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Residents asked questions of the 2017 Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors candidates at the annual Candidates' Forum held on January 31. Read additional information in the questions and answers and candidate bio matrix beginning on page 8. The full transcript will be available in the next *Village News*.

MVF Board election underway

by Mike Conroy

Ballots for the 2017 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election were mailed to homeowners on Friday, Feb. 3. Four candidates, including two incumbents, are running to fill three seats on the Board; those seeking election are Tammy Holloway, Ishmael Sheriff, Peter Webb (incumbent) and Pete Young (incumbent).

Each year, three seats become available for a three year term. This election will see at least one new face on the Board, as one member whose term is expiring has chosen not to seek re-election.

Residents should read the candidate statements included with the mailed ballot to familiarize themselves with the candidates' respective platforms.

Each candidate has submitted a brief résumé and answered three specific questions pertaining to their proposed goals for election to the Board, beginning on page 8. Additionally, residents can meet and talk with the candidates before the Thursday, Feb. 23 MVF Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Ballots must be signed and returned to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 3. Results will be counted and announced on Saturday, March 4. New Board members will be installed at the MVF Annual Meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Play equipment for Lake Whetstone Park approved at MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

For the last 50 years, Lake Whetstone has been a focal point in Montgomery Village. It attracts residents and visitors, and is a scenic area for nature observation, fishing, paddle boat rides and open play. Among the picnic tables and benches sits a sand vol-

leyball court and two concrete animals that have been the subject of photos and climbing for 50 years.

With the completion of the dredging work at the lake and the restoration of the park area, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors is looking to add

additional play equipment to the area that fits with the natural surroundings and offers park visitors more options for recreation. The Recreation Committee, with input from residents and the 50th Anniver-

sary Committee, investigated several companies and options of equipment that fit the description. At the January 26

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Bloom Montgomery Village Site Plan meeting scheduled for Feb. 6

Monument Realty is pleased to report that the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for BLOOM Montgomery Village has been accepted by the Montgomery County Planning Board for consideration. A copy of the Notice of Application can be viewed online at www.BloomInMV.com. All of the technical drawings associated with this application can be viewed on the Montgomery County Planning website at, <http://eplans.montgomeryplanning.org/daiclinks/pdodlinks.aspx?apno=120170150>

The application will undergo a technical review by Montgomery County Planning staff and other county agencies. Monument Realty will also be submitting a Site Plan application to the county in February. We anticipate that both the Preliminary Plan and Site Plan will be considered by the planning board at a public hearing in late spring or early summer 2017.

For more information on the Bloom entitlement process, please see #6 on our list of FAQs on the Bloom website provided above.

A community meeting will be held for information on the Site Plan application. This meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Sunday, Feb. 12
2 to 4 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

Door Prizes include camp discounts and more!

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

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





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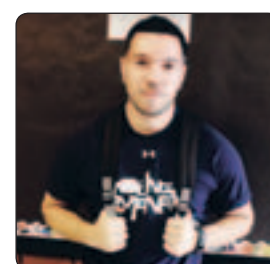


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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

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.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Items on the agenda include: consideration of items for inclusion in Apple Ridge Recreation Area Playground; consideration of Patton Ridge parking request; consideration Eastgate Homes Corporation request to remove the basketball court at Martin P. Roy Park; recommend movies for Dive-In and Summers in South Valley Park; and discuss themes for July 4th celebration.

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.

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.

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, Feb. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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, Feb. 15 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 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, Feb. 14 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

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Apple Ridge Playground Replacement Community Meeting

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

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

If you are interested in or need more information, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or by e-mail at aroswurm@mvf.org; or share you thoughts at the Recreation Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Civic duty



by Pete Young
MVF President

I am sure that you all experience the same overwhelming volume of news, stories and social media posts about the recent election, our economy, political priorities and international events and moods every day as I do. I cannot remember any time during my life where the level of national attention, action and emotion was so high relating to the recent presidential election and governmental actions. I call attention to this to remind you that as citizens, one of the most important rights we have is that of voting. Whether the election is national, state or local, one of the most effective tools we all have to change and impact our lives is through our democracy.

In Montgomery Village, we have our own democratic

process to elect leaders to represent all of us in the management of and advocacy for our community. Each year the Montgomery Village Foundation holds elections for three of the nine seats on our Board of Directors (staggered terms). Ballots are mailed out to each property owner, and these must then be filled out, signed and returned.

I am very pleased that once again this year, we have an impressive slate of candidates willing to serve all of us and run for election to the Board. It has been my great privilege to serve this community, and I strongly encourage all of you to vote in the election. We need to hear your voices.

I am hoping that many of you will take the time to meet the candidates, or even simply read the transcript of the Candidates' Forum and candidate statements and answers in the *Village News*. Be informed and use your powers—it is your civic duty.

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

Cheers,
Pete

Community Meeting with ARC on the Montgomery Village Center

Atlantic Realty Companies, the owner of the Montgomery Village Center, will host a Pre-Application Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents are encouraged to attend.



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

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST January 26, 2017

1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held December 8, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Marsh moved to acknowledge receipt of the information items. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Clark moved to approve the proposed 2017 pool schedule. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Webb moved to appoint Mr. Alex Vespoli to the MVF Commercial Architecture Review Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Marsh moved to approve the proposed changes to the MVF Activity Card and Pool Operating Procedures. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Gargan moved to award the bid for pool furniture at Apple Ridge Pool to The Southern Company for \$24,004.68 and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$24,400 to allow for any additional shipping costs. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Ms. Franke moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate a contract with Cunningham Recreation to furnish and install the Ultra-Play equipment, 6" by 8" wood borders, and safety surfacing in the Lake Whetstone picnic area and to authorize funding of \$45,096.60 plus 10% for unforeseen conditions for a total of \$49,606. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the purchase of two custom 50th Anniversary benches from Leisure Craft Inc. for \$2,964.92 and to approve the installation of the two benches on concrete slabs by Cunningham Recreation for \$2,464.50. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Clark moved to refer the request from Eastgate Homes Corporation to remove the basketball court at Martin Roy Park to the Recreation Committee for consideration. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Marsh moved to refer the request from Patton Ridge Homes Corporation to allow resident parking at North Creek Community Center to the Recreation Committee for consideration. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Gargan abstained.
12. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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.



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Don't Miss It! Feb. 10 Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 12 Summer Camp & Program Fair 17 Wine & Paint Valentine's Personals Published 20 President's Day - MVF Office Closed 25 Indoor Flea Market		Village News 3 Summer Camp Guide CARC 9:15 am – NCBR	4
5	6 Bloom Site Plan meeting 6:30 pm – WCC	7	8 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC Communications Committee 7 pm – MVF Office MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Park Place II Condo 7 pm – NCBR	9 Park Place I Condo 7 pm – Gaithersburg Library	10 Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7 to 9 pm – NCCC (Pre-registration required)	11
12 Summer Camp & Program Fair 2 to 4 pm – LMCC (Free)	13 Personnel Committee 7 pm – MVF Office Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm – NCBR MV Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	14 Valentine's Day Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR	15 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Recreation Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC	16 North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.)	Village News 17 Wine & Paint 7 to 9 pm – SCC (21 or older)	18
19	20 Presidents' Day MVF Office Closed	21 Community Meeting Re: Village Center 7 pm – NCCC	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 Mtg.)	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 HC 7 pm – TCPR Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Mtg.) 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

KEY:

BMP Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)
 CTS Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.
 LMCC Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
 MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.

