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MVF Board election underway

by Mike Conroy

Ballots for the 2022 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election are being mailed to homeowners today, Friday, Feb. 4. Six candidates, including two incumbents, are running to fill the three seats on the Board; those seeking election are Doniele Ayres (incumbent), Albert Bennetts, Brian R. Della Rocca, Scott R. Dyer (incumbent), Dick Rabil and Tosan Tutse-Tonwe.

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, included in the pull-out section of this issue. Video interviews outlining candidates' ideas and posi-

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The MV Farmers' Market will be back for the 2022 season from June through October and we're calling all vendors to participate. See page 5 of the Spring Recreation Guide inserted in this issue for details.

Organizational Green Plan approved at January MVF Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

As part of Montgomery Village Foundation's (MVF) 2021 Strategic Priorities, the Department of Recreation and Parks was tasked with creating an Organizational Green Plan with the goal of further reducing the organization's environmental impacts. At the December MVF Board of Directors meeting, the Green Plan

was presented as an information item; the Board adopted the Organizational Green Plan at its January 27 meeting.

The Green Plan was developed using 5-year historical data from each MVF-owned property, including: resource (electric, gas, water) usage; paper usage; overall fuel con-

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Lidl to celebrate February 9 Grand Opening of Montgomery Village store

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MVF Spring Recreation Guide!



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MVF ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 24

immediately following the MVF Board meeting
(at approximately 7:45 p.m.)

VIRTUAL MEETING

DETAILS AVAILABLE IN MEETING PACKET

Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to welcome newly elected Board members to their positions, receive a financial update, hear the President's address and congratulate community members awarded for outstanding service.

A regular MVF Board meeting will precede the Annual Meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m., also online. The meeting agenda and packet information will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

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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. 24, March 24 and April 28. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. prior to the February meeting, and the Annual Meeting will take place at approximately 7:45 p.m. during the March meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, March 2 and April 6 to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact MVF if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1. The committee will review the 2021 audited financials prior to being presented to the MVF Board at the March 24 Board meeting.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, April 1.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 18. The committee will verify MVF ballots received and review procedures for ballot counting. Ballot counting will take place virtually on Saturday, March 19 at 9 a.m.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11. The agenda includes review of the 2022 First Quarter MVF Investment Portfolio.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16. The committee will review applications for MVF Student Representative to forward to the Board of Directors for selection at the February 24 Board meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7 and April 4.

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 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, March 22 and April 26.

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christophe Court Land Association (CCLA) meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 and April 19. The March meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28 and April 25.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22 and April 26.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 and April 21.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 12. The March meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 and April 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The February meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, March 22 and April 26. The February meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27. The February meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, March 16 and April 20. The March meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, March 7 and April 11.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 19.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 and April 14. The March meeting includes the Annual Meeting.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Something new around every corner



by Pete Webb
 MVF President

Winter certainly has been in full blast the last few weeks, but the activity all around Montgomery Village keeps rolling on. Homes are constantly being completed in the new Bloom Village development and new families are moving in. Lidl is set to open on Wednesday, Feb. 9, giving us another new option for our grocery shopping. The construction of the new Starbucks location is progressing along as well, and should open later in this year.

We also have two new restaurants that for dining options! Moe's Southwest Grill just opened in the Village Center, and joins the list of fast casual options available to residents. Also recently, La Poteria Local opened its doors at 19116 Montgomery Village Avenue (behind the former Einstein's Bagel location). La Poteria serves amazing coffee and delicious empanadas, with many other options. What stands out most is how welcoming and comfortable the location is. A nice spot to grab a cup of coffee and read, or catch up with friends is something we have been needing in the Village, and now we have the perfect fit.

In other development news, the Montgomery Village Board of Directors, along with the Whetstone Board of Directors and hundreds of residents, viewed a proposal for a new apartment building being designed for the vacant lot next to Lidl on Montgomery Village Avenue. The proposal has been met with strong opinions on both sides. While this proposal is still in its early stages,

and has not been filed with the county — which is the first step in the formal planning process — the Whetstone Homes Corporation reached out to the MVF Board with its intention not to support the proposal as presented.

After a lengthy discussion, the MVF Board advised that before taking a formal position at this stage, a letter be sent to the developer addressing some of the reservations in the community, as well as propose further engagement. MVF staff is in close contact with both the county and the developer and work to help communications continue. As the process develops, staff will engage and inform the community so we can work together toward a meaningful addition to the Village.

For upcoming events, on Friday, Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m., we have the Valentine's Wine and Paint event. This event, held at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, is always a fun night and you'll get to leave with some custom artwork and good memories.

Also, we have the Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. This great event gives the opportunity for families with children ages 5 to 12 to show off their moves and have an overall great time together. I am one year away from being able to enjoy this event with my daughter, but I know I won't miss it.

Finally, it is election season in Montgomery Village once again! We have an excellent slate of candidates volunteering to serve on the MVF Board of Directors. Please keep an eye out for your ballots as well as the informational statements from all the candidates. More information is available in the pull-out section of this issue, as well as online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. The more votes we can get the better served our community will be.

As always, feel free to contact me directly via e-mail at webbmvf@hotmail.com, or you can always call our excellent staff at 301-948-0110 for assistance.



MVF BOARD MOTIONS

Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors Motion List January 27, 2022

1. Ms. Ayres moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 9, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Anderson moved to accept the Action List as presented, swapping the order of items 7A and 7J on the list. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Prince moved to send communication to Evergreen outlining the MVF Board's expectations in continuance of the pre-submittal process. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Ms. Ayres moved to approve the proposed 2022 Pool Schedule. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Coffee-Borden moved to approve the proposed changes to the Activity Card Policy and Annual Pool Membership pricing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Bird moved to approve the proposed changes to the MVF Pool Use Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Bird moved to approve the proposed changes to the MVF Pool Operating Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Bird moved to approve the proposed changes Policy and Procedures for Swim Team Use of Foundation Facilities. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Anderson moved to authorize the EVP to sign Letter of Agreement with Montgomery County and other subsequent necessary documents associated with the Wightman Road Culvert Replacement Project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Anderson moved to EVP to negotiate and execute a contract for website development services with Directive in an amount not to exceed \$101,215.00, and authorize an additional 10% for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Ms. Ayres moved to approve the final agreements with W-ARC establishing Annual Service Fees for condominiums and townhouses in the Village Center, authorizing the EVP to enter into the Agreements on behalf of MVF, and approving a condo fee of \$21 for the year, 2022, if applicable. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Ms. Prince moved to adopt the MVF Organizational Green Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Ms. Prince moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. Ms. Ayres moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:54 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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7 pm | 22 | Earth Day |
| 8 | Wine & Craft
7 pm – LMCC | 23 | Rake the Lake
9 am – Lake Whetstone |
| 9 | Easter Eggstravaganza
10 am – SVP | 25 | Horizon Run Condo
7:30 pm |
| 11 | Investment Committee
7:30 pm | 26 | Center Court Condo
7 pm – Heron's Cove Office |
| | Thomas Choice Condo
7 pm | | Middle Village HC
7 pm |
| 12 | Northgate HC
7 pm | | Patton Ridge HC
7 pm |
| 13 | Committee on the
Environment – 7:30 pm | 27 | CCLA
4:30 pm |
| 14 | Whetstone HC
7:30 pm | | South Village HC
7 pm |
| 15 | Passover begins at
sunset | 28 | MVF Board of Directors
7:30 pm |
| 17 | Easter | | |
| 19 | TC Gardens Condo
6:30 pm | | |
| | East Village HC
7:30 pm | | |
| 20 | Stedwick HC
7:30 pm | | |

May



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IN THE NEWS

MVF Student Representative Reflection

by Hali Janzen

In 2021, despite the COVID-19 crisis, I was given the opportunity to work at Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) and on the MVF Board of Directors as the MVF Student Representative. I got the opportunity to sit in on the virtual Board of Directors meetings, as well as spend my summer interning at the MVF Office and getting to know the parts that make Montgomery Village work.

During my summer internship, I spent each week working with the different departments and learning about what they do and how all of the departments work together to make Montgomery Village run. Each department had its own way of doing things and functioned as a close-knit community of its own.

Throughout the summer, I got to participate in numerous projects, such as the Green Plan with Duncan in the Recreation and Parks Department. I was in charge of putting together the beginning of the plan. With Duncan, we visited different electric car charging stations to get an idea of future projects for MVF. I helped the Conser-

vation Corps with cleaning Lake Whetstone when it was drained. I visited the numerous pools in Montgomery Village, met many of the lifeguards that work to keep our community safe, and worked with some of the pool operators to learn how much work is put into maintaining our pools. I got the opportunity to work with the wonderful people in the Recreation and Parks Department in setting up many community events.

In the Architectural Standards Department, I was able to learn and observe housing inspections and exterior remodeling applications. The architectural staff kept me engaged with topics like color swatches, the different types of roofing, being able to sit in on the Architectural Review Board meeting, and taking me out into the field for real house inspections. I learned about the different parts of the architectural request process and was taken out for inspections during the different parts of the process.

In the Communications Department, I was able to participate in editing and constructing the *Village News*,

while also taking pictures of the various community events, like Squeals on Wheels and KidjAM. In Community Management, I was shown the process of maintaining the Village and giving MVF the expertise it needs to keep residents content. I learned how many different communities inside of Montgomery Village are being managed by the Community Management Department. I spent much of the time helping with house inspections. The house inspections occur in both the Architectural Standards and the Community Management departments, but for different reasons.

The last department I worked with was the Finance Department. I learned about how the Board meeting packets are put together and was able to help put a few together. I also learned about the thoughtful budgeting and allocation of funds that keep Montgomery Village running.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the wonderful people that make MVF run. I learned so much about leadership and what it takes to make a community run. This experience has shaped me as

a person and prepared me for the future, regardless of my career path. It was an amazing way to spend the summer and gain experience in a workplace.

As my time as the MVF Student Representative comes to a close, I recommend that any high school junior apply.

To apply, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/mvf/board-directors and click "MVF Student Rep Application" in the green box. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Election

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Additionally, residents can "meet" and talk with the candidates before the Thursday, Feb. 24 MVF Board meeting at 7 p.m. via Zoom, which is used for MVF Board meetings. Connection instructions can be found in the MVF Board Packet posted online the week before each meeting.

Ballots must be signed and returned to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18. Given recent slower delivery times reported from the US Postal Service, it is important ballots be mailed back quickly to ensure delivery to MVF by the deadline. Alternatively,

residents can drop their ballots in the brown mailbox in the MVF Office parking lot to ensure their vote can be validated.

Results will be counted and announced on Saturday, March 19, via Zoom. New Board members will be installed at the MVF Annual Meeting, scheduled for approximately 7:45 p.m., Thursday, March 24, also via Zoom.

For more information or questions, contact Assistant EVP Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mvf.org.

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February 9, 2022

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IN THE NEWS

Board

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sumption; survey feedback from staff and resident committees; an energy audit of all facilities; and a look at Best Practices from neighboring entities. Using the results from the data collection, the plan was organized into five key focus areas: Resource Efficiencies; Air Quality and Transportation; Land Management; Waste Reduction; and Public Engagement and Programming.

Staff will use the focus areas to guide future projects and initiatives with the goal of continued environmental consciousness and impact reduction. The Green Plan was reviewed and supported by both the Recreation Committee and the Committee on the Environment prior to being reviewed and approved by the MVF Board of Directors. The Organizational Green Plan can be viewed online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

The Board had a lengthy discussion about the proposal by Evergreen Investment Company to build a 7-story apartment complex on the second parcel of the Lidl property, adjacent to the entrance to Whetstone. Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) requested the MVF Board's support in

opposing the plan as presented during the previous community meetings. The Board approved sending a letter of expectations for the continued process to Evergreen, noting the concerns expressed by residents as a top priority. See the article on page 12 for more details.

In preparation of the 2022 Pool Season, the Board approved the 2022 Pool Schedule, and revisions to the Activity Card Distribution, Pool Use and Pool Operating policies, as well as the Procedures for Swim Team Use of Facilities. The minor revisions were all housekeeping in nature, updating dates, pricing and applicability for Bloom Village.

A bid for \$101,215 was awarded to Directive for website development services, in order to redevelop the current website. The platform the website is currently built on is nearing end-of-life and will no longer be supported for updates or security; in addition, the current website host is changing their business model and no longer a fit for MVF. The change to Directive will yield significant savings in monthly hosting, and a long-term technology partner.

The Executive Vice President (EVP) was authorized to sign a Letter of Agreement and other necessary documents

with Montgomery County for a culvert replacement project on Wightman Road. MCDOT identified the project as necessary, as the existing corrugated metal pipe is deteriorating and causing flooding during significant rain events. The failing culvert underneath Wightman Road, near Goshen Road (in North Village) poses pedestrian and motorist safety hazards.

Finally, the Board authorized the EVP to negotiate and execute an Annual Service Fee Agreement with Atlantic Realty (W-ARC) for the residential units that will be built at the Village Center. This agreement affords the residents of those units the ability to use and pay into MVF and DU amenities, but does not make them full members of Montgomery Village Foundation. For more information, see the full article below.

EVP REPORT

EVP Dave Humpton reported the potential to receive a State Bond Bill to offset spending of assessment revenue for capital projects. He noted that Recreation staff are working with Senator Nancy King on an approximately \$350,000 Bond Bill to support the Watkins Mill Outdoor Fitness Area project. He explained MVF would match the funding, if granted, and a decision would be made

by the end of the State legislative session in April.

Humpton also noted MVF's leadership in Annapolis and partnership with other large-scale HOAs on monitoring and advocating for legislation that helps HOAs and condominium associations. He mentioned MVF's commitment to relaying information to all the associations in the Village to gain feedback and community impacts as well. Humpton noted a full list of bills being monitored is included in the monthly EVP Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Daniel Salazar presented the Treasurer's Report for the year-to-date (YTD) and the unaudited financials ending December 31, 2021, which remain subject to change through the year end audit.

Net Income was reported at \$1.96 million (approximately \$1.3 million favorable to the budget) mainly due to Investments (up \$484,000), Capital Contribution Fees (CCF) (up \$84,000), Pool Memberships (up \$60,000) and Miscellaneous Revenue (up \$172,000 due to recovery of legal fees from the condominium lawsuit). Additionally, MVF saw lower-than-expected Personnel Costs (favorable by \$289,000) from open positions and temp

labor due to the North Creek Pool not being open, lower-than-expected Legal Fees and Bad Debt Allowance, and Landscape and Maintenance (favorable by \$100,000).

He also said the Contributions to Reserves (CTR) were made monthly in accordance with the budget; YTD CTR was reported at \$1.35 million. He reported 4th Quarter Delinquencies at an all-time low of 7.2%.

Salazar said the Bad Debt Allowance was reviewed and increased by \$30,000 bringing the coverage to 35% of Assessment Receivables. He reported the Investment Portfolio was up 7.96% YTD, returning \$2.4 million since its inception.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24, as a conference call/Zoom meeting. A second "Meet the Candidates" event will be held prior to the meeting at 7 p.m., also via Zoom; get to know the candidates running for the MVF Board of Directors. Residents are invited to join the call; full meeting details, the meeting packet and/or participation instructions will be posted online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week before the meeting.

Annual Service Fee Agreement for Village Center units approved

by Mike Conroy

Per the approved plans for the Village Center, Atlantic Realty Companies (W-ARC) plans to add residential units to the property to help facilitate

pedestrian traffic to the businesses at the center, and add to the vibrancy of Montgomery Village. From the initial concept, it was planned that these units would try to be brought into Montgomery Vil-

lage Foundation (MVF), giving owners full rights as members of MVF. Per MVF's governing documents, there are two ways for this to happen: a 2/3 vote of approval by all MVF members, or an annexation

process through the assigns of the original developer, Kettler Brothers, Inc. Unfortunately, neither of these options are attainable at this time.

However, the desire still remains for residents of these units to have access to community amenities and be part of Montgomery Village, rather than a separate enclave—in the heart of the Village—with no amenities at all. To accomplish this, the MVF Board authorized the Executive Vice President (EVP) to negotiate and execute an Annual Service Fee Agreement with W-ARC during its January 27 meeting. The agreement would allow for the units that W-ARC brings online to participate in MVF and DU amenities, for a service fee similar to the MVF and DU fees set each year during the budget process.

EVP Dave Humpton said this agreement would be for 115 units—34 new 2-over-2 condos, 32 multi-family condos (converting the commercial office condos to residential, over the existing retail) and

49 new townhouses—at the Village Center, and would be recorded with the deed for each property. Unit owners would be billed for the fee annually, required to pay it (per the documents) and not be able to opt out. The fee is comparable to that which all units pay, but is reduced because the W-ARC units would not receive all services, such as Architectural Standards.

W-ARC unit owners would not be considered full members of MVF through the agreement, and would not have voting privileges in MVF elections. Residents and owners could still participate in meetings and voice concerns, however.

Per the agreement, the W-ARC units would pay \$60/month per townhouse and \$21/month per condominium, with a 5% cap on fee increases each year; once the agreement is executed, the fee would apply to any new units, beginning in 2022, if any units were completed and sold.



IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - SUPPORTING MVF BOARD CANDIDATE BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

Editor:

I support the candidacy of Brian Della Rocca who is running for the MVF Board of Directors. Brian and his family have lived in Montgomery Village for many years - first in Stedwick, now in Whetstone. He is a founding member of the Save Our Whetstone coalition. Brian wants to build on our current progress with the renovation of the Village Center. Now, we must work to attract the restaurants and retail services that Village residents deserve. Please vote for Brian Della Rocca as we continue to move Montgomery Village forward.

Sharon Cranford
Whetstone

Editor:

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for Brian Della Rocca, candidate for the MVF Board of Directors. As he has demonstrated with his superb efforts on behalf of Save Our Whetstone, Brian will be a steadfast and knowledgeable advocate for Montgomery Village and will work toward improving as well as attracting quality amenities to the renovated Village Center. Please vote for Brian Della Rocca who will work to ensure the best interests of Montgomery Village residents.

