 2018 season.

All positions open until filled.



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AT YOUR LEISURE

Low Vision information series

Residents are invited to attend a free Low Vision information series at Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odenhal Avenue, Gaithersburg, in the Kindley building. The series is held at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday

of each month. Each meeting features a new guest speaker. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28.

For more information, call Susan Grotenhuis at 301-216-4955.

AAUW presents talk with former congresswoman

The Gaithersburg Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host former congresswoman Connie Morella at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Morella will present "A Personal and Political Journey

through Milestones and Millstones—in Heels" at Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Community Center, 301 Odendhal Avenue, Gaithersburg.

Parking is available on site. For more information, call 301-840-5443.

Master Gardener's annual spring conference

Montgomery County residents are invited to attend the 18th annual Montgomery County Master Gardener Spring Conference taking place in Derwood on Saturday, Feb. 24 (snow date Saturday, March 3).

The daylong event features multiple workshops, morning snacks, a delicious bag lunch, door prizes, networking with other gardeners, answers to your gardening questions, handouts and reference materials. Participants can attend three of nine concurrent workshops, all taught by Master Gardeners and staff from the University of Maryland and UMD Extension.

This year's focus is "Garden Solutions for Our Changing Environment." Presentation topics include gardening in a changing

climate, building healthy soils, garden bugs, living fences, vegetable and herb gardens, pruning, weed control and much more.

The event will take place at the University of Maryland Extension Montgomery County Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, at the Agricultural History Farm Park.

For more details and registration information, visit <http://goo.gl/i4nalm>, e-mail mcmgconference@gmail.com or call 301-590-2836. Advance registration is \$55 per person (box lunch included); \$50 each for groups of two or more. Register directly at <https://springmcmgconference2018.eventbrite.com>.

The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 16. Space is limited and workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Election workers needed for 2018 Gubernatorial Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election workers at polling places for the Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 26.

- Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county; particularly in Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Potomac and Rockville.
- Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages are also needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polling places.
- Students 16 or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State. Students serving as elec-

tion workers may choose to earn 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of the stipend.

To serve in this paid volunteer position all election workers must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland; speak, read and write the English language; and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. This includes an online quiz and classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working the election. We offer several different positions. To apply online, or for more information, visit www.777vote.org and select "Election Workers."

For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org or the Maryland State Board of Elections website at <https://elections.maryland.gov>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook, Twitter (@777vote) and Instagram@777vote.

SCHOOL NEWS

Refurbished vehicle and computer sale

"Spring ahead" of the pack 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, Feb. 24 (snow date Saturday, March 3) at Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus. For more information, e-mail Kelly Johnson at Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org or www.itfcareers.org.



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RECREATION

Indoor Flea Market

No need to wait for warm weather to sell or shop for great flea market bargains! Mark Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on your

calendar now! If you've got no-longer-used treasures you'd like to sell, there is still time to reserve one of the few remaining spaces. For more information or to reserve a space, call 301-948-0110.

Free Winter Concert

The Montgomery Village Community Band, under the direction of Steven Wampler, will present their annual Winter Concert at Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road, on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. This free

concert is open to the public and will be held in the school auditorium. Musical selections will include Morton Gould's "American Salute," Holsinger's "Havendence" and "Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin/Hunsberger.

Youth Leadership Workshop

Get on the fast track to MVF's Counselor-In-Training Program! Teens ages 13 to 17 can attend the Youth Leadership Workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27 to Thursday, March 29 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This interactive workshop provides an opportunity for teens to engage in exciting and empowering activities that will further their leadership skills and give them priority in the CIT selection process.

The workshop will focus on program planning, leading activities, job readiness and

interview skills. Portions of this workshop will be eligible for Student Service Learning hours, with the ability to earn up to 12 hours during the three-day program. Those who complete the program are also invited to participate in the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED blending learning course offered by Montgomery Village Foundation in June at our reduced staff rate (\$29).

For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338.

SSL Opportunity

The MVF Department of Recreation and Parks has an opportunity for students to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

In preparation for the 2nd Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt, we'll be filling nearly

3,000 plastic eggs with candy and other fun goodies! While we fill eggs, we'll also be talking to students about the SSL opportunities this summer and have Counselor-In-Training applications available.

For information or to sign up to help, e-mail Melanie Maggi at mmaggi@mef.org. Students must be 13 ½ or older.

POP Pilates

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

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

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

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

Camp Tiny Feet



Don't delay - register today! Campers ages 3 years 9 months to 6 love spending their summer mornings at Camp Tiny Feet. Led by MCPS 1st grade teacher, Megan Gesualdi, activities will range from exciting group games and S.T.E.M. projects to arts and crafts!