NCBR North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
NCCC North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.
SCC Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.
SVP South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.

TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

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

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

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.
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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.

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E-mail letters to mvnews@mvpf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Last week, the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation (PRHC) mailed a "ballot/survey" seeking to amend the PRHC covenants regarding overnight truck parking and giving the board—not homeowners—the authority to do so. There are three issues involved: process, merit and precedent.

Apparently, the board has been discussing this issue since last April and agreed to send a letter/survey to PRHC homeowners for feedback before proposing amendments to the covenants. No letter or survey was ever sent.

Without any background information, communication of the reasons—pro and con—for the change, nor any explanation of the voting procedures, the board is asking for the power to allow overnight parking of private trucks without further homeowner input or approval.

If this ballot is approved, as few as four board members could vote to make such a fundamental change in our community. This is not only poor process, but very dangerous precedent.

Before returning their ballot, homeowners should communicate their concerns and views to the PRHC Board through Community Manager Cris Juarez (cjuarez@mvmf.org) and plan to attend the next PRHC Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room.

The board needs to start over beginning with full and open discussion with homeowners on this serious question. Homeowner feedback and input is crucial before any voting takes place.

John M. Huber
Patton Ridge

Editor:

Here we go again! Another Whetstone ballot has been issued with an error.

This is becoming standard practice. Perhaps the election committee members need to be assigned to other committees. The yellow Election Ballot Notice card sent to all Whetstone residents cost residents \$151.98 in postage and should be borne by election committee members.

Here again the Whetstone board is flying blind with no board meeting scheduled for February and the March meeting scheduled for March 9 after the ballots are due on March 3.

Consequently, there is no board opportunity to provide guidance to residents on what is to happen and for residents to provide input on any recovery steps nor for the Whetstone board to approve the January minutes. The Election Ballot Error Notice sent out neglected to provide a remedy for the situation. Just what are the recovery steps?

When will an updated and corrected ballot be sent out to Whetstone residents? How

are ballots already submitted to be handled? Will they be disregarded? Should residents simply send in corrected ballots when they are received?

To complicate matters, the Whetstone board voted on amendments to the Ballot By-law Vote to be mailed out to Whetstone residents on February 14, 2017. So, the Whetstone board will be conducting two overlapping elections at the same time. Where is the planning in all this...or is this actually the preferred plan? Could anything be more confusing?

Amendment 1 - prohibition of commercial adult daycare or medical daycare.

Amendment 2 - change quorum from 2/3 to 50% of eligible voting residences to approve an amendment to the covenants.

For my part, I recommend casting a vote to prohibit adult or medical daycare business in Whetstone. In addition, I urge Whetstone residents to skip the vote on changing the quorum to 50%.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Editor:

Did you know that Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is charging a group of townhouses only \$97/year to use our pools while the rest of the Village residents are paying \$413/year? Is this fair?

Thomas Choice Condominium (TCC) is a group of 103, 3-bedroom townhouses located on Brassie Place, across Montgomery Village Avenue from the golf club entrance. These condos are managed by MVF Community Management. About three years ago, the MVF Recreation Department arranged to allow TCC use of Stedwick and Watkins

Editor's Note:

Beginning in 2015, Thomas Choice Condominium (TCC) has approached the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) each year to buy pool access to satisfy its obligations to its owners. MVF's Declarations (usually in Article VI, section 3) permit MVF to allow MVF members who are not members of Homes Corporations to use MVF facilities upon terms and payment that MVF determines.

The contracts and the fees paid

Mill pools, and also to receive full privileges at our tennis courts, picnic areas and the Lake Marion gym. TCC is charged \$10,000, or \$97/unit, for those privileges. Of course, the Board is pleased with the additional \$10,000 revenue, but is it fair and reasonable at this low price?

MVF is now preparing a similar arrangement for the 2017 season. A recreation pass for the rest of the MV Community, defined as Designated-Users (DU) has increased to \$413 per unit/year, while TCC pass at \$97/unit has remained the same. Let me repeat: they (TCC) get to swim in the heated pool

by Thomas Choice Condominium were reviewed and authorized by the MVF Board at monthly Board meetings. TCC owners are restricted to use of only two pools, and in the Board's judgment, the price is fair to Thomas Choice and MVF because it provides additional revenue for operation and maintenance without burdening the facilities.

The fee paid by TCC is only for pool use—it cannot be equated with the DU fee, which funds

with its extended schedule and longer hours at this reduced rate. For \$318 more the DU's get to choose any of the seven pools owned by MVF.

Usually, TCC decides on pool usage at their February meeting. Presently, DUs pay more than four times the rate paid by TCC. Since MVF has created this unfair situation, now is the time to set up a more equitable plan for all. Please contact your favorite Board member—mvinfo@mvmf.org—to suggest fairer and equal negotiations. Thank you.

Ralph Colling
North Village

more than pools. Moreover, Mr. Colling's comparison ignores the fact that TCC owners also pay MVF's quarterly assessment. This year's contract will be reviewed at the MVF Board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. MVF members may comment via e-mail (mvinfo@mvmf.org) or in person at the MVF Board meeting.

Editor:

On January 26 I heard Ralph Colling (during Residents' Time) ask the MVF Board about one MVF association receiving a reduced "MVF Designated Users (DU) Fee" amount for accessing two MVF pools. He explained that standard DU Fee's amount of \$413 was reduced to \$10,000 for one association, which comes to about \$97 per unit/year for 103 members.

He also mentioned Thomas Choice Condominium (TCC) Association receives full benefits to access all MVF tennis courts, picnic areas and Lake Marion gymnasium at no cost with full access to Stedwick and Watkins Mill pools for at the reduced rate for 3 years.

Ralph asked the MVF Board

"Is this fair?" Responding, they claimed they were approached by TCC and having their membership would add to MVF DU funds.

All other DU members are obligated through our Covenants to pay the full amount of \$413 per unit/year in the 2017 Budget. Where is the \$97 in this budget?

I am asking, does this "cut-rate DU Fee" set a dangerous precedent for current and new Associations to confront our Covenants for this same deal? The golf course, for example, with 488 units, if the Board grants \$97 per unit/year to them, the DU Funds would receive just \$47,366 instead of \$201,544. Then there is the Montgomery Village Center—

TBD number of units and future residential development who would ask for the same deal.

Continuing to allow cut-rate DU Fees that benefit any one Association could undermine the MVF ability to enforce Covenants that promulgate a standard DU Fee.