Renée Saunders
Whetstone

Editor:

As a 27-year resident of Montgomery Village, I am writing to support the candidacy of Brian Della Rocca to the Montgomery Village Foundation board. Brian has shown great leadership here in the Whetstone community in relation to the future of sensible development in and near Whetstone and in Montgomery Village. He is a founder of *SaveOurWhetstone@gmail.com*, which seeks to have reasonable improvements in our Village that fit the character of our community. He has been able to unify many residents in an organized and participative effort to have an impact on the type of development we deserve. Brian has also been open to all views in this process, and sought all opinions, in his collaborative approach. It is important that we have a

positive and well-organized effort to represent our interests in the future of Montgomery Village, and these are the characteristics that exemplify Brian Della Rocca. Please vote for Brian Della Rocca. Thank you.

Roger Brown
Whetstone

Editor:

Are you undecided on who to vote for during the upcoming MVF Board election? If so, please consider Brian Della Rocca.

Brian is a very active Montgomery Village resident. He is an experienced attorney and founder of Save Our Whetstone, a grassroots community organization created to oppose the current Evergreen development plan for Lot #37 next to Lidl and encourage more sensible development of our MV community.

Brian has demonstrated through his leadership of the group, that he will represent our collective voices on important policy and community issues with a strong, eloquent and respected voice.

Brian is the best choice to help Montgomery Village continue to grow responsibly and beautifully, now and in the future. Please vote for Brian Della Rocca for the MVF Board.

Jennifer Manning
Whetstone

Editor:

I am a resident of Montgomery Village for 20 years and would like to express my very strong support of Brian Della Rocca's candidacy to the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors. Brian is the founding member of Save Our Whetstone Group and has shown great leadership in focusing the ideas of the group and formulating next steps to further the groups mission. Brian openly reaches out to gather a variety of opinions and considers opposing points of view. His calmness and fairness are able to bring people together. He cares deeply about the future of Montgomery Village and the Whetstone community, and I feel he would be a huge asset to the Board at MVF.

Gary Mansfield
Whetstone

Editor:

How did this happen? Who was the first Whetstone person contacted on the Evergreen project? How did this unacceptable project get underway? Why was it kept secret for so long? The Evergreen Development Proposal is met with widespread opposition by Whetstone residents and the Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC).

The Whetstone Board is timid in its opposition in search of how best to represent its opposition. On the other hand, Whetstone residents are more bold and less restrained in their opposition and express it more genuinely in viewing Evergreen simply as an unwanted uninvited intruder who rudely refused to answer questions at the December 7 telecom meeting and failed to respond to residents' letters afterwards. Beyond that, the Evergreen lawyer was presumptuous and exhibited a demeaning, arrogant, and demanding attitude towards Whetstone

residents. It was her way or the highway throughout the call.

One resident said it best at Residents Time at the 13 January 2022 meeting in stating:

1. The Evergreen proposal was surprising and out of the blue.
2. We expected a small commercial building.
3. The seven story 180-unit rental business was way beyond expectation.
4. Traffic safety is the key issue in terms of turning onto Montgomery Village Avenue, accommodating 230 extra cars, and the additional traffic from other new residential development further up Montgomery Village Avenue.
5. Parking on Whetstone streets in Lakeside by apartment people and their visitors will be a problem.
6. There will be increased foot traffic within Whetstone and with it the prospect for increased crime.

7. Schools are already over capacity and accommodating more students is not in the plan

8. Green space belongs to Whetstone which is responsible for its maintenance and will be overrun by apartment dwellers operating as free riders on Whetstone amenities.

9. The infrastructure will be stressed including the high power rate line and the impact on Lake Whetstone.

10. A seven story apartment building is incompatible with the design for Montgomery Village especially the community of Whetstone.

The flaw in the Evergreen Development Proposal lies in the type of project being considered. Instead of an apartment building, Whetstone residents are looking for services, shops, and restaurants.

In short, Whetstone needs to defeat the Evergreen Development Proposal!

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - SUPPORTING MVF BOARD CANDIDATE SCOTT DYER

Editor:

I am writing to endorse Scott Dyer for re-election to the MVF Board of Directors. Scott is unfailingly dependable, diligent, approachable and a hard worker. He always responds to concerns or questions. You can count on Scott to look out for Montgomery Village. When you receive your MVF ballot, please take a moment and vote for Scott. Thank you.

Jane Hatch
Northgate

Editor:

I am writing to support Scott Dyer for re-election to the MVF Board. I served with Scott previously on the East Village Board, and I found Scott to always be a man of integrity. Most often issues that come before the board from residents are partisan in nature, with strong opinions on opposing sides. I found Scott to be able to look at issues objectively, and work to satisfy the best-intentioned objectives of all sides, making sure the interests of the community as a whole are best met, while attempting to not minimize or discredit any individual opinion that might not be in the majority.

Brian Benhaim
East Village

Editor:

As a 32-year resident of Montgomery Village and a former member of the MVF Board of Directors, I know what it takes

to be an effective member of the Board. A member who knows the issues and concerns of our residents and the solutions to these concerns. I've known Scott Dyer for many years. He is a devout family man who has dedicated his time and efforts to the residents of Montgomery Village. He has worked tirelessly for our residents providing excellent advice, proposals, and solutions to the issues we all face in our neighborhoods. He deserves re-election to the Board. He has earned our trust and vote because of what he has done for all of us.

Jim Shalleck
The Points

Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Save Our Whetstone coalition to express our support for the re-election of Scott Dyer. During last Thursday's MVF Board meeting, Scott was a strong voice against the Evergreen proposal as presented. He listened to residents and crafted what we hope will be a way forward. Please vote for Scott.

Sharon Cranford
Save Our Whetstone
Coalition

Editor:

Scott Dyer has been a committed and dedicated Montgomery Village Foundation Board member for many years, and also the liaison to the Committee on the Environment, on which I

proudly serve. Scott is engaged, thoughtful, and respectful. He applies his energies with a focus on the best interests of our community and to the issues the Montgomery Village community faces each day. Scott serves our community exceptionally well and is highly deserving of another term as a Board member of the Montgomery Village Foundation.

Tim Goodfellow
Breckenridge

Editor:

I am writing to support the candidacy of Scott Dyer for the Montgomery Village Board of Directors. I am a member of the MV Committee on the Environment and Scott has been our MVF Board liaison for many years. Scott is committed to protecting the natural beauty of Montgomery Village and has been very supportive of the work done by the Committee on the Environment. I have found him willing to listen carefully to all sides of issues and his responses always show a reasonable and mature wisdom. His current role as Vice President of the MVF Board of Directors reflects the respect he receives from his peers on the Board. I urge you to vote for Scott Dyer for the Montgomery Village Board of Directors.

Tom Vetter
Stedwick

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IN THE NEWS

2022 Architectural Standards Community Inspections

Every year, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Architectural Standards Department performs scheduled community inspections. **The Architectural Standards Department will be completing inspections in the Northgate community this year. Once Northgate inspections are completed, staff will continue conducting inspections in the Maryland Place community.**

In addition to conducting scheduled inspections in the above communities, Architectural Standards Department Compliance Specialists also conduct inspections throughout the Village that are requested as part of resale disclosure packets, or that are reported to the department by a community member.

MVF is obligated, through each homes corporation's governing documents, to enforce architectural standards Village-wide in order to maintain the aesthetic harmony of our residential properties. These inspections are an important service that allows MVF to fulfill that obligation.

If you receive a violation letter, please read the letter carefully and contact the compliance specialist who sent it, should you have any questions. Homeowners should notify the Architectural Standards Department once a violation is corrected, so that the case can be closed. Compliance specialists will be conduct-

ing follow-up inspections on homes with open violations to determine if the violations have been corrected or if further enforcement actions are needed.

Properties are inspected to determine if they comply with the architectural criteria for each community and the newly created Village-wide Architectural Criteria. Specific community criteria and Village-wide criteria can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. The Village-wide criteria is available on the Architectural Standards Department page of the website, while homeowners will need to be logged into their account to see their specific community criteria. Homeowners can also contact the Architectural Standards Department to receive a copy of their community's criteria or any of the Village-wide criteria items if they don't have access to a computer.

Inspections include the exterior of homes, decks, fences, patios, walkways, sheds and any other permanent structures or additions. All inspections will be performed from common areas; compliance specialists will not enter your property to conduct inspections.

One way to ensure that your home remains violation-free is to apply for any exterior modifications you plan to make to your home. It is free to apply, and routine requests that have

clear criteria, guidelines or precedents supporting them are reviewed in-house on a weekly basis. House additions and other more complex requests are reviewed at the monthly Architectural Review Board meeting.

You can also submit an application for a change that you have already made; just state clearly in the application that the modification is existing. If it is noted during an inspection that a modification was made to a property without approval, a review fee of \$25 will be automatically added to your assessment account. Applications will not be accepted for homes with open architectural violations—the application will not be reviewed and it will be returned to you—so ensure that you have corrected any architectural violations prior to submitting your application. Applications can be completed online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir or by visiting the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, to pick up a hard copy.

Architectural inspections do not include general maintenance of private residences, which is addressed by the individual homes corporations and their Private Property Maintenance Inspections.

For more information, contact the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.

What you need to know for the 2022 pool season

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is preparing for the 2022 pool season, including getting our pools ready for summer and the exciting opening of the newly renovated North Creek Pool and Bathhouse. The 2022 Pool Schedule and updates to the Pool Operating Policy were recently approved by the MVF Board of Directors at their January Meeting. Here is what to know for the 2022 MVF Pool Season:

POOL SCHEDULE

The Pool Schedule was approved by the MVF Board of Directors at their January meeting. It will be mailed to all DU Activity Card holders along with their Validation Stickers, and it can also be viewed online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/sites/default/files/recreation/2022_pool_schedule.pdf. Stedwick Pool will be the first pool open for the early spring season beginning Saturday, May 21.

ACTIVITY CARD PROCESS

For 2022, the standard Activity Card Policy is in effect. If an assessment account is not at a zero balance as of April 30 in any year, beginning May 1, payment of any prior balance, as well as the full assessment amount through the end of the current fiscal year, must be received as a condition for issuance of an Activity Card or Validation Sticker.

The full policy can be reviewed online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/mvf/mvf-policies.

A recent update to the Activity Card Policy no longer requires Activity Card holders to update their photo every 5 years. Residents are allowed to keep their Activity Cards for the duration while living in Montgomery Village. The new process also steers residents who do need a new or replacement Activity Card to apply online. To start the Activity Card process, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/eform/submit/activity-card-processing-form.

2022 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Currently, staff is monitoring the ever-changing Montgomery County COVID-19 restrictions, as they pertain to the 2022 pool season. Prior to the pools opening in May, MVF will let patrons know what to expect when they come to the pool, including what features will be open and closed; if furniture will be available; when patrons will be required to wear a facemask and when it is OK not to; social distancing requirements; how many swimmers are allowed in a lap-lane; and other restrictions. Updates will be available online nearer to the start of the season.

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We want you to know about the Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities

Montgomery County recognizes that a large proportion of all its citizens now live in condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations, generally called "common ownership communities." In order to better serve the special needs of these communities and to act as their advocate, the county created the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) by enacting Chapter 10B of the County Code.

THE COMMISSION HAS THREE BASIC DUTIES:

Education: the commission provides free information to both members and to governing bodies about their rights and duties under Maryland law, as well as advice on how to properly operate the asso-

ciation. Among other tools, it offers a "Manual and Resource Guide," as well as an online training program for boards of directors.

Legislation: the commission advocates for common ownership communities concerning proposed laws and regulations at the local and State level.

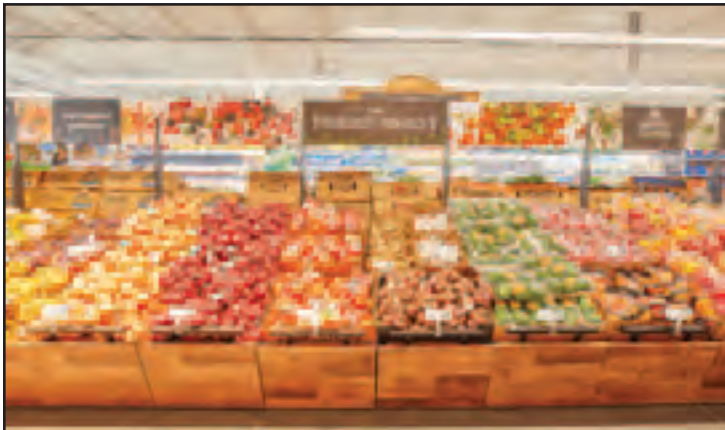
Dispute resolution: the commission can hear and resolve certain disputes between members of the communities and their governing bodies, and its decisions are legally binding on the parties.

For more information on the commission and the services it offers, visit <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/housing/commonownership/index.html>. For information or advice, contact the CCOC by e-mailing ConsumerProtection@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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

IN THE NEWS

Lidl to celebrate February 9 Grand Opening of Montgomery Village store



Lidl US, announced that it will host a Grand Opening event on Wednesday, Feb. 9, to celebrate its newest store in Montgomery Village, 19225 Montgomery Village Avenue. A ribbon cutting celebration with local leaders will begin at 7:40 a.m. The store, which will operate from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday, will offer shoppers incredible daily savings on Lidl's highly-awarded range of products.

"Our county welcomes Lidl to Montgomery Village, offering a wonderful additional option to the community," said Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice. "As an international company with a reputation for value and quality, we know Lidl will receive a warm, enthusiastic welcome from our residents. We look forward to Lidl's partnership with our community as well as its much-anticipated success here in Montgomery County."

GRAND OPENING EVENT DETAILS

At the Montgomery Village Grand Opening, customers will be able to take advantage of get-them-while-you-can special offers at the new store. The first 100 customers will be presented with a special gift card ranging from \$5 to \$100 each. Shoppers will have the opportunity to sample some of Lidl's high-quality products, and take advantage of special giveaways.

STORE FEATURES

Lidl has been repeatedly recognized for its shopping experience. For the second consecutive time, *Food & Wine Magazine* recently ranked Lidl among its Top 10 U.S. Supermarket rankings—ahead of retailers like Trader Joe's and Costco. A study from UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School observed that prices on Lidl's award-winning assortment were up to 45% lower than nearby national grocers.

When entering the new store, shoppers can also expect to experience the following:

WORLD-CLASS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

- Save time and money each week with Lidl's award-winning assortment and highly attractive prices.
- The new food market will be a newly fitted-out store with an easy-to-shop layout that will mean a faster and more convenient shop for customers. The U.S. EPA has recognized Lidl stores for their environmentally-friendly designs.

QUALITY WITHOUT QUESTION

- Healthy, responsible choices, including hundreds of organic and gluten-free products.
- Unique specialty items ranging from hard-to-find cheeses to authentic specialty sauces, cured meats and more—all at incredibly affordable prices.
- Award-winning foods—Lidl's private label products have won more than 500 awards.
- The Lidl Love it Guarantee—A logo that guarantees customer satisfaction; shoppers love the product they buy—or they are entitled to a refund, and a replacement.

SURPRISE AND DELIGHT

- Lidl offers an ever-changing selection of food and non-food specials brought in each Wednesday for a limited time, keeping the shopping experience exciting and new. The rotating non-food selection will include fitness gear, small kitchen appliances, toys, outdoor furniture and more.

COMMITTED TO FRESH

- Lidl produce is brought in fresh each day and features more than 100 high-quality fresh fruit and vegetable options at amazingly affordable prices.
- All Lidl flowers are guaranteed fresh and beautiful

for 5 days at a minimum, with roses and lilies guaranteed for 7 days.

- Lidl's fresh bakery will greet customers at the entrance of the new store.

FOCUSED ON OUR PEOPLE

- Lidl offers wages and benefits for its team that are above the industry standard in every market in which it operates.
- Lidl offers healthcare coverage to all team members, including those working part-time, regardless of the number of hours worked.

ABOUT LIDL

Lidl operates around 11,550 stores and is active in 32 countries, employing more than 341,000 employees globally. Lidl offers customers the highest quality fresh produce, meat, bakery items and a wide array of household products at unbelievably low prices. Lidl first established its U.S. headquarters in Arlington County, Virginia, in June 2015, and today sells its award-winning products in more than 150 stores across nine east coast states. For more information, visit www.Lidl.com.

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IN THE NEWS

Moe's Southwest Grill to open in Montgomery Village

Two Germantown locals, Chirag Shah and Christopher Tyler, are bringing a taste of Tex-Mex to Montgomery Village. Shah and Tyler met at

Northwest High School and have been friends since.

Shah and Tyler share a love of Mexican food as well as having experience work-

ing in the restaurant industry. Combining their passion and skills, they thought, why not bring a Moe's Southwest Grill to Montgomery Village? "I've always loved the atmosphere when you enter a Moe's. It's loud, friendly and welcoming with the added bonus of great food," says Shah.

Along with opening a new restaurant, these longtime friends' wives will also be welcoming babies the same week as their grand opening!

Moe's Southwest Grill opened on Thursday, Feb. 3

at the newly-renovated Montgomery Village Center, 19222 Montgomery Village Avenue.

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Lois Green-Sligo Chapter looks back at 100-year legacy of Izaak Walton League

The Lois Green-Sligo (LGS) Chapter of the Izaak Walton League has provided conservation and outdoor recreation activities for local residents since it was founded in 1949.

Having started as the Women's Auxiliary for the Wildlife Achievement Chapter, LGS became co-ed in the 1980's, always remembering its mission for conservation education and outreach. Since moving to Gaithersburg in the 1970's from the Takoma Park area (thus the "Sligo" portion of our historical name) the chapter has been successful in maintaining 63 beautiful acres of woodlands, offering outdoor recreation opportunities for the community and holding events to raise awareness. Our grounds were donated by conservation farmer Lois Green.

One of the most popular annual events is Family Nature Fun Day, held the Saturday before Mother's Day. With crafts, archery, fishing and a light lunch—all offered for free—this event has been a huge success; we look forward to hosting this each year. We also hold a Wild Game Dinner and Silent Auction annually and have member social events including crab feasts and dinners.

