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The 9th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance was enjoyed by 80 participants; daughters and dads had a blast! Couples enjoyed yummy refreshments, cute corsages 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.

Take advantage of Summer Camp Early Bird Discounts!

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture offers fantastic opportunities at established camps for youth 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, participate in science experiments and of course, have fun! Camp Tiny Feet offers swimming lessons at no additional cost, and camps Soaring Stars and Racing Wind have a new afternoon swim lesson option!

New this summer are themed camp weeks, each with a special guest or awesome field trip!

Early bird pricing is still available, but don't delay! The special 10 percent discount ends on Wednesday, March 15!

Camps Soaring Stars for ages 6 to 8 and Racing Wind for ages 9 to 12 are both located at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The focus is on fun with challenging activities, games, exciting field trips and special events. Four and 5-year-olds have a blast at Camp Tiny Feet, a special morning only camp that includes swim lessons.

For the complete Summer Camp Guide, more information or details, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 301-948-0110. Online registration is available.

Village Center community meeting postponed

Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC), the owner of the Village Center, had previously scheduled a community meeting regarding the center for Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Due to some changes in the sketch plan, this meeting is being postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

When a new date is determined, notice will be posted in the *Village News* and online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Your OTE is important!

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 3.**

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

For information on the candidates, read the transcript from the Candidate's Forum beginning on page 9 or view the video online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

INDOOR Flea Market

Saturday, Feb. 25

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 26

Limitless treasures to buy or sell! Bargains galore!

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



LOOK INSIDE

Now is the time to start thinking spring home projects



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Find your personal Valentine's Day message from a loved one



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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. 23 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 1 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.

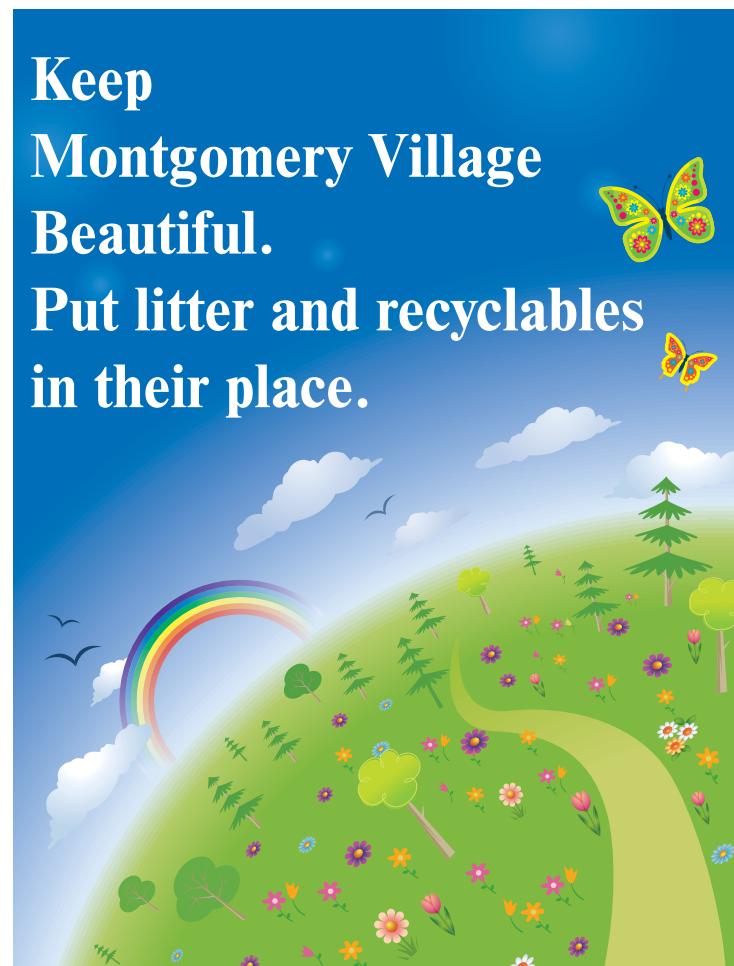
AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 3 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Ballot count is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, also at the MVF Office.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 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 14 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the NOLI office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road #3. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PATTON RIDGE

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

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

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EVP'S MESSAGE

What's happening around the Village



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE PROFESSIONAL CENTER

A number of residents have contacted MVF about the future of the Professional Center. Transwestern, who manages this property for owner Northstar, has informed MVF that there is one last tenant who would vacate no later than Wednesday, March 1 and then all the buildings would be secured.

All of the glass openings to all the buildings would be secured with plywood, and lighting around buildings would remain operable. They will regularly monitor the buildings and grounds but do not plan to hire a security guard. They will continue to cut the grass and perform other landscaping services, but maybe not to the same level.

Snow removal on sidewalks would continue and they have to plow a lane around the parking lot during snow for fire department access. MVF will continue to monitor the site and keep in touch with Transwestern to do our best to ensure that this property is not neglected.

MVF has also contacted the county police who have indicated that patrol officers will visit the site regularly. County Code Enforcement has also been notified to keep watch as they do inspection tours.

Transwestern has talked with a number of developers, both commercial and residential, about redeveloping the property, but no contract has been executed.

EAST VILLAGE MEETING REGARDING SIREN NOISE FROM PSTA

After a number of complaints from East Village residents concerning police car siren noise emanating from the new Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA), MVF facilitated the scheduling of a meeting with the East Village board, community members, PSTA managers and other county officials to deter-

mine what could be done to mitigate neighborhood impact.

The meeting was held on February 15 at the PSTA and hosted by Police Captain Ed Pallas, from the police department, who manages the PSTA operations and Fire Captain Adam Jones, the lead trainer for county fire and rescue services.

From the very beginning it was noted that the police only use sirens during training and that noise would be limited to several weeks during each academy class, which are held twice a year. Fire and rescue training does not use sirens.

Pallas and Adams described in detail the training objectives for academy recruits, the need for state certifications including active training scenarios, the equipment they utilize during the training and the training schedule for the recruit classes. They were both sympathetic to any negative impacts the training facility was having on the neighboring residents and emphasized that the PSTA wanted to be a good neighbor while at the same time fulfilling their important mission of training public safety personnel to protect the public and keep everyone safe.

Captain Pallas and another lead police trainer described how important it was for the training to be active with sirens on, using the training track and the city scape facility where role playing was done by police officers, acting criminals and bystanders. Pallas agreed that East Village residents would be notified when training would involve sirens. He also said that sirens would not be used at night and that careful consideration would be given when daytime siren training would be completed. Ed Pallas noted that he is going to work with Upcounty Regional Services Center Director Cathy Matthews to plan a community-wide tour of the PSTA in April.

GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT PRE-SITE PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

Monument Realty shared their latest plans with interested residents on February 6 at the Whetstone Community Center. M-NCPPC required the developer to meet with residents prior to submitting a preliminary plan or site plan to the Planning Department for review. The plan includes a total of 488 units (32 single family homes and 456 townhouses) on six areas of the original golf course property. A plan showing the central park was also displayed. The park, once built by Monument, will be owned and maintained by MVF.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 23, 2017
North Creek Community Center - 7:30 p.m.

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 26, 2017
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Acceptance of Action List

ACTION LIST

Decision Items:

- A. Consider request for membership to the Communications Committee
 - B. Consider amendments to MVF Personnel Manual
 - C. Consider approval of Thomas Choice Condominium limited pool use agreement
 - D. Consider reaffirmation of email vote by MVF Board to purchase new slide for wading pool at Whetstone Pool
 - E. Consider bid for pre-season pool work
7. Committee Reports - barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - C. Audit
 - D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
 - E. Committee on Environment (COE)
 - F. Communications
 - G. Election
 - H. Nominating
 - I. Personnel
 - J. Recreation
 - K. Investment Committee
 8. Board Member Issues
 9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to -
 - (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.
 - (i.) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
 - (iv.) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters.
 10. Adjournment

Residents with financial background needed for Investment Committee


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

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

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

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

Take a look in the Recreation section to find YOUR Game and register online today!

				<div><div>Don't Miss It!</div><div>Feb. 17 Wine & Paint 20 President's Day - MVF Office Closed 25 Indoor Flea Market March 3 MVF Ballot Deadline 4 MVF Ballot Count 11 Art, Craft and Photography Show</div></div>		<div><div>Village News 17</div><div>Wine & Paint 7 to 9 pm – SCC (21 or older)</div></div>		18					
19		20 Presidents' Day MVF Office Closed		21		22 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Normandie I 7 pm – NOLI Office (Ann. Mtg.) South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)		23 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR (Meet the Candidates" – 7 pm)		24		25 Indoor Flea Market 10 am to 3 pm – LMCC	
26		27 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm – NCBR		28 Middle Village HD 7 pm – TCPR Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting) Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Office		March 1 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC		2 Village News 3 MVF Ballot Deadline – 5 pm Election Committee 7 pm – MVF Office		4 MVF Ballot Count 9 am – MVF Office			
5		6		7 Audit Committee 7 pm – NCBR		8 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC		9 Registration for Art, Craft & Photography Show 3 to 8 pm – NCCC Whetstone HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)		10		11 Art, Craft & Photography Show 1 to 5 pm – NCCC	
12 Daylight Saving Time begins Art, Craft & Photography Show 1 to 5 pm – NCCC (Artists' Reception – 4 pm)		13 Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR		14 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.) Eastgate HC 7:30 pm – LMCC (Annual Meeting)		15 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC Maryland Place HC 7 pm – WCC (Annual Meeting) MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC (Annual Mtg.)		16 Village News 17 Home Improvement Guide Spring Recreation Guide		18 Home Show 9 am to 3 pm – LMCC			

KEY:		
BMP	Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)	NCBR
CTS	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC
LMCC	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP
		TCPR.....
		WCC
		WHPR.....

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

1. The *Montgomery Village News* Letters to the Editor section is a community forum for Montgomery Village residents and/or property owners. In addition, at the Editor's discretion, the *Montgomery Village News* may print letters of appropriate interest to residents from others, including representatives of local schools, governments and businesses. Campaign letters are prohibited, except for Montgomery Village Foundation and Village homes corporation elections. The views expressed in the Letters to the Editor section are those of the authors of the letters and not necessarily those of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) or its Board of Directors.

2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication.

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

4. Letters must bear the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. The sole use of pen names, initials or the complete omission of a signature will eliminate a letter from consideration from publication. A request from the author to withhold the name or mark the letter anonymous will eliminate the letter from consideration.
5. All letters are subject to condensation or deferral to the next issue by the

editor for space considerations, if absolutely necessary. Editor is to so indicate any condensations.

6. All letters may not exceed 300 words. Longer letters will be eliminated from consideration for publication in the Village News. As time permits, the writers may be notified and given the opportunity to shorten the letter for future publication. Letters exceeding 300 words which meet all other criteria of this policy may be published on the MVF website.

7. The *Village News* respects the privacy of individuals and residents; letters should not contain references to specific persons, except when endorsing candidates for MVF or Village homes corporation elections or referencing a previously published article with a byline.

8. Letters submitted by an author regarding the same topic must present new information or opinions; repetitive submissions and/or form letters submissions will only be printed once.

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

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

- All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.

- As with letters delivered to the MVF office in person or by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received prior to the publication deadline.

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion, and extends the same opportunities to homeowner or condominium association boards regarding letters specifically aimed at those boards.

12. The Director of Communications, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to withhold from publication of inflammatory, slanderous, libelous, or lewd material, or material which may be an invasion of privacy, material deemed in bad taste and inconsistent with *Montgomery Village News* editorial policy, or other language which opens MVF to potential legal liability, and limit the number of letters on a given subject when the number is so large it presents a problem.

E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

I recently suggested the MVF Board revisit the reduced fees charged to Thomas Choice Condos (TCC) for their use of two swimming pools with recreational privileges. TCC pays \$10,000 annually, \$97/unit, while other Village residents, Designated Users (DU), pay \$413/unit. Our DU fees have increased over the past years, while TCC fees stay the same.

Most MVF Board members are justifying this by saying pools are underutilized and \$10,000 is used to reduce the DU fees accordingly. The emphasis is it is only for Stedwick and Watkins Mill pools, 2 of the 7 MVF pools.

1. Yes, the special membership is for only two pools. However, during a good part of the summer both the DU's and TCC residents share Stedwick's heated pool because it is the only pool open in Many and September and offers extended hours. Is this reasonable?
2. "A lower fee is justified because it does not include other recreational benefits like tennis courts and Lake

Marion's gym." Not correct – the back of the MVF/TCC Activity Card clearly reads "Recreation privileges in Montgomery Village are extended to card holders" as sent to residents of Thomas Choice Condos.

3. TCC owners pay quarterly MVF membership fees, which go to the General Fund, as do other condominium in the Village who under the covenants must fund their own pools. In Edna Miller's previous letter, she asks a valid question: "Does this cut rate fee set a dangerous precedent for current and new associations to challenge these covenants for the same deal?"

Is the Board saying "extra money is good, and our pools are underutilized?" Then why only \$10,000? TCC and other MV associations can use all 7 pools? Why not charge full price at \$413/unit? TCC alone would generate \$42,539 per year. Now we are making sense!