During the Candidates' Forum, I will have asked, "As a new Board member, what would you want the MVF Board to do about enforcing MVF Covenants and a \$97 DU FEE Policy?"

Read all the candidates' responses carefully, then ask yourself, "Whom will I vote for?"

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IN THE NEWS

Now is the time to start thinking about MVF Summer Camps

by Mike Conroy

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

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

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! Currently scheduled trips include (trips vary per camp and are subject to change): Monster Golf, Bowl America, Bohrer Park, Pirate Quest, Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum, Laser Tag, Rockin' Jump and an End of Summer Cookout. Special visitors include: Catriona's Castle, Reptile Wonders, Under the Sea and more!

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

Teens ages 13 to 16 can grow their skills by working with MVF Summer Camps. MVF offers either a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) or Leader-in-Training (LIT) program for those ages 14 and older. Gain valuable leadership and job experience, as well as Student Service Learning hours as a CIT or LIT. Early experiences like this will help build confidence and responsibility to flourish in future employment opportunities; many CITs have attended MVF camps and transition into camp counselor positions the following year.

MVF Summer Camps are convenient for parents, too! Besides being so close to home, affording you the ease of drop-off and pickup before and after work, camps Soaring Stars and Racing Wind offer an extended-day option from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. to make sure you get to work on time. New this year, Camp Tiny Feet has been extended by a half hour and the North Creek Summer Activity Center is open all day (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) as well!

Need to schedule around summer vacation plans? No problem — our flexible, one and two-week sessions make it possible to maximize your child's camp experience and minimize overpaying for a camp they can't attend all of. And because Montgomery County Public Schools don't start until after Labor Day, we've added an extra session of camp!

Want more flexibility? The North Creek Summer Activity Center or Whetstone Summer Club may be perfect options for you! These super-affordable camp options run the same weeks as the other camps, but allow campers to drop-in as necessary. The North Creek program includes a variety of activities each day, including new nature lessons, guest

performers and a field trip, while Whetstone Summer Club focuses on sports, group games, crafts, activities and swimming.

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

MVF camps provide peace of mind with top-notch staff. Many of our camp staff and directors have years of experience with Village youth. And our manageable staff-to-camper ratio makes sure that your child receives care and attention, instead of just being another face in the crowd. Parents, guardians and campers are invited to meet the staff of their respective camps at the Camp Open House on Thursday, June 15. Times and locations vary per camp; for more information, call 301-948-0110, or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Best of all, Montgomery Village camps won't break the bank! The weekly/bi-weekly sessions are broken down to affordable rates. Register by Wednesday, March 15 and take advantage of our Early Bird Discount!

To check out all the opportunities for your child(ren) this summer, visit the Summer Camp and Program Fair from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Meet camp staff and sample a wide variety of activities offered this summer.

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

Your VOTE matters!

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



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 Meeting will be held throughout the county on several days at different locations. Locations convenient

to Montgomery Village residents include:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 15 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, in the Cafeteria
- **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.

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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 should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 3. Your ballot should be completed promptly and dropped off at, or mailed to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

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

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

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.



YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

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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

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Election ballots mailed to residents

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

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2017 Board of Directors election candidates



TAMMY HOLLOWAY



ISHMAEL SHERIFF



PETER WEBB



PETE YOUNG

TAMMY ALLISON HOLLOWAY

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

Broad Legal Experience – I have conducted discovery and helped to devise the legal strategy in a diverse collection of cases by conducting investigations, making recommendations to the President of the United States, writing briefs and arguing motions in an employment law case in Federal District Court. My work with a wide range of civil and criminal matters enables me to adeptly interpret, apply, and comply with various statutes, regulations, and constitutional provisions.

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

I believe having more residents attend the meetings through email, Facebook groups, or other social media forums is a top priority. This will enable them to feel as if they are part of the process and know what is going on in the community in which they reside. Second, I believe that MVF Camps and Classes that produce revenue is a top priority. Including programs targeted to various age groups, including infants and toddlers would greatly improve the enrollment numbers. This coupled with new outreach efforts to reach residents would greatly improve enrollment numbers. Thirdly, I believe that building a relationship with MV schools and offering incentives for student residents would increase enrollment for camps and classes.

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

I propose having meet and greets with residents. Perhaps once a quarter we can set up stations at the main entrances & exits of the community where we can pass out donuts or something along with cards

with our FB, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, & 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. This then increases visibility and enrollment.

ISHMAEL SHERIFF

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

As the first minority Junior Senator, I represented 88,000 students in the state of Maryland and also 46,500 students in D.C., communicating to congress their concerns, ideas and aspirations. Furthermore, I identified and spear headed the fight against child-hood obesity and its regressive attributes within developing townships. As the founder of the Youth Wellness Center in Montgomery Village, I established a multi-faceted facility for children to aide in the development of enriched minds and healthy members of the community. For roughly 3 years, I was as senior community support specialist, managing adults who are affected by chronic mental illnesses and/or addictions, while coaching consumers with living skills to be interactive members of the community. In all, I have been active in and with my community well over 20 years.

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

What I consider priority items that need to be addressed involves visual preservation of the community (i.e. trash removal, large item pick-ups, proper pet maintenance), public safety of residents, boosting morale with-in inherit and new members of community, extra curricular youth and family activities and residential, commercial and public parking.

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

Proposals I have to assist

in my priority concerns include more readily drop-zones and available dog waste stations. More lighting and lamp post for public safety, along with well lit crosswalks and stop signs in congestive traffic points. Hosting various seasonal events for locals to attend with in recreational centers would aide in boosting morale in and around community. Allotting side street availability during low traffic times could assist with opening up residents concerns of parking.

PETER WEBB

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

My family has resided in Montgomery Village for the past 7 ½ years, and in that time we have come to love our neighborhood for what it is, what it has been, and most importantly, what it can be. As a small business owner, operating a State Farm Insurance agency in Rockville, I serve as a counselor and advisor to over 1,900 households to help them plan for the future and protect them from life's inevitable challenges. I pride myself on working with each individual to seek the best path forward. I believe my professional background will continue to be a true asset to the Foundation as we work with new partners in the Village. I look forward to continuing to create a community that I will be proud to call home with my wife Kate and son Will for years to come.

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

During my time on the Board in the past three years, we have been implementing plans to refresh and enhance our parks, facilities and pools. We worked with Montgomery County to adopt a new master plan that will encourage community and economic development while protecting the character of the Village. I was saddened to see the closing of

the golf course but the reality is that golf as an industry is in trouble. I believe the redevelopment of the golf course redevelopment (while slow) will be a great asset to the community, and will include a wonderful new park area and trails for recreation. The plan to update the Village Center will help build community and bring in a new grocery store and other retail. I believe it will be important to continue to be supportive of these projects while making sure the Village is protected from unwanted changes. It's going to be an exciting time to live in the Village!