LGS' robust Save Our Streams Program has earned the reputation of "Defenders of the Cabin Branch Watershed." Stewardship of this Chesapeake Bay feeder has allowed us to encourage neighbors to share in and understand the necessity of keeping our water clean. Community partnerships have spread this awareness far beyond our membership. And our Forest Management Team maintains a year-round bowhunting permit to increase forest health.

Throughout its 100-year history, the Izaak Walton League's chapters have served as the place where kids caught their

first fish, tried their hand at shooting sports or found their own way to appreciate nature. We have strong relationships with area youth groups like scouts and Youth Civil Air Patrol, and offer these groups a place to hold camping, picnic and other events.

Nationally, the Izaak Walton League has more than 200 chapters and thousands of members and supporters who champion community-based conservation, outdoor traditions and protection of the nation's natural resources.

The chapters have provided the backbone for many conservation achievements over the past century, whether restoring bass populations in streams during the 1920s, promoting ethical hunting in the 1950s or serving as recycling hubs in the 1970s. The chapters also advanced some of the most effective conservation ideas in the nation's history, like the Land and Water Conservation Fund, shaping the laws and policies that protect natural resources now and for generations to come.

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

In January 1922, a group of concerned anglers and hunters gathered in Illinois to create an organization to stop the degradation of America's waterways and natural areas. They named the organization after Izaak Walton, the conservationist and author of "The Compleat Angler."

During the 1920s, industrial pollution, raw sewage and soil erosion threatened many of the nation's rivers. Forests and other wild areas were also suffering as road building, development, and commercial hunting and fishing took an immense toll.

For 100 years, the League has been at the forefront of

local and national efforts to safeguard water resources and our drinking water across the U.S.—from a push for sewage treatment in the 1930s, to the landmark Clean Water Act of 1972, which tackled pollution and protected wetlands.

The League has also created thriving volunteer citizen science programs like Save Our Streams and Salt Watch to monitor stream health and collect data about water quality. By collecting and reporting data in dozens of states, these programs now provide a wealth of information for scientists and policymakers and a basis for taking action to protect water quality.

For many decades, the League has also served as a leader in conserving the natural resources on the hundreds of millions of acres of agricultural land in the U.S. Beginning in 1937, the League began a push for a national program to conserve soil.

In short, no other organization has done more to shape the nation's bedrock laws that protect our environment and natural resources. The League has a unique role in promoting conservation and citizen science locally while advocating for strong state and national policies to protect our air, water and wildlife.

For millions of people, the League has provided a pathway to outdoor recreation and traditions.

Looking to the future, the Izaak Walton League has ambitious goals to get more Americans involved in local conservation, citizen science and advocacy. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/iwla-loisgreensligochapter/home>.

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IN THE NEWS

Apartment complex concept proposed next to Lidl

by Mike Conroy

At a virtual public meeting on December 7, Evergreen Investment Company shared a concept plan with the community for a new apartment complex in Montgomery Village. The 7-story structure, that steps down in height to 4 stories is proposed to sit on the second parcel of the Lidl property, known as Lot 37, adjacent to the entrance to the Whetstone community.

Lerch Early Brewer Land Use Attorney Stacy Silber noted a previous version of the concept had been shared with the Whetstone community at the November homes corporation board meeting. Several

changes had been made based on feedback received, including increasing the buffer area between the complex and Whetstone property; moving proposed amenities further from Whetstone; removing White Pine from the tree cover and replacing it with another species; and leaving the option for trail connectivity up to the Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC).

Silber stressed that Evergreen had not filed any plans with Montgomery County, and what was being presented was conceptual and for additional community feedback. Evergreen proposed a "Class A" facility which boasts amenities

including an on-site fitness center, outdoor passive gathering areas, 24-hour reception staff and doorman, in-unit wifi, stainless steel appliances, high-end flooring and much more. Silber noted proposal called for parking spaces above the minimum requirement, which would be located on the first two floors of the complex, with approximately five stories of residential units on top. Two loading births are provided, interior to the building and face the Lidl side of the building. Parking access into the building's garage is also provided off of the façade facing Lidl. Pedestrians would access the building from the garage.

With this design, all vehicles would enter the building or front entry from the Lidl parking lot side of the proposed new building and not from Whetstone Drive; the entrance would not be viewable from Whetstone.

KTGY Architect Ben Kasdan noted that the building design complies with the recommendations of the Montgomery Village Master Plan and the requirements of the Montgomery County Code. The proposed building includes step backs in height, with the lowest heights adjoining Whetstone, and the higher points stepping up towards Montgomery Village Avenue. Kasdan said that the original preliminary plan Lidl suggested for the site did propose additional retail stores on Lot 37, but the retail/office market has changed significantly since then, and the multi-family building is permitted by the Montgomery Village Master Plan, the Montgomery County Code and covenants for the property.

In 2016, the Montgomery Village Master Plan was approved and adopted by Montgomery County, after a 2-year public master plan process. The new master plan placed updated zoning on all properties in Montgomery Village, including the site which once housed the Professional Center. In October 2016, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors approved changes to the covenant on the same property to be in line with that approved in the Master Plan and allowed by the Montgomery County Code; this was the only property in Montgomery Village with such a restrictive covenant, which was placed on the property by the Kettler Brothers. The proposed list of uses for the site listed in the covenant were reviewed by WHC before the MVF Board approved the final version.

The Board at the time decided to not put so many specific restrictions in the covenant so that it would not impede the redevelopment of the Professional Center which was in very bad shape and tenants were fleeing. The Board's focus was on community development and encouraging the redevelopment of this festering property. They supported including the zoning (CRT) in the covenant so that it was not confusing for developers to understand the constraints on the property. It was recognized that any future more detailed

site plan would need to be vetted with neighboring properties and the greater community as the county's development process ensued.

Soltesz Technical Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture Keely Lauretti said that Evergreen will also help enhance the entrance to Whetstone if so desired. In addition, Lauretti described the recreation areas proposed for the Evergreen site, noting a small fenced gathering area; a water feature/fountain; dog station; and a passive linear greenspace recreation area, with possible connectivity to the adjacent Whetstone trails, if Whetstone desired such connectivity. If Whetstone did not desire the connectivity, Lauretti explained that the proposed sidewalks could be solely circulating just through the Evergreen property.

At its January 27 meeting, the MVF Board of Directors had a lengthy discussion regarding the Evergreen proposal. A number of residents submitted concerns prior to the meeting, as well as expressed concern for the project during Residents Time. WHC also submitted a request for the MVF Board to support their opposition to the project as proposed.

The Board agreed that Evergreen needed to be more responsive to resident concerns, provide an updated proposal and continue the community dialogue before filing a plan that would meet resident opposition with the county.

The Board approved a motion to send a letter to Evergreen outlining their expectations in continuance of the pre-submittal process. The letter asked Evergreen to: respond to previously submitted community concerns; not submit a plan to the Planning Board before responding to community concerns; and supply a revised preliminary plan that incorporates resident feedback. It was suggested that a community work session be held to facilitate these expectations and preview a revised proposal.

Following the meeting, the letter was sent to Evergreen on January 31. Representatives from Evergreen responded noting they would welcome the opportunity for a work session, and asked for time to review resident concerns and revise the proposal to bring back to the community. When the revision is complete, a work session will be scheduled.

MVF begins 31st 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 over \$54,000.

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

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

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

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

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

Scholarship Fund Contribution Form
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MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Change to trash collection location and procedure

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

The board of directors recently notified residents of the new trash procedure which was to go in effect on Sunday, Feb. 6. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, our trash contractor couldn't honor the February 6 start date. They put the new procedure in effect immediately without notice to Maryland Place Homes Corporation (MPHC). This had everyone wondering what was going on. MPHC was not happy about this decision but it was out of their control.

From now on, trash will be collected from the front of our homes, at the sidewalk in front of your unit. The only exception to this is for residents of the interior courts on Marston Lane, which now, unfortunately, have to bring trash to the curb located at the parking area closest to their court for collection.

Any trash currently left behind your unit/fence will have to be brought to the front of your unit for collection or taken to the transfer station off Shady Grove Road and Rt. 355. Trash left behind your unit/fence is subject to MPHC bylaws and Montgomery County laws/fines.

All trash cans must be retrieved on the evening of trash day—Monday and Thursday nights—and returned to your property out of sight. Nothing is to be left behind your fence. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we adjust to this change in collection procedures.

For bulk trash (furniture, mattresses, etc.) you can schedule a free pickup from your front yard by calling 301-898-2109.

Reminder: trash will not be picked up on the following 2022 holidays; collection will take place on the next regular service day:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30

Independence Day, Monday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24

MPHC CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

ANITA FIELDS

My name is Anita Fields. I have been a resident of Montgomery Village for 40 years, 34 of which have been in Maryland Place. My children both attended Whetstone Elementary School, Montgomery Village Middle School, and Watkins Mill High School. Professionally I was a Montgomery County Home and Hospital Teacher for 28 years. During that time, I taught 15 years at the Children's School Program at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. As a member of the Maryland Place Board of Directors, my major concerns will be related to health, safety and trash issues in Maryland Place. Improving the general appearance of our property will increase the value of homes as well as pride in our community. Looking forward to working my neighbors toward this goal.

SANDY KIMBELL

I would respectfully like to submit my name for consideration for the position of Maryland Place Vice-President on the board of directors. I am proud to serve the board and have the desire to continue. What sets me apart from the other applications you have no doubt received? In a word, E-X-P-E-R-I-E-N-C-E. Over the course of the last 25 years I have held administrative and secretarial positions with several area companies, associations, and a call center operator at Asbury Methodist Village. I am able to demonstrate dis-

cretion and professionalism, maintain confidentiality, multitask, work well under pressure, and be highly organized and detail oriented, as well as a problem solver. I am friendly and understanding towards others, yet polite but firm when the need arises.

Why should you consider me? Here's another word... D-E-D-I-C-A-T-I-O-N. I commit wholeheartedly to each and every position I work. I subscribe to the philosophy that "early is on time, on time is late." While I recognize that there are good days and bad days with any position, I view this as an opportunity to serve with joy and anticipation.

JOHN KOZO

Hello, my name is John Kozo and I am running for the position of Director on the Maryland Place Board of Directors. I have lived in Montgomery Village/Gaithersburg since 1979 when I was in the 4th grade. I have lived in Maryland Place for 21 years with my family. I have been on the Maryland Place Board of Directors for the past 7 years and enjoy serving our neighborhood.

I am concerned about maintaining our neighborhood property, increasing our personal property value while keeping our assessment fees as low as possible. One of our biggest problems is trash and speeding on neighborhood streets. I also want to make sure that all improvements to our neighborhood are done effectively and within our budget.

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Parking in Patton Ridge

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

The Patton Ridge Board of Directors wishes all Patton Ridge Homes Corporation residents a Happy New Year!

The board has received an increasing number of comments from residents about congested parking within our community, and in response the board has been working on a resolution to address the issue. A memorandum describing the proposed policy dated January 14, 2022, with the subject "Proposed Parking Policy" has been distributed to all residents for review. Please send any comments or feedback on the policy to PattonRidgeHC@mvmf.org no later than Thursday, Feb. 17. Resident comments will be evaluated at the February 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. Thank you for your engagement on this issue.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

LAUREN HYDORN

My name is Lauren Hydorn, I have lived in Montgomery Village for 32 years and have recently become a homeowner here! Having grown up in Montgomery Village, I participated in MCSL Swim Team - North Creek Neptune's, Foundation run programs and camps and volunteered at numerous events. My first job was a lifeguard for the Montgomery Village Foundation, which then led to my first full time position in the Recreation Department where I worked for over 4 years. I currently work for the City of Gaithersburg in the Aquatics Division. Outside of work I play volleyball, enjoy reading and traveling!

LARRY NICHOLSON

I'm Larry Nicholson and I have lived in Patton Ridge since the summer of 2004 with

my family. I'm a Senior Project Manager for a local CRO, husband and father. I have been a member of the Patton Ridge Board for the last 9 years. I hope to continue the board's successes by helping to ensure that we are doing our best for the community. I see the board addressing long overdue community maintenance and wish to continue this path in Patton Ridge. I believe that we must maintain the current emphasis placed on resident's safety. Additionally, I believe we must ensure equitable solutions to issues facing Patton Ridge. I bring insight and a unique perspective to the Patton Ridge Board, by helping to navigate the changing times and needs in the Village. As our community ages, I believe it is important to ensure that Patton Ridge continues to thrive beyond its first 48+ years.

JOHN SCAVULLO

My family and I have been living in Fairridge since 2009.

I'd like to provide my input and perspective as a longtime resident to the board in hopes of making the community even better for all residents.

I love living in our community because of established trees, landscapes, paths and amenities such as the pools. In addition, it's very exciting to see more young families move into the neighborhood as they have over the past several years.

In my professional life, I work for Nasdaq as a senior enterprise specialist. I primarily perform software engineering and support teams within our organization.

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



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HOMES CORPORATIONS

WHETSTONE WATCH

Proposed apartment building on corner of Whetstone Drive

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

At the January board meeting, the Whetstone board discussed Evergreen and their plans for the plot (Lot 37) next to the new Lidl store. This was a highly attended virtual meeting that the members of the Whetstone community could voice their concerns about the potential project.

Currently as it stands, Evergreen has not submitted anything concrete to any decision making entity within the county. They also haven't responded to numerous requests and questions from concerned Whetstone residents. It was decided at the meeting that we would, as a community, state that we opposed the plan as it was presented both during the November 11, 2021 board meeting and the December 7, 2021 public meeting. The board sent our statement to the Montgomery Village Board of Directors seeking their support in our stance as well.

OTHER NEWS

In other news, the Lidl store will be opening on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Lidl is currently recruiting staff for the new store on the property of the former Professional Center.

REPLACEMENT LIGHTING

The board is currently in the process of evaluating and getting proposals for replacement of the community lighting.

MAINTENANCE

Management is currently getting bids for replacing areas of asphalt and concrete for this spring, as well as tree pruning for a third of the community.

ANNUAL MEETING

By now, all owners should have received their Annual Meeting Notice for the meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 10. This year there are three vacant positions with two candidates on the ballot. Remember, if you would like to attend the meeting virtually, send your request to mcruz@mvf.org to receive the link and password as the date approaches.

The board is always looking to communicate effectively with our residents/neighbors. If you have made a change to your e-mail or have not yet provided an e-mail and would like to receive notices, agenda, emergency information and other pertinent communication from the board, please e-mail your contact info to vermillion.whc@gmail.com.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

DENNIS BARNES

1. Two terms on the Whetstone HOA, concluding 2021; Service on the Maintenance, Public Safety, and Zoning Committees.

2. Previous President of the North Village HOA, 900 residential homes, eight years, terminating in 2010

3. Two terms as appointed Member of the Upper Montgomery County Advisory Board, ending in Dec, 2021 Master Degree in Public Administration, New York University. US Army Veteran, Honorable Discharge. Spanish language competence per three-year US State Dept assignment in La Paz, Bolivia.

Whetstone is a beautiful landscaped community near a

large lake with accessible walking paths. We enjoy the scenery and attractive rolling lawns. Our guests are impressed with the community environment. We enjoy our neighbors and frequent gatherings. I look forward to continued residency in our outstanding community.

DEBORAH VERMILLION

My husband and I have lived in the Whetstone community for over 35 years.

I have had the opportunity to serve on the Whetstone Board for the last 20 years. During my time on the board, I have played an active role as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Communications Chair, member of the Audit, Maintenance, Legal, Lakeshore committees and a Neighborhood Block Captain.

If re-elected my priorities will include:

- Continued funding of Reserves for long term projects.
- Careful spending of assessment funds to maintain and improve Whetstone's assets.
- Promote updates to our By-Laws to protect the residential quality of the Whetstone community.
- Working with the other Whetstone board members to serve the best interest of our community.

I am asking for your support so that I can continue my commitment of service to our community.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Hear ye. Hear ye. — February 17 Annual Meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

Every February, your board of directors holds their annual meeting at which the president of the board will enumerate the accomplishments of the past year, the treasurer will review the financial status and the results of the recent board elections will be announced. The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the February board meeting (see the end of this article).

If you never attend board meetings, you should try to attend the annual meeting for an overview of how your assessments are being used to maintain and improve your community.

PARKING PERMITS STARTED

Pleasant Ridge, Highland Hall, Essex and McCorry now have Overnight Parking Permits. Watch your mailbox for information on your neighborhood. Each residence will receive two permanent resident permits and one visitor permit for overnight parking along our streets and in townhouse parking areas. Renters need to coordinate with their landlords to ensure permit acquisition.

IMPORTANT: If you are delinquent in your quarterly fees, you will only be issued one visitor permit. Contact the MVF Office to get paid up so you can obtain your resident permits, or to work out a schedule to pay off your fees. Download the Parking Permit form at <https://bit.ly/32jfMQv>.

TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE FOR 2022

J&J Trash Service is our new disposal company. Below is the holiday trash schedule for 2022. Note that on holiday weeks, J&J will pick up only once that week. If the holiday falls on Monday, then the pickup will be on Thursday. The holidays with an asterisk (*) indicate that the county transfer facility is closed. On Monday, Feb. 14, trash will be picked up as normal, but the recycling will move one day.

Washington's Birthday	Monday, Feb. 14*	Normal trash pickups
Memorial Day*	Monday, May 30*	One trash pickup — June 2
Independence Day*	Monday, July 5*	One trash pickup — July 7
Labor Day*	Monday, Sept. 5*	One trash pickup — Sept. 8
Thanksgiving*	Thursday, Nov. 24*	No pickup that day
Christmas Day	Sunday, Dec. 25*	One trash pickup — Dec. 28

BULK PICKUP IS FREE AND KEEP RECYCLING

Free bulk pickup on large items is available. Bulk trash does not include yard waste, construction materials, metal or appliances. Remember that failure to call and arrange the bulk pickups leads to increased costs for all of us. Many of us have now seen updated recycling information on our blue cans and front doors. Review the fliers and postcard and keep them handy. Contact the numbers below or go to [MyGreenMontgomery](https://www.facebook.com/MyGreenMontgomery) on Facebook for more details.