Ralph Colling
North Village

Editor:

When it comes to the second Whetstone Bylaw Vote, more must be said. The "Whetstone Watch" column in the February 3, 2017 *MV News* stigmatized the 133 residents who chose not to submit ballots in the earlier ballot attempt, even presuming to place the blame on them for the ballot failure. Except for the medical daycare amendment, the vote was not a failure for either those who voted or those who did not. These nonvoting residents, and all residents, have an individual right to vote or not vote based on assessing the situation they are presented with.

Since the earlier ballot of five amendments and a survey

question represented a clear overreach by the Whetstone board, the choice not to vote was a reasoned choice that proved decisive in defeating all ballot items. It is below contempt for the Whetstone board to publicly stigmatize these residents in this manner.

This second attempt to reduce the quorum requirement from $\frac{2}{3}$ to 50% needs to be viewed in the context of yet another board overreach. Should the quorum requirement be successfully reset to 50%, the Whetstone board would be free to conduct additional Bylaw Votes on any of the amendments that failed previously, such as, unrestricted truck parking in Whetstone, and do

so with a substantially higher likelihood of success. In effect, resident control of the community would be surrendered.

For my part, I recommend casting a vote on the amendment to prohibit the adult medical daycare business in Whetstone where it does not belong. I plan to skip the vote on the second amendment which would change the quorum requirement from $\frac{2}{3}$ to 50%. I will do this as a reasoned choice designed to defeat the measure by limiting the quorum count. I urge others to follow suit.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture

Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$14.12/hr.****

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.**

Assistant Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$12.62/hr.****

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.**

Senior Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$12.12/hr.**

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.**

Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$11.15/hr.****

Must be at least 15 years of age. **American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.**

Desk Attendant*

Starting at **\$8.60/hr.**

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.

Swim Instructors

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

County holiday schedule for Presidents' Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 20:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

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

Recreation – aquatic facilities and community centers open; aquatics programs will meet as scheduled; all other classes and programs cancelled; administrative offices and senior centers closed; 55+ Active Adult Programs are cancelled

Montgomery Parks – visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Special holiday schedule; visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/SpecialHoliday.html

Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com

Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

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

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

Parking at Public Garages, Lots and Curbside Meters – free

MCPS Schools and Administrative Office – closed

State Offices and Courts – closed

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

All positions open until filled.

IN THE NEWS

RSVP/AARP program offers free tax preparation

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program is providing free tax preparation assistance. This service is available to low-to-moderate income taxpayers who live or work in Montgomery County. Special attention is given to those age 60 and older.

The Tax-Aide program has more than 100 volunteers who are trained to prepare simple federal and Maryland state tax forms. Taxes are prepared at more than 20 different locations across Montgomery County, and an appointment is required. The program runs during tax season, the second week of February through Tuesday, April 18.

Individuals can learn more specifics and schedule an appointment online at www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide/overview or call 240-777-2577.

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 Third Annual Education Budget Meeting to discuss education funding in Montgomery County.

Topics at the meeting will include: how are budget decisions made; what the county doing today to prepare for FY18 and beyond; and opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions.

The Education Budget Meet-

ing will be held throughout the county on several days at different locations. The location most convenient to Montgomery Village residents is:

• **Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville, in the Cafeteria

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.

Shop Maryland Energy Tax Free Weekend for ENERGY STAR products

During Presidents' Day weekend, shoppers across Montgomery County can participate in the state's Shop Maryland Energy Tax Free Weekend, which gives residents a break on the six percent sales tax for qualifying ENERGY STAR products.

Energy Tax Free Weekend is a statewide sales tax holiday that highlights the importance of energy efficient appliances to the environment and residents' pocketbooks.

Energy Tax Free Weekend is a great opportunity to replace or upgrade appliances. Eligible ENERGY STAR appliances and lighting include: air conditioners, clothes washers, clothes dryers, furnaces, heat pumps, standard size refrigerators, LED light bulbs, dehumidifiers, boilers and programmable thermostats. For a full list of exempt items visit, www.marylandtaxes.com.

Programs like Energy Tax Free Weekend and the EPA's ENERGY STAR program help us reach our goals to reduce energy and save Montgomery County residents energy and money in their homes.

Residents using the weekend to upgrade appliances

could also take advantage of additional programs to recycle old appliances, such as old working refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers. Prior to purchasing new appliances, residents can contact their utility supplier to see if they are eligible for rebates and schedule pick up of the old appliance. Most appliances are eligible for either \$25 or \$50 in rebates.

This year, Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot came to Montgomery County to promote this weekend-long money saving event. He visited Nolan's Apache Appliance on February 6 to talk about the benefits of a tax-free weekend. Nolan's Apache Appliance has

also been a family owned and operated business since 1956 so this was an opportunity to highlight the family's 61 years of service to the community.

Nolan's Apache Appliance is only one of the many appliance stores that are celebrating Energy Tax Free Weekend. You can also pick up a rebate application for the appliances you buy at the appliance stores themselves. Saving money is always good news. Energy Tax Free Weekend is not only about saving money but it is also about doing good for the environment, which doubles the good news.

Staying Aware in the Village

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

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 18500 block of Boysenberry Drive between approximately 7 a.m. and approximately 7:20 p.m. on January 25. Forced entry; property was taken.

An attempted residential burglary occurred in the 18300 block of Lost Knife Circle between approximately 7:30 a.m. on January 29 and approximately 12:12 a.m. on January 30.

A residential burglary occurred in the 19500 block of Divot Place between approximately 2:30 p.m. and approximately 3:50 p.m. on January 27. Forced entry; property was taken.

Suspect: H/M, age unknown

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

An attempted strong-arm robbery occurred in the 19100 block of Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 10:14 p.m. on January 29.

Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages 19 to 26

STOLEN VEHICLE

A vehicle was stolen in the 10300 block of Royal Woods Court in the early morning hours of January 28. Unknown means of entry. The vehicle was recovered on January 29.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Three thefts from vehicles occurred between January 18 and January 23, including one on Aspenwood Court. No force; two of the vehicles were reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

Multiple other thefts from vehicles occurred during this reporting period. Affected streets include Battleridge Place, Grazing Way, Battery Bend Court, and Rushmore Court. No force; unknown means of entry into the vehicles; cash and property were taken.

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IN THE NEWS

Village logo license plates now available

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

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

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

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

Contribute to MVF’s 26th annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors

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 more than \$48,000.

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 MVF 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.

More information about county pet laws

UNWANTED CONTACT

The pet owner must prevent unwelcome or unsolicited threatening physical contact or close proximity to a person or a domestic animal that occurs outside the owner’s property that may cause alarm in a reasonable person, such as biting, chasing, tracking, inhibiting movement, or jumping.

- Penalty for Violation: \$500

AT LARGE

Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner’s premises and not leashed, unless it is a service dog, is in a dog exercise area designated by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or is participating in an approved activity.

Any other animal (i.e., cat or livestock animal) is at large if it is outside the owner’s premises and not leashed or immediately responsive to verbal or non-verbal direction.

The common area of a homeowner’s association, condominium or cooperative is not the owner’s premises.

- Penalty for Violation: \$100 for first offense, \$500 for each subsequent violation.

ANIMAL DEFECACTION

Under the “pooper scooper” law (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2)), an owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner’s property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash.

- Penalty for Violation – \$100

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ for the Montgomery Village Foundation Scholarship Fund.


Please make checks payable to either
Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or
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MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2017 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election was mailed on Friday, Feb. 3. **Your ballot should be completed promptly and dropped off at, or mailed to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 3.**

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.

2017 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

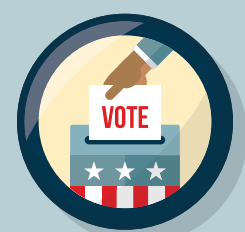
1. For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2016 (paid by Feb. 28, 2017).
2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
4. Place the ballot inside the 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 3, 2017.**
8. Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 4, 2017, 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 23, 2017 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.



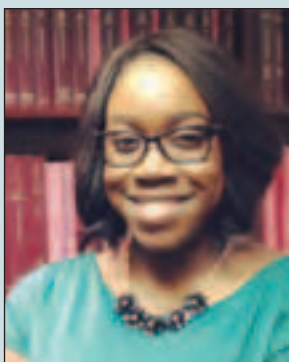
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

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



TAMMY HOLLOWAY



ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Meet the Candidates

Thursday,
Feb. 23
7 to 7:30 p.m.

North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road



PETER WEBB



PETE YOUNG

Montgomery Village Foundation

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 7 TO 7:30 P.M.
MEET THE CANDIDATES

North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 5 P.M.
Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 7 P.M.
ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 9 A.M.
OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING
Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1 P.M.
Ballot count results announced online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

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Montgomery Village Foundation 2017 Board of Directors Candidates' Forum



TAMMY HOLLOWAY



ISHMAEL SHERIFF



PETER WEBB



PETE YOUNG

MVF CANDIDATES' FORUM – 2017

The Montgomery Village Foundation held its annual Candidates' Forum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at North Creek Community Center.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Mr. Marsh, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He noted that each candidate will be allotted two minutes for an opening statement. He added that he will then solicit questions from the audience and each candidate will have one minute to respond to the question. Mr. Marsh reported that there were no questions submitted via e-mail. He noted that Ms. Holloway and Mr. Sheriff were running late and added that they will be given the opportunity to make their opening statements and answer all of the previous questions once they arrived.

OPENING STATEMENTS
FROM CANDIDATES

PETER WEBB

Good evening, I am Peter Webb. My wife Kate and I, along with our three-year-old son Will, have been residents of Montgomery Village for the last seven and a half years. I have served as the President of Eastgate Homeowner's Association for the last four years and I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the past three. I look forward to continuing my work serving the community. The last few years have been very exciting for us. We have new plans and new investors coming in to develop the golf course as well as the Village Center. It will be very important to make sure we closely work with our new partners, both to make the Village welcoming to future investment but also protecting our community's identity as we develop. We also need to keep our close relationship with the county as we move forward. The last few years we have worked very closely with them finalizing the Master Plan for the Village. We need to continue to work with county officials to ensure projects like MidCounty Highway are not funded, but also we address traffic in our region, which is an ongoing concern. Due to careful financial planning, we have been able to reinvest in our parks and pools. Upcoming, we are going to be

able to reopen the Apple Ridge Pool, which will be a leisure pool. We need to continue to make strategic investments, keep doing what we have been doing, to keep assessments as low as possible. I look forward to hearing your questions tonight and providing my view for how we can work together and continue the progress we have seen in the past few years. Thanks.

PETE YOUNG

Good evening, everyone. For those who don't know me, although I know many of the faces in the crowd here, my name is Pete Young. I am currently honored to serve as the President of the Village Foundation Board. I have been a member of the Village Board for the last six years. My wife Susan and I are in our 19th year here in the Village. We have raised our family, we have three children, two of which are now at University of Maryland College Park and I still have one in high school. Proud to have had our kids go through all levels of the public schools here in our community and we have been very engaged. A little bit about my background, as I mentioned I have been on the Board of Directors for the last six years. I have been serving on the Executive Committee since 2011 and the Investment Committee since 2014. I was also pleased to be able to serve on the Vision 2030 Committee, which really preceded our master planning effort and really formed the basis of a lot of our thinking regarding land use. Prior to that I served on the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee, which helped to build a roadmap for our reinvestment strategy for our Village amenities, many of which Pete talked about, and we are pleased to see coming to fruition as well. In addition, I have been pretty involved in our community outside of Village governance. I have been involved in our Whetstone swim team, all of our children have swam on that team and I have been the "A" meet representative as well as volunteer there. Also, at the high school level, Watkins Mill, I served as the Director of our Booster Club, the

Fundraising Chair for the PTSA and Boosters. Also have had some other community involvement that's in my bio that is online. I think one of the reasons I want to share with you that I am continuing to seek service in yours and my community is really to kind of complete some of the work that we started. I have been really involved in a lot of the imagining and re-envisioning of what we wanted the community to become over time and we are now just starting to see that come to fruition. While we have had terrific governance and leadership thus far, I am really excited to try to see some of these projects come to conclusion. And hopefully to not only increase the investment in our community, but help on the investment base and support financially of these new communities. Thank you.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Good evening, everybody, ladies and gentlemen. Excuse my tardiness, apologies. My name is Ishmael Sheriff. My opening statement is I am what you call a product of Montgomery Village. I was born in West Africa, Sierra Leone. I learned how to speak English in Stedwick Elementary by way of ESOL. I walked the halls of Montgomery Village Middle School and then eventually graduated on to Watkins Mill High School. I extended my further education on to West Point Military Academy, then I went into the United States Marine Corps. After my travels in the Corps, I had an honorable medical discharge and then I returned to Montgomery Village to then begin my work in Public Service. I was the Wellness Director, maybe some of you guys remember me from the YMCA. I was the Wellness Director here in Montgomery Village for about four years. Unfortunately, I was the young man that had to undergo the drama of losing our YMCA and endured that and transferred that into a wellness center for youth seeing that there was a demand in the community that was not being catered towards. I transferred that from the YMCA to a wellness center. That program was

successful for a year or two, we ran out of finances. Then I went on to work in a non-profit called INI. I was reaching out for Ebola and collecting and sending and shipping materials to foreign countries, third world countries. Now I am here to extend and continue my work in public service where I call home. I am a product of your community and I aspire to reflect that. Thank you.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

My name is Tammy Allison Holloway. My sincerest apologies for being late. I know that you guys were waiting, so again my sincerest apologies. I am a new resident to Montgomery Village. My family and I, which consists of my husband of three years and my 2-and-a-half-year-old son, we moved into Montgomery Village in the summer of 2015. What drew me to run for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board was because a lot of the neighbors and a lot of the moms in the Montgomery Village MOMS Club that I remember were asking a lot of questions about what's happening in the community and why. I noticed that a lot of people didn't have any answers, so I did a little research and I found out about the Board and I decided to run. I am very active in the community in DC where I work, but once I had my own family I decided to take a break from that and become active in the community in which I reside. Again, I'm a wife, I'm a mother, my choice of profession is the law and I believe that I have knowledge, the skills and the abilities that can assist the Board in making the best decisions for all of the residents of Montgomery Village. Thank you.