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

I think it is important to review MVF's strategic goals on an annual basis to make sure that they meet the short term and long term needs of the community and that they mesh with the budget and 5 Year Plan. Seeking continued resident input on major projects via forums such as the charrette process used with Monument Realty during the planning of the golf course and other avenues of direct participation will be key as the Village continues to move forward.

PETE YOUNG

1. *In your civic, professional or personal background, what experience do you feel qualifies you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

I have a combination of civic and professional experience that positions me well to continue serving on the MVF Board. Through my professional experience I have been responsible for strategic planning, business development, budgeting, capital investments, facility planning, and management of large projects and programs. In my civic experience serving on the MVF BOD and committees, and public school leadership roles, I have gained valuable insights into the current and future needs of the Village and

our communities. I have lived in the Village for 18 years, raising my family with my wife Susan, and have participated in many of the amazing community traditions such as the swim teams, parades, holiday celebrations, neighborhood activities, etc. Through these experiences I have developed a strong love for the Village, and feel an obligation to continue serving our community.

2. *What do you consider as priority items to be addressed by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?*

The most pressing items we currently face are the large economic development projects currently underway in our community. Working with the developers, the county, and our community to ensure that these projects are completed as proposed is crucial to the renewal of our community, and positioning MV for the future. In addition to these exciting projects, the MVF is also in the process of rebuilding our assets such as pools and community centers, and adapting our programs to meet the changing needs of our residents. These efforts must continue for us to evolve and meet the needs of our community.

3. *What proposals do you have to assist in implementing your priority concerns?*

I have used my time on the Board of Directors and strategic planning committees to help lead the Village forward and pursue the vision that the community identified as the direction they wanted for MV. I am extremely proud of the progress we have made during my six years on the Board, and consider my primary objective as continuing the positive momentum we have started in our community. Ensuring that the redevelopment of the former golf course property, Professional Center, and Village Center continue according to our vision is my objective. In addition, with several county transit projects affecting us we must continue our strong leadership in order to secure our future quality of life.

MVF ELECTION

Candidate	TAMMY HOLLOWAY	ISHMAEL SHERIFF	PETER WEBB	PETE YOUNG
Address	8400 Saint Regis Way	10127 Ridgeline Drive	20323 Battery Bend Place	9800 Hallowell Place
Village Community	East Village	Middle Village	Eastgate	Whetstone
Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	1-1.5 years	30 Years	7.5 years	18 years
Occupation	Attorney	Administrative Coordinator at I. N. I. Non-Profit	Business owner – State Farm Insurance Agent, Rockville, MD	Sr. Vice President, Office of Analytics, Planning, and Technology University of Maryland University College
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	No	No	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	Member, Montgomery Village MOMS group	2004–Wellness Director of Montgomery Village YMCA	Member of MVF Board of Directors (3 years); President of Eastgate Board of Directors (4 years).	MVF Board of Directors 2011-Present; MVF Long Range Facility Planning Committee 2009-2010; MVF Vision 2030 Committee 2010-2011; Whetstone Swim Team - A Meet Representative 2010-2011
Participation in Community Affairs	Attendance at various community events	2006–Transformed YMCA to a Wellness Center for underprivileged kids, providing a platform to enrich their mind, body and spirits for professional development; applied for and received grant funds to support programs; organized and led community outreach fundraisers; secured and distributed over \$60,000 in scholarship funds for youth & combating child-hood obesity	Assist in the launching of dozens of small business in the area by serving as an advisor. I serve over 1,900 households as a risk manager and financial planner.	Director Watkins Mill High School Booster Club 2010-2015; Member/Volunteer, Watkins Mill HS PTSA 2009-2015; Chairman, Fundraising Committee, Watkins Mill HS PTSA 2009-2011; Director and Founding Member of Montgomery County Multisport Club, Inc. (MOCO Multisport) - a non-profit triathlon/multisport club 2009-2011
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	Bar Admission, Court of Appeals of Maryland, December 2009; Bar Admission, U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C., March 2016; Representative, DOJ Ambassador Program, July 2011-July 2015; Member DOJ ABA, November 2011-Current; Chair, Legal Redress Committee for D.C. NAACP, November 2011 to November 2012	1999–Watkins Mills H.S. with appearance in “Whose Who” magazine; 2000–Boys Nation candidate for state of MD and D.C. (completed 4 years in “ROTC” with advancements as “Bravo Company Commander”); 2001–Service in “United States Marine Corps” M.O.S. “Military Police Officer” (MP)	Native of Montgomery County. B.A. and M.B.A from American University – Washington, DC focusing on Finance. Fully licensed with the Maryland Insurance Administration and Series 6 licensed with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) for the marketing and sales of securities products.	Board Chair – HelioCampus, Inc., an Education Analytics company 2015-Present; Board Chair - Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium 2015-Present, Director 2011-Present; Board of Directors – Maryland Research and Education Network 2011-Present; BA – Computer Science and Economics, Wittenberg University; MBA – Indiana Wesleyan University

The information provided by the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors candidates is printed exactly as submitted.



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IN THE NEWS

Board

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MVF Board meeting, the Board approved a proposal from Cunningham Recreation to furnish and install play equipment at Lake Whetstone Park.

The \$45,096.60 bid includes natural play climbing features—UltraPlay boulders, a log tunnel and tree stumps and slices—fitting the play area with drainage and filter cloth, wood fiber safety surfacing and wood borders. The play area would also include the existing concrete animals. The play area would have two picnic tables and will also include the installation of two 50th Anniversary Commemorative benches for an additional \$5,429.42. This project is funded by the Capital Contribution Fund. It is estimated the equipment will be installed in early spring.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Also on the agenda were a number of items in preparation of the 2017 pool season. The Board approved the 2017 Pool Schedule, which can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com; a bid for \$24,004.68 to Southern Company for pool furniture for the soon-to-be-finished Apple Ridge Pool; and revisions to the Pool Operating and Activity Card policies. Policy changes included an increase in the guest pass fee; the elimination of the August Trial membership for Annual Pool Memberships; updates to language based on new laws and health regulations; language pertaining to the use of features at the new Apple Ridge Pool; and an update to pool use concerning teaching swim lessons at MVF facilities.

In committee affairs, Alex Vespoli was appointed to serve on the Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC). Vespoli has a background in master planning and development and currently works in commercial real

estate development.

Also on the agenda were items pertaining to MVF facilities, which were forwarded from the Board to the Recreation Committee for further consideration and recommendation. Eastgate Homes Corporation is requesting consideration of a change to the basketball court at Martin P. Roy Park and Patton Ridge Homes Corporation is requesting consideration of overflow parking at North Creek Community Center during non-use hours.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Pete Young noted the importance of voting in the upcoming MVF election and thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in putting forth a slate of candidates for the community. He also said that he was honored to be among the candidates for consideration and asked residents to take the time to learn about the candidates, make an informed decision and vote by the 5 p.m. Friday, March 3 deadline.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton reported that MVF is still awaiting completion and reports on DOT studies for M-83 from the county council. He said that the county council may need input from Park and Planning or may hold a public hearing, however there is still no funding in the CIP for M-83 or improvements other further study of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Humpton also said he and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens were following the legislative session closely again this year, especially the return of a few bills that would affect MVF and the HOAs/COAs in the Village. He noted that MVF is currently seeing the

lowest collections rate since December 2007.