SAY IF YOU SEE

"If you see something, say something." In other words, if you see suspicious activity anywhere in Montgomery Village please call the police at 301-279-8000. Of course, if it is an emergency dial 911. Silver Horse is our North Village security company.

IMPORTANT

NUMBERS TO KEEP:

Silver Horse Security:

301-910-2098

J&J Trash Service:

301-898-2109

MC Recycling - New Blue Bins - Scrap Metal: 311

Pepco: 877-737-2662

WSSC: 301-206-4001

NEXT MEETING

The North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

You may contact Community Manager April Steward, at 240-243-2326, with your interest in attending the meeting. Please note that your time to speak will be limited to 3 minutes and the board may or may not respond at that time with information pending further discussion.

If you have any questions or want to report any problems in the community, please reach out to April the number above or e-mail asteward@mvf.org.



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

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EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Happy New Year East Village residents!

by David Cline

As you know the trash pickup days have changed from Tuesdays and Fridays to Mondays and Thursdays at the start of 2022. This move was enacted in order to save East Village homeowners money. The previous contractor wanted to double fees and limit service to one day a week. In addition, there would have been a two-and-a-half times increase in the trash service in 2023. Correspondence regarding this change was mailed to East Village residents in late 2021. Please be advised that on Mondays that are also holidays (i.e. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day and Labor Day), there will be no trash service.

Remember to put out trash and recycling bins only the evening before or on the day of pickup.

EVHC ELECTION

Watch for ballots coming in the mail for the East Village Board of Directors election. Your participation is important.

PARKING REMINDER

Residents with vehicles displaying expired registration tags should not park their cars on East Village streets. You will receive a sticker on your vehicle and it will be towed within 72 hours. Trucks parked on East Village streets will also be receive a violation sticker and be subject to towing within 72 hours, as well.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MC Recycling - New Blue Bins - Scrap Metal: 311
Pepco: 877-737-2662
WSSC: 301-206-4001

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

DAVID CLINE

I have been an East Village resident since 1992 and it has been my privilege to serve the residents of East Village as a board member, and most recently, as board President. With your support, I'd be happy to serve another term on the board of directors.

Over the past few years, there have been several challenges we've faced as a community. I'd like the community to work together to make East Village better in these areas:

1. Montgomery County Airpark: We need to work with the FAA, the Airpark, and pilots, to make sure our growing community is not put at unnec-

essary risk. Our community is larger than it was in 1992, and the Airpark needs to adapt to the changing circumstances.

2. Environment: As our community ages, more and more trees need to be replaced. I have been proactive in working with the Maintenance Committee to remove trees that are in danger of falling over in a storm. We will implement a forward looking program to plant young trees resistant to disease and drought.

3. Safety: Work closely with Montgomery County Police and residents to form neighborhoods watch committees.

With your vote, I'll continue to work for all residents of East Village to keep our community safe and attractive to current and future residents.

SUZANNE JUBERT

My name is Suzanne Jubert, and I am asking for your vote to join the East Village Homes Corporation board for a 3-year term. I have been a resident of East Village since 2006 and have enjoyed getting to know many of my neighbors as well as the wonderful amenities that the Village has to offer.

I have been a licensed stationary building engineer for more than 20 years. During that time I have been responsible for the day to day running and maintenance of various commercial properties in the metropolitan area. Part of my core responsibilities is to maintain budgets, positive tenant relationships, as well as organizing various outside trades' people including cleaning crews and landscape contractors. I also have day to day accountability to the property managers, building owners and tenants.

My areas of interest in joining the Board are for the maintenance of our common areas as well as public safety. In my prior work experience I have worked with and directed landscape contractors on the commercial properties that I have been responsible for running. Regarding public safety, I was one of the trained neighborhood watch members for my community and would like to see the neighborhood watches return to our community in a more organized manner. Thank you for your consideration and I hope to win your support.

AARON SHURA

I have been a resident of the East Village since 2013 and a member of the East Village

Homes Corporation since 2019. It has been a privilege to work with the East Village Homes Corporation in these uncertain times and with your support it would be my honor to continue to serve you, the citizen, on the board.

I currently work with Arlington County Government as a Zoning Inspector with the Zoning Division. This has given me the experience to work with the public, address concerns, and provide people with solutions to bring their properties into compliance. I have worked in local government for over fifteen years and have experience working in front line and managerial roles.

My accomplishments in the last three years are as follows: providing informative posts for the East Village Homes Corporation Facebook page and "East Village Echo" to topics that are relevant to issues in the community, facilitating conversations between the East Village Homes Corporation and the Citizens for Airpark Safety in order to deal with the situation with Montgomery County Airpark, and bringing citizen concerns to the Montgomery Village Foundation in my community in order to enhance a better living situation for all.

With your vote and your support, I plan to continue to be a voice for the community and make the East Village an exemplary community. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

South Village Homes Corporation 2022 Candidate Statements

The below candidate statements were submitted by those seeking election to the South Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors.

JANET ANDRE

I'm excited to announce my candidacy for re-election for the South Village Board of Directors. I have lived in South Village for almost 25 years and am able to see our community changing in so many ways. I strongly believe my previous experience as a director and as an active member of the maintenance committee will serve as a tool to continue making improvements throughout the community and promote positive outcomes for the critical matters that we as homeowners face every day. My goals are to lend an ear and listen to the residents as well as assure them that we will prioritize safety, improvements, and cleanliness around our neighborhoods. I look forward to continuing to work with the other board members as well as teaming with management to make our community a great place to live in.

NANCY MCMAHAN FARRAR

I'm excited to announce my candidacy for re-election for the South Village Board of Directors. I have been living in Montgomery Village for 21 years. I was elected to the board in 2004 and I have been here ever since. I feel that I could make the following contributions to the community.

- Encouraging our community to make environmentally sound decisions in our landscaping choices.

- Working to help us continue to make fiscally sound choices with community improvements.

- Offer suggestions to help to keep our community appearance updated as our communities age.

I love living in South Village Homes Corporation and I hope to be able to continue to serve as a member of the board of directors in this community.

ANN RIDDLE

Since childhood, Ann Elizabeth Riddle has wanted to serve others. Her goal is to work for the public and for the greater good. Ann believes that if her life's work improves just one person's life, it was a career well spent. She would like to serve the South Village Homes Corporation community so she can do her part to help make our world, our community, and our home a better place. As a lifelong learner, she hopes to use her experiences and education to serve the community and to learn from the community about how to become a more efficient and effective public servant. She strives to leave things better than she found it and would like to serve the community and help Montgomery Village grow into the best place it can be.

Ann recently moved from her hometown of Mayfield, Ohio to Montgomery Village for work as a presidential management fellow. She received her Master's in Public Administration, her Master's in Political Science, and her Certificates in City and Nonprofit Management from Villanova University and her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Hiram College.

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

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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Stedwick welcomes 2022

by the Stedwick Board of Directors

At the January 19 meeting, the Stedwick Board of Directors reviewed and commented on two proposed parking policies — one addressing reserved parking, and one addressing general vehicular rules. The drafts are currently being reviewed and revised to be presented at the next board meeting.

As many of you know, we have a new trash collector, J&J Trash Services. Trash will continue to be collected on Tuesdays and Fridays. Recyclables will continue to be picked up on Tuesdays, unless the recyclable center was/is closed for some reason, then it will default to Wednesday or the next business day of the recyclable center.

Trash will be picked up curbside only. Trash must be placed out for collection on the sidewalk or curbside no earlier than 7 a.m. the day of collection, in a sealed, vermin-proof container. Plastic bags, cardboard boxes, and/or paper sacks are not considered acceptable trash containers.

Trash and recycling containers may not be kept in front yards, on stoops or sidewalks following trash and pickup days. Trash and recyclable containers must be stored out of sight from the street and sidewalk in front of the house. Placement behind an approved screening wall will be deemed out of sight.

With the change to J&J Trash services, the current Trash Storage, Deposit, Collection and Disposal and Trash and Recyclables policies are no longer accurate. They are under revision, with the plan to combine the policies into one policy reflective of the current trash contract and applicable county regulations.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16. We invite all residents to participate.

Elections are underway for the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors. Each year, three members are elected to the Board to serve a 3-year term. Below are the statements of the three candidates for this election. Ballot materials will be sent via

mail. Only those homeowners whose assessments are current through December 31, 2021 are eligible to vote. Ballots are due to the Montgomery Village Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

CLIFF BAILEY

I have lived in Stedwick and Montgomery Village for just a little over 11 years. I have seen how our community has grown over these past years and I would like to be a member of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors to help ensure that our community continues to grow in a positive direction.

I have 15 years of working in property management. This experience and background includes managing over 1000 units as well as working with residents and upper management to better the lives for residents. My experience also included working with County and State agencies and various HOAs on housing and property issues as well as non-profit agencies to help ensure residential equity and equality for diverse populations. Through these experiences, I was able to be part of solutions of issues that resulted in good outcomes for both residents and management.

Transparency, communication, and the sharing of information are ideals that are important for a great community. In this line of thinking, I have created an informal Facebook Group for the Stedwick Community to share information and to encourage residents to gather and work together to help better neighborhoods and overall community. Through this page, I have been able to point the residents to appropriate points of contact such as the property manager for the community; shared information that is of importance or of general interest to the community; encourage residents to become involved in community interests and issues. This page has also encouraged residents to become involved in community related through discussions that represent the various sides, thoughts and views.

ERICA BELLAVIA

By this letter, I am indicating my interest in running for re-election to the Board of

Directors for Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC) Board in 2022.

I have been a member of the board of directors since March of 2020, and a member of the community since I purchased my home in 2008. During my tenure on the board, I have worked towards finding solutions to some of our communities' most concerning issues — such as parking changes (I authored one of the policy rewrites), dumping/littering, and safety concerns. I was appointed to Treasurer in August of 2020, and have made sure our community remains in good financial standing, and has adequate reserves to see us through these uncertain times.

Professionally, I have spent 12 years in the hospitality industry in a sales and catering capacity, and for the past 6 years, I have been a meeting planner in the non-profit/association market. While my professional career keeps me very busy, I also volunteer every spring with the National Cherry Blossom Festival in downtown DC, and maintain a membership with the Potomac Branch of Meeting Professionals International (MPI). I also participate in fundraising events for the Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training (GRREAT), and do some dog walking when I have free time.

If re-elected to a board position for this term, I look forward to continuing to be a positive voice in addressing the issues and concerns of our neighbors, and making sure our community remains a safe, beautiful and prosperous place to live.

BRENDA HARTWIG

I am interested in running for the Stedwick board. I have had experience serving in many volunteer roles both with several PTA/PTSA with Stedwick ES, MVMS & WMHS including being a co-cluster coordinator and PTA President. I am also a life member with GWGVFD, our local fire dept with various roles including administrative roles.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Stream valley repairs around Northgate

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is in conversation with outside entities regarding stream valley erosion in several areas around Northgate. We ask that you follow all communications and news articles on this topic, as it will have a significant impact on our community. The board plans to work with MVF to protect our property values and infrastructure. This proposed project affects every subdivision in Northgate surrounded by trees.

The following is information we would like residents to pay attention to:

The contemplated stream restoration project proposes to stabilize the slopes, arrest erosion and head cut encroachment, as presented at a community meeting on November 17, 2021 and during the Committee on the Environment's January 12, 2022 meeting. Although specific details were not provided, the project may include grade controls on the steep valley slopes, an engineered step-pool and cascade design in the stream channels, and possible "armoring" of the stream banks with large boulders. All of this will require significant forest clearing, earth moving and alteration of topographical conditions.

The anticipated loss of trees will significantly reduce the noise dampening the present woods provide and reduce the quality of the viewshed. A viewshed that, for many residents, was the reason their homes were purchased. We experienced this above North Creek Lake in our Overlea community. If you want to see the kind of impact expected with the proposed project, go to the North Creek Community Center parking lot and look across the stream. Tree cover once thick enough to dampen the sounds from the recreational facilities and parking lot from view was lost — losses felt

everyday by Overlea residents.

Northgate has advised MVF of its concerns regarding tree removal, including the forested area between Meadow Pond Place and Forestview, behind Shadow Oak subdivision, and additional treed areas, in addition to the need to potentially bring heavy equipment across our roads and green space.

We want to emphasize our willingness to interact with all parties, but NGHC's priority is protecting the community. If we ask for your help, please step up. An MVF staff member will be providing information at the next Northgate Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Moving on, improper disposal of trash remains the most frequent complaint the board receives. Each household has two trash pickups per week included in the assessment fee, plus bulk pickups when needed. Recycling is once per week and our landscaper also picks up litter.

If you live in The Points or Overlea, your trash collection days are Mondays and Thursdays. Bulk trash will be picked up on Thursdays. If you live in Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Shadow Oak or Williams Range, your trash pickup days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk trash will be picked up on Fridays. Do not place your trash out in white bags, please! Please do not put out your trash for collection until the evening before the pickup. If you miss a trash pickup do not place your trash out until the next scheduled trash day.

The deadline for applying to run for the board of directors is Friday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. E-mail Sean Farrell at NorthgateHC@comsource.com for application information.

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

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AT YOUR LEISURE

MCDOT “Heads Up, Phones Down” video contest

Montgomery County teens have an opportunity to win some great prizes by producing videos to encourage peers not to allow cell phones to distract them while driving and walking. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) “Heads Up, Phones Down” high school video contest will be accepting entries of 30-second Public Service Announcements (PSAs) through Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Montgomery County public and private high school students can submit videos for the contest. Video entries can be submitted individually or as a group of up to four in English or Spanish.

“As a parent, grandparent and former teacher, I know that teenagers often pay more

attention to their friends than the adults around them,” said County Executive Marc Elrich. “Adolescence is a time when peer messaging resonates. This peer-to-peer safety advocacy will help raise awareness of the need for everyone, drivers and walkers, to stay alert and not be distracted while traveling. This contest supports our County Vision Zero goals to eliminate distracted driving and increase pedestrian safety.”

There is one grand prize and a first and second runner up for both the individual and group submission categories. Winning group submissions will split the grand prize with gift cards for each member. Individual submissions may qualify for prizes including

a PlayStation 5, an Apple Watch or tripod.

Students can submit their entries online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/HUPD/. Students may also qualify for up to five Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for successfully completing an entry.

“Teens are using cell phones with increasing frequency,” said County Department of Transportation Director Chris Conklin. “In fact, 84 percent of teenagers in the U.S. have their own phone. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tells us that young drivers, ages 15 to 19, are the age group with the largest proportion of distracted drivers at the time of a fatal crash. Likewise, an NIH study found that when

distracted by cell phone use, children were less attentive to traffic; left less safe time between their crossing and the next arriving vehicle; experienced more collisions and close calls with oncoming traffic; and waited longer before beginning to cross the street. We hope this contest helps serve as a reminder to avoid being distracted by cell phones.”

Winning entries will be announced live on Instagram at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 11, and will also be posted on the MCDOT.

For more information or questions, e-mail pedestrian.safety@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/HUPD/.

SCHOOL NEWS

Refurbished vehicle and computer sale

Spring ahead of the pack with a new refurbished car or computer! The Montgomery County Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Information Technology Foundation (ITF) have reconditioned vehicles and computers for sale.

Three times a year, students from the ATF and ITF programs operate public sales where refurbished vehicles and computers are offered to the community at competitive prices. These sales provide ATF and ITF students with the opportunity to practice their sales skills, earn Student Service Learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for community involvement. By coming to the sale, patrons will support our students and help to enhance their sales skills.

Cars and computers will be on sale from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 240-740-2051, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit www.atfcareers.org, www.itfcareers.org or www.cars2purchase.org.

Rare and unusual native plants

There really isn't a plant war—native vs. non-native—but maybe an enlightened skirmish. Each side has merit. Non-natives are beautiful and timely (think daffodils in the spring or the stunning rose-bush, a joy forever). But natives are pretty too, and they also require less work, save water, enhance the environment and many feed birds.

Learn more about our native plants and how to acquire them on Monday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. The Montgomery Village Garden Club (MVGC) will host a Zoom presentation by Ian and Elizabeth Canton, founders of Wood Thrush Natives, a nursery in Floyd, Va. The couple's

mission is to discover, grow and promote rare and unusual native plants, and they do so by using organic and sustainable practices, e.g. plants are open grown in all weather. Seedlings grow up tough, ready to survive and in sync with the seasons. But the Cantons do not just collect live wild plants, they acquire their seeds from local private property areas, with owner's permission.

Though closed for the winter, orders for spring shipping can be placed through the winter. Walk-in visitors will be welcome starting in April.

Visitors are welcome to join the MVGC Zoom meeting. If you are interested in attending,

e-mail montgomeryvillagegardenclub@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link and login information. Participants can log in at 7 p.m. to socialize. The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. with club business followed by the pre-

sentation from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, visit our Facebook Page and “Like” us, too: www.facebook.com/Montgomery-Village-Garden-Club-1720897158173289/.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary presents About Boating Safety

Residents interested in learning about safe boating practices are encouraged to check out the in-depth boating safety course from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. Maryland state law requires that all boaters born after June 30, 1972, take a course in boating safety before they may legally operate a recreational boat in state waters.

Topics of this 2-day course include Introduction to Boat-

ing; Boating Law; Boat Safety Equipment; Safe Boating; Navigation; Boating Problems; Trailering, Storing and Protecting Your Boat; and Hunting, Fishing, Water-Skiing and River Boating. Each of these topics includes break-out topics of importance to all boaters.

The About Boating Safety course is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$10 per person; students must pre-register. For more information or to register, contact Jean Riel at 301-261-7735 or e-mail uscgauxflotilla2401@gmail.com.

This course is presented by US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 054-24-01.

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RECREATION

Indoor Flea Market

Why wait for warm weather to buy and sell those great flea market treasures? Start the spring with a chance to turn your belongings into cash! Shop at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 for some of the best deals in Montgomery Village! Free admission and parking for shoppers.

Want to sell your stuff? Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up today! Each 6' x 8' space includes one 6' x 2.5' table and one chair and costs \$35/Resident or, \$45/Non-resident. Green Drop will provide a truck to haul away all your unsold items to give to charity.