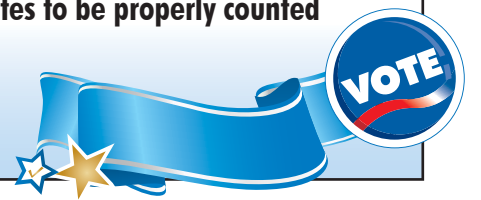
Mr. Marsh opened the floor for questions.

1. Orlow Zumwalt - My name is Orlow Zumwalt, I live in Whetstone. A question of each of you candidates. I am wondering if you would actively support the conversion of one of our swimming pools or build a new swimming pool for swimming to be available year round.

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PETE YOUNG

Thank you for the question. Near and dear to my heart, I was a member of the Y, our kids have all swum over the years. As part of the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee, if you have read that report, it was really a year-long effort of kind of identifying and prioritizing the amenities that the community would find most desirable. An indoor swimming facility was actually top of the list. On a personal level, I have been involved in multiple opportunities and discussions to try to find a way to either convert a facility or bring a facility into the community. I absolutely support that, but there is an enormous financial complexity to it. Depending upon how that might happen, we are trying to be very mindful of what the assessment impact would be, if in fact it was born completely by MVF. That's really the trick is that we are not a large enough community financially to take a project on like that ourselves, but if a public/private partnership presents itself, that might be interesting.

PETER WEBB

I agree, we did look closely when we were planning the current project at options for converting an indoor to year round. Aside from the cost and the budgetary impact, the footprint it would take and the feasibility of using our existing pads to accommodate such a facility just didn't seem workable. Yes, it would be nice, it was as Pete said a give and take of what we can do vs. what we want to do and it just didn't seem to be economically feasible at the time. We've got more pools coming on line for updates moving forward so it was part of our discussion frequently during the planning. I was only on the Board for the most recent pool, but it is on our minds and part of our discussion that certainly if it is possible moving forward it will be something we would like to do.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

You guys just went straight to the heart. Being the Wellness Director of the YMCA and being that I was in charge of the pool there and seeing the benefits that it had and the impact that it had on the community, knowing the positive attributes and the camaraderie that it brought. I do know there is a great deal of financial expenditures from my intimate experience with dealing and governing an indoor pool at that caliber. To answer the question, I would say yes. But I am saying that to say this, from having a pool at that caliber, it was very, very eloquent, maybe to have one a little smaller. Not as much demanding in regards to our financial expenditures would be a little bit more efficient. I will support that knowing the positive benefits and attributes that has to do with camaraderie and development of the kids and the community.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Again, a lot of my answers are going to sound like a broken record. I would have to carefully review all of the facts on both sides of the debate regarding new constructions, the benefits and the disadvantages, and hear what the residents have to say about it and make a carefully informed decision that benefits all of the residents of Montgomery Village.

2. Edna Miller - I am Edna Miller from Thomas Choice Gardens Condominiums in the Village. On January 26th, Montgomery Village Foundation Board meeting, Ralph Colling, during Residents Time, asked the Board about a cut rate Designated User fee for one association in order for them to use two pools. This separate rate of approximately \$97 per unit year for one association exists as an exception to the standard rate in Montgomery Village covenants. I am asking each of you as a new Board member, what would you want the Montgomery Village Board to do about enforcing Montgomery Village covenants and a \$97 Designated User fee policy?

PETER WEBB

Thanks for the question, Edna. We did discuss this at our prior Board meeting. Going back to my opening statement, one of my core directions by serving on the Board is trying to keep our assessments as low as possible while bringing in revenue. Sometimes we have to look at alternate revenue streams. I think the numbers we reviewed at our Board meeting, our pools are certainly an underutilized asset in the community. They are not held to capacity so being able to maximize our revenue by utilizing an underused resource, we are bringing in \$10,000 that we otherwise wouldn't bring in. To my knowledge, we haven't received complaints about capacity being reached or pools being overcrowded. Contrary to looking at should we give, I don't want to say special dispensation, but reach an agreement with an outside entity, I think we would look case by case because bringing in fresh revenue and utilizing our existing resources seems like a smart choice all around.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Being that there is different associations governing different finances, I would believe that the most efficient way is seeing how we can utilize. If the concern is the financial expenditures, where would they be concentrated on? As the other candidate was saying, the other pools are not too much at capacity and we're not having any problems with regards to the way that we are catering towards our patrons at this point. If there is ways that we could enhance that and make it more beneficial for our community, I would surely say that's a supportive endeavor.

PETE YOUNG

Thanks for the question, Edna. Just to remind everyone, within the Village community there's residences that are members of the Designated User community and then there are Non-DU, if you will, units. One of the things you may recall is that we have raised assessments only in this past year a modest amount for the MVF Fee. It has been many years we have actually held that to a minimum. One of the challenges we have with our fixed assets and our more expensive assets is that the DU base is fixed, it is finite. That's where the contracted and assessed rates are there. But as mentioned before, we are looking at opportunities to expand the economic base to make DU assessments lower. One of the ways is through the new development and the new communities, trying to bring them into full membership with the Village, including becoming DU rate payers. Other ways are through individual pool member-

ships. Where in this case this particular special membership that was negotiated with the condo, that is absolutely new revenue. They are not full DU members, they are not obligated to pay the DU fee, they don't have privileges at the other DU assets. This actually allows us to use existing capacity in a way that draws additional revenue. I am very supportive of that particular case, although I do agree we need to revisit the pricing on a regular basis.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

I would have to familiarize myself with all of the facts surrounding fee policies before I can answer that question one way or another.

3. Richard Wilder - Richard Wilder in South Village, Lake Landing Road. This is about Residents Time procedures during the Board meeting. The Residents Time used to be five minutes, now it's cut back to three minutes. We get up there, usually there is about three or four of us who speak at these Board meetings so time is not an issue really. We get up there and speak and then they say, "Thank you." We sit down, we don't hear anything back. Everything we say is recorded in the meeting minutes so the rest of the community sees that. My suggestion is after each person speaks, this is commonly done in the council meetings, after somebody speaks they will say, "Any questions?" We never hear anything from any member of the Board, they never ask us a question, they never say we're going to do something.

The question is, I have a suggestion of how you can handle this and the suggestion is, and it's a question, what is your comment on this procedure? You respond to somebody. We go to some of the other committee meetings, very informal, we sat there and people ask us questions.

JIM MARSH

Thank you. The question is, do you support a mandatory response to Residents Time input from the monthly meetings?

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Mr. Wilder, I would love to answer your question. That's exactly one of the reasons I am running. I do believe that I come from an approach saying that I am a fan of the people, I am the face of the people, and I am actually here to represent the people. I do believe that there should be some intimacies, interactive with the community and the people that we're representing. From a professional level, I have to also present to you that I think there is a strict time restraint for your benefit and your better half with regards to we wouldn't want one of these meetings to last three hours or four hours. Nobody might come, we want people to come. I believe that having a more intimate communication with your candidates and the representatives will give you more time to be more personal with your concerns and interacting with them, whether through email or coffee at Montgomery Village or phone calls. I do understand, that is something that definitely should be addressed.

PETE YOUNG

Thanks, Rich. For those of you who are familiar with the format and so forth, Residents Time is used for a variety of purposes. Oftentimes it's an opportunity for residents to make

statements, to update the Board on meetings or activities they have been a part of. Oftentimes there is a framed question. I guess my response is kind of multi-faceted. When there are simple questions addressed to the Board during Residents Time often there is an opportunity and in a lot of cases where Dave is able to answer it quickly or just to kind of clear up any confusion or mystery around something. Many times it's a statement. Other times if there is something that is going to be requiring a response we can take it offline and follow back up. I get questions every day through e-mail, there's many other methods by which people can get information. I ensure that those are always followed up on, either through myself or through the staff. Residents Time during the format is often difficult to try to create an infinite opportunity for additional dialog if that wasn't on the agenda. We are trying to keep those meetings very formal and structured and predictable, but absolutely afford you an opportunity to get responses to any specific questions you have.

PETER WEBB

Thanks for the question, Rich. I agree with a bit of what Pete said, it's difficult to frame a response to an unknown question in some circumstances. If they are simple, it's easy back and forth. When there is one that involves a policy or a specific question, just speaking personally, I am not always comfortable responding in the immediate. If I get an e-mail or a phone call and I am able to deliberate a bit, I'm always happy to respond in that setting. Your point of time is not an issue, I beg to differ. I have a young son at home that I like to get home to. Yes, a lot of meetings there are only four or five people, but sometimes there is a presentation and then seven or eight agenda items that it's difficult to make a meeting by meeting system. I feel like we do need to kind of find a balance and I think three minutes is a comfortable balance. There is always a give and take and there's not an "oh, this is the right answer." I do appreciate the difficulty that it poses.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

On that issue, last week I did attend the Board meeting and I was a witness to Residents Time and I do believe that there should be some restrictions related to the topics and the time limits allowed for the Residents Time at the Board meetings. From what I witnessed last week, there was, to be quite honest, a lot of negativity. It was a vent session as opposed to a productive use of time as to how issues can be resolved. Quite frankly, it turned me off from wanting to continue my candidacy here with the Montgomery Village Foundation Board. Some of the issues presented sounded very political and from my understanding this organization is a non-partisan, non-political organization. I would like to see a little more structure when it comes to that and hopefully with my candidacy continuing on the Board, we can see some change and inform the residents where they can go to discuss any type of grievances they may have in their individual communities.

4. Cynthia Bangali - Hi, my name is Cynthia Bangali and I live in East Village in the Glenbrooke community. Let me start by thanking the incumbents for their hard

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work and their dedication to the community. My question is this, what are your thoughts on how to work more collaboratively with the HOC boards and Management to ensure more effective maintenance of the common areas in each residential community? I ask this because one of the things that I observe is that there is a lack of consistency across the different communities. From my perspective, if everyone is paying the same HOA fee then the maintenance should be the same. Thank you.

PETE YOUNG

Cynthia, thank you for very much for coming out tonight and for your question. I will tell you immediately that maintenance, private property/common area maintenance within the communities, is an extraordinarily frustrating topic for many, if not all the residents. Let me answer it in a couple of ways. The Board does in fact work very closely with the HOA and condominium association boards. There's multiple things that we can do as an MVF Board in trying to encourage better attention, especially for the communities that the Montgomery Village Foundation helps to manage. But I will tell you that our power directly is very limited at the MVF Board level for any homes corporation or condo association domain issues. I know personal property is another really big issue. We work with the county, we can and do make calls and work very closely. Consistency is really more a reflection on how effective the HOA and condo boards are and the community residents in responding in some cases. Happy to receive the complaints, happy to try to follow up on them, but just recognize that there is a limitation of our power and authority in some of those topics.

PETER WEBB

Thank you for the question, Cynthia. I think maintenance and parking are probably the two things we heard most about and they are the two things we have very little control over as the MVF Board of Directors. Serving on the Eastgate Board, most of those issues fall to the individual communities. We, the Board of Directors, try to foster a community amongst all the different associations. Trying to host whether it's a meeting amongst associations, sharing resources, trying to share ideas. There's only so far we can lead the various communities if they don't want to listen. It's a very difficult structure for us to thrive in. Yes, we are all under the umbrella of Montgomery Village, but each association is independent and a lot of the issues have to go to those individual boards. I can only speak to my board, I am sure there are some that are not as functional as others. I have to imagine it's frustrating. I appreciate your statement and it is something we always are working on.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Thank you for your question, Cynthia. As you see in my opening statements, one of the things I mentioned is actually the preservation of our community visually. Everything is changing around us and I was taught 50% of the sales presentation. Seeing this community come from a one-lane road from Watkins Mill that you had to honk over to now has fancy camera lights and video and stuff. It's quite an evolution. I do feel that it is definitely a priority in collaborating consistency

with regards to the preservation of that. We are aspiring to stay competitive as the same time we're aspiring to grow. I believe it is our job to find a way to liaison with the other boards and HOCs and different organizations. I believe there can be a balance. I believe that we can collaborate and liaison to make an efficient preservation and presentation for the community. That's something definitely we should approach. Thank you for your question.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

From my understanding, the Board and the homeowners associations are two very separate entities. The Board, from my understanding and my research and my fact finding, you've heard me say that a lot, more so is structured to look out for Montgomery Village as a whole and the homeowners associations, from my understanding, correct me if I am wrong, is to look out for the residents within each underlying subdivision of Montgomery Village. I do not think that it would be beneficial for the Board to work collaboratively with the homeowners association on residential issues related to minor home issues as opposed to overall Board issues that affect Montgomery Village as a whole. I believe that the two separate entities are created for a reason and those are different ways that residents can address any questions, concerns or issues they may have.