Finally, Humpton advised that residents stay away from Lake Whetstone while the riser work is being completed by Montgomery County. It was noted that there is trash in the lake that could be retrieved with the lower water level, however, residents should not attempt to cross the lake to do so, as the ground could be unstable. He said the water level will be restored in the lake after the county performs its final inspection of the riser repairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Carey gave a brief overview of MVF finances for December 2016, noting the numbers would not be finalized until the annual audit was completed. Carey reported that Revenue was approximately 3% over budget, while Expenses were approximately 3% favorable to the budget, showing overall strong results for the year. He noted that the planned use of Undesignated Reserves was unnecessary in 2016.

Carey mentioned that the Investment Committee recently met and noted a 4.4% ROI in 2016. He said this was mainly due to the amount of equities currently held by MVF. Finally, he reported that delinquencies and bad debt continue to decrease due to the collections efforts of staff and an improving economy.

NEXT MEETING

The next 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. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Before the meeting, residents can meet the candidates for

the MVF Board election from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend both the Meet the Candidates event and the Board meeting. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.



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Troop 1988 Scouting for Food

by Sam Henry, First Class Scout

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Troop 1988 scouts will be picking up the bags on Saturday, March 4, in the morning. Please note that we are able to accept all

non-perishable foods in cans or jars.

If you have any questions, you can always visit us at our weekly troop meetings held at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, at 7:40 p.m. on Thursdays. We hope to see you there!



FREE Valentine Personal Ads

Show someone how much you care by writing a *FREE* Valentine personal ad and we'll include it in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Montgomery Village News*. Select a picture from below to accompany your heart-felt message.

All ads are due by Friday, Feb. 10 and may be sent to or dropped off at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.

Call 240-243-2331 or e-mail mvnews@mvf.org.

Write your ad here. Ads should be no more than 16 words, please.

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sample Valentine Personal Ads

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IN THE NEWS

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.

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!

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

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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.

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 19300 block of Thomas Farm Road at approximately 8:15 p.m. on January 9. One of the suspects displayed a weapon. Both suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his cash.

Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

An attempted residential burglary occurred in the 19300 block of Club House Road at approximately 11 p.m. on December 31.

Suspect: B/M, age unknown

A residential burglary occurred in the 19000 block of Stedwick Drive at approximately 3:30 p.m. on January 2. Forced entry; property was taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 18600 block of Walkers Choice Road between approximately 4 p.m. on January 4 and approximately 5 p.m. on January 5. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

STOLEN VEHICLE

In the 18500 block of Boysenberry Drive between approximately 6 p.m. on December 27 and approximately 7 a.m. on December 28. Unknown entry. The vehicle was recovered on December 31.

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone ballots

by Ed Stennett

Oops...the ballot for the 2017 Whetstone Homes Corporation Board of Directors Election (that all should have been received last week) contains a clerical error: The Alternate to Montgomery Village Foundation is given as "Vacant?" It should have indicated that Bill Ott is the nominated candidate. The management office will be sending postcards to correct the error.

BALLOT "DEJA VU"

The 2017 by-law amendment ballot will soon be (or may already be) delivered to your door. The following is an excerpt from the amendment ballot materials:

"This is the second time that Amendments 1 and 2 are being considered for adoption by the Whetstone residential community. Although the vote last year was 77% positive with 314 households voting, the amendments failed to pass by 52 and 56 votes, respectively, due to the prohibitively high standard for passing amendments. Amendment 2 addresses this problem.

In order to encourage more residents to vote, we have simplified the ballots and the ballot descriptions. However, the amendments are essentially the same as last year.

Even if you voted last year, please vote again – without delay. The issues and the proposed solutions are the same. We encourage you to check the boxes with your preferences right now, sign the envelope and put it in the mail tomorrow.

If you did not vote last year, please know that your vote is absolutely essential. The additional votes needed to pass these amendments are with the 133 households in Whetstone that did not vote last year."

The board urges everyone in the community to complete this ballot and mail it back to the office without delay. As I hope you can imagine, it is frustrating to have the obvious will of the community thwarted by a 133 households that chose not to vote. We need to do better.

SHORELINE

You may have noticed the shoreline work below Freestate

Place. Boulders were placed along the shore to guard against erosion from the large storm drain outlet that feeds into the lake at that point. In addition to gaining the erosion protection, the appearance of the area is much improved. With the boulders in place, the understory growth that we kept to impede erosion could be removed to provide a more attractive shoreline. This work was done by Montgomery County. It is very costly work and we have pleaded with the county to so protect more of our shoreline.

The trees along the shoreline that fall into the lake are stark evidence that our entire shoreline is being seriously eroded. County representatives have verbally acknowledged this.

You may ask why county funds should be used to protect Whetstone's shoreline. The answer is the same reason that the county pays for dredging the lake. The lake serves the larger community, and the larger community should pay a fair share of the upkeep.

COST ISSUES

As low interest rates have hurt those of us trying to increase our retirement nest egg, the Whetstone reserve fund is being dealt a serious blow. We have planned on an average interest rate of 3.5%, but current rates are about half that amount. You will hear more of this from Treasurer Brian Clark at the annual meeting.

But there are some immediate belt-tightenings: this year we will do only summer flower plantings at the entryways; we will no longer do a fall planting. Also, we will no longer do two leaf pickups. Leaf pickups are shockingly expensive; so one pickup will have to suffice. The hard fact is that the costs of big ticket maintenance items (e.g., street paving, street lamp replacement) are growing faster than our reserve fund. We must brace ourselves for a variety of actions to address this serious problem.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Police training sirens disturb residents

by the East Village Board of Directors

SIRENS

The new police and fire and rescue training facility next to East Village has created a noise pollution problem. Several times in the past few weeks, residents have noticed sirens wailing next to our community for hours on end. Residents are finding it hard to enjoy their homes during the training hours at the new police and fire training facility at the old Webb Tract. The East Village board is asking residents to e-mail their complaints to Community Manager April Steward (asteward@mof.org) so a database can be created for the number of complaints to be sent to Montgomery County.

A long-time resident and former East Village board member said, "The noise coming from the training facility makes it extremely hard to enjoy our homes. I work at home during the day and I found it very difficult to focus on my work while the sirens were going off for hours. The sirens cause an emotional response because we're conditioned to think the sirens are alerting us to an emergency. It has to stop."

MAINTENANCE

East Village continues to maintain a healthy balance with its budget. Last year's major snowstorm in early 2016 did cause some concern, however. Normally, we budget \$90,000 annually for snow removal. Just that one major blizzard of nearly 40-inches that shut down the community for three days cost \$120,000. But, with ample

reserves, the budget served the community quite well.