For more information, call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Strength and Flexibility

Increase your muscle strength and flexibility in this two for one, no-impact class taught by Karin Baker. Add this multi-functional class to your weekly workout routine from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 5 through May 26 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

Engage in a whole-body workout without impact on the

joints! Participants are asked to bring a mat and weights. The cost to participate is \$80/Resident or \$90/Non-resident once a week on Tuesday or Thursday, or \$150/Resident or \$160/Non-resident for both Tuesday and Thursday classes.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MVF follows state and county executive orders for COVID-19 requirements. Some classes and events may be subject to participants wearing facial coverings or other restrictions, or may change during the course of instruction. MVF reserves the right to change and update guidelines and restrictions as necessary.

Family BINGO Night

There's no better way to get family and friends together than a fun-filled evening of BINGO! Join us at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, for this great family event. Take a chance at winning great prizes, including gift baskets, restaurant and grocery store

gift cards, summer camp coupons and more. All ages and groups are welcome. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Reserve your seats ahead of time by purchasing discounted BINGO booklets (each containing 12 cards) for \$10 each, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18. Prices at the door

on Saturday, March 19 are \$12/booklet or \$1/card (cash only).

For more information, call Susan Baldrige at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldrige@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Wine and Craft

It's a spring date night in the Village, and what better way to spend it than with a little bit of wine and a lot of creativity? Join experienced instructor Caryl Strauss on Friday, April 8 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 7 to 9 p.m. as she leads you

step-by-step through this wonderful springtime craft.

All materials, snack and two glasses of wine are included with the price of admission. No prior experience necessary. Parents, find a babysitter because, all guests must be 21 and over to participate. Pre-register by

5 p.m. on Monday, April 4. The cost to attend is \$40/Resident and \$50/Non-resident.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Montgomery Village Flag Football (Instructional)

Thursday night football is back! This co-ed flag football program for children ages 4 to 10 will be held at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road on Thursday evenings from April 7 to May 26. All equipment is provided and no prior playing experience is necessary!

Practices are scheduled by age group: ages 4 to 6 practice from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and ages 7 to 10 practice from 5:05 to 6 p.m. The cost to participate is \$70/Resident or \$80/Non-resident for ages 4 to 6 and \$80/Resident or \$90/Non-resident for ages 7 to 10. Please note that this class is not a progression

from previous flag football programs. Some drills, games and skills may be repeated.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Great Family Day !!




Saturday, April 23
9 to 11 a.m.
Rain or Shine

Lake Whetstone Boat House
18701 Montgomery Village Avenue

Join Montgomery Village Foundation staff members for a lake cleanup at Lake Whetstone, rain or shine. Meet at the Lake Whetstone Boat House, 18701 Montgomery Village Avenue. Wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty; long-sleeved shirts, long pants and boots are recommended. SSL Hours are available to all students. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Registration for this event is not required. **A waiver must be completed (by an adult) to participate and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**



For more information or to register, call Lauren Tuori at 240-243-2336, e-mail ltuori@mvmf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

WINTER COAT DRIVE




through April 1

Give the gift of comfort and warmth to someone in need.

Drop off a new or gently used clean winter coat at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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Road Runners Meet-Up

Fridays | 6:30 a.m.

The Montgomery Country Road Runners is offering the Montgomery Village community the opportunity to participate in a weekly 4 to 5-mile drop-in run. Runners of all paces and experience levels are welcome to join. **No MCRRC membership or MVF registration is required for this free weekly workout.**

**Patsy Huson Ballfield
20300 Fulks Farm Road**



For more information, call Duncan Mullis at 240-243-2337, e-mail dmullis@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



RECREATION

Zumba®

Jump into spring with some upbeat Latin fusion music! Zumba provides a great workout with long-term health benefits for all. Keep those New Year's resolutions going! These body-energizing movements will keep you fit while having fun and socializing.

Zumba combines fast and slow rhythms and uses with resistance training to tone and sculpt your body and burn fat. All fitness levels are welcome.

Classes are scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 29 through May 31 (no class April 5) at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Pre-registration is required; \$90/Resident or \$100/Non-resident.

For more information, contact Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MVF Soccer (Instructional)

Sharpen your skills and learn new ones with MVF Soccer! Our instructional classes will teach your little dribbler all the fundamentals of the game, including dribbling, passing, shooting and some cool tricks along the way. Instructors will lead fun games and drills that will enhance players' skills.

MVF Soccer is scheduled for Saturdays, April 2 to May 21 at the North Creek Futsal Court, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Ages 6 and 7 will practice from 10 to 1:45 a.m. and ages 8 and 9 will practice from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Also available for the younger set, ages 3 to 5, is Parent-Child Soccer. Get the little players introduced to the game with a familiar face – their parents! This class is scheduled for 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Saturdays, also at North Creek Futsal Court.

Pre-registration is required. Each session costs \$80/Resident or \$90 Non-resident.

For more information, contact Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

First Day of Spring Hike

Connect with nature on the first day of spring! Join us at Seneca Creek State Park for a 3.3-mile (guided) hike around Clopper Lake on Sunday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hiking is a great way to destress and get some exercise, all with a scenic view!

Some hiking experience is necessary, so be sure to know your limits. The trail will have rocks, roots, uneven terrain, etc. Hiking shoes/boots and trekking poles are highly recommended. We will meet at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road and drive out to the park. Direc-

tions to the park and further details will also be provided upon registration.

For more information, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Pickleball

Are you curious about Pickleball? This fast-growing game is easy to learn and tons of fun! MVF is offering several options this spring, including classes for various skill levels, league play, drop-in and tournaments.

Pickleball programming is held at the outdoor pickleball courts at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Classes are scheduled for Monday evenings, March 7 to May 23; dates and times vary, so check the Spring Recreation Guide (in this issue) for details.

For more information, contact Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Hop your way through South Valley Park for our Easter Eggstravaganza! Search for eggs stuffed with sweet treats, take a picture with the Easter Bunny, make a seasonal craft and test your skills on the egg roll!

This year's Eggstravaganza is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 9 at South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road. Participants must sign up for a time slot based on age and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Time slots are as follows: 10 to 10:20 a.m., 10:30 to 10:50 a.m., 11 to 11:20 a.m., and 11:30 to 11:50 a.m.

The cost to participate is \$3 for a pre-registration or \$5 at the gate. Light refreshments will also be provided at no additional cost.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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Montgomery Village
CONSERVATION CORPS

for ages 14 to 16
8 a.m. to Noon
Monday, June 27
through Friday, Aug. 5
including Monday, July 4



The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking **motivated teens** to spend up to 6 weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects may include park cleanup, wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management and more. Selected Conservation Corps members will be responsible for getting to and from each job site location within Montgomery Village, transportation will not be provided. **Due to COVID-19, the typical program structure will be adjusted to adhere to the safety guidelines.** Adjustments may include shortened or changing workdays, times and drop off/pick up locations dependent on work needs and COVID-19 guidelines during the summer.

Candidates must have a work permit. There are a limited number of these positions available.

\$12.75/hour or SSL hours

Application deadline is Friday, April 1.

Apply online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



For more information or to register, call Lauren Tuori at 240-243-2336, e-mail ltuori@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Parent-Child
PLAY
Group

For ages 3 to 5



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April 20, May 18
and June 15

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Free

Get your early learners involved with this monthly play group that will help them work on whole-body movements. Kids ages 3 to 5 will enjoy adventures as they learn spatial awareness and engagement with their peers.

Registration is required. No drop-ins. Participants must register in advance. Limited space available.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue



For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunkins@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

RECREATION

Sports Explorers

Have you ever wondered if your child will be the next superstar athlete? Well now you have a chance to find out! Send your little one over to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 17 to March 10 to see for yourself!

Your child(ren) will be able to explore their interests in various sports. Each week we'll focus on a different sport including: Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball and Relay Races. Children will have the chance to exercise, improve motor skills and coordination, play games and learn new skills in a fun-filled environment!

This program is for children ages 3 to 5; parent supervision is required and participation is encouraged. The cost to participate is \$40/Resident child and \$50/Non-resident child.

For more information call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or Dylan Mckissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Montgomery Village T-Ball (Instructional)

Prepare to slide back into spring with outdoor T-ball! This class will include instructional lessons for boys and girls ages 3 to 8. Classes will be held at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road, on Wednesdays, April 6 to May 24.

Practices are scheduled by age group: ages 3 to 5 practice from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and ages 6 to 8 practice from 5:05 to 6 p.m. The cost to participate is \$70/Resident or \$80/Non-resident

for ages 3 to 5 and \$80/Resident or \$90/Non-Resident for ages 6 to 8. Please note that this class is not a progression from previous T-ball programs. Some drills, games and skills may be repeated.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Be Well Nutrition series

Want advice on how to change your diet? Now you have the opportunity to learn healthy strategies right here in your community. Join Registered Dietician Laura Sullivan and her team for a 6-week, interactive and educational program designed to change health behaviors with 1-hour weekly classes.

Classes are scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 12 to May 17 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. The cost to participate is \$200/Resident, \$210/Non-resident, or drop-in for \$35 per class.

For more information, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunks@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Aerobic Workout

If you have ever wanted to take a workout class but felt that you could not keep up, this one is for you! Attend this self-paced aerobics workout led by Karin Baker on Saturday mornings. This class starts with a combined warm up of floor and standing work then transitions into a 30-minute, fat-burning aerobic workout, wrapped up with a leisurely cool down. As promised, class is done at the desired pace and intensity of the participant.

Classes are scheduled from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturdays, April 9 through May 28 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost to participate is \$80/Resident and \$90/Non-resident.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.


Sweetheart Dance



The annual Sweetheart dance is back and it couldn't be any sweeter! It's time to show off those electric dance moves with your loved one(s)! Couples and families alike can expect an evening of great tunes, delicious treats and refreshments and surprise raffles! A keepsake photo of you and your loves one(s) will be available for pick up after the event.

This year's dance is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If registered by Friday, Feb. 4, the cost is \$30/Resident couple and \$40/Non-resident couple; Resident families cost \$45 each and Non-resident families are \$55; families are limited to 2 adults and up to 3 children. Each additional guest is \$10.

Prices will increase by \$5 for any registration after Friday, Feb. 4. Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 10. Don't delay as this event always sells out! Early registration is encouraged. This event is open to children ages 5 to 12 and their parent/families.

For more information, call Susan Baldridge at 240-243-2361, e-mail sbaldridge@mvf.org or Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.




Tuesday, April 5

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer a package of five affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. To register, call 1-888-653-6441 or text "circle" to 797979. Register today for a \$10 discount.

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road



For more information, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunks@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



TENNIS

Find tennis classes for all ages and skill levels right here in Montgomery Village





Adult Beginner

Basic goals include stroke technique, grips, forehand, backhand, volleys, serves, rally drills, positioning and learning the rules.

Adult Advanced Beginner

Basic goals include enhancing and improving current stroke technique, grips, forehand, backhand, volleys, serves, rally drills and positioning.

Adult Intermediate Class

Basic goals include helping take your current stroke technique, grips, forehand, backhand, volleys, serves, rally drills and positioning to the next level.

Private Instruction

4117.111 \$45 per 1/2 hour lesson \$75 per 1-hour lesson

Junior Red Ball (ages 4 to 6)

This class is an introduction to the sport for our youngest tennis players. At this stage players will learn the basics of the game; hand-eye coordination, racquet control, basic movements, cooperation and fun in a game-based environment.

Junior Orange Ball (ages 7 to 9)

Players will learn and continue to build on foundational skills. This class is designed to improve stroke techniques, athletic skills and competition in a game-based environment.

Junior Green Dot Ball (ages 10 to 12)

Focused on developing strong technical, mental and strategic foundations, this is the path for those in elementary school who aspire to play on their middle school and high school tennis teams.

For pricing, class times and to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com



For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunks@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

\$25/Resident, \$35/Non-resident

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

Spring/Summer Session

April 4 to Aug. 26

MONDAY

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

Play Bridge, learn Canasta, a variety of card games, Scrabble, Rummikub, Jenga and more!

Zumba Gold 10 to 11 a.m.

Arts & Crafts 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn a new craft taught by our own crafty members, or a local professional artisan. Or, have fun with your own project at one of our "open crafting" sessions!

TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

Enjoy this light/moderate cardio walking program!

Senior Fit 12 to 12:45 p.m.

An instructor-led light/moderate cardio program.

Member Meeting 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Planning for future activities and events on the second Tuesday of each month. Bring your suggestions.

Book Club 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Share your thoughts on books selected by the group. Each month features a different title. Discussion groups are held the second Tuesday each month at Stedwick Community Center and on Zoom. Light refreshments.

WEDNESDAY

Games and Social Time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Play a variety of games including Bridge, Rummikub and Scrabble.

Lunch Gathering Noon to 2 p.m.

Join us on the third Wednesday each month for our monthly lunch gathering. Bring your own brown bag lunch and enjoy ice cream while you socialize.

THURSDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

Enjoy this light/moderate cardio walking program!

Tai Chi Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Mild stretching and slow movement, combined with an attention on focus and meditation. This instructor-led class is a favorite for our group members.

FRIDAY

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

Second Friday each month – lunch, laughter, BINGO. Non-member cost is \$2 per session. Refreshments.

Looking for something to do? Are you age 55 or better? Register now with Seniors in Action, for fun and socialization Monday through Friday! These are fun in-person sessions to keep you engaged, educated and having fun. SiA meets at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided – even cheese!

Get Involved...



Seniors in Action members work hard and play hard. This exciting group is active five days a week with games, arts, fitness and much more.

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

Spotlight on Seniors...

Bob Wilkinson is one of our most senior members at age 95. He's an original member of Seniors in Action, with us back in the days when SIA had 8 people playing Bridge and Pinochle at Lake Marion Community Center. Now Bob is one of our multiplayers at Bridge, Rummikub and 500 Rummy. He has been called "quiet but lethal" at the game table.

Bob and his late wife Jane had two children, a son who lives in Detroit and a daughter who lives here in the Village. He also has 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Bob was born in West Palm Beach, Florida. When he was in elementary school, his family moved to Washington, DC so that his father could work for the U.S. Dept of Agriculture.

As soon as he graduated from high school, Bob joined the Navy where he served his country in WWII. He later became a civil engineer. He lived in Washington, DC when he was young, and later lived in Missouri and Ohio. He worked for the Virginia Highway Department and later for a number of trade associations.



Bob and Jane lived in Montgomery Village briefly when it was new in the 1970s and moved back to be near their daughter and grandchildren in 1995. They enjoyed golf, cross country skiing and duplicate bridge, playing in many tournaments.

REGISTRATION

Not a member of Seniors in Action?

Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct and diverse group in Montgomery Village! Sign up today at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Need more information? Please contact Susan Baldrige, Seniors in Action Activity Coordinator, at sbaldrige@mvf.org.

Sign up for Seniors in Action e-mail to stay up to date with information regarding program offerings and schedule changes.

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SERVICES

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Do you have hearing loss?

ASA Speech-Language-Hearing Therapies provides listening training, lipreading/speech-reading training, as well as strategies for communications which can support/enhance your abilities.

Antoinette Allen, CCC-SLP is a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist who has provided aural rehabilitation/listening/communication therapy services to hard-of-hearing, deaf, and Deaf adults for 34+ years.

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IN SEEKING:**DOCK MANAGER**

Oversees the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation. Rent boats to visitors, collects fees, maintain the dock area and surrounding grounds including picnic tables, volleyball court, trash cans and parking area. Provide customer service to park patrons, explaining and enforcement of park rules. Assist with the opening and closing of the boat dock each business day, monitor maintenance of boats and complete operating reports as requested. Responsible for delegating duties to Assistant Dock Manager during business hours.

Work is performed outdoors in various weather conditions. The typical hours of work are 10:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Saturdays on a rotating schedule. This seasonal opportunity runs from May 28 through September 3.

Requirements:

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

Salary starting at \$15.75 per hour

ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER

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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

Ages 14 to 16

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens to spend up to six weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects may include park cleanup, wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management and more. Due to COVID-19, the typical program structure will be adjusted to adhere to the safety guidelines in June. Some adjustments may include shortened or changing workdays and adjustments to drop off/pick up locations. Selected Conservation Corps members will be responsible for getting to and from each job site location within Montgomery Village, transportation will not be provided.

Candidates must have a work permit and be available to work from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, from Monday, June 27 through Friday, August 5. Conservation Corps Workers will be required to work Monday, July 4. Please note these hours and dates may be adjusted dependent on work needs and COVID guidelines during the summer.

There are a limited number of these positions available.

*Pay rate: \$12.75 per hour or SSL hours

Application deadline is Friday, April 1.

Applications may be obtained at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information contact Lauren Tuori at 240-243-2336 or e-mail Ltuori@mvf.org.

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SUMMER JOBS

MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
New employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2023 and the date they are hired by MVF, and work at least 320 hours during the 2022 season are eligible for a \$100 reimbursement offered by Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF).

Senior Lifeguard* (17+) Starting at \$16.50/hr.
Lifeguard* (15+) Starting at \$15.25/hr.**
Desk Attendant* (15+) Starting at \$12.75/hr.
Pool Manager* (18+) Starting at \$17.50/hr.
Asst. Pool Manager* (18+) Starting at \$17.00/hr.

Swim Instructors
Swim instructor positions available. For more information, call 301-948-0110.

American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.
Current lifeguard instructor certification is preferred.

For more information, contact Pella Padilla at 240-243-2363, or email ppadilla@mvf.org. Applications are available at the front desk or www.montgomeryvillage.com; go to MVF and click on Job & Volunteer Opportunities.

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118 Ivywood Dr., Stafford, VA	\$325,000	9267 Chadburn Pl., McRory	\$242,000
12731 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont	\$301,000	19124 N Kindly Ct., Clusters I	\$415,000
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9410 Amboy Rd., Greentee II	\$395,000	9814 Hellingly Pl., Christopher Court	\$150,500
9821 Whetstone Dr., Lakeside	\$645,000	12205 Eagles Nest Ct., Germantown	\$220,500
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MVF ELECTION

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Montgomery Village Foundation 2022 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 4. 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.