5. Jane Wilder - Jane Wilder, South Village. We've long had, formally since 2001, a policy of coexistence with wildlife. This was formed by a very large effort by the Environment Committee, different people taking different subject matters like problems with wildlife, appreciation/protection of wildlife, etc. We had a big forum, filled room, excellent panel including Humane Society of the United States, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, a lot of agencies that deal with wildlife and many, many comments from residents. It was all taped, etc. With the difficulties with wildlife, sometimes walks get dirty. We went over to Asbury, studied what they did. They had a Sweepster. Every day they swept the walks. We developed a policy in certain times of the year when the babies aren't flying and the adults are molting that we especially intensified sweeping walks. The Board voted unanimously for the Coexistence Policy, we have a goose count every year. Do you support the policy?

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Of course I support the Village policy on preserving wildlife in Montgomery Village. Absolutely, I agree 100% with that policy. In my role, if I am selected to serve on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board, I will do everything in my power to hear what the residents have to say, as well as my colleagues that sit on the Board and always be mindful of hearing both sides of any position as it relates to the preservation of wildlife here in Montgomery Village.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Hello, Jane. How are you? I will start by saying, if it's not broke, let's not fix it. It seems as if you guys have something that's working and I'm very thankful to hear something that's working. That's one less stone we have to throw in the pond. I am very familiar and fermented with everything from our trees to our parks. We're known, Montgomery Vil-

lage, we are known for our history and wildlife. It was three years ago, we had the slight exaggeration even to the deer. It's just beautiful. That's something that we definitely should preserve, from our trees to our wildlife to our parks. Like I said, if it's not broke, we won't fix it. I'm looking forward to getting those documentations and reading over it. And I'm looking forward to seeing you more.

PETER WEBB

Thank you, Jane. I will say, and the way I answered your question three years ago when I was up here, there is a lot of competition in Montgomery County about what community you live in and what does each area bring. That's one of the great features of Montgomery Village is the wildlife. Whether it's well laid out tree areas, the storm water ponds that actually look like ponds, the paths, the trails. It's unique in areas that are in this price point of homes and it's definitely one of our greatest assets. I think we work very hard to protect that asset and work with it. Obviously everyone is going to be in favor, I would assume. I know how hard you and your husband work preserving the community and fighting for the nature and the environment and I think that is one of the greatest features. I look forward to maintaining that and developing that, especially with the new communities coming on line. I think we will get some neat paths and trails through what was the golf course. I think it will continue to be a great asset to the community.

PETE YOUNG

Thank you for the question, Jane. I always look forward to this each time. I'll try to be consistent in answering it, of course. I do in fact support this, and I think as it has been mentioned, the natural amenities that we have in the Village are in fact one of the greatest treasures that we have and probably the reason that many of us moved here. I am actually very excited about the opportunity that the new Central Park will present. Unlike a golf course, which I think sometimes is a misconception, which is not very good environmentally for the animals and so forth. The restoration of much of that park land to a natural setting and reforestation with food stock foliage for the deer and other animals is very much an intentional design goal. We struggle at times with the competing interests of wildlife and park use for example. But I think we've had really good discussions and debates and the methods that we have taken, whether it's wrapping the trees to try to avoid the early tree loss by the beavers but not necessarily disturbing the beavers. There are many things that we do to try to make sure we're compatible with the natural environment. I think it would be a shame if we were to ever infringe on that.

6. Keith Silliman - I'm Keith Silliman in the Stedwick community. Tammy has experienced traffic tonight, so I would like to ask all of you that you might discuss your thoughts about what MVF's role might be in to trying to help or improve or ameliorate our traffic problems that we have in Montgomery Village?

PETER WEBB

Thank you, Keith. Traffic is bad and it's not going to get any better with Clarksburg doing what it's doing and

there's going to be more and more development. There's the balancing act of we want to create safer roads and easier pathways, but we also want to make the Village accessible. If we're redeveloping the Village Center into a more modern town center feature you have to be able to get to it. There is just that never ending balancing of fighting highways through the community, but at the same time making our community accessible to outside areas that may be what help businesses thrive. Bus rapid transit is a great idea, is it feasible? That's where working with the county is going to come into play. There is only so much we can control, but if we are able to work with the county and the people who write the checks, we can definitely have a strong voice in developing that balancing act of usable roads but not freeways through the community. I think that will be big in the coming years of how that develops.

PETE YOUNG

Keith, thank you for the question. I think the simplest answer is to continue to be very strong advocates for what we want in our community. One of the things that we have turned the corner on, I believe, as a community is not a blind kind of obstructionist view of things, that nothing can change, because clearly change is being brought to us. We've really got ahead of that and I think what we're doing now is being very strong advocates with the developers that are wanting to do things in our community, being very strong advocates with the county and testifying and being very vocal about what is and is not acceptable to our community. With the appreciation for the fact that the upcounty area is going to have another quarter million residents in the next 20, 30, 40 years. We can't insulate ourselves certainly from a lot of the developments happening around us. But as we contemplate changes within our community, being very mindful I think as Pete just mentioned around accessibility and creating traffic outcomes that are the best balance of meeting the needs. Being passive will never be something that helps us. Being very, very strong on our positions is going to be important.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Good evening, Mr. Silliman. How are you? Like I said in my opening statement, I am a product of this community. Watkins Mill Road, we used to come outside and count cars for fun when I first moved here in the 80's, but don't tell anybody. I did get to see that road come from a one-lane bridge where we used to honk, at one time somebody has to go and then somebody else has to go. I miss it, I miss it. It was something from the heart, it was part of our character. Now it's a four-lane bridge with cameras and it's efficient and it's fluid. That's one of the reasons that I am running because I do know that I'm aspiring to liaison where we were and where we're aspiring to be as a community. We don't want to alienate ourselves from the outside world because we want to keep up, we want to be competitive. I have seen it happen so I know it's possible that we can make larger roads, make the traffic more fluid, and continue to preserve the parts and also show the different development and growth and the diversity of our community. So yes, it can be done

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and it shall be done. It's just time and energy and patience and approach.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Thank you for your question. Unlike Ishmael, I am new to the community as I stated earlier so I am not aware of the one-lane roads. What the appeal is for a young family like myself moving out to Montgomery Village is this very family-oriented, small village feel. That is something that we do want to preserve, but at the same time to Mr. Young's point, we do need to remain competitive with the surrounding areas. Those surrounding areas that you may be thinking of, Rockville Town Center, you see the outlets in Clarksburg. A couple of people mentioned to me last week about concerns with a potential mixed-use residential and commercial building that we may see here in the community and the potential of Goshen Road being expanded as well as MidCounty Road. I again am open to hearing both sides of all of the facts for those that are for and against expansions of roads. We need to make the best decision based off of the facts that benefit all of the residents of Montgomery Village.

7. Victoria Giorgi - Good evening candidates, thank you for being here. My name is Victoria Giorgi. I go by Vicky, Fit Girl, and any other name that you choose to call me that's within a nice term. This is a very simple question, but to me it's very important. What is the single most important issue to you that will enhance this community? What are you most passionate about basically? Why are you on the Board or why do you want to be on the Board? That is my question, thank you.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

I am a product of this community and I am very passionate about this community. I learned how to speak English in this community. I learned how to do just about everything that is reflective of who you see in front of you right now. The Marine Corps is the only thing that taught me how to shoot a gun, but besides that. I'm running to assist the liaisoning, this change. I know that where we came from and where we are going, there's a dramatic gap. A lot of people are intimidated because what they signed up for is not what is. Everybody is intimidated by change if they're not informed, you're only scared of what you don't know. My passion is, knowledge is power and information. I aspire, passionately, to inform the community and to reinforce what's going on, what we're aspiring to do, and how we're aspiring to go about it. That is my passion, is to reflect and to inform and to help liaison. Thank you.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Thank you for your question. Very similar to his response, my son will be a product of this community. The appeal of Montgomery Village, again it's a very family-oriented, there's wildlife. It literally feels like you're driving out to the country, especially for me after a crazy, hectic day in DC. To have the ability to raise my son in this community and to lend my voice, my skills, my knowledge, my background, my education to assist with the change that inevitably will happen here in this community. While also trying to maintain and preserve the appeal of this

community is the single most important reason why I am running, for my son, for all of the other young families that live in this community and for all of the other families who have moved to this community when the community first started. We have to preserve the appeal while at the same time remaining competitive.

PETE YOUNG

Thank you, Victoria. I think by far and away the most important thing to me or issue to me is community and not in the sense necessarily that has been mentioned around, how pretty it is or how quick we can get through it. I've raised my family here, the best friends I've ever had in my life are here, the reason that I stay here is because of the community that I have built and continue to try to work on growing and preserving. Everything that we do, whether it's redevelopment on the former golf course property or the reimagining of the Village Center, in my mind I'm always looking through the lens of how it's going to foster and grow our community and that's in the sense of the people aspect. How we can bring people closer together, how we can kind of foster and enrich people's lives. You can live anywhere. You can live in the shiniest new area with the coolest looking restaurants, but if people don't spend time together and don't care, it's to me not that important. I don't have a single friend that lives outside of this community that has the social fabric and the kind of relationships that I enjoy and all of my neighbors and friends enjoy. To me, that is the only reason that I choose to still live here and commit myself to what we do.

PETER WEBB

My single biggest issue would be momentum. I have lived here seven years so I don't know the 20, 30-year history, but ever since I've been here the community has been developing, becoming more than what it was yesterday. I think we've got to keep that momentum going with developing the golf course into what it will be, reenvisioning the Village Center to what it will be, brining in new communities to what they will be. And keeping in mind that community, keeping in mind what Montgomery Village is, not developing for the sake of developing, but modernizing and becoming what we want it to be. That's why I'm involved, that's why I do what I can to have my voice and my community's voice in that discussion because I think it's a neat place where we live and it is going to change and it is going to modernize and we've got a lot of good stuff going on and it's just going to be exciting the next few years. I'm looking forward to continuing the projects we have going and making this an even better place for all of us to live.

8. John Huber - Good evening, my name is John Huber and I live in Patton Ridge community. During the past couple of years a great deal of time, effort, energy, dollars of the entire community has been directed towards the proposed development of the former golf course and the redevelopment of the Village Center. My question for the candidates this evening relates not to that component, but what do you see as the biggest issues or concerns for the current Village as we move through over the next three to seven years of the construction, de-

velopment, marketing and sales components related to those two developments?

PETER WEBB

I think the impact can only be positive. One of the most exciting elements is bringing in new stock of homes. Montgomery Village has a flow to it of development from the original communities to newer developments and newer development, East Village to Eastgate where I am and none of that has detracted from the prior communities. I don't think there's any negative to bringing in "new stock", whether it's mixed-use, whether it's modern townhomes, whatever you want to call it. I think it's always benefited the community. I don't see how it's ever a negative to bring fresh homes and fresh development into a community. We've got the space, we've got the capacity. I think it will be very good. We have very good partners which we kind of lucked out with that have worked and will continue to work well with the community. I think it will be nothing but a benefit to the existing Montgomery Village.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Thank you, John, for the question. I appreciate it. I used to pick balls, I used to caddy at the golf course in middle school, shined the balls and take them to the front and get a couple of dollars and run to the shopping center, to the Tobacco Shack and get me some baseball cards and then trade them. I know what it was then, unfortunately and fortunately I loved it. It was amazing, but it was only catered to a small group of people, members only. Only a few people got to enjoy such a large part of our community. Unfortunately at this point, it might be unappealing to the eye because of the current state. Upcoming, I believe the development is going to open up a larger range, a plethora of exposure and space for other people to enjoy our community and be a part of it. That could be very developmental for our community. I think it is going to be a great and beautiful thing.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Thank you for your question. Again, that is a loaded question. I am new to the community and I know that there has been a lot of divisiveness and strong opinions and opposition to the redevelopment of the golf course as well as the Village Center. I know there has been a lot of concerns from residents about traffic and also the mixed-use community with the residential. I would have to familiarize myself again with the facts, with how it would benefit the community as well as the disadvantages of it. However, part of the appeal of this community can be maintained by remaining competitive and having the golf course be restored to what it used to be or even better and hopefully it can be open to even more of the residents here in Montgomery Village as Ishmael stated. Hopefully people can understand both sides. When I say that, I mean there was strong opposition presented to me last week from some residents that are completely against it. My hope is to listen to people that are opposed to it as well as listen to the facts, as to the advantages it can bring to the community and hopefully we can bring them together and work together and we can all get on the same page and remove the divisiveness surrounding redevelopment here in Montgomery Village.