During December 2016 and January of this year, we had three snow or ice events. Due to some strategic planning with the maintenance crew from Brightview, Community Manager April Steward, President David Cline and Vice President Kevin Linck, pre-treatment was applied for only one of the storms. That created a savings of nearly \$12,000 so far. The savings came from not treating two storms that turned into rain.

"We'd rather keep the salt on the roads instead of having the rain just wash it off into the waterways," commented Steward.

TRASH REMINDERS

East Village residents are reminded that it's a county law that all trash left outside for pickup days is to be secured in vermin and rodent-proof bins. In addition to being unsightly, leaving trash outside in plastic bags only invites rodents and pests to invade our community. Please take pride in your community and obey the county health laws. The laws are there for everyone's protection.

NEW LICENSE PLATES

At the most recent board meeting, Vice President Kevin Linck drew everyone's attention to the new Maryland license plates bearing the Montgomery Village logos. Residents can purchase the new plates from the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) for \$25.

In other news, East Village Treasurer Martin Sharpless has moved on to higher and better things with the company he

works with in Gaithersburg. Martin is an architect and is now traveling around the country with new building projects. As a result of his new duties, he felt it best to resign from his position on the board. We thank him for his many years of work for the residents of East Village. He will be missed. Board member Shumon Shariff agreed and was appointed by the board to become the new treasurer. Thank you Shumon for stepping up to keep our budget on track for 2017.

Board members Terry O'Grady, Kevin Linck and David Cline will conduct the next maintenance inspection sometime in February. If you have any concerns about the appearance of East Village, please call or write our community manager so any items brought to our attention can be addressed as soon as possible.

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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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Did you know...

by Wayne Rowland

I was taking a walk through our neighborhoods the other day and noticed several "neighbors" walking their dogs. Almost all were on a leash, and most picked up after them when the dog defecated, but several did not.

I did notice that several places along my route had feces from dogs either on or next to the paved paths. I did not say anything, and that was wrong. I should have reminded them that they should have the dog on a leash and must clean up after the dog.

This got me to thinking — isn't there a leash law and a "pooper scooper" law in Montgomery County? I visited www.montgomerycountymd.gov and found the answer under "Animal Services." Besides the "pooper scooper" law, it contains information about at large animals, unwanted contact, vaccination and licensing requirements, animal trespass laws and much more. I did not know that these laws carry a fine for being in violation. The "pooper scooper" law is below:

Animal Defecation ("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

Stedwick Homes Corporation Open Space Policy (found online at www.stedwick.org) is found below:

4. Responsibility for Pets - Residents' enjoyment of open space, and its availability as a limited play area can be severely limited by illegally unleashed pets or leashed pets that use the greenspace as a convenient repository. It is the responsibility of pet owners to prevent their pets from running loose on the greenspace. A Montgomery County Ordinance prohibits all pet owners from allowing their pet(s) to excrete body waste on property other than their own personal property. Any violation should be reported to the Montgomery County Animal Control office at 240-773-5960.

I enjoy my walks, as do many of us I see when I am out and about. Let's keep those walks enjoyable for everyone by picking up after our pets.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first order of business, which is your time to share any ideas, comments or concerns about the community in which you live. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact the Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Management Team at 240-243-2326 or e-mail stedwickhmc@mvof.org.

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village assessments

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

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.

PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL RULES

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.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

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

There is a \$25 reward for

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

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

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

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

SOURCELINK/ACCOUNT ACCESS

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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



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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village January board meeting (continued)

by the North Village Board of Directors

The last regular meeting of your board of directors was held on January 19. Our previous article went to press before the meeting, so we could only discuss what was on the agenda. In this article we follow up with a coverage of the meeting itself.

Our treasurer gave the financial report for the month of November, since the December data was not available at the time of the meeting. The December data and the end-of-the-year data will be reported at the annual meeting in February. Our treasurer reported that our financial position is quite good and has recovered significantly from the high cost of the snow removal earlier in the year.

Our community manager reported on research into various methods for controlling speeding cars along the stretch of Highland Hall Drive, where a serious accident had recently occurred. The board was particularly interested in a concept involving a narrowing of the street using rigid posts. Speed limit signs and warning signs would accompany the road narrowing. The maintenance committee is to make a recommendation at the next board meeting.

It was also mentioned that the application for the Preliminary Plan for the first phase of the new Bloom community to be built on the old golf course has been filed with the Montgomery County Planning Board. A public hearing on the plan application is tentatively set for Thursday, May 4 at the Planning Board office in Silver Spring. The plan for the first phase contains 488 new homes on 147 acres.

During the committee reports, the audit committee reported that the audit of our 2016 financial records will start soon. The maintenance committee reported that people have been removing the bags from our very popular and useful pet stations and that a trial modification to one of the stations was made to see if it would prevent such occurrences. The maintenance committee also reported that all of the 2016 tree work has been completed, and a recent maintenance inspection was performed that marked 14 trees for removal in 2017. It was also noted that the Picton fence has been installed. The fence was painted last week.

There being no old business, the board addressed the new business, which was the approval of three contracts: a new landscaping contract, a new snow removal contract and a new security contract.

After reviewing the contracts, the board approved the concept of the contracts so that work could be started. The board members felt that the wording of the contracts needed some editing, and several board members agreed to work with MVF on finalizing the contracts before our president signed them. They were signed by the president on Friday, Jan. 27.

The new landscaping company, Level Green, is at work. Level Green is also responsible for snow removal. A separate contract for snow removal was contingent upon the signing of the landscaping contract. The two contracts go together, but unlike the fixed-price landscaping contract, the charges under the snow removal contract are based on a specific charge schedule for

hours spent and the types and number of equipment used.

The third contract before the board at the January meeting was the approval of American Protective Service (APS) as our security company. APS began work just a few days ago, on February 1. The phone number for the security patrol is 240-631-8383.

ANNUAL MEETING

Once a year in February, your homes corporation holds its annual meeting. This year the annual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The president will review the activities, and the treasurer will report the finances for the homes corporation for 2016. The results of the recent board elections will also be announced at the annual meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be held along with the annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the North Creek Community Center Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The annual meeting will start at 7 p.m. and the regular meeting will follow. Residents time will precede the annual meeting at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344, or e-mail asteward@mvpf.org.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Please get your ballots mailed!

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Please mark and mail your Northgate ballots. Establishing a quorum is essential so the Association (you) does not have to pay for an additional mailing. Even if you do not mark your ballot, please place it in the postage-paid envelope, sign it, and mail it ASAP. It is expensive to do mailings to a large community, and we appreciate your help in avoiding unnecessary costs.

The McKendree courtyard project in Brookridge was placed on hold because of the cold weather. Once it warms up enough to pour concrete, the contractor will be back on site to commence work. The hoped for start is the end of February. More news to follow.