2022 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

- For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2021 (paid by Feb. 28, 2022).
- Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
- To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
- Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
- 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.
- 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.
- All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2022.**
- Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 19, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF Office, with results announced immediately following.
- The elected candidates will be introduced at the virtual Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:45 p.m.
- 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.

Montgomery Village Foundation

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 4
Election ballots mailed to residents
Candidate Videos released online at www.youtube.com

THURSDAY, FEB. 24, 7 P.M.
MEET THE CANDIDATES
Zoom meeting information
in MVF Board packet

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 5 P.M.
Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 7 P.M.
ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed
Virtual meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 9 A.M.
OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING
Ballot counting conducted virtually

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1 P.M.
Ballot count results announced online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

MVF ELECTION

Candidate	DONIELE AYRES	ALBERT BENNETTS	BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA	SCOTT R. DYER	RICHARD "DICK" RABIL	TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE
Village Community	South Village	North Village	Whetstone	Northgate	North Village	Patton Ridge
Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	9 years	17 years	16.5 years	17 years	42 years	12 years
Occupation	Federal Financial Manager	Medical Records Administration	Attorney	Vice President & Client Onboarding Relationship Officer, JPMorgan Chase	Owner / Designer Slice Works Inc.	Consultant and Civil Servant
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	No	No	No	No	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	2014–2018 South Village Homes Corp. Treasurer 2018–Present South Village Homes Corp. President	None	I am a member of the steering committee for a group of homeowners who are opposed to the Evergreen development of a seven story high rise apartment complex next to the new Lidl.	Current VP & Director, Montgomery Village Foundation (12yrs); (prior) Director, East Village Homes Corporation (7yrs). MVF Committees: Environment, Executive/Personnel, Communications, Recreation, Election/Nominating (Chair:2012/2013/2015), 50 th Anniversary; participated in MV Vision 2030 & MV Master Plan	VP of North Village Board of Directors since 2018	I am currently working on a series of programs to offer the MV community: Recreational Rugby, Academic Tutoring and Support, Professional Education Support (Project Management, Agile, and Lean Six Sigma), and possibly an entrepreneurship incubator/lab.
Participation in Community Affairs	2006–2017 Montgomery County Election Judge 2018–Present Montgomery County Chief Election Judge	Volunteer at Church of the Redeemer and Rockville Lions Club	None	Volunteering: Instructor, Junior Achievement (JA Finance Park & (prior) Montgomery Village Middle School); Youth Basketball & Soccer Coach in MoCo, CYO & (prior) Gaithersburg & SAM; St. John Neumann Church; Former MV Realtor	Member of BNI (Business Networking International) Capital Business Alliance Chapter 2017-present; President of BNI in 2021. Lifetime member of the American Marketing Association. Member of various professional groups. Volunteered coaching in youth sports.	As a neighbor, I have shoveled snow for elderly residents, tutored kids in chemistry and other stem subjects, I have helped mentor young people for careers in STEM for 12 years here in Montgomery Village.
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	2009–Present Independent Business Owner, Traci Lynn Jewelry 2000– Bachelor of Science Degree, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 2001–Master of Elementary Education, Howard University, Washington, DC 2003–Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix Present–Doctoral Student, Business Administration, University of Phoenix– Coursework complete 2021–NIH Anti-Racism Steering Committee	None	Overall, I have always provided pro bono and low bono legal services to members of the community in need who cannot afford to pay for an attorney. Additionally, my family and I frequently participate in charitable events whether through fundraising or hands on participation.	Former employment: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maryland Department of Transportation, Butler’s Orchard, and Long & Foster. Business degree: Marymount University. Leadership/Service awards: President of the United States’ “Call to Service Award” & Marymount University	Recognized by Smithsonian Board of Regents for Special Service to the Smithsonian Museum. He has won numerous creative awards. Awarded lifetime membership of the American Marketing Association. Has degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia Commonwealth University. He designed MV 50 th Anniversary logo.	BS Biological Sciences - University of Maryland MBA - University of Maryland Robert H Smith School of Business Founding Board Member - Robertson and Sullivan Foundation Founding Board Member - Act4Accountability

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

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2021 Board of Directors election candidates

DONIELE AYRES

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

My first term as a director was supported by my work on the South Village Board of Directors. I am prepared for continued service with the MVF BOD by my work on several committees of the foundation, my role as a leader in my professional career and community service. I have familiarized myself with the political, environmental and economic issues in the Village, City of Gaithersburg and the legislative issues impacting Montgomery County.

2. What are the most important items you would like to address as a Montgomery Village Foundation Board member?

Montgomery Village is experiencing growth in the expansion of residential housing and retail businesses. The Montgomery Village Foundation should have priorities of providing economic growth for business, a livable community for residents and be fiscally responsible with the funds of all Village communities. Environmental and wildlife protection are also important issues for the foundation and BOD.

3. What ideas would you recommend to address those concerns?

The Foundation Board of Directors can and should work with state and county partners to create business opportunities in the village, maintain the assets of the Village to improve safety and Village standards while moving forward in current housing trends. Finally, I will continue to support the development of a budget reflects the priorities of the Village residents.

ALBERT BENNETTS

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

I know how to rally people to a common goal and budget properly to bring that goal to fruition through my experience as a bank manager and Vice President of a real estate firm.

2. What are the most important items you would like to address as a Montgomery Village Foundation Board member?

Parking, maintenance, and other security issues.

3. What ideas would you recommend to address those concerns?

Limit Parking passes to residents, increase the quality of maintenance crews, increase number of nightly security rounds that are performed and effectiveness of enforcement of community policies.

BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA

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

I have been practicing law for nearly 20 years now. In my practice, I typically manage at least 20 to 30 complex tax, estate planning and administration, and litigation matters on a day to day basis.

I have also served on the Executive Committee, including as Secretary and President, of a local civic organization that is nearly 100 years old. During that service, I led the restructuring of the organization's bylaws and purposes and created a charitable foundation to be used to receive donations for use by the organization in carrying out its charitable purposes.

2. What are the most important items you would like to address as a Montgomery Village Foundation Board member?

I believe the Foundation should be leading the effort to attract new businesses to the Village. Montgomery Village is at a crossroads when it comes to development. Residential development continues to increase yet the services offered within the Village continue to diminish. The only way to improve the quality of life within the Village is to provide residents with easily accessible shops and services.

3. What ideas would you recommend to address those concerns?

I believe the Foundation should start a campaign to attract new business to the Village. With the redevelopment that was done in the Village Center, we have new space that should be filled by restaurants and shops. In that campaign, however, we need to emphasize how we will get Village residents to patronize those establishments. Without the participation of Village residents, those establishments will fail.

SCOTT R. DYER

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

Current VP & Director, Montgomery Village Foundation (12 yrs); (prior) East Village Homes Corporation (7 yrs); MVF Committees: Environment, Executive/Personnel, Communications, Recreation, Election/Nominating, and 50th Anniversary. As a MVF (and prior EVHC) Board Member, I have experience working on behalf of the residents, including: setting assessments, setting annual budgets and reserves, upkeep of the community, working with elected officials, marketing the Village

externally, vendor contracts, addressing residents' questions/concerns, seeking grants, encouraging community participation, long-term planning, protecting the environment, supporting local businesses and schools, etc.

Current employment with JPMorgan Chase; Finance and Customer Service experience (15yrs). Former employment with U.S.D.A. and M.D.O.T., included a focus on asset management, procurement, disadvantaged/minority/veteran businesses assistance, transit-oriented redevelopment, grants, public relations/outreach, review of legislation, as a Mediator/Facilitator, homeland security, and environmental compliance.

2. What are the most important items you would like to address as a Montgomery Village Foundation Board member?

Careful integration of the redevelopment of the former Montgomery Village Golf Club and Medical Center sites, as well as the Montgomery Village Shopping Center site, including limiting the impacts to the existing surrounding homeowners and maximizing retail offerings and amenities, for the benefit of the entire Village; improving public safety; long-range planning and implementation of the new MV Master Plan; continued renovations of pools and facilities and working to ensure our reserve investments can continue to pay for them; keeping assessments low; working with our local businesses and schools to find ways to partner and support; increasing resident participation at meetings and on committees; protecting the environment; and advocating to elected officials.

3. What ideas would you recommend to address those concerns?

Full transparency and careful integration, with resident input and partnership, of the redevelopment of Golf Course, Village Shopping Center, and Medical Center sites, as well as any future sites; ensuring existing surrounding homeowners' concerns are addressed and limiting the impacts to them, maximizing the benefits for new retail offerings and amenities through negotiation with property owners and working with County Planning staff to assure compliance to the MV Master Plan on all redevelopment.

Continue to support the efforts to improve amenities and quality of life for residents. The completion of the MV Master Plan and the Gaithersburg/IBM/LakeForest Mall Master Plans, redevelopment of the Golf Course, Village Shopping Center, and Medical Center, will have impacts on the future of the Village, and our community needs to own its destiny.

Improving public safety –

working with County police, local businesses, schools, and elected officials to keep residents informed and advocate for increased resources for our community.

Fiscal responsibility – keep assessments low for residents while managing the needs for improvements to the existing pools/facilities.

Advocate for residents, to our elected officials; to ensure the Village does not become a dumping ground for undesirable projects, as well as protect our local environment.

RICHARD "DICK" RABIL

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

My experience on the board of North Village Homes Corporation has given me an enormous amount of insight into our community. The diversity of NV mirrors the diversity of the Village as a whole. Resolving problems, finding solutions, meeting residents, and learning about the range of needs where one size does not fit all has been most beneficial to my understanding of this community.

My experience with professional networking groups has been equally beneficial as I weekly meet and work with a highly diverse group of business from all nationalities, backgrounds, fields, and categories.

I also have several decades of experience working with federal and state government agencies. I understand the processes involved in submitting and accepting proposals from contractors and subcontractors and I feel that will give me insight in on tasking budgetary decisions when such situations arise. I have worked with not only government agencies, but also with nonprofits, trade associations, and education organizations.

2. What are the most important items you would like to address as a Montgomery Village Foundation Board member?

Parking is the number one issue and number one topic in the Village. We have serious needs to address on this matter. Residents have commented to me publicly and privately in conversations, and online about their concerns, frustrations, and reservations regarding this topic. The second area is future development (such as the proposed Lidl section) in the Village. The third area involves the ongoing problems of safety, security and crime.

3. What ideas would you recommend to address those concerns?

I have been directly involved in working toward parking solutions in our NV neighbor-

hood. Our solutions are not able to satisfy all the needs of everyone, and we have limited resources. Thus, I believe this is a community-wide issue that requires a task force level assessment of the needs and resources of our combined neighborhoods. We have a need to reassess our policies, procedures, and infrastructure. I believe the parking issue directly impacts our real estate values, directly impacts the general well-being, satisfaction, and security of our residents, and directly impacts our future to maintain our position as the most unique place to live in Montgomery County.

The Lidl Plot project is in it's conceptual stages. Much feedback has been given on the early stages about the shape this project is taking. My goal is that the developers work closely with MV Board and residents, continue to hold open forums to fully understand the vision of MV, that the project remain inside that vision, that residents are listened to, and that the development will have a long-term, mutual benefit for all parties involved.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

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

As a volunteer, I have ten years of experience in leadership and governance for non-profits. I was a strategy consultant for the Taproot Foundation, which provided pro-bono consulting grants to new non-profits and NGOs. I have seated three executive boards for 3 Non-Profit organizations. I have also sat on two boards. I have led successful strategic planning engagements as a management consultant for organizations during those ten years.

2. What are the most important items you would like to address as a Montgomery Village Foundation Board member?

Building a great sense of community. As Montgomery Village continues to grow, community engagement is exceptionally important. Building a sense of community is capital that has to be developed incrementally over time. Accountability is easier to address when the community feels more real to a larger percentage of the group.

3. What ideas would you recommend to address those concerns?

3 Things: An increased digital presence that incentivizes engagement. A unique programming portfolio in new niches that facilitate socializing and working together. Programming that connects families in addition to individuals.

MVF ELECTION

2021 Board of Directors election candidate video interview transcripts



DONIELE AYRES



ALBERT BENNETTS

BRIAN R.
DELLA ROCCA

SCOTT R. DYER

RICHARD "DICK"
RABILTOSAN
TUTSE-TONWE

Each MVF Board of Directors candidate was provided with the opportunity to respond to a set list of questions in a video interview format. Below is the transcript of those videos to help you make an informed decision about which candidates to vote for. Videos are available for viewing online at either www.montgomeryvillage.com or on our YouTube channel under the 2022 MVF Board Candidates playlist.

1. Please state your name, length of residency and area of the Village where you live.

DONIELE AYRES

Hi, I'm Doniele Ayres. I am in South Village, and I have been a resident owner for 9 years.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Hi, I'm Albert Bennetts. I've lived in North Village since June of 2004.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

My name is Brian Della Rocca. My family and I have lived in Montgomery Village for about 16 years now. We started out in Clusters II, and in early 2020, we moved to Whetstone, which is where we now reside.

SCOTT DYER

Hi, my name is Scott Dyer. I've been a resident of Montgomery Village, Maryland for 17 years, moving here when I married my wife, Joyce Kraus Dyer, in 2005. Joy grew up in the Village with her parents, John and Judy Kraus, and over the years, they lived in Shadow Oak and eventually, Williams Range, within the Northgate community. Joy and I started off living in a condo at Christopher Court Condominiums in the southern end of the Village in 2005, and then moved to a townhouse within the Holly Pointe neighborhood in East Village in 2007, and then we moved to our current home within The Points neighborhood in Northgate, in 2018. Our 11-year-old son, Joseph, is a third-generation Village resident.

DICK RABIL

My name is Dick Rabil and I've been a resident of Montgomery Village for 42 years. I

currently live in North Village, right off of Pleasant Ridge and Highland Hall Drive. I've lived in three parts of the Village and I'll quickly just say I've lived in the apartments, I've lived in the Stedwick townhomes and I'm currently living in the North Village area for the past 26 years.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

All right, my name is Tosan Tutse-Tonwe. I've been living in Partridge Place of Patton Ridge for the better part of since 2010, and before that I lived off of Hawk Run Terrace on the other side behind Goshen, off of Goshen, so before that, I think, total, almost 14 years. As a homeowner, I've been 12 years.

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?

DONIELE AYRES

I am grateful for the opportunity that I've had to serve on the Board for the last 3 years. My service in the Village started by serving on the South Village Homes Corporation Board. At that level, I was able to work very closely with the residents to develop a vision and understand the needs of residents, and worked towards that. And that same opportunity presents itself on the Foundation Board. I've been very excited about the opportunity to understand legislation that impacts the Foundation and the Village, and look for ways to be able to make sure that all of the needs of our community are met. And I'm really looking forward to continuing to do some of that work, as well as some new work in bringing businesses and other type of services to the community.

ALBERT BENNETTS

I'm interested in serving on the Board of Directors in order to facilitate needed changes and maintenance, safety and parking issues that have arisen due to the pandemic and other related causes.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

My interest in serving on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors stems from really becoming involved

recently in the fight against the Evergreen proposal as currently proposed. Prior to that, I really never thought about being involved. I'm very busy in my career, and I have other organizations I'm involved with. And then I have children that I'm involved with. And it really wasn't on the forefront of my mind until this proposal came along and I started working with other people in my community to advocate against the proposal. And at that point, I realized that it is very important for me to be involved in the affairs of my community.

SCOTT DYER

As the youngest son of a decorated United States Army Veteran and doctor (who held leadership roles in the Army, the DC government and President John F. Kennedy's administration), and my mother a nurse, I grew up learning by example of the importance of helping others and being active in the community through service. I have 22 years of experience in leadership roles with not-for-profits in Montgomery County, Maryland, which includes 12 years as an elected Director on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors, as well as 7 years as an elected Director on the East Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors. Making a difference at the local level directly impacts where you live, and I have a vested interest in the future of the Village. Raising a third-generation resident, I am always mindful in the decisions made today affect the future of the Village, and that forward thinking is necessary in the role of a director, to ensure the financial solvency of the Village to meet the needs of our current and future residents.

DICK RABIL

I'm interested in serving on the Montgomery Village Board at this time as a way to help our community move forward in the future. Now some people have always asked me if I would like to do something like this, and in the past I hadn't been that open to it, but the last few years I've entered into an area of trying to help lead conversations, and

that's really my goal in serving the community — is to help lead a conversation, listen to the people who need to be listened to, present ideas and hopefully give the community a proper voice and direction as we go forward in the future.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

I view leadership as a service, and it is service. The most important places that we can serve are in our communities and around ourselves. That's where we can create the ripple effects that go further and further out that impact and influence people's lives. So, I saw an opportunity to do so right here where I live, it's not something that you necessarily need a elected position to serve, but it does put you in position to be able to do things in ways and influence growth and community affairs differently than if you did not. Though for me, it's not going to stop anything that I do; a lot of that's going to be the same. I'm working with my community, working with people around me, helping support and come up with innovative programming, things like that. But my interest was to be able to do so that can influence it from an executive position.

3. In what other ways have you been involved in Village affairs/service in the community?

DONIELE AYRES

As the president currently of the South Village Homes Corporation, I've been actively engaged in new projects for the community. I am also serving currently on the Foundation Board on several different committees, including the Communications Committee and the Investment Committee and the Personnel Committee. I really enjoy the ability to understand what my experience can offer to the community, and the ideas that other Board members bring that I can add to.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Well, I've been involved recently with addressing safety hazards that are presented in my own neighborhood.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

I've been involved in com-

munity affairs in Montgomery Village primarily through my daughter's delivering of newspapers to the communities. Other than that, I have not been as involved as I would have liked to, however, recently with the establishing the coalition to fight against the Evergreen proposal, I've become much more involved with community affairs. And I've determined that the involvement is extremely important to all of the members of our community.