PETE YOUNG

John, you asked a pretty clever question. While I will first say that while I am very enthusiastic about what I think these investments will eventually bring to our community, living with proximity of two of these on my doorstep, being the Professional Center and the Village Center. I've lived through many house renovations and lived in the house while we've done them. I can assure you that the next three to seven years is going to bring a level of discomfort to the community as we build so the pardon our dust signs. Keep in mind, there's going to be construction, there's going to be a lot of activity on some of these sites. It's super exciting at the prospect of what I think it's eventually going to bring to our community, but people need to be realistic about some of the inconvenience that some of these developments will bring. Keep the long view. I'm very much enamored with the groundwork we've laid, but let's be honest with ourselves as a community that there will be a level of disruption during construction phases that will be an inconvenience and it just kind of is part of the journey.

9. Richard Wilder - This question is about the TD&PF Committee that was abolished a while back. Transportation, Development and Public Facilities Committee. There were people on that committee that were on there for many years, put a lot of time and effort in there. My question is a two-part question. What do you think about having an article in the Village News giving all the progress that came from that committee, all the different items they worked on and telling the community what a great committee this was and how it helped the overall community? The second part of the question is, what do you think about giving a certificate of appreciation at the Annual Meeting to those members that were on that committee? Thank you.

PETE YOUNG

Thank you, Rich. I will try to be careful to answer both questions closely here. One is, what do we think about creating a news article? I think it's a great idea. I think I'm going to actually blend a topic here, which is there already are plans to recognize the TD&PF Committee and the members for all their great service at the Annual Meeting. That's already in the works and that's the natural time of year we would in fact do that as you well know. Ultimately, creating an article highlighting that maybe perhaps on the heels of the Annual Meeting when people will have any opportunity to hear more might be a natural method or timeframe to do that. Just to be clear as well, this has been a committee that has done terrific work over the years, very important work. We're at a different time in our planning cycle as a community broadly with the Master Plan being done and we're actually looking forward to creating topical committees as we've done before. I think many of those members I am hoping will seek service on those more focused committees as we stand those up, especially as these projects move further along. There's definitely going to be opportunities for them to continue to serve the community.

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TAMMY HOLLOWAY

In regards to the article, I would not be opposed to any recognition in the Village newspaper. As far as your question related to a certificate, I think any type of service in the community in which you reside should be recognized, especially if you're giving your time, your effort, and your energy to a committee that you are very passionate about. I would definitely be for that.

PETER WEBB

I agree, I know it is in the works to recognize the committee. I think any communication is always a good idea. I think it is also important to recognize the Board is shifting focus into a more time sensitive, direct committees that have a start and an end and a direct goal as opposed to, I don't want to say meandering but I am going to say meandering committees, that don't have a stated purpose. Such as the Vision 2030 Committee that had this is what we're doing, this is when we're going to do, this is when it is going to end. I think it's important to realize we are very appreciative of all the work volunteers have done, but we're also working on ways to try to get newer volunteers and new members of the community. Communication is a great way to do that and having stated time goals I think will help with that. I think we're always going to rely on our community members to have input and drive all of our projects moving forward. I think anytime we can recognize people who volunteer, it's a no brainer.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Richard, I really appreciate your questions coming from a depth of continuity of care. Realistically, I have two 55" TVs that I got from Black Friday, but I don't watch TV because I call it bad news. That's why I don't watch TV, but I have them, but I do read *The Gazette*. I'm saying that to say, I do read that because when you have done a good job of recognizing, like even from the shining light for community members, and things and such. I see there is no opposition whatsoever. I am not familiar yet with the intimacies of what is planned to come regards to recognizing the TD&PF, but overhearing I think there is already something in place for that. I think it's a great idea to put an article in *The Gazette* and also have some form of recognition. The people at the Foundation have done a great job in reflecting the shining light on all positive things in the Village. Yes, that is very possible.

10. Edna Miller - *You're all doing very well. Regarding TD&PF, one of the things that is most critical at this time is our development. We have a lot to decide and to discuss and to inform people about how things are going and what things should be or could be. I would like to get your opinion about having a Development Committee so that there is a beginning and an end, but that the residents can give you input as things move along.*

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

Edna, looks like we're going to be working together. I think the more committees that we have, the more chances that we will be able to be interactive with the community. It's a great idea, especially since we are in a developmental stage of our forwardness. As I was

saying, that would definitely put a lot of people at ease. Unfortunately, Edna, a lot of us are scared because we don't know what's going on. If something like that was to be able to be formatted, I think it will be a good platform, it is supply and demand. If the want is there, which has been brought forth, and we are definitely willing to engage in something like that. I think it will cushion and be able to well cater and care towards the community. That is something that could be very beneficial. Thank you.

PETE YOUNG

Thanks, Edna, for the question. I think the answer is going to be it depends. I will use the example of the Joint Property Committee. When the golf course project was being conceived and moving along there were an enormous amount of public opportunities for meetings and feedback and guidance. The Board members, myself included, and others attended, but there reached a point where we needed a targeted body of work to be done so we created the Joint Property Committee to get some very specific attention and feedback back to the Board. I imagine that during the cycle of these projects, whether it's the former golf course as it progresses, the Village Center or the Professional Center, there may be a good opportunity for us to form another committee that can be tasked deliberately. I think there is a tension between creating committees with no specific charter or lack of direction, which is not necessarily very useful for the Board or the committee members. There is also a staff overhead and investment we make in standing up all committees. We're trying to be very mindful of how we use committees, but as Pete's comment earlier, we absolutely want to use them in a very targeted way. It is a great mechanism when it is set up correctly for engagement and feedback of the community. But the Board is staying very close to all development right now. There is an enormous amount of tension being applied and a lot of public meetings.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Thank you for your question. I believe my views are somewhat similar to Pete, but I think I would go as far as saying no, I don't believe that a Development Committee would be necessary. I believe that the residents of Montgomery Village, your voice is being heard right now through us, all of us sitting up here. Based off of what you hear, whether you like what you hear or whether you don't like what you hear, you're going to make an informed vote. You have to trust your vote for whoever sits on the Board to make a decision regarding development that is going to best meet the needs of all of the residents of Montgomery Village. Again, last week I heard a lot of negativity, a lot of venting, a lot of anger and it didn't feel good, it made me feel very uncomfortable. I do feel that having committees without a specific target can create more noise and more chaos than is necessary for the Board members to make a decision. However, if with the development as it goes on as Pete stated, there is a targeted and specific intent for a committee to be formed, at that point yes, a committee would be necessary. Otherwise, it's just noise and we're not going to move forward.

PETER WEBB

Thank you very much. One of the most thorough and impressive things I've seen since moving to Montgomery Village was the golf course process. All the meetings, the charette process that Monument Realty went through hearing from the community. I wasn't able to attend because my wife was very involved and my son doesn't like being left alone. I think this community is very involved. Just in the next couple of weeks, Friday we have the Commercial Architecture Review Committee is reviewing the new Village Center plans. Check the Montgomery Village website, I forget the exact date, but Monument is giving an updated presentation for the golf course plans. It's not like this is happening behind closed doors. It's all very open, the community is certainly heard, and the developers want to hear from the community. They are not trying to obfuscate our systems or our process. They want us to be involved. I think people are showing up and being heard and I think the developers are working with us wanting to be heard. If we run into obstruction or feel like, hey, we're not being heard or represented, that's when a committee might be well served. At the given time, I feel like our structures and our systems are working pretty darn good.

11. Keith Silliman - *I am Keith Silliman with Stedwick Homes Corporation. I believe, and several of my neighbors in Stedwick believe, that the Bloom on the golf course has become a blight. I have a couple of very simple questions for you. Do you feel that the golf course is an attractive asset in our community? Would you encourage or possibly even require the developer to do a little more enhanced maintenance on the golf course until they start construction?*

PETER WEBB

This goes back to John's question, which I missed the nuance of your question. It's ugly as sin and that's going to be a problem for the next few years. There's not much we can do to require, they are meeting the letter of the law. Monument has pumped a lot of money into this development, into this process and it's been a balancing act of they are doing a lot, they are acting in good faith. There are just some realities. That is a large acreage that is now growing wild and that's what happens. I do think there is an end in sight. This isn't going to be a permanent state of being. While there are growing pains, I think it's good growing pains. I think we are developing in the right direction. I wish it didn't look like that, but this is my first exposure to a golf course being laid fallow and I suppose that's what greens look like when they don't get mowed. It's not pleasant, but I think we need to take the long view. We're going to get there in the end. It's not pretty, but I think it's worth the slog.

PETE YOUNG

Thanks, Keith. I'll kind of reemphasize my previous answer. The golf course, a fallow course, is not attractive, it's not the greatest eye candy as you're driving down the Village Avenue. To be a little more of a Debbie Downer, I will share with you my concerns that the Professional Center is going to go through its own metamorphosis. While it's super exciting at the prospect of

what it's going to eventually be, it's sometimes watching the sausage being made is not necessarily very attractive. That site will also be something that goes dormant before it can be reborn and there will be a time period with which we have to live through. It is difficult to require the developers, first of all legally we have very little standing, but secondly to plow a lot more money into these projects before they have certainty on the outcome. There is a bit of a balancing act, where they are doing what they need to do and are reasonably expected to do, but we're not going to have something shiny and pretty to look at right away. We're going to have to live through a bit of a period where we kind of go through the rebirth or renewal phase.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

I am empathetic regards to the visual appeal of the golf course. Knowing what it used to look like and knowing what it looks like now and not knowing completely what we are aspiring towards. That is from a social point. Financially and professionally, I would have to become more familiarized, or you could elect me. Regards to how I would say the Oreo affect. I would like to see somehow where we could make the front view more appealing and leave the inside a little bit more rugged or whatever the case may be. I do know these next couple of years is going to be enduring, it's not what it was, it's not going to be what it was. But something could be done that could be financially engaging and something could be done that could be a little bit more visually appealing. That should be something that is approached.

TAMMY HOLLOWAY

Hey guys, it's me again. Listen, you guys are too hard on yourselves. You are Montgomery Village residents, you need to be proud of where you live. I am new to this area and the golf course is not that disgusting looking as you guys are describing it. I had no idea what it was. I was driving by it several times and my husband and I were like, "What is that? Husband, what is that? Tristan, what is that?" That's my son, he's two, he can't really talk. We don't know what it is, but it's not that bad and it did not dissuade me from moving here and purchasing our home here. We have to embrace what we have and look to the future of what it potentially can be. I don't see the benefit of pouring time, resources and your money into a temporary solution to make it look cute when inevitably it's going to be great and fantastic and very appealing to the eye. It's not that bad, everybody needs to just enjoy and embrace your home, which is Montgomery Village.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY MODERATOR

Being there were no further questions, Mr. Marsh thanked everyone for attending. The program concluded at 8:26 p.m.

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Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Heather Sharpless at 240-243-2355 or e-mail hsharpless@mvf.org or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail ehottinger@mvf.org. Questions may also be mailed to Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or faxed to 301-990-7071. Specific architectural standards criteria for each community in Montgomery Village are available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
February 1, 2017

KEY	
A	Approved
AWM	Approved w/modifications
D	Denied
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EASTGATE
7805 HERITAGE FARM DR - Solar Systems, A
East Village
20121 HARRON VALLEY WAY - Roof, A
19923 SILVERFIELD DR - Exterior Paint, AWM
8504 SILVERFIELD CIR - Solar Systems, A
20400 STUDIO PL - Exterior Light, AWM
20400 STUDIO PL - Exterior Light Resubmit, A
20656 BEAVER RIDGE RD - Shutters, AWM
20002 AMESBURG WAY - Exterior Light, AWM
8303 MARKETREE CIR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM

MARYLAND PLACE
19315 KEYMAR WAY - Miscellaneous, AWM
19319 KEYMAR WAY - Solar Systems, A
9625 MARSTON LN - Railing, A

MIDDLE VILLAGE
9943 RIDGELINE DR - Window Modification, AWM
9943 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM
10169 RIDGELINE DR - Replacement Windows, AWM

NORTHGATE
20112 DARLINGTON DR - Replacement Patio Door, A
20331 SWALLOW POINT RD - Garage Door, A

NORTH VILLAGE
20409 RYECROFT CT - Garage Door, A
20409 RYECROFT CT - Vinyl Siding and Trim, A
20409 RYECROFT CT - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
20409 RYECROFT CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
20409 RYECROFT CT - Roof, A
20409 RYECROFT CT - Downspout/Gutter, A
20409 RYECROFT CT - Exterior Paint, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Replacement Siding Resubmit, A
20605 DUBOIS CT - Shutters, A
20609 DUBOIS CT - Patio, A
20609 DUBOIS CT - Deck, A
20608 DUBOIS CT - Storm Door, A

PATTON RIDGE
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Roof, A
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Downspout/Gutter, A
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Replacement Patio Door, A
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Gutter Guard, A
19 DELLCASTLE CT - Trim, A
20050 DOOLITTLE ST - Roof, AWM
20062 DOOLITTLE ST - Mailbox, A
9309 WEATHERVANE PL - Solar Systems, A