Each session also features one visiting performer or extra special activity along with daily swim lessons (weather permitting). Camp Tiny Feet runs in 2-week sessions, June to August, and is held at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



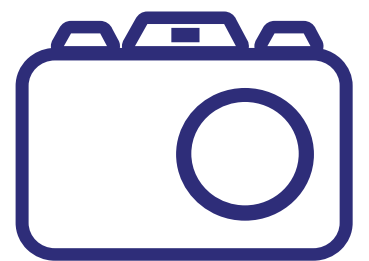
For more information or to register visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/recreation/camps or call 01-948-0110.

MV Camera Club

Join fellow photography enthusiasts from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Club member Michael Brown will discuss the photographic technique of depth of field. Members are asked to bring their

cameras for the presentation.

The MV Camera Club meets regularly on the third Saturday of each month. To receive updates and meeting notices via e-mail, send your e-mail address to Derrick Tabor at dtab221@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for upcoming notices!



**\$3 before Thursday, March 22;
\$5 at the gate**

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24

6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

SOUTH VALLEY PARK – GORDON W. BOWIE MUSIC PAVILION
Parking available at 19003 Watkins Mill Road

**Bring your flashlight and a basket to fill;
it's so exciting you can't sit still!**

**A few special eggs hide in plain sight;
Pick one up it will make your night!**

**Bring your own basket to collect plastic
eggs filled with candy/prizes.**

Bring your own flashlights as well!

**Early hunt times for the younger set will
not require a flashlight.**

Hunt times are based on age group:

ages 2 to 4	7:10 to 7:20 p.m.
ages 5 to 7	7:30 to 7:40 p.m.
ages 8 to 12	7:50 to 8 p.m.
all ages	8:10 to 8:20 p.m.

**Please arrive at the pavilion 10 minutes
before your age group's start time.**

For more information or to register, call Melanie Maggi 240-243-2338,
e-mail mmaggi@mef.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

RECREATION

Creative Discovery 2018-2019 School Year

Enrollment for Montgomery Village's recreational preschool program is underway! Creative Discovery is for students ages 3 and 4 years old (entering kindergarten in 2019/2020). Through engaged learning, students will develop strong cognitive, physical and social skills which are the foundation for academic success.

Daily activities focus on themes such as colors, science,

numbers, technology and the alphabet! We plan our learning activities around MCPS kindergarten requirements in order to ensure that students are up to speed and ready to shine in elementary school.

For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/recreation/

creative-discovery, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org.



Whetstone Afterschool Club

Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m. now through June!

Students in grades K to 5 have after school fun in a well supervised and friendly environment. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts & crafts and homework help. MVF staff will pick up participants from Whetstone Elementary School immediately after school dismissal and walk them to Whetstone Community

Center (WCC), 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Students from Stedwick and Watkins Mill elementary schools are welcome to participate; parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to WCC. Snacks will be provided for participants. Please note, there is no club when MCPS is closed for a full day.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase

the minimum 20-day punch card. Punch cards expire on Tuesday, June 12.

Not sure if the program is right for you? Come and try it out! For a free one-day trial, or to add days to your registration, call 301-948-0110. Pre-registration required.

For more information, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.org.

Lego Block Party

Get the whole family together for Lego fun from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April. 13 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. In addition to tables of Legos for free-building, Play-Well TEKnologies will be leading a "Basketball" activity with Lego launchers and ping pong

balls! We'll also build a giant tower—as tall we can get it!

This event is for children and adults ages 5 and older. Early registration is encouraged and costs \$10/Resident child and \$15/Non-resident child; adults are free with a paying participant.



Tiny Tots Playtime for ages 5 and younger

Help your little one burn off energy this winter while you come to play time in the gym. Have fun interacting with your little one while you play with balls, hula-hoops, scooters, parachutes, climbing mats and more! Parents must supervise children at all times.

Join the fun from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Fridays through March 16. Tiny Tots Playtime costs \$30/Resident, \$40/Non-resident and \$12/additional children in the same family. Not sure you will be able to come every Friday morning? Try it out with the Drop-In option for only \$3/Resident and \$4/Non-resident each week.

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

44th Annual ART, CRAFT & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

North Creek Community Center • 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, March 10 1 to 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 11

Artists' Reception Sunday, March 11 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Registration: Thursday, March 8 from 3 to 8 p.m. \$3 per entry. Limit 4 entries per artist. Pieces must not exceed 28-inches in any direction and must be mounted and ready to hang with wire—no tape, string, yarn or fishing line.