SCOTT DYER

In addition to my roles as an elected director, I have notably volunteered with Junior Achievement, and have taught personal finance to students in both Montgomery County and Prince George's County schools. This included a prior opportunity to teach a weekly class for 5th graders at Montgomery Village Middle School, as well as I have hosted students on field trips to Junior Achievement's Financial Park campuses in both Montgomery County and Prince George's County, to provide a day of mentoring and teaching personal finance and career path discovery. Prior to, and during my time as a Director on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors, I helped with initiatives in East Village including forming a neighborhood watch program across East Village; replacement of street light fixtures for energy saving and increased visibility; the *MV News*' "East Village Echo" column; East Village's social media outreach; and community events in East Village. I also participated in the Village's 2030, Master Plan and facilities planning initiatives. I also volunteer as a youth basketball and soccer coach (boys and co-ed/K-5) in Montgomery County for local school children, which have included Montgomery Village residents, with Sam Soccer, City of Gaithersburg, CYO and Mary of Nazareth Catholic School in Darnestown, Maryland. I also have previously served as an elementary school liaison at the neighboring St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Also of note, I also was previously a part-time

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realtor with Long & Foster, and worked for the Montgomery Village office in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center before it closed, assisting current and prospective Village residents. I also have worked at the neighboring Butler's Orchard, in a seasonal part-time customer service role, welcoming and assisting many of our residents to such a valued local family-owned and run farm.

DICK RABIL

Well since I've been here—a resident—quite a long time, my initial activities involved working with my family and children in the areas of either sports or recreation or swimming and those kinds of activities and roles. But in the past few years, I took on the role as Vice President of the North Village Board of Directors, and in that capacity I've been directly involved in helping set new policy and helping run the efficiency of the HOA in North Village.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

So, let's say I'm very big on service. I tutor. I STEM tutor high school students and college students and help give them mentorship and guidance for them to be able to reach whatever goals that they set for themselves, or help them formulate goals for themselves. Sometimes, you know, we all knew this when we were growing up, something we just don't know what we didn't know. So, helping fill that gap for them, that's a big one—working with the youth. The other is right on my block. I'm just providing myself as a point of service. So, one thing I do for the elderly people on my on my section of Spur Hill, is I shovel them out. When I do my walkway, I do theirs. I'm just making sure that everyone has a sort of a skin in the game when it comes to making the community a better place. And I have to do my part. I have to carry I have to carry my weight in that. So, it's not about what everyone wants to do so much, as what they're able to, right. And I'm able to do that, so I do so. And make sure that my community feels that they can come to me in a way that they can get help, or they can get support, and know that I'm a part of the community as they are.

4. 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?

DONIELE AYRES

I am very excited to have been working for the federal government for almost 20 years. I've had an amazing career in public service. Prior to that, I was a classroom teacher, and those two things taught me have taught me quite a bit about understanding people. How to

engage with them, how to listen and how to share information. I've also been a student for the last few years, which as a leader is important because it shows that I have the continued ability to learn and grow and understand. I've also served as a Montgomery County Elections Official since 2006 (I was looking that over the other day and didn't realize it's been that long), but I have been actively engaged in the community in that way. I've held several leadership positions, and again as a leader, it's certainly important to be able to help people go in the right direction, but it's also a good opportunity to listen to others, to learn from them, to be able to take the ideas and implement them in a different way—think about them in a different way—and move forward. I am absolutely grateful for all those experiences.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Well, I've been in executive level management my entire career, where fiscal responsibility and helping others attain their best lives have been a major focus.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

I feel like I'm qualified to serve on the MVF Board of Directors because I've been an attorney for nearly 20 years now. I work with a lot of organizations who do non-profit work, one being one of the oldest in the Washington, DC area—Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind. I also served on the executive committee for over 5 years of another non-profit, two of those years I served as the president, and one of those years I served as secretary for the organization. It was a civic organization where we provided scholarships to students in need. I also served on the school advisory board for my daughter's Catholic school, and I ran the Christmas Tree sales for our church for a number of years. And my involvement—I always try to be involved and to do the most with what I'm participating in. And MVF is a natural fit for me. It's something that I am passionate about, and I will work as hard as I can to make sure that we serve the people that were we're serving.

SCOTT DYER

I have experience working on behalf of Village residents in a director role. I am currently the elected Vice President on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors, and have served as a director for 12 years. I have served on many of the MVF committees, including the Executive Committee, Committee on the Environment, Personnel Committee, Investment Committee, Communications Committee, Recreation Committee, 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, Nominating Committee and Election Committee.

I also participated in the Montgomery Village 2030 Visioning and Master Plan processes. I was previously an elected director, for 7 years, on the East Village Homes Corporation. I am currently employed with JPMorgan Chase as a Vice President and Client Onboarding Relationship Officer. My immediate prior role with JPMorgan Chase was as a Market-level Chief Financial Officer. I bring over 15 years of finance and customer service experience to the director role. In addition, I have previously worked in roles for the federal government, at the United States Department of Agriculture, and for the state government, at the Maryland Department of Transportation, where I gained experience facilitating public meetings, analyzing legislation and working with elected officials, procurement, mediating employment disputes, asset management, budgeting and financial analysis, leading training and communicating with the public on their questions and concerns. In my employment with JPMorgan Chase as a vice president, I have been a Market-level Chief Financial Officer, providing financial analysis, and in my current role assisting customers with account openings.

DICK RABIL

Most recently, I've been involved in two specific areas of leadership. The first is a business area, and that is, I became President of my Business Networking International chapter. Now Business Networking International (also known as BNI) is the largest networking organization in the world, and I was president of the largest chapter in the region; and that gave me a great deal of experience and insight into working with a broad range of people from a diverse set of backgrounds and economic settings. I think that helps me as I prepare to go on the Board, because in Montgomery Village we have an extremely diverse set of people along with their economic backgrounds and influences and skill sets. The second thing is, being a part of the North Village Board that I mentioned just earlier, and that is, that has given me great deal of insight into the operations of an HOA and into the operations of the Village, specifically, and the needs of the community quite specifically.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

I have a very interesting background in that I've worked in biotech and clinical research, and I was a management consultant (executive management consultant). I've done some of my own consulting as an independent consultant. I've worked in civil service. I'm currently a Program Specialist with Montgomery County Department of Health. I have also been a pro bono consultant for non-profit

organizations through the Taproot Foundation. Also on my own, I've seeded boards, I've sat on boards; I'm currently on the executive board of a couple of non-profit organizations. The most recent is the Robertson and Sullivan Foundation, which our mission is to increase the profile of Rugby and rugby teams at HBCUs across the country. We founded last year and we have knocked off 3 universities so far, and got the men's and women's teams up and rolling, and we're continuing to do so. But charging ahead, before that the Trafford Foundation—I provided executive consulting, strategy consulting to nonprofits, that after they have raised their money (typically the threshold is about \$300,000), now what do we do, how do we govern ourselves, how do we plan, how do we go forward. I have 13 years of experience there. Education-wise, I went to the Robert H. Smith School of Business. I got my MBA in Management focusing in Finance. So, between my education, my background working in governance, in public service and in the public sector and in nonprofits and NGOs, I think one thing that people may recognize that they remember years ago—about 2014—when we had the Bring Back Our Girls Movement, I was one of the founding members that actually pushed that movement. I've been very involved in not just community, but global-level organizations and NOGs to help them push—whether it's advocacy for things like human security against anti-human trafficking, or community affairs, like here, tutoring, working with youth and being a service to my community.

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

DONIELE AYRES

Thank you for this question. I really am excited about the Vision 2030 statement—vision statement for the community. I've had the opportunity to look through it over the last couple of years, as we, the current Board, have worked to bring some of these projects to fruition. It's been absolutely exciting, and I know that we're ready to create some new goals for the community. We are in position to have some incredible growth with the Bloom community, the revitalization of the Village Center, and I do think that the plans that Gaithersburg has developed related to their Master Plan for Lakeforest Mall and some other changes in the area, create an absolute opportunity for Montgomery Village to become a thriving community. And I'm looking forward to understanding how those things will impact us, and bringing businesses, commercial, residen-

tial to the community to offer to our residents.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Priority items that I would look at would be public safety, community maintenance and parking.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

I think the most important thing that we need to do in Montgomery Village is attract new businesses. We need retail, we need services and we need them within the Village. Montgomery Village was a thriving area when it was first developed, and for a very long time after that. When I moved here about 16 years ago, it was starting to, that thriving was starting to curtail, and I'd like to bring that back. We have a wonderful community. We have great residents. We have a very diverse community. And I'd like to start a campaign to attract businesses, and I'd like to get the community involved in that campaign.

SCOTT DYER

Ensuring the reasons my wife and I chose to buy a home here, continue to be the reason others would want to live and stay in Montgomery Village. My focus continues to be keeping assessments low; improving amenities and services; improving public safety; protecting the environment; community/properties upkeep; careful, sensible and community driven redevelopment of the Bloom/Lidl/MV Shopping Center sites in partnership with existing residents to enhance retail and amenities while minimizing impacts to surrounding existing homeowners; working with our local businesses and schools to find ways to partner and support; increasing resident participation at meetings and on committees; advocating for our residents to our elected officials; and always putting residents first.

DICK RABIL

I love talking about the priority items that the Board should be addressing, and having worked in North Village, I know that the hottest topic was on the parking issue. It's still a very hot topic, and it's one that we're addressing right now, and it's an issue that's very much important to all the people in the Village. Now as a Montgomery Village Board member, I won't have direct access into influencing parking policy. However, when I look at the Master Plan from Montgomery Village—the one that was adopted in 2016—something that we have to take into consideration is the overall well-being of everyone in the Village. So, as part of my role on the Village Board, I would want to make sure that we are taking into consideration what the needs are of everyone across all the communities. And that is

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a that is a very large task to take on, and yet we are, I believe, at a crossroads in our community. That is not to be negative, but rather the last two years has taught us something. And that is everything is changing. And what is changing most specifically, is people's lifestyles. We are seeing work from home as incorporated into the lifestyles of people. What does that mean? How does that impact everything that we talk about in our community, from not only the places that we visit, the businesses that we have, but also the resources that we're going to be using? So, we are at a very important time—and I'm optimistic about that time—I think we have a lot of opportunity, but at the same time, we have to be aware of the fact that things are changing, and people have changing needs. And, so, this is how I look at it. I look at something like this topic—not only the work from home but also something in the marketing area that's going on right now which is called the great resignation (people are leaving their jobs)—and, so, now I think they're also going to be looking at their homes, their lifestyles, the places they live, in a completely different way. And I just hope to be a part of the conversation—leading that conversation—to helping us understand what it is Montgomery Village is supposed to be doing in the future.

10 years ago we did 2030—the Vision 2030 Plan—it's now 10 years in, and again I think we have to look back and say, “well some of that plan worked out pretty well,” but what of it that we need to look at again, because the last two years have taught us once more, that things are changing and the demographics are changing, attitudes are changing, mindsets are changing. And we have a whole diverse community. So, I think it's important going forward, particularly as we look down the road 10 years, what is it we need to be doing in the future.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

My number one priority is understanding how we are going to remain a community as we continue to grow. As we grow, there are wonderful things that come with this. There's more revenue, there's more services, there's more businesses and organizations. All these are fantastic things, important things, vital things. What's the key will be how the community shapes itself in the face of that change. So, how the members of the community remain a community and how we shape that and how that goes forward. So because it's a drastic, almost disruptive type change, it's a ripe opportunity for us to be able to look at that and say, “You know what, what does it mean to be part of the Mont-

gomery Village community, and how do we view the stakeholders who are a part of that?” And say, “Okay, what does that mean to you?” We can go by age, we can go by profession, we can go by housing status—whether it's rental, ownership, etc., are they landlords, etc.—because that all has different meanings for the folks that are part of the community, whether they are renters that may or may not be paying the HOA fees directly, or they are a resident like myself, or they are a landlord who may not live in the community, but they're still paying into this Foundation. So there has to be a harmonization of these stakeholders, so that they all feel represented, they all have skin in the game, so that when it comes time for community-related, accountability, it's much easier to hold people accountable—hold ourselves accountable—and maintain what that community means in its values. That's the number one priority for me.

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

DONIELE AYRES

So, I really am looking forward to hearing from the community. I think that some of the proposals that I'd like to begin with are some conversations that I've already made with the Board. For instance, I'm concerned about the safety of pedestrians on Watkins Mill near the three schools. We've talked about a traffic study—we've asked the County to look at those types of things, and I'm looking forward to hearing back from the County. But then again to have the community tell us what they think the needs are in that area. I'm also interested in hearing what the community would like for the Village. I mentioned the residential, excuse me, commercial and retail establishments, and I know that selfishly, I think that those things would benefit the community. But I really think that the partnership that can be created by commercial businesses and retail businesses can benefit communities. So, I'm looking forward to establishing those types of relationships, in addition to understanding what the community would like to see.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Public safety: I would increase the amount and the scope of community security patrols. Community maintenance: would be increasing the responsiveness of community managers, to include an especially close watch on safety issues and damaged or malfunctioning community amenities. Parking: would be the parking plan has already been put into motion, but may need to be actively overseen and enforced to ensure that ample parking is available

to our communities.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

See previous question.

SCOTT DYER

Full transparency and careful integration, with resident input and partnership, of the redevelopment of the former golf course, Village shopping center and former medical center sites, as well as any future sites; ensuring existing surrounding homeowners' concerns are addressed and limiting the impacts to them; maximizing the benefits for new retail offerings and amenities through negotiation with property owners; and working with county planning staff to assure compliance to the MV Master Plan on all redevelopment.

Continue to support the efforts to improve amenities and quality of life for residents. The implementation of the MV Master Plan and the Gaithersburg/IBM/Lakeforest Mall master plans, redevelopment of the former golf course, Village shopping center and former medical center, will have impacts on the future of the Village, and our community needs to own its destiny.

Improving public safety: working with county police, local businesses, schools, and elected officials to keep residents informed and advocate for increased resources for our community.

Fiscal responsibility: keep assessments low for residents while managing the needs for improvements to the existing pools/facilities.

Advocate for residents to our elected officials: to ensure the Village does not become a dumping ground for undesirable projects, as well as protect our local environment.

DICK RABIL

The first thing that I'd like to do is to, first of all, listen and establish a listening task force to say what are the things, what are the hot topics, what are the tasks, what are the interests, what are the concerns, what are the pain points, that everyone in the Village has. Now I know that's a big job to set up a task force, but I think that it's important that we start somewhere and say what are these things that are going on right now. For instance, we've got the little issue with the apartment complex that's very much present on people's minds. We have the ongoing development that's very much on people's minds and we've got a lot of other things that I think probably haven't even been addressed yet. And then we've also got what's going to happen with parks and recreation in the future. But again, I think it goes back to the fact that we have a community that has needs, and they have pain points. What are those things? I think we need to start by addressing what those

things really are—breaking those things down—and then setting new goals and direction based on the feedback that we're getting. So I do believe it's going to take some work, it's a little bit out of the box in terms of where we probably have been, but I believe that in order to make that happen—and again this is this is going back to looking at the master plan, this is going back to looking at that Vision 2030 and saying what was good, what was not so good, what do we have opportunity with, what do we need to change, what goals do we need to set and how can we move forward together.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

I'm a big programming guy. I think that programs don't necessarily have to be permanent, but they can be, long as they're sustainable and effective. They do what they need to do, right. So how is Montgomery Village interacting with the community is the real question. We're offering things—fantastic, we are, we're doing things, I see them all the time—so, how do we take that a step further? We're engaging kids by hiring them as lifeguards and things like that. We're having youth events. We're having sports. We're having this, you know, and I kind of had this vision of sort of “Live, Learn and Grow” in Montgomery Village. So that's what we do at home, we live, we learn, we grow. We live, we have fun, we take care of health things, we play, we exercise, fitness, we socialize, that type of thing. We learn. Maybe some educational programming; whether it's from youth to professional, professional development level. One of the things I am, I'm a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and a PMP—I have, wow, almost 10 years' experience in each of those—and I'm qualified to teach these things. So, offering that right in our community, whether it supports where people don't have to go to boot camps in DC or anything like that, let's offer it right here! We've got meeting space. We've got IT. We've got AV.

We have the place to do it, and oh, by the way, you can just roll out of bed on Saturday morning, and drive down Montgomery Village Avenue, and you can go get some CEUs. These are all things that we can think about. We can take a health approach. Health programs. Health screenings. Hey, you know what? Hey, get your blood pressure checked—you know, how you doing? A healthy community, a healthier community. We have the walking groups and things like that. Hey, take it a step further—have you ever been checked for Diabetes, that type of thing. You can come here and get stuck for the first time, get some education materials. There are companies that do that, we just have to bring them in; they would do it, and we

offer it right here. That growth. How we improve socializing with nature—one of the things that is another thing on the list that we're going to talk about. How do we improve how we interact with our environment? Are there groups that want to help lead that. We can come up with programs for that, that will improve our relationship with it, and starting with the young. So, you know, a lot of people grow up here and stay here for a while. Let that be a part of their growth, so “Live, Learn, Grow in Montgomery Village.”

7. *Montgomery Village is a very diverse community. Explain how you might engage residents of different backgrounds in community affairs.*

DONIELE AYRES

In my work in South Village, we absolutely have a diverse community, and we're diverse in a number of ways, in terms of the type of residency—whether it's rental, or leasing or ownership. And that certainly has given me an opportunity to work with a diverse group of people. I'm also on the Foundation Board. I've also been able to work with a diverse group of Board members, certainly with different professional backgrounds, and also their service in the Village. One of the things that I'm currently working on in my professional career is participation in the anti-racism steering committee that my organization has developed. Its stated goal is to create an inclusive environment for a number of different racial and ethnic minorities. The training that I've had has been excellent. It's certainly given me new perspectives on how to make an equitable environment, and I've had some incredible suggestions that are already being reviewed for implementation. I think that that experience is certainly something that I will continue to add to South Village and to the Foundation if I'm reappointed. Thank you.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Well, in my experience, people are people. If you engage people from any background with the same respect and consideration that you would afford to any other background, you'd be starting off on the right foot. And then from there, you can build trust and honor your word through your actions.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

Well, I do have to say that one of the things I love about Montgomery Village is its diversity. We have a huge population here in Montgomery Village and the population is all different backgrounds—all different wealth levels, all different ethnicities—and I think that's what makes us great. How to engage people, that's the difficulty. I think right now there are too

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many ways for people to sit back and not do much of anything. And part of the reason is, they may not know what's going on in the community. So, I think communication has to be better to the community. I think we need to continue with the print media the newspaper, but also find new digital platforms to get the word out to our residents, because I think a lot of residents just simply do not know what's going on in the community. And if we can increase our communication, then I really feel we'll get more participation of our citizens.