19804 BAZZELLTON PL - Roof, A
20011 SPUR HILL DR - Solar Systems, A
9423 HICKORY VIEW PL - Exterior Paint, AWM
9426 CHATTEROY PL - Sidelight, AWM
9429 CHATTEROY PL - Downspout/Gutter, A
20131 WARINGWOOD WAY - Window Modification, A
9646 DUFFER WAY - Exterior Paint, D
19748 GREENSIDE TER - Driveway Modification, D

SOUTH VILLAGE
9861 SAILFISH TER - Garage Door, A
9843 SAILFISH TER - Vinyl Siding and Trim, A
18800 NATHANS PL - Exterior Light, A
7 COPPS HILL CT - Miscellaneous, D
9411 COLLETTE WAY - Vinyl Siding, A
9945 LAKE LANDING RD - Replacement Patio Door, AWM
9944 LAKE LANDING RD - Front Door Replacement, AWM

STEDWICK
19107 STEDWICK DR - Stoop, AWM
19111 STEDWICK DR - Miscellaneous, A
19111 STEDWICK DR - Patio, A

19111 STEDWICK DR - Stoop, A
19002 COLTFIELD CT - Roof, AWM
19006 COLTFIELD CT - Shed, AWM
19107 CAPEHART DR - Fence and Gate, AWM
10705 SENECA SPRING WAY - Roof, AWM
10500 MERCADO WAY - Deck, AWM
19514 DIVOT PL - Fence and Gate, AWM
19514 DIVOT PL - Shed, AWM

10013 WEDGE WAY - Storm Door, A
10013 WEDGE WAY - Front Door Replacement, A
10200 CRESTED IRIS DR - Replacement Windows, AWM
47 CRESTED IRIS CT - Security Light Resubmit, AWM

WHETSTONE
9801 WHETSTONE DR - Front Door Replacement, A
9536 WHETSTONE DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A

What is window capping or wrapping?

Each year we receive numerous calls and applications from homeowners proposing to install replacement windows on their homes. The conversation inevitably leads to: "What is window capping or wrapping?" Many times the proposed window replacement application is submitted to us, and the window replacement style, color and location is completed, but the area designated for the window capping is left blank. The homeowner usually does not know what window capping is, and when asked if they plan to cap their windows, they do not know.

The term capping or wrapping refers to the aluminum or vinyl cladding sometimes applied over the exterior trim around the window or door. Capping material is most often prefinished aluminum, and it comes in a coil form that is called coil stock or trim coil. The aluminum is usually formed or bent by the contractor on site while installing the material.

If using vinyl material instead of aluminum to clad the window trim, the vinyl also comes prefinished and is adhered to the wood trim to provide a low maintenance solution.

Contractors encourage homeowners to purchase window capping to wrap the exterior window trim as a solution to wood trim maintenance. The aluminum or vinyl cladding covers the wood trim and creates a trim that does not require painting, and therefore is considered to be low maintenance.

If you choose to cap your window trim or any existing wood trim on your house, always remember that the vinyl or aluminum cap or wrap must match your current house trim color. Homeowners often apply for the window capping to match the proposed window frame color when replacing the windows; however, it must actually match the current house trim color.

If you do not have wood window trim around your window frames, then you would not need window capping. Sometimes the replacement windows are slightly smaller than the original size window openings, and a gap occurs between the installed replacement window and the existing window opening. If that occurs during your replacement window installation, then a narrow piece of vinyl or aluminum can be installed between the window frame and the edge of the window opening to eliminate the gap in the window. Should this occur during your approved window installation, please notify the Architectural Standards (AS) Department for guidance.

Please remember to apply to the AS Department for approval before purchasing and installing replacement windows, window capping or making any other exterior modifications to your property. For more information or help, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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NORTHGATE NEWS

Why we talk trash cans

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The photo accompanying this article, taken by a concerned resident, perfectly explains why everyone needs to place their trash out in a closed container. The picture shows Turkey Vultures ripping open uncontained trash, but crows, raccoons and rats do the same.

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.

For some reason, there are residents who still fail to follow the easy-to-understand rules for trash pickups, bulk pickups and recycling. 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 board is asking if you see a resident putting out regular or bulk trash other than on the evening before pickup (or early on the pickup day), or, if you see neighbors placing out trash that is not in a secured can, that you please report it to northgateHC@comsource.com. You will remain anonymous. We need your help. Thank you.

NOTE: Due to the Presidents' Day holiday, Monday trash pickups will be on Tuesday next week. Recycling pickups will slide one day, so if you have Monday pickup, it will be on Tuesday, and Wednesday pickups will be on Thursday.

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



WHETSTONE WATCH

Ballot déjà vu?

by William R. Ott

We hope you are not feeling saturated with ballot information. We have all recently received a ballot for selecting members of the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors, another ballot for selecting members of the Whetstone Homes Corporation Board of Directors and now this ballot for changing two of the bylaws of the Whetstone Homes Corporation.

Of the three ballots, the latter is arguably the most important as far as the value of our homes and the quality of our lives in the Whetstone community are concerned. Do you want Whetstone to remain predominately a residential community? Do you, the residents, want to have the power to make positive changes to the living conditions within the community when appropriate?

If so, the board members of the Whetstone Homes Corporation urge you to vote, either for or against, the two amendments to the bylaws. These ballots are similar to two of the amendments that you considered in 2016 when five amendments and one survey question were sent to all Whetstone residents. However, the two amendments have been slightly changed to help clarify their meaning and impact.

If you considered these amendments in 2016 and voted, please vote again. Your input is crucial and absolutely needed in order to once again achieve a quorum of $\frac{2}{3}$ of all owners. Vote now, while the envelope is still in your hand, before the urgency to vote becomes part of yesterday's news.

If you did not vote in 2016, please consider voting this time - your input is essential. Why essential? Both of these amendments were well received in 2016 but fell short of the additional requirement

that $\frac{2}{3}$ of all homeowners - not simply $\frac{2}{3}$ of those voting within the quorum - needed to vote in favor of the amendments for them to pass.

There are 447 residences in Whetstone. Seventy percent of the community voted in 2016 (314 votes), so we achieved the $\frac{2}{3}$ quorum. Although a solid majority of those voting (77%) was in favor of these two amendments, there were still not the required 298 votes ($\frac{2}{3}$ of all residences) necessary to pass either one of them. Amendment 1, for example, failed to pass by just 52 votes. This is why it is essential that the 112 homeowners that did not vote at all join the rest of us in expressing a preference. Similarly, Amendment 2 failed to pass by just 56 votes.

If you don't have a strong preference or just don't care one way or another, vote anyway. By not voting at all you are only preventing the community from coming to any consensus.

In Amendment 1 you are being asked whether you want to prohibit or allow the use of a dwelling as a business that provides adult day care or medical day care to individuals who are not residents of the dwelling unit.

In Amendment 2 you are being asked whether or not to allow a quorum of 50% of eligible voting residences (rather than the present 67%) to consider an amendment to the covenants of the community, along with the requirement that it takes $\frac{2}{3}$ of those voting (rather than $\frac{2}{3}$ of all residences) to approve a proposed change or proposition.

In 2016, the Whetstone board conducted two town hall meetings in the community in order to have open discussions of the intent of the amendments. The meetings were well attended and productive. Depending upon

feedback from the Whetstone community, we will probably have another town hall meeting this time around, although there are just two amendments.

But if you are already familiar with the issues, why wait? As my family says famously in our household when one of us doesn't know what to say or do, or wants to put something off, "GIOW" (Get It Over With)!

If you have concerns or questions, consider attending the Thursday, March 9 special meeting of the Whetstone board in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 7 p.m. It is the annual meeting when highlights of the past year and the outlook for the coming year are described.

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

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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Join the poop loop

by Wayne Rowland

In the last issue of "Stedwick Signals," I wrote about the Montgomery County laws concerning the "leash law" and the "pooper scooper" law. The Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC) board has had several residents voice concern about this issue over the years and again just recently. In researching this issue, we found that Montgomery County has a program to install pet waste stations in HOAs and maintain them for a year with the intent that the community will continue using them and pay for their upkeep after that first year.

The SHC board is working with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection to have several of these pet waste stations installed throughout our neighborhoods. The county will monitor and remove contents from these stations on a weekly basis and give us feedback on the use or lack of use of each station. The program includes pre- and post-surveys that may be done online or mailed in. The stations should be installed in late March to early April.

Ballots for SHC Board of Directors have been mailed. Please review and vote for the candidates of your choice. They have volunteered to serve our community and deserve your support. Results from the election will be announced at the annual meeting scheduled



Pet Waste Station

for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

The SHC Maintenance Committee is in the process of identifying locations to plant trees that are to be provided to the community by Pepco. They are to replace trees cut down last year along the Pepco right-of-way. If you have a place that you think should have a tree planted, contact our community management team at the number at the bottom of this article.

Also, the SHC Maintenance Committee is working to replace/upgrade the tot lot equipment in Forest Brooke

north. An RFP will be sent out, and when the bids are received, they will be reviewed and a contract awarded for the proposal that best meets the needs of the community. We are in hopes that the new equipment will be in place for the summer.

Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) will be holding a meeting soon to review plans for the redevelopment of the Montgomery Village Shopping Center. The previously announced meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 is being rescheduled and details will be shared as soon as they are available. If you have questions about that redevelopment activity, this may be a good opportunity to have them answered.

The next meeting of the Stedwick board will be the annual meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. There will be a question and answer period during which residents can share ideas, comments or concerns.

In the meantime, if you have an issue, please contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326 or e-mail stedwickhc@mvf.org.

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

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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Parking covenant and truck survey

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

To have trucks park or not to park? — that is the question. On January 20, each Patton Ridge homeowner received a ballot asking for your vote to change the Parking Covenant for this question, as well as a survey asking your thoughts for personal trucks to park in an assigned spot.

Times do change since the development of Patton Ridge began approximately 43 years ago. As we have heard from residents, the perception of a truck and how they're used has dramatically changed, too.

At the time when the Patton Ridge was being developed in the mid-70's and the Parking Covenant established, trucks were viewed as low-end cheap vehicles, used for construction purposes, unsightly, or not considered a "real" family type of a vehicle. Thus they were prohibited from parking in front of your home.

Today, trucks have evolved to the point where they are not unsightly, can be used as a family vehicle and are not on the low-end of the purchase scale.

The board receives frequent requests from residents to allow the parking of a truck overnight in Patton Ridge. To date, all have been denied.

In order to change the Parking Covenant that was first adapted, it requires a vote by a minimum of 70 percent of our homeowners. That means that 750 residences must submit a ballot before we can change anything.

To clarify, before we can even consider allowing trucks of any type in Patton Ridge, we need to receive a vote from 750 residences and the majority must vote "yes." If we do not receive 750 ballots, there would

be no change to the existing covenant governing parking of trucks in Patton Ridge.

We value and solicit your opinion. If we receive the required 750 ballots and the majority vote is "yes," the covenant would change; however, the board would still need to consider if we actually want to allow the overnight parking of trucks. Your comments would help us to make that decision. Or, if we receive 750 ballots and the majority vote is "no," the board would want to consider whether we should poll the community again at some future time. Again, your comments will help guide that decision.

We have amended some covenants over time, but always with the agreement of the majority of our homeowners. As we are simply in the process of gathering information from you, nothing has been finalized, nor has the board voted on this question.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Patton Ridge Annual Meeting will take place at our next board meeting. It will feature: the report of the 2017 election committee; election of officers; appointments to the standing committees; and the appointments for the nominating/election committee for 2017-2018.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Patton Ridge Board of Directors will immediately follow our annual meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Parking/snow removal rules

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

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

In the case of snowfall that is 3 inches or above, residents may use a construction cone marked with their address to hold a space only if he/she cleared snow from the space. Only one cone is permitted per home/address, and can only hold a space for up to four days, or when two tires of a vehicle rest on the ground, instead of snow, in spaces that have not been shoveled, whichever occurs first. More than one cone with the same address will be removed and discarded. Additionally, cones that do not have the address clearly written on them, or that remain in spaces for more than the permitted timeframe as described above will be removed and discarded. Any other objects (chairs, trashcans, etc.) placed in a space will be removed and discarded.

2017 PARKING TAGS

The parking tags for 2016 expired on December 31. Parking tags will only be available for pickup at the ComSource Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2 to 4:30 p.m. Parking tags will not be mailed to residents.

Please note, effective January 1, homeowners/tenants will now be towed without notice if they are parked in their reserved space, any time of the day or night, and displaying an expired parking tag or no tag, or are parked during the overnight hours in a non-reserved space and are not displaying a tag or are displaying an expired tag.

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

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

"All vehicles parked overnight in the community are required to display a MVHC parking tag/permit or they are subject to immediate towing. For purposes of these Rules,

overnight is defined as parking a vehicle in Middle Village anytime between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

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

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

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

ASSESSMENTS

We live in a community that requires every homeowner to pay assessment fees. Assessments are used to pay contractors for landscaping, snow removal, trash collection, collection of illegally dumped trash, lighting, repairs on community property, etc. If you are a homeowner, you were provided with this information during closing.