A few large trees were lost in the wind storms, noticeably the large pines behind the Dorsey's Regard sign. Musser Tree took care of those two pines and Mead Tree was on site to handle other emergency work. The standard procedure we follow is that anything blocking a road or sidewalk is treated as an emergency, while a fallen tree on green space is not. Please do not hesitate to call to report a downed tree in any location.

Fortunately, there has not been measurable snow as this

goes to press. Snow removal is a huge expense. The longer we go without it, the better the budget is. We do ask residents of Williams Range and The Points to please get all cars off the streets when snow is forecasted. It is extremely difficult to plow and treat the roads when the trucks have to swerve around vehicles. Thank you for your help!

Finally, we ask residents of The Points who are considering converting to gas heat to please do so this year. Washington Gas tears up the roads whenever anyone does a conversion, and we hope to repave The Points next year. To clarify, if your house is on the opposite side of the street from the gas line, Washington Gas digs up the street. Northgate is supposed to be informed, and Washington Gas is supposed to go under the road. Oftentimes, the work is started before anyone but the surrounding homeowners know about it. It would help tremendously if you would put your conversion plans into play. Thank you.

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



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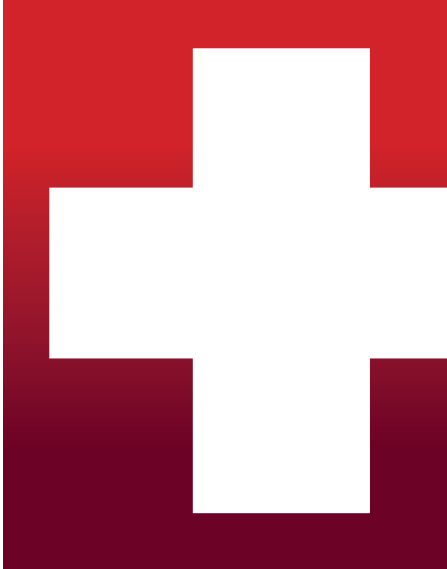


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Successful class participants are encouraged to apply for lifeguard positions with the Montgomery Village Foundation. We offer competitive pay, a completion bonus and training course reimbursement opportunities—call for details.

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

4015.110 (Registration closes on 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.

POOL SUMMER JOBS MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture



MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) offers reimbursement for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2016 and the date they are hired by MVF. New Lifeguards who are hired for the 2017 season, work until the end of the agreement date in 2017 and work between 320 and 379 hours will be reimbursed **\$50**; those who work until the agreement date and work 380 hours or more during the 2017 season will be reimbursed **\$75**.

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.



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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Former Wolverine gives snow day predictions, runs popular @MCPSSnow Twitter account

by Briana Pasion

Watkins Mill High School alumnus Alexandros Tsironis has become a local Montgomery County celebrity to all kids hoping for a snow day due to his accurate predictions through his website, MoCoSnow.

A PE teacher at the Blair G. Ewing Center by day, Tsironis makes predictions on weather and whether Montgomery County Public Schools will have snow days, delays or full days of school. All of his predictions this year have been spot on, and he says that he gets "around 95 percent correct" for his all-time predictions. MoCoSnow has students and teachers countywide checking for reliable predictions on everybody's favorite kind of school day.

"The predictions come from comparing them to similar situations in the past [and] checking various weather models repeatedly," Tsironis said. "I used to love talking with my classes about the possibility of a delay or snow day, and it just expanded from there."

"I was always interested in snow days," Tsironis added. "I loved them when I was a student. I took a meteorology class in college... [and] everything else I picked up through the years." During the other three seasons, Tsironis focuses on his other Twitter account, The MoCo Show.

On The MoCo Show, he showcases and shares interesting posts about Montgomery County. "I was born and raised in the county... so I wanted to create something where I can talk about anything county

related," Tsironis said. "It's pretty funny to be referred to as a celebrity, but I think it's pretty cool...I love it, I can't complain."

He has featured guest predictions from CBS, ABC and Fox meteorologists on his site as well. "When I noticed some of the local weather personalities followed me on Twitter, I decided to [direct message] them and see if they wanted to make a guest prediction," Tsironis said. He plans on reaching out to NBC next. He tells his current students at the Ewing Center about The MoCoShow and MoCoSnow, and "some think it's really cool."

Tsironis graduated from Watkins Mill in 2000 and added, "I really liked going there and growing up in Gaithersburg. I've also lived here all my life. I don't have time to go back to school to get a degree in meteorology, but I would love to do more with weather."



Alexandros Tsironis, Watkins Mill High School alum and the creator of MoCoSnow and The MoCo Show.

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.

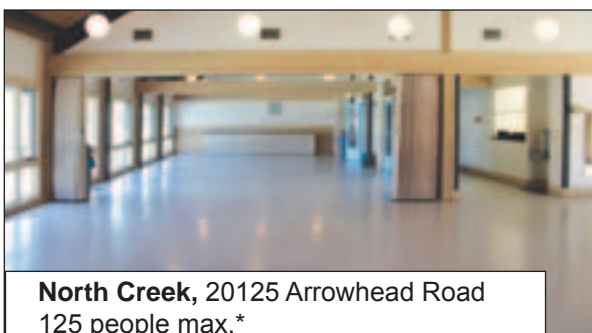
North Creek is a tile-floored L-shaped room that may be divided into two smaller rooms. Maximum capacity is 125 people.

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.



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MV Kids Learn About the Blue Angels



Two planes crossing in air

On April 24, 1946, after World War II had ended, the Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Chester W. Nimitz ordered a flight team to demonstrate U.S. Navy flying abilities. But what could they name this new team of planes and their pilots? One of the first pilots of the team, Lieutenant Maurice Wickendoll, visited New York City and came across the name of a dance club called the Blue Angel in *The New Yorker Magazine*.

The first team of Blue Angels was led by Lieutenant Commander Roy "Butch" Voris, and the team's first performance was on June 15, 1946, at Craig Field in Jacksonville, Fla.

Now over 70 years old, the Blue Angels typically fly in more than 70 shows at 34 locations throughout the United States each year. The jets used now are called F/A-18 Hornets, but are modified with a different nose, a smoke-oil tank to make smoke when they fly and a spring installed on the stick to help with inverted flying.

The F/A-18s can go about 1,400 miles per hour (about 23 times faster than your car goes on the highway) and climb as high as 30,000-feet per minute. In one year, the team uses about 3.1 million gallons of jet fuel. Each F/A-18, painted blue and gold to represent the Navy's official colors, costs about \$21 million.

There are 17 officers who voluntarily serve with the Blue Angels. These officers are selected each year. The commanding officer must have spent at least 3,000 hours flying jets and must have commanded a tactical jet squadron. To become a demonstration pilot, the pilot must have flown a jet at least 1,200 hours.

The mission of the Blue Angels is to enhance U.S. Navy and Marine Corps recruiting and represent the Navy's service to the United States, its elected leadership and foreign nations. They serve as positive role models and goodwill ambassadors for the Navy and Marines.