SCOTT DYER

Montgomery Village is a beautifully diverse town—one of the most diverse in the area—and uniquely a place that brings together so many backgrounds, races, cultures, religions, traditions, abilities and ages. It is also important to recognize the economic diversity of our residents and the diversity in families, to ensure whether you rent or own, whether you're single or married, whether you work one job or more than one job or retired, whether you have kids or not, whether you're a grandparent helping to raise your grandchildren or an empty nester, whether you're a traditional or non-traditional family, Montgomery Village is and should always remain a place for everyone, and what the Foundation offers and what fees charged, should also continue to recognize that. As we make decisions as directors for all of the residents, the importance of being inclusive; to keep living here affordable; to offer events and activities that welcome everyone; to be accessible as a Board and Foundation; and for our community's facilities and amenities to be accessible to everyone in the community no matter their abilities. The diversity is also seen in our local small businesses, and ensuring we are spotlighting and supporting them. Our local schools also reflect our community's diversity, and continuing to champion partnerships for internships, scholarships, summer employment, mentoring, recreational activities and providing our kids the safest possible community to grow up in, ensure their success and hopefully wanting someday have a home of their own and raise a family in the Village. And above all, ensuring residents have a choice, and a Board of Directors that advocates for them, for their hopes, their concerns, to our county, state, and federal elected officials.

DICK RABIL

First of all, we have the greatest advantage in the world in being diverse. I have neighbors that are Indian, Chinese, Egyptian, and on and on and on, and I don't think of them that way, I just think of them as my neigh-

bors. They're people. And I walk around my neighborhood every day and I engage people. I talk to people. I ask them how it's going, and they talk to me. And I think that's the number one thing that I see happening that's very important: facilitating the conversation. As I mentioned earlier, I was part of the Business Networking International; we had 42 members and it's a very diverse set of members. They have all kinds of backgrounds. We have people from Asia, we have people from Africa, we have people from, you know, just you know, southern states. So, it's a great place to learn and it's a great place to see the perspectives that people have, and working together on how we can bring things into being. I just really believe an opportunity is there for us. I believe the solutions are there for us and we just have to think beyond our own prejudices, our own preconceptions, and start to listen. And the more that we listen—and there's something that my wife tells me every day “are you listening to understand, or are you listening to respond”—and with the diversity that we've got, we need to listen to understand.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

So, there has to be a mix, right. Engagement, community engagement happens a variety of ways: in person, virtually and other passive means, like, you know, whether it's circulars, publications, that type of thing. We need to get a sense of what the measure, what the engagement of those channels are, right. Are we not doing enough in one, are we doing more than the other, which one's more effective, etc. In some of the communities, putting up signs is the best idea—signs on community space notifying them things are going on. Then there's other things that make more sense to be to be disseminated through social media and the internet or the website. But, we have to, we need to get a sense of what are the most effective channels for the community, and like I mentioned before about change and the change of the community—and the disruptive change, it's not necessarily negative it's just disruptive—is figuring out how those channels need to change, if they need to change, so that we maintain, at best, maintain the level of engagement that we have, and we don't want to go backwards, we actually want to increase it. So, we got to make sure that we're prepared for that. It takes a little bit of foresight, strategy, planning and testing, and seeing where are we reaching our folks, and are those messages getting there, and are the behaviors associated with being engaged, are we observing them when they use those channels.

8. *The Village is also home to many species of wildlife, and*

the MVF Board has adopted an Environmental Policy which includes the coexistence with wildlife in the community. Do you support this policy and how would you work to uphold it?

DONIELE AYRES

I absolutely support the policy. I think that our wildlife is important, and it has been absolutely amazing. Especially over the last year with the work—the tow drain and the lake—to see the different type of wildlife that we have in the Village. I believe that maintaining a habitat for the for the wildlife to live is extremely important. I absolutely believe that our responsibility is to make sure that we are protecting the species as much as possible, as well as making sure that we are planning for a safe environment going forward for the wildlife and our residents. I that would include making sure that we clean and work with the County to maintain the lake, and make sure it's clean and safe.

ALBERT BENNETTS

I do believe in coexistence with the many species that share the Montgomery Village area with us. As I've said, community security patrols would be increased to help ensure that the animals, as well as humans, are protected in that case.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

I absolutely support the Environmental Policy. And what I would want to do is really work to maintain the green spaces we have, and really try to limit further development and destruction of those green spaces. Montgomery Village is known for its green spaces, its trees—and it's just space. And I think that's one of the great things about our community. And I hope to continue to maintain that in our community.

SCOTT DYER

I support MVF's Environmental Policy and co-existence with wildlife in the community. As the Board liaison to the Committee on the Environment, I've had the ability to work on efforts towards MVF's Green Plan, Earth Day events and activities, reforestation, stream monitoring, awareness in the Village News of environmental issues, ensuring vital input on projects with an environmental impact to be voted on by the Board of Directors, and just recently, leading a community discussion on the proposed GreenVest Stream Project near North Creek Lake to bring awareness and solicit valuable community feedback.

DICK RABIL

I actually sat down and read this policy, and you know as a policy goes, it's a nice policy. But the last few years, I've actually engaged with this policy. What do I mean by that? I actually have a personal relationship that I've developed with the wildlife species in the last two years—

and you're going to laugh when you hear me say that. But 2 years ago, at the start of this 24-month period that we've been in, I went down to North Creek Lake, and my wife and I noticed that the herons were mating down there, and I started taking photographs. And I've taken over 1,000 photographs of the herons mating at North Village. And I've got some amazing photographs. But you know what's really interesting about them, is they act in a very human way. And if I had one thing that I could shout out to the Village right now, that would be take a day, walk around the lakes, take pictures, post it on social media. I think we would have the most amazing set of pictures of the wildlife that we have around here. The engagement would be terrific, and your relationship with the nature—the species—would change overnight.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

Absolutely. I think that first of all, they were here before we were, so they are part of our community. That's just the reality of it. I think that they present a wonderful learning opportunity. Like I said, “Live, Learn and Grow,” right. So, one of the things that I do, I did when the when the pandemic started, was I started gardening, and I used that. I have a 5-year-old 2-two-year-old; and so, giving them “green time.” But letting them see and participate, and see that, okay, you put a seed in the earth, water and sun, you get something you could eventually eat, or something's going to look like something, or something that lives and breathes. So, understanding and teaching them about some of our less popular wildlife—insects—and how important they are to our ecosystem, and how we need them. Whether it's a bee, a mosquito, a tick, all those things are vital to the environment that we share. In this community, there's a lot, a fair amount of green space here, so understanding that we get to look out the backyard, that's a privilege. To be able to see a herd of deer. Not everybody can see that. My daughter has a telescope in her room. She can look outside and see the stars. That's not something you can take for granted. So, understanding that we are a part of something. The environment is just a part of the community. we can't look at it as something separate, that's a part of the “Living, Learning and Growing,” you know.

9. *What do you see as the future of Montgomery Village and what are your ideas for fostering that into reality?*

DONIELE AYRES

So, several people have heard me say that there's a sign at 355, at the entrance to the Lakeforest Mall area, that says “Montgomery Village Ahead” and I really

believe that is our charge, that we should be taking Montgomery Village ahead. And what does that look like? That means that we have a community where our residents can live comfortably, enjoy their homes, enjoy the community—all of its resources natural and otherwise—that we are a welcoming community for everyone, and that we offer a unique part of the County, in that we're not a city that is as big as Gaithersburg (which is our closest neighbor), we are a very comfortable community. But that means that we still have the ability to grow. And what that means for me, is businesses, services that complement the Village. I enjoy being able to live in the area, I'm currently working in the area as most of us are working from home, but have the services that I need in this area. So, bringing the types of businesses that will be able to provide what residents need. And I'm also thinking that going forward, we have, we're going to bring a new fitness center online, so what allows our residents to be their best selves. I really think that that is what is next for us.

ALBERT BENNETTS

I see the future of Montgomery Village as responsible growth based on the needs of the ever increasing population. The continued project in the old golf course property and the refurbishing of Montgomery Village Center are two large steps in the right direction.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

As I mentioned earlier, I really want to attract new businesses back to Montgomery Village. It's my understanding that when Montgomery Village was first developed, this was the place to be. People would come from other communities for entertainment and services, but now, we find ourselves leaving our community to go to get those services our entertainment. I'd like to bring those back. I'd like to be able to walk to a restaurant that I'd like to attend. I'd like to be able to do everything that I need to do here in Montgomery Village. And we're getting there, but I think we really need to work to attract new businesses, and the MVF Board should be involved in that—should be spearheading that—and should be working on getting community involvement to really make that happen.

SCOTT DYER

The future of the Village is already unfolding as you drive down Montgomery Village Avenue. New homes are built and continuing to be built on the former golf course site, in the Bloom community. Montgomery Village Shopping Center and the office townhouses behind it are under active and further upcoming construction of new housing and retail. The former

professional center, now home to Lidl, is at the forefront of community discussion currently on what becomes of the other half of that parcel bordering Whetstone. Communication, transparency and partnership between the residents, the MVF Board of Directors, our county government and elected officials and land owners, is what we did with the MV 2030 Visioning process, the Montgomery Village Master Plan process and the Montgomery Villages Facilities Planning process, and what we need to ensure continues to occur, and continuing to be proactive on what we want to see—or not see—as a community, and ensure all stakeholders know our vision for the future of the Village, so we're all working toward the same goals. Protecting our local environment; ensuring our children are not enduring overcrowded and aged school buildings; ensuring recreational opportunities are always a part of life in the Village; ensuring our residents feel safe; ensuring our residents want to visit our local businesses instead of heading out of the Village; ensuring our residents always know they have a voice and a Board that hears it and represents them; and above all, ensuring both residents and visitors always feel welcome in our community.

DICK RABIL

I'm a very optimistic person, in general. I tend to look at things from a glass half full, so, I look at things positively. As I mentioned earlier, we are at a crossroads, however. So, we have a number of things that we have to take a look at, and a lot of that has to do with the changes that's gone on in the last 24 months. People's lifestyles have changed. Now the Village is now almost 56 years old from its conception. And the original Master Plan, I think, had great intentions—and I'm going to say this: as far as the future of this Village goes, it has limitless possibilities, I'm just going to say that up front—but, we have things we've got to tackle. And the reason I think that we have limitless possibilities, is number one, we have the parks and recreation that no other community has. We have the facilities that no other community has. We have pathways, we've got, you know, businesses, we've got a lot of things going for us. At the same time, it's changing; the world is changing. I remember when we used to have Sir Walter Raleigh as a great place to gather. I remember a lot of the places that people used to be able to go, and we don't have some of those places to connect people. So in terms of the future, I think I would direct my questions and my intent on how do we build a community of connection—you know that's what a true hometown is—connected. Right now, I'd say we're disconnected. It's

not anybody's fault necessarily, because we've been thrown into this period, and yet now we have the opportunity to look at that ability to connect, and say "What does that mean? How do we do it going forward? And how do we take in the interests of everybody to make them feel part of it?" As an ancillary part of that answer, I think the communications that we have right now can be greatly enhanced. I know we've had limited resources for communications, but I think it'd be important to look at our media outreach, our ways that we communicate and reach people, so that they understand what we're about, what we're trying to do and they all feel that they can participate in it.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

The future is it's actually going to be very similar to what it is now, right. A very diverse community with access to wonderful experiences where people can "Live, Learn and Grow" and not really have to leave Montgomery Village for very much. Within our boundaries we have access from everything including medical care, beyond something that would require acute intervention, maybe short of an urgent care facility (that's the last thing that we would actually probably need from a youth standpoint), but the future is more about the community. So, what I talked about earlier, and that is continuing to shape a community that is representative of where our population is going. As we have more young families come in, we have more families with young children, as children grow up the mix of people that are in our community, are the future. So, making sure those people have what they desire and need to "Live, Learn and Grow" right here is really how we're going to foster that. So, things that we can do to make it a more fertile ground for people to grow in such ways, and we have these resources. It's not even about adding resources as much as configuration of what we have to make people aware—hey, you can do this, here, like I mentioned about professional development. As more young professionals come out this way, because, you know, we get more value here than we do maybe somewhere further down county, or people that are older. One of my passions is actually looking at Aging in Place, which is a very important thing that less and less people can do in the county. I actually pitched an idea that there should be a grant in place for people to be able to renovate their homes if they have a first floor bathroom and den type situation where their parents can live with them without having to maybe rely on a facility or something like that. That's it—makes economic sense, it makes social sense, it makes sense from a public

health standpoint. But that's thinking about "Live, Learn, Grow," all happens right here. You don't have to leave, and it starts with your home, the individual home. So, can we make that possible? We have more multi-generational households in Montgomery Village. These are all things the community is. The future—we have to look at how that's changing. We have to be engaged and understand how we can engage them so that we keep on the pulse of how those things are changing, so that, hey, we might even be able to shape how things are changing as opposed to reacting to it.

10. Is there anything else you would like to share with residents regarding your candidacy for the MVF Board of Directors?

DONIELE AYRES

I'd first like to thank those people who have supported my current tenure on the Board, and I would hope that you would continue to trust me with future service. I also like the ability to engage with the community on social media right now. It's been an exciting opportunity to hear from the residents on a number of areas. I know there's some challenges and some frustrations that residents have shared, and I feel like I've been able to provide some information that's been helpful. I'd like to be able to continue to do that. I absolutely believe that I'm your neighbor, and my responsibility is service, and that I would like to continue to be a service—and I will continue to be of service on the Board of the Foundation and on the Board of South Village, if I am so selected. I also think that the last 3 years have been challenging for our entire community from the perspective of the health pandemic. But it really has shown our resilience, and though things could have stopped—a number of things could have stopped—we were we've been able to grow. Even offering activities and camps and classes for residents, to be able to start our construction, and I am happy to have been a part of that, because the work doesn't end. It's a challenge. The team is absolutely committed to the work. And I appreciate having had the opportunity to show that there is resilience in me and this community. And so, I hope to be able to continue to serve going forward.

ALBERT BENNETTS

Well, I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to run for this office in Montgomery Village. I look forward to working together in the future.

BRIAN DELLA ROCCA

I never thought I would run for any type of elected office. I've lived in Montgomery Village for 16 years. I wasn't that involved in the community affairs at the time. I was very busy with

other things, but the Evergreen proposal to build a 7-story apartment complex in essentially my backyard really opened my eyes to how important it is to be involved in the community. In opposing that, I've been working with some other residents to bring together the community to fight against this proposal and to really bring in what many of the residents really want. And that's businesses and services. So I'd like to be on the Board. I'd like to be there to speak for the residents of Montgomery Village; for those people who don't feel like they have a voice, I'd like to be that voice. And I think I can really accomplish great things while serving on the Board.

SCOTT DYER

I attended Montgomery College's Rockville campus to study Business, and received my Business degree at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. I'm also a trained and certified mediator and facilitator, a trained and certified notary public and a trained and certified voter registrar for the Montgomery County Board of Elections. I was honored to receive the "Call to Service Award" from the President of the United States, recognizing my volunteer work, service and leadership. I also received leadership and innovation awards from Marymount University and Students in Free Enterprise (now known as ENACTUS). I have been honored to represent all of you over the past 12 years on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. The past 2 years in particular have presented challenges we successfully navigated to keep the Foundation operating; the pools and facilities open; events, activities and camps available; and our vast outdoor recreation opportunities seeing the highest utilization in quite some time—at a time when our community needed hope during such uncertain times. The Foundation is in the best financial shape it has ever been in, and it wasn't by chance, but proactive planning, a focus on efficiency at the Foundation and revitalizing the investment strategy, allowing us to continue to keep assessments low and still maximize services and amenities for residents. I would be honored to again provide leadership and represent you over the next 3 years, as we continue to navigate important issues impacting the future of the Village. I look forward to continuing to hear from you, and representing you on the Board.

DICK RABIL

I'll just share a few other things from my personal background. Just so that you're aware of my experience, I have worked with in federal and state contracts, contracting positions. My business has been a GSA Contractor for a number

of years, so I understand that. I've worked with non-profits and associations all my career, so I understand the nature of nonprofits and I understand how they operate. In addition to that, I've been named a Lifetime Member of the American Marketing Association for the volunteer service that I gave to them years ago when I was involved in that program. And I've also been honored by the Smithsonian Institution for special recognition on service that I provided to one of their museums. So, my heart is always to serve—and it's not an easy thing to do—but my that is my desire. That is my intent. That's my goal. To listen to the people in Montgomery Village, and to serve them in any way that I can.

TOSAN TUTSE-TONWE

If you vote for me, you're going to get a candidate that believes in innovation, that believes in community, that believes in Montgomery Village, point-blank, period. I think that those things there will help guide us through the change. If we have a Board of Directors that believes that we can "Live, Learn and Grow" here in Montgomery Village, and do all we have, all we need to be able to do, that as this community continues to grow and more people come in and we we're building more and we're building more, we're bringing more housing units, Then I believe that we're going to be okay. And we're going to do well. We're going to grow as a community. We're going to improve as a community, and that's what it's about—is building a better community. So, voting for me, understand that I believe in Montgomery Village. I believe in "Living, Learning and Growing" here. I told my wife I'm committed to being here as long as it makes complete sense for us to be here, and I see that, I see being myself being here for a very long time. Hopefully, I get to age in place here, but I think I need a bigger house (but this housing market is nuts right now, but I can't do anything about that!). I'll be with you guys. Vote for me. But either way, my name's Tosan Tutse-Tonwe. I appreciate you guys hearing me out about my ideas and my thoughts and my belief in Montgomery Village. I sincerely hope that you view me as a viable candidate, and I'm asking for your vote. Please vote for me if you like what I was talking about. If you don't, hey, I'm approachable. It's all about growth and change. This is the beginning of an engaging dialogue. I'm about engagement. This isn't a destination, this is a journey, and most importantly, good journeys have good conversations. Let's keep the conversations going.