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

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

BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

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

There is a \$25 reward for picture or video proof of vio-

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

1. Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
2. Trash/recycling out on inappropriate days/non-pickup days.
3. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in front of home.

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

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

SOURCELINK/ACCOUNT ACCESS

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19402 Brassie Place.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village 2017 Candidates' Statements

TAMMY ALLISON HOLLOWAY

I write to express my interest in the East Village Board. As a young family in the community and as a MV MOM, I have a unique perspective about the interests and concerns of MV residents. I have a specialized knowledge and understanding of handling long-range planning, investigating capital improvements and new revenue sources and overseeing budget development through my various community service activities and professional accomplishments. These skills would greatly benefit East Village.

I propose having meet and greets with residents. Perhaps once a quarter we can set up stations at the main entrances and exits of the community where we can pass out donuts or something along with cards with our FB, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and Web info on it. It is almost 2017 and the best way for our residents to feel special or like they are part of an elite community is to invite them to share via social media and use wisely crafted hashtags for various community event. This then encourages residents to post their experiences to their social media, use our hashtags which then increases visibility and enrollment.

KEVIN LINCK

As the current East Village Board President, I am pleased to re-submit my name for another 3-year term. I ask for your vote in the upcoming election. My plan is to continue to provide my knowledge and experiences to the EVHC Board concerning the many issues facing our community. As you are aware, we all face new and challenging problems for EVHC Board and our community members, including the "Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA)," the "Montgomery County Multi Agency

Service Park," the Webb Tract, M-83 and upgrading of our local streets. An issue confronting many of our communities today is that we have a number of crime-related activities. We are currently positioned for continued financial success and the proper maintenance of our community.

I am privileged to have served EVHC in the past and look forward to serving once again. As a member of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory board (UCAB), I am pleased to continue to support our requirements while supporting the Upcounty's expanding growth and insight to the county for needed Upcounty resources and infrastructure. I am happy to assist in these new endeavors for increasing the betterment of our community.

SHUMON SHARIF

I would like to be considered to serve on the East Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors. My wife and I have lived in East Village for the past two years since moving here from Florida and New York respectively. We absolutely love it and are very proud to make this our home. I have known many fine individuals who have served Montgomery Village through various boards and foundations and would be proud to serve my community in this function.

I have been working as a Senior IT Consultant for Red Hat for the past two years. Prior to moving to Montgomery Village, I worked for Accenture, also an IT consulting firm, for seven years. I was happy to put my IT skills to good use for my immediate community by putting together a website as well as mailing list for neighbors.

East Village Echo: for residents of The Downs, The Reach, The Estates, Essex Place II, Candle Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke, Meadowgate, Ashford, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield.

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William



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Mama



LYNN,

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Love, Curt



SANTOS,

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OLIVIA,

I love you more than the whole universe!
Love, Mom



RICHARD,

Happy Valentine's, Love. I love you very much.
Pam



STEVE HANZE,

My very good friend and neighbor. You're so special to us.
Love, Pam & Richard.



HAPPY FIRST VALENTINE'S DAY

To my sweet angels, Lily Autumn and Evan Francis
Grandma Nanice Loves You!



MARK (AKA CUPCAKE)

You've been my Valentine for 23 years.
I love you. Surf's up!
Love, Jan



MIKE, ASHIE AND MY BABY LILY

You 3 are my heart and soul.
Love, Mark



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MY SWEET JUS

Love, Mom



OUR DEAREST DAUGHTER ALEXIS

You are the joy of our life.
Love, Momma & Papa
Bumbles adores you also.



VALERIA & GENYFER

Sebastian & Nicholas
You are my love, my heart and life.



MICHELANGELO, ANGELIQUE, ANTHONY & ALONZO

Mommy loves you always. You're my special Valentines! Te Amo



MY THREE LADIES,

You are my valentines every day of the year.
Love, Courtney (AKA Dad)



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DADDY!

Love, Mommy, Leilah, Kaitlynn, Maegan and William 2.0



TAMMIE,

Our faith and love bloomed so much 10 years ago. Happy Anniversary.
Love you, William



ANTHONY,

I love you with all my heart. Thanks for being my husband.
Love, Grace



MICHAEL

I can't wait to marry you And get old together.
Love you, Lauren



TIM

Happy Valentine's Day!
From, Jean



WESLEY,

Words cannot describe how much I LOVE YOU. Happy Anniversary!!
Love always, Nakiya



HAPPY VALENTINES TO MY JAY BIRD!

Love and kisses,
Your Buttercup



I LOVE YOU MY LOVE

You are the Best!
Love Always,
Marisela



TO TEAM DOCKERY –

You're the Best!
Love you both,
Kellie



DAD

I promise to be your Special little valentine forever!
Now Let's celebrate my 1st Valentine's day.
Love, Sia



DANIELLE, ANGELINA & BENICIO

Happy Valentine's!
Lubu so much!
Mommy & Daddy & Boo



PAMELA

Happy Valentine's Day. Had an amazing time in Oahu!
Lubu, Joseph a.k.a. Tony



TA'MYA

We love you and will always have your back!
Grandma & Grandpa



DYLAN, DECLAN, AIDEN & LIAM –

Thanks for always making me smile!
Love, D



TO MY ETERNAL VALENTINE

Pure in affection, her hugs forever –
My Mother.
Love, Tati Belle



CONNOR & SMANTHA

I love you all the way to the Rainbow
Grandma Carole XO



WE HAVE THE BEST DADDY IN THE WORLD!

We love you! XO
Connor and Sam



CHRISTIAN,

Hot Cheetos are red and taste great too. We're so lucky to have a friend like you!
Love, L & M



DAVID

I am unconditionally and Irrevocably in love with you forever!
Love, Laura



CAROL

Have a Happy Valentines Day.
Love, Lebowski



PAT

Happy Valentines Day.
Love, Lebowski



WISHING A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO RICK

Lebowski



HAPPY 31ST VALENTINE'S DAY MOUNTAIN MAN.

Love, Charlu



DADDY

You are the best!
Love always,
Tiffany, Hannah and Mikaela



LH,

I'd be muffin without you!
Love,
Work Wife



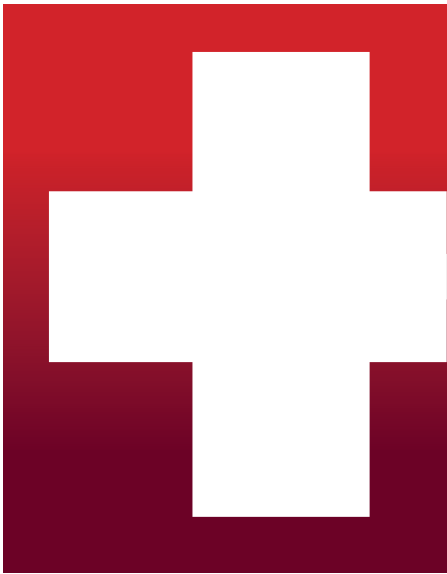
HAPPY
VALENTINES

2017

American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

Lifeguard Training Course
(Includes CPR/AED and First Aid)

Montgomery Village Resident: \$185, Non-resident: \$195



The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course will certify you in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. **Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course** (proof of age required) and **pass a pre-screen test** (300-yard continuous swim with rhythmic breathing using front crawl or breast stroke; 10 lbs. brick retrieval within one minute forty seconds; and tread water using legs only for two minutes) on the first pool day in order to continue participation in class. If you do not pass the pre-screen, you will be issued a full refund. Space is very limited. Class sessions will be held at the **Rockville Swim & Fitness Center (355 Martins Lane, Rockville)**. A detailed course schedule/syllabus will be provided on the first day of class. **Students MUST attend all class sessions as scheduled. Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville.**

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 Wednesday, Feb. 22)

DATE	TIME
Friday, Feb. 24	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 3	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 4	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 5	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 11	5 to 8 p.m.

4015.202 (Registration closes on Thursday, April 6)
MCPS Spring Break

DATE	TIME
Monday, April 10	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 13	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, April 14	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4015.204 (Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

DATE	TIME
Friday, April 21	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 22	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 24	6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 29	3 to 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 30	6 to 9 p.m.

Montgomery Village News

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS WITH THE VILLAGE

Send your birth, engagement or wedding announcements, achievements or other good news to mvnews@mvf.org or complete the Milestones form online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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. 25 (snow date Saturday, March 4) at Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 301-929-2197, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org or www.itfcareers.org.

Rental Facilities in the Village

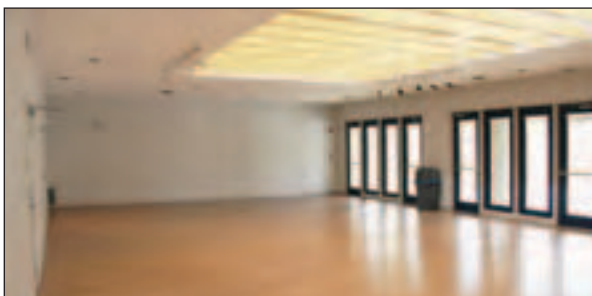
Looking for space for your party, celebration or sports practice? Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF Fee can rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

Lake Marion has a wood-floored room with a maximum capacity of 85 people, as well as a full-size gymnasium available for rent at Lake Marion.

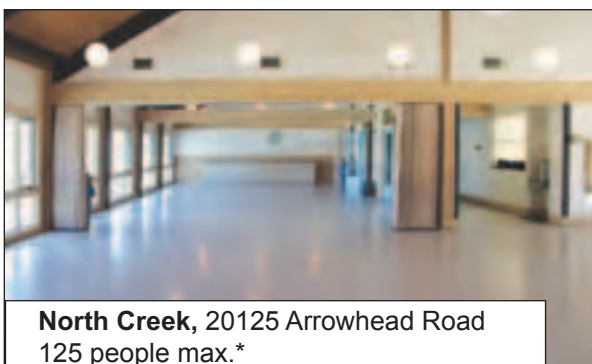
North Creek is a tile-floored L-shaped room that may be divided into two smaller rooms. Maximum capacity is 125 people.

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

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



Lake Marion, 8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek, 20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

*There is a maximum of 75 people allowed per rental during pool season.

Watkins Mill High School Cheerleading Fundamentals Clinic

Come learn the fundamentals of cheerleading with the Watkins Mill High School Cheerleaders! Participants will learn a routine that incorporates different stunts, cheers and dance from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April, 22, with a parent showcase at 1 p.m. The cost of the clinic is \$25; price includes a t-shirt and bow! The first 15 participants to register online only pay \$20!

Online sign up is required; sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090545A4A928A7FC1-wmhs. All checks and money orders should be made out to Watkins Mill High School Cheerleading. Payments and forms are due to Watkins

Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Road, by Friday, March 31. There will be a box to drop off payments/forms in the front office.

For more information about the clinic, contact Coach Aleja Houston at wmhscheersquad@gmail.com.



END-OF-SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Enroll in two camps in the same session to make a full day of fun! Campers staying for the full day should bring a non-perishable lunch to eat during the supervised break between camps.



LEGO® STEM

Ratchet up your imagination with tens of thousands of LEGO®! Build engineer-designed projects such as motorcycles, castles, airplanes and carnivals. Then use special pieces to create your own unique design! New and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced PlayWell instructor.

4007.301
Intro to STEM with Lego Summer 2 NEW!
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 21. to Friday, Aug. 25
9 a.m. to noon
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

4007.302
STEM Challenge Summer 2 NEW!
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 21. to Friday, Aug. 25
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



Tiny Chefs

Campers push the limits on the snack concept and prepare a variety of wholesome, delicious and unique snacks. This is not your mother's PB&J! Chefs prepare a variety of bite-size munchies, like chicken salad cups, homemade granola bars, roasted red pepper humus with homemade pita chips and more! No one goes home hungry!

4007.305
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

4007.304
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25
9 a.m. to noon
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



Under the Sea

Campers 5 to 7 years old will make a big splash and learn all about jellyfish, octopuses, dolphins, whales and even mermaids! There's nothing fishy about using cool tools and materials to create fun paintings, collages, sculptures and more.

4004.304
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

Digital Doodles

8 to 12 year old campers will learn about famous photographers, digital cameras, photo printing and lapse motion animation, with a focus on how to create a photography set up and using photographs in artwork.

4004.309
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
9 a.m. to noon.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



Club SciKidz

Science is as vital as reading, writing and arithmetic! This action packed week will allow campers to explore what it means to be a scientist. Investigate evolution and biology using hands on experiments and current scientific technology with fellow lab partners in the Lake Marion Lab!

4005.325
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
9 a.m. to noon.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

4005.326
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



For more information or to register, e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org or call 240-243-2361.

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KIDS PAGE



MV Kids learn about Refrigerators



There's an old joke that asks "Is your refrigerator running? Then you'd better go catch it!" The truth is that your refrigerator is constantly being used-whether you open the door or not. But let's find out how your "fridge" works?