Diamond Formation



Blue Angels Trivia

- ✦ The F/A-18 has two turbofan engines, is over 56-feet long and more than 15-feet high. The wings are more than 400-feet wide when missiles are mounted on them.
- ✦ One Blue Angels pilot became an astronaut. His name was Commander Chuck Brady.
- ✦ The average age of a Blue Angels pilot is 33 years old.
- ✦ Each Blue Angels pilot serves a two-year tour of duty as an unpaid volunteer. Each member returns to the Navy fleet after completing a tour.



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WINTER / SPRING Session

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(No meeting Feb. 20)

**Winter Field Trip – Toby's Dinner Theatre**

SiA is off to see "Show Boat!"

The trip to Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22. To be put on the wait-list, call 301-948-0110 or visit the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

**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.



Take a look at the Jewelry Workshop run by SiA member Edna Miller on January 9.

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

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.

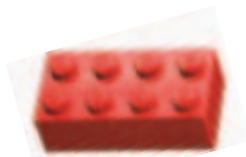
Free for members, \$2/Non-member

Next date: Feb. 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

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 p.m. on Friday, March 24 in North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Early registration is encouraged; adults are free, \$15/Resident child and \$20/Non-resident child.

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.

MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair

Here's an excellent opportunity to get a sampling of the various summer camps offered by the Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture. Bring the family to this free, fun filled event on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Parents will have a chance to meet with supervisors and staff to learn about all the fun to be had in Montgomery Village this summer! Kids will enjoy a sample of the best-loved camp activities, as well as learn some new games! This is a great way to find the best fit for your camper and to explore other exciting summer programs for the entire family.

For more information, call Jana Serlo at 240-243-2334 or e-mail jserlo@mvf.org.



Winter fitness classes are underway!

Classes include Pop Pilates on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Aerobics Monday through Thursday; Zumba on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Tango and Drop-In Basketball on Wednesdays; and Yoga on Wednesdays and Sundays. Participants can choose to

register for the full session or "drop-in" to classes at their convenience.

For more information or to register visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage> or call 301-948-0110.

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photo by Melanie Maggi

Nearly 80 residents joined us at Lake Marion Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 21 for a fun night of Bingo with their friends and family! Prizes included a variety of items ranging from passes to a trampoline park, laser tag and ice skating rink to local restaurant gift cards and a family outing to Butler's Orchard.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following businesses for their generous Bingo prize donations: Rockin' Jump of Gaithersburg, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bowl America, Subway, City of Rockville Ice Rink, Ledo's of Montgomery Village, Shadowland of Gaithersburg, Famous Dave's in Seneca Meadows, Butler's Orchard, Advance Auto Parts in Village Center.

Wine & Paint – Winter Cardinal

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

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



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

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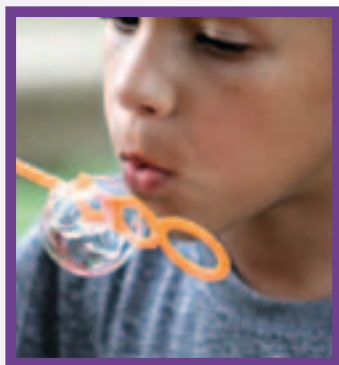
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Feb. 23 to

March 23

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\$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.

INDOOR Flea Market

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Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 26

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Spring into Swing

If you've ever heard big band swing music before, you never outgrow it. In Montgomery Village there's now a sure cure for this malady; just listen to our home grown specialty band, the Montgomery Blue Notes. This 16-piece band was born with the arrival of Steve Wampler five years ago. Wampler is the current director of the Montgomery Village Community Band as well. He's a former Army musician and educator who has directed and played in swing bands for many years.

The Blue Notes recently performed their holiday concert at the Stedwick Community Center to a full house. They have also performed at senior centers, senior living homes and outdoor concerts at the Gordon W. Bowie Music Pavilion in the Village.

The Village performances are free to residents of Montgomery Village. But with the increasing notoriety of the Blue Notes, they are often asked about performing for private or civic organizations. For serious booking inquiries, contact MVF Program Manager Jana Serlo at 240-243-2334 or e-mail jserlo@mvpf.org. The Blue Notes booking fee is minimal compared to other "for profit" bands.

In the coming months, the Blue Notes will be holding a spring concert for Village residents and will also be a featured band at Art in the Park, scheduled for Sunday, June 18 in South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road.

For more information, visit <http://mvpbjazz.weebly.com>.

Learn how to divide plants

One pretty perennial plant could become two pretty perennial plants if you know how and when to divide them. The Montgomery Village Garden Club invites the public to join Master Gardener Amy Vigil at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, to learn the process of dividing plants.

Vigil will discuss the key factors in dividing perennials followed by a "how to" demonstration. She will cover topics such as clues the plant may give that it is ready for division, necessary supplies and resources for specific plant needs. She will also review a calendar of when to divide your perennial plants.



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Attention gardeners!

The Montgomery County Master Gardeners are holding their 17th Annual Spring Gardening Conference in Derwood on Saturday, Feb. 25 (snow date March 4).

The daylong event "Successful Design with Nature in Mind" offers multiple workshops; morning snacks; a delicious bag lunch; door prizes; networking with other gardeners; answers to your gardening questions; handouts; and reference materials. Participants can attend three of nine concurrent workshops, all taught by Master Gardeners.

This year's topics include pollinators, shade gardening, landscape design, wildlife habitats and much more, plus several lunchtime presentations. The event will be held at the University of Maryland Extension Montgomery County Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, at the Agricultural History Farm Park.

For registration information visit <http://goo.gl/i4nalm>. Advance registration is \$55 per person (box lunch included); \$50 each for groups of two or more. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 17. Space is limited, and workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.




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Motivated teens ages 14 to 16 spend six weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects will include park cleanup and wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management projects and more. Candidates must have a work permit and be available from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, June 27 through August 5. Youth Corps workers will be required to work July 4. Pay is \$8.60/hour or workers may earn Student Service Learning hours.

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.

YOUTH CORPS SUPERVISOR

Individual with strong leadership skills to direct crew of five teens for park and environmental projects. Work hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., from June 27 through August 5. Youth Corps Supervisor will be required to work July 4. Additional hours available with other duties if desired. Minimum age 18 years must have a valid drivers' license with good driving record. Supervisory experience working with children/teens preferred.

Salary range: \$12 to 14/hour.

Position open until filled.

TENNIS INSTRUCTOR

Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture is looking for an experienced, qualified, USTA (or other) certified individual to teach group and private tennis lessons. This is a great opportunity with flexible hours. Submit résumé with a cover letter to jserlo@mvf.org. EOE.

SEASONAL SWIM INSTRUCTORS

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

Apply online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, contact Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2314 or e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org. EOE.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Whetstone Afterschool Club. Monday to Friday, 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. Assists with the daily operation of afterschool club. Supervision, leadership, setup and cleanup. Must have experience and love working with children. Call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 for more information. Apply online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. EOE.

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