Divisions: *7 years and under, 8 to 12 years, 13 to 17 years, 18 to 25 years, 25 years and over, Professional

Each division will be judged in the following categories:

*7 and under division is for Exhibition Only.

- A. Oil/Acrylics
- B. Watercolors
- C. Pastels
- D. Crafts/Textiles
- E. Drawing/Printing/Graphics
- F. Digital Art (imagery created entirely on the computer or captures using a digital camera and having significant changes made)
- G. Photography/Black and White (minimal adjustments to original)
- H. Photography/Color (minimal adjustments to original)
- I. Pottery/Sculpture
- J. Mixed Media/Miscellaneous

Artists can download registration forms at www.montgomeryvillage.com, pick them up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org. No entries will be accepted before registration on Thursday, March 8.



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

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FREE
ADMISSION FOR
SHOPPERS

INDOOR Flea Market

Limitless treasures to buy or sell! Bargains galore!

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

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

Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 25

Regular Vendor Space (6' x 8')
includes 6' table

\$25/Resident
\$30/Non-resident

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.
*Company/product affiliation required at registration

RECREATION

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

Babysitting is often a teenager's first business. Babysitter Training from the American Red Cross builds confidence to hold, feed and care for infants and toddlers; work with children safely; and deal with emergencies. It also teaches lifelong entrepreneurial and career development skills.

The fun, fast-paced class includes hands-on activities, videos, role-plays, take-home training materials and discussion that will teach:

- basic child-care skills such as diapering and feeding

- choosing age-appropriate games and toys
- handling bedtime and disciplinary issues
- identifying safety hazards and preventing injuries
- caring for common injuries and emergencies
- communicating effectively with parents
- finding and interviewing for babysitting jobs

Participants should bring a non-perishable lunch.

Babysitter Training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. To add on

CPR and First Aid Certification, students must attend on Saturday, March 17 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. as well. Classes will be in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance

Father/Daughter duos enjoyed our 10th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at North Creek Community Center. With nearly 100 people in attendance, novelties included special

goodie bags, tasty treats and the inaugural use of our new 500 balloon drop! As always, couples received a keepsake photo to cherish the evening for years to come.



photos by Dora Kreitzer and Lauren Morning



BANG Power Dance™ with Heidi

Our Zumba instructor is taking on a new class—join Heidi on Tuesdays for BANG Power Dance! This urban-inspired dance/fitness class is a fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training. This class will take

your workout to a whole new level. Using a carefully designed mix of today's hottest music, BANG Power Dance will inspire you to get fit and move!

Join the fun from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 20. Class

cost is \$66/Resident, \$76/Non-resident or \$7 to drop-in. For more information or to register call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Discounts
and Door
Prizes

Sunday, March 11
2 to 4 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Bring the family to this fun-filled afternoon where you can meet with supervisors and staff representing the wide variety of summer day camps and activities offered by MVF Department of Recreation and Parks.

There will be activities, crafts and games for potential campers and loads of information for curious parents. This is a great way to find the best fit for your camper and to explore exciting summer programs for the entire family.



Field Trips • Aquatics • Art • Cooking • STEM • Activity Centers • CIT Opportunities



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MV SENIORS

seniors in | action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

WINTER Session

now through May 18

No meeting Feb. 19

MONDAY

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

Various creative projects for all levels.

SiA Social Games 10 a.m. to noon

Games, conversation and refreshments.

Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

beginning March 19

This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong!
Limited equipment available for use.

Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m.
meets once each month

Feb. 26: "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict

March 19: "When Paris Sizzled" by Mary McAuliffe

April 16: "Mission to Paris" by Alan Furst

TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

Seated Tai Chi 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low impact movements of Tai Chi.

WEDNESDAY

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

Games, conversation and refreshments.

THURSDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

SiA Social Games 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Games, conversation and refreshments.

Total Body Tune-Up 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Fun and easy to follow exercise for all fitness levels.

FRIDAY

Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch Noon to 2 p.m.
second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with friends. **Free for members, \$2/Non-member**

Next Play Date: March 9

There is something to do
Monday through Friday
every day of the week!

A look back...



SiA members played BINGO and enjoyed their monthly potluck lunch as they listened to guest speaker Sarah Mecklenburg, an Outreach Library Associate for the Montgomery County Public Libraries. She gave a presentation about useful library content from the website.