In 19th century England, wooden boxes like this were lined with tin or zinc and insulated with cork, sawdust or seaweed. They were used to hold blocks of ice and "refrigerate" food. A drip pan collected the melted water – and had to be emptied each day.

Organize Your Fridge

Use your organization skills and put these groceries away. Cut out the food and put it where it should go or draw a line from the food to where it should go in the refrigerator.



How Does it Work?

There are five basic components in the refrigeration cycle: fluid refrigerant; a compressor, which controls the flow of refrigerant; the condenser coils (on the outside of the fridge); the evaporator coils (on the inside of the fridge); and something called an expansion device.

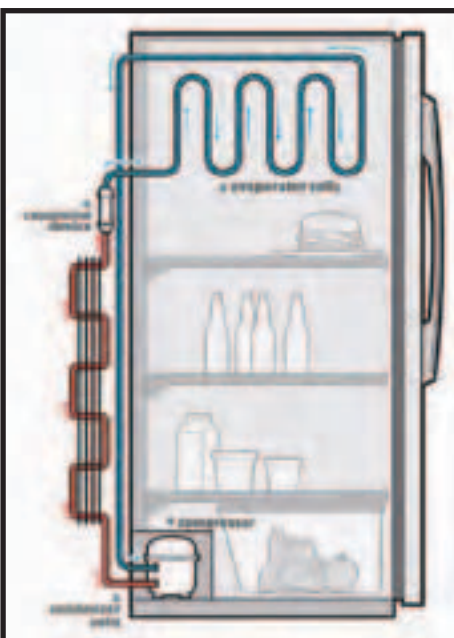
1. The compressor constricts the refrigerant vapor, raising its pressure, and pushes it into the coils on the outside of the refrigerator.

2. When the hot gas in the coils meets the cooler air temperature of the kitchen, it becomes a liquid.

3. Now in liquid form at high pressure, the refrigerant cools down as it flows into the coils inside the freezer and the fridge.

4. The refrigerant absorbs the heat inside the fridge, cooling down the air.

5. Last, the refrigerant evaporates to a gas, then flows back to the compressor, where the cycle starts all over.



www.realsimple.com



MV SENIORS

seniors in **action**

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays and
select Fridays!

Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road

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

WINTER / SPRING Session

Now through May 19
(No meeting Feb. 20)

**2017 Active Aging Expo**

The 9th Annual Active Aging Expo is scheduled for Monday, May 8 at The Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg.

Instructors interested in leading a class to demonstrate at the Active Aging Expo can contact Charlyn Simpson at 240-805-1578.

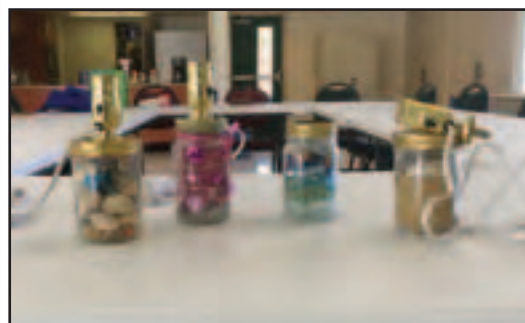
**Blood Pressure Screenings**

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

**SiA Caring Hands**

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

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



Check out Seniors in Action for activities most days of the week! Here's just a few things they worked on last year!

REGISTRATION — Not a member of Seniors in Action? Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com today!

*Calendar***MONDAY****Arts and Crafts**
10 a.m. to noon

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

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

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

**Book Discussion Group****10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month**

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

March 20: "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant" by Anne Tyler

April 17: "My Song" by Harry Belafonte

TUESDAY**Light Cardio Workout****9 to 10 a.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY**Light Cardio Workout****9 to 10 a.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

Free for members, \$2/Non-member

Next date: March 10

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

RECREATION



Potential campers and their families had a great time at the Annual MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair with crafts, Lego projects and exciting games.

Soccer Shots!

Soccer Shots is more than just soccer; in each class a high emphasis is placed on character development and striving to leave a lasting, positive impact on every child.

Sign your child (ages 2 to 12) up today! Classes are offered on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Session II begins in early March. For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Lego Block Party



Join us at this fun event for the whole family! In addition to tables of Legos for free-building, Play-Well TEKnologies will be instructing participants on how to make "pull back cars" before taking on

various obstacles. We'll also be building a giant tower—as tall we can get it!

This family event is for children and adults ages 5 and older. Build some fun from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 24

at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Early registration is encouraged; adults are free, \$15/Resident child and \$20/Non-resident child.

afternoon aqua club

Register Online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

for ages 8 to 12
1 to 4 p.m.

Hurley Park Pool
20737 Highland Hall Drive



Jump in and soak up the fun! Participants will enjoy an afternoon of hands-on activities in the water and a look into the pool filtration system and more. In-water activities will include canoe safety, team raft building and raft races! Register today for the coolest way to heat up your summer! All campers must demonstrate the ability to swim **one length of the pool in a safe manner without touching the wall or bottom of the pool on the first day of camp** and must be comfortable in water that exceeds their height. *Please note this camp is not intended to be a swim lesson program. Please bring a bagged lunch.

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Monday, July 10
to Friday, July 14

\$119/Resident, \$129/Non-resident



For more information or to register,
e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org or call 240-243-2361.

Montgomery Village Community Band

"Suite Dreams"

WINTER CONCERT

Sunday, Feb. 26
3 p.m.

Watkins Mill High School Auditorium
10301 Apple Ridge Road

FREE Admission!

A concert you've dreamed of attending!

Musical selections include:
Romeo and Juliet Suite by Sergei Prokofiev,
Suite of Old American Dances, Divertimento by Vincent Persichetti,
English Folk Song Suite by Ralph Vaughan Williams,
Theme from Schindler's List by John Williams.

Steven C. Wampler
Music Director



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



SPRING BREAK CAMPS

IN MONTGOMERY VILLAGE



Monday, April 10
through
Thursday, April 13
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

RECREATION

Whetstone Afterschool Club

Students in grades K to 5 can have afterschool fun in a well-supervised and friendly environment with sports, games, arts and crafts and more! MVF staff will walk with registered program participants from Whetstone Elementary School to Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, immediately after school dismissal.

Registration is available online with flexible options. Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Whetstone Afterschool Club runs from 3:30 to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, through June 16 (no club when MCPS is closed).

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

Counselor-In-Training/ Youth Leadership Workshop

Get on the fast track to MVF's Counselor-In-Training Program! Youth Leadership Workshop is a development program for teens ages 13 to 17 that combines interactive workshops with the fun atmosphere of a summer day camp! Those who successfully complete this workshop will be given priority, after returning CITs, during the Counselor-In-Training selection process in early May, age permitting (participants must be 14 years old by the first day of the camp session of which they are placed).

Participants will engage in exciting and empowering activities, and focus on personal growth and positive leadership skills. The goals of this program are for youth to learn skills to effectively lead others in activities and feel confident in their problem solving skills; both independently and

in a team setting. Youth Leadership Workshop participants will have the opportunity to earn up to 12 SSL hours planning activities and interacting with campers at MVF Spring Break Camps.

Join the fun from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 11 through Thursday, April 13 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This program costs \$65/Resident or \$75/Non-resident. For more information, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mof.org.



Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court

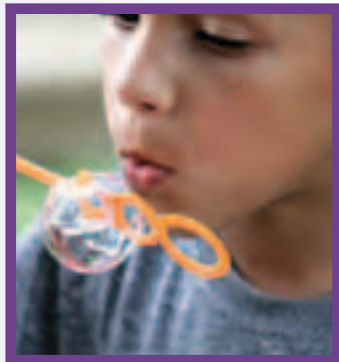
Polymers & Potions

Ages 2 to 5 with a guardian 18 or older

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Thursdays
10 to 11 a.m.
Feb. 23 to
March 23

\$78/Resident
\$88/Non-resident



Parents, join your budding scientist for fun and learning with bubble science, slippery slime, color mixing, growing polymers, colorful movie snow and more.

Creative Discovery Open Houses

Wednesday, March 8, Friday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 29

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Whetstone Community Center
19401 Brooke Grove Court

MVF invites prospective students, ages 2 to 4, and their families to join us for a morning of learning in the Creative Discovery schoolroom! Teachers Mrs. Arastu and Mrs. Mistrik will welcome children to join in our daily morning routine alongside current stu-

dents, allowing them to get a feel for the classroom and the school year ahead. Prior to leaving, parents will have the opportunity to talk more with teachers and ask questions about the program and registration process before leaving. Prospective 4's and

their families only on Friday, March 24.

Can't attend one of our Open Houses? To schedule a personal tour, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mof.org.



43rd Annual Art, Craft & Photography Show

North Creek Community Center • 20125 Arrowhead Road
Saturday, March 11
Sunday, March 12 | **1 to 5 p.m.**

Artists' Reception Sunday, March 12 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Artists must bring and register entries at NCCC on Thursday, March 9 from 3 to 8 p.m. \$3/entry. Limit of four 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.

Registration: Thursday, March 9 from 3 to 8 p.m. \$3 per entry. Limit 4.

Entrants ages 8 to 12; 13 to 17; 18 to 25; over 25 or Professional (artists that instruct others or sell their works) will be judged in the following categories:

- oil/acrylic
- watercolors
- pastels
- crafts/textiles
- pottery/sculpture
- drawing/printing/graphics
- mixed media/ miscellaneous
- photography – b&w (minimal adjustment to original)
- photography – color (minimal adjustment to original)
- digital art (imagery created entirely on the computer or captured using a digital camera and having significant changes made)

Artists can download registration forms at www.montgomeryvillage.com, pick them up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or e-mail mmaggi@mof.org. No entries will be accepted before registration on Thursday, March 9.

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

WHETSTONE Afterschool Club

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Monday through Friday
3:30 to 6 p.m.
now through June 16

\$5/Day, 5 day minimum

Whetstone Community Center
19140 Brooke Grove Court

www.montgomeryvillage.com

AT YOUR LEISURE



photo by Maria Pullifrone

L to R – Top: Wally Murad, Homa Chetry, David Bunn, Jim Barnett, John Wright, Gary Jagadar, Pete Estrella
Bottom: Don McComb, Mel Mendoza, Bruno Zara

The Senior Men's Tennis group enjoyed the spring-like weather last week at the Whetstone tennis courts where they meet as weather permits every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. They have been meeting for casual tennis matches since the mid 1980s and their 30 current members range in age from 65 to 88.

If you are interested in joining this group, please e-mail Jana Serlo at jserlo@mvf.org for the group leader's contact information.

17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade winds through Rio Washingtonian March 11

The City of Gaithersburg, in partnership with Rio Washingtonian Center and the Harp and Shamrock Society, will host the 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 11 at Rio Washingtonian Center (I-370 and Washingtonian Boulevard).

Dozens of units will march in the parade, including Celtic dancers, bagpipe bands, school groups, clowns, fire trucks, equestrian units, service organizations and more. The parade will be emceed by Tommy McFly, Kelly Collis and Jen Richer of 94.7 Fresh FM's "The Tommy Show." Grand Marshals this year will be parade founders John Barry and Ed Duffy. Following the parade, there will be live entertainment on the Lakefront Plaza until 1 p.m.

Interested in participating? Community groups and other organizations are invited to march in the parade. Registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 18. Please note that participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade by groups or organizations other than City of Gaithersburg officials, departments or committees does not constitute City of Gaithersburg endorsement. A participant application form is available online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/st-patricks-day-parade. Those interested in participating as a vendor should e-mail Laurie Yankowski at lyankowski@petersoncos.com.

For more information, contact the City of Gaithersburg Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture at 301-258-6350.

Kiwanis Club to sponsor Harlem Ambassadors

The Montgomery Village Kiwanis Club is partnering with the Harlem Ambassadors and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for a charity event scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at Montgomery College, 51 Manakee Street, Rockville.

The Harlem Ambassadors' show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks, hilarious comedy, music, dancing, games with kids in the audience and free autographs after the show.

The event proceeds benefit:

- The Three House CAC: Dedicated to reducing trauma and promoting healing for children of physical and sexual abuse and neglect.
- CSAAC: Providing support to children and adults with Autism
- Relay for Life: Giving support to children with cancer.
- Miracle League: Supports a baseball field and team league for children of all ages with physical and mental challenges.
- The Eliminate Project: A global effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus infection.
- Women Who Care Ministries: Provides weekend food

items to school children living at or below the poverty level.

The Harlem Ambassadors have performed more than 2,800 comedy basketball shows as fundraising and community entertainment events for non-profit organizations, the U.S. military and community service groups since 1998. These events have helped raise over \$10 million for communities in 50 states and 20 countries.

"We're proud to give communities quality family entertainment that parents, grandparents and kids can enjoy together and make memories that last a lifetime," Harlem Ambassadors President Dale Moss said. "Even people who aren't basketball fans love our show because it's two hours of fun, and laughter for a great cause. Plus, where else can you see your neighbor, co-worker, granddaughter's coach or son's teacher play against professional athletes? This is an event that you do not want to miss."

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Youth Corp Worker application deadline is Friday, March 31. Interviews will be scheduled in April.

Applications may be obtained at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, 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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