Up next...

Welcome back Seniors in Action members!

Please remember to sign in when you attend a program at SiA. You will find the sign in sheet at the front desk when entering Stedwick Community Center. Let's have another great year at Seniors in Action!



SIA FIELD TRIPS

We are finalizing the dates and time of the SiA trips for 2018. Please stay tuned for updates in the *Village News* and at Stedwick Community Center.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Montgomery Village Department of Recreation and Parks follows Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) cancellations, early closing and delayed opening for activities and programs.

1. When MCPS are closed for the day Monday through Friday, all MVF Department of Recreation and Parks classes and programs scheduled for that day will be cancelled.

2. When MCPS dismisses school early and/or when after-school activities are cancelled, all afternoon and evening MVF Department of Recreation and Parks classes and activities scheduled to be held in MVF facilities will be cancelled. When there is a two-hour delayed opening of Montgomery County Schools, all Department of Recreation and Parks classes and programs that begin prior to noon, will be cancelled (except Seniors in Action and Creative Discovery, which will meet at 10 a.m.).

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, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mrvf.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEER - SPRING BREAK
CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

Spend spring break helping out your community and earning up to 25 SSL hours! The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens ages 14 to 16 to learn skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 26 to Friday, March 30. Each day there will be a different project. Projects will include park cleanup, beaver mitigation, routine playground maintenance and more. Interviews for these limited volunteer positions will be held at the beginning of March.

To apply, send a résumé and cover letter to Amy Roswurm at aroswurm@mvf.org. Successful completion and good performance in this volunteer spring break program will lead to hiring preference for the six-week summer program.

For more information contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.

DOCK MANAGER

Duties include supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation. Rent boats to visitors, collect fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcing park rules. The Manager opens and closes the boat dock each business day, monitors and performs maintenance of boats and completes daily operating reports.

Salary starting at \$13.00 per hour.

ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER

Assist in the supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation. Rent boats to visitors, collect fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcing park rules. Assist with the opening and closing of the boat dock each business day, monitor maintenance of boats and complete operating reports as requested.

Salary starting at \$12.50 per hour.

SUBSTITUTE ASST. DOCK MANAGER

Assist in the supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation, on an as needed basis. Rent boats to visitors, collect fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trashcans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcing park rules. Assist with the opening and closing of the boat dock each business day, monitor maintenance of boats and complete operating reports as requested.

Substitutes are called on an as-needed basis and there is no guarantee on the number hours offered.

Salary starting at \$12.50 per hour.

Work is performed outdoors in various weather conditions. The typical hours of work are 10:45 am to 7:15 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day and Labor Day. This seasonal opportunity runs from May 5 through September 23.

Requirements: Min. age 18, CPR & First Aid certified, Maryland Boating Safety Certification or have the ability to obtain one prior to employment.

Applications may be obtained at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.

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CONSERVATION
CORPS WORKERS

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens ages 14 to 16 to spend six weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects will include park clean up and wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management project, etc. Candidates must have a work permit and be available to work from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, from Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, Aug. 4. Conservation Corps Workers will be required to work Wednesday, July 4. There are a limited number these positions available.

Pay rate: \$8.75 per hour or Student Service Learning hours

Application deadline is Saturday, March 31. Interviews will be scheduled in April.

CONSERVATION
CORPS SUPERVISOR

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking an individual with strong leadership skills to direct crew of five teens for park and environmental projects. Typical work hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for six weeks from Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, Aug. 4, with additional training hours during the week of June 18. Conservation Corps Supervisor will be required to work Wednesday, July 4. Additional hours may be available with other duties. Supervisory experience working with children/teens preferred.

Pay rate begins at \$13.00 per hour.

Requirements: Minimum age 18 years, Valid drivers' license with good driving record

SWIM INSTRUCTORS

If you are an experienced swimmer, have good command of the basic swim strokes and are interested in working with children and/or adults, this might be the summer job for you. Hours are limited, with weekday morning, evening and/or Sunday evening hours available. Minimum age to apply is 16. Red Cross certification is preferred but not required. Current and former competitive swimmers are encouraged to apply. Training is available.

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2314 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org. EOE.

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DEADLINE** **MONDAY,
MARCH 5**

Classified Advertising Order Form

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- ☐ Garage Sale
- ☐ House for Sale
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Submit a photo
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Classified Rates: \$12 for 20 words or less and 40 cents for each additional word. Phone numbers count as one word.
Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday prior to issue date **Payment Due:** \$ _